

SACRAMENTO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 21, 2017

Agenda

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
 - II. Pledge of Allegiance
 - III. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 7, 2017
 - IV. Adoption of Agenda
 - V. Official Correspondence
 - VI. Visitor Presentations
 - A. General Public
 - B. Employee Organizations
 - VII. Superintendent's Report
 - A. Recognition of the April 2017 Employees of the Month
 - VIII. New Business
 - A. Adoption of Consent Agenda
 1. Accept Report on Personnel Transactions
 2. Award Diplomas to Court School Students
 - B. Approval of Contracts
 - C. No Grant Applications/Service Contracts
 - D. Approval of the 2016-2017 Budget Revision No. 2
 - E. Approval of the Second Interim Financial Report for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year
 - F. Adoption of Resolution No. 17-05 – Resolution in Support of Creating a Safe and Positive Learning Environment
 - G. Board Report – Foster Youth
 - IX. Board Reports, Comments, and Ideas
 - A. Board Members
 - B. Board President
 - C. Committees
 - X. Items for Distribution
 - A. March/April Events
 - B. March/April Visits
 - XI. Schedule for Future Board Meetings
 - A. April 7, 2017 (Friday) – Student Programs (Palmiter and EL Hickey)
 - B. April 18, 2017 – Board/Superintendent Study Session – Achievement/Opportunity Gap
 - XII. Adjournment
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I. President Levy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the David P. Meaney Education Center, Sacramento County Office of Education, 10474 Mather Boulevard, Mather, California. Board members present were Joanne Ahola, Alfred Brown, Heather Davis, Harold Fong, Greg Geeting, Jackie Levy, and Brian Rivas. Also present were David W. Gordon, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; Al Rogers, Deputy Superintendent; Teresa Stinson, General Counsel; Matt Perry, Robin Pierson, and Tammy Sanchez, Assistant Superintendents; Effie Crush, Chief Administrator-Human Resources; Jerry Jones, Executive Director of Technology; Tim

Herrera, Director of Communications; John Liddicoat, SCOETA; Bill Mullen, CSEA; other staff and visitors; and Carla Miller, Recording Secretary.

II. Mr. Rivas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. On a motion by Mr. Fong and seconded by Ms. Ahola, the revised minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 7, 2017 were approved. Motion carried unanimously (7 ayes).

IV. Ms. Davis moved to adopt the revised agenda. Mr. Geeting seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7 ayes).

V. There was no official correspondence.

VI.A. There were no requests for visitor presentations from the general public.

VI.B. There were no requests for presentations from employee organizations.

VII.A. Kecia Sakazaki, Transition Specialist, Community Schools, was recognized and honored as the classified employee of the month for April.

Kevin Elkington, Teacher, Community Schools, was recognized and honored as the certificated employee of the month for April.

Superintendent Gordon reported on the following:

- He was fortunate to attend yesterday's official launch of Align Capital Region (ACR). The group was formed to create a regional system aligning people, programs, and funding resources in our community. We look forward to this partnership with a focus on education and workforce development throughout the 8 county region. He thanked those trustees who were able to attend. Distributed a summary of the event.
- The California Academic Decathlon gets underway this week in Sacramento: March 23-26, 2017. Sacramento County has three teams participating this year: Folsom, Bella Vista, and Pleasant Grove. Last week, thanks to Aca Deca Coordinator Craig Irish, our local teams got together for a fun, pizza social where they formed teams and staged a mini Super Quiz. It was a great show of sportsmanship!
- Congratulated William Daylor High School – from Elk Grove Unified – for winning the 2017 Academic Bowl last Thursday. The theme was "Earthquakes". Each team created a tower out of straws that had to withstand a simulated earthquake. They also created a PowerPoint on this year's theme. Our teams from Leo A. Palmiter and Eleanor Lincoln Hickey earned second and third places, respectively. We also want to recognize our team from Gerber for winning the Slideshow category.

- Our Hickey and North Area community school campuses will be holding student open houses and student led conferences, which will include award ceremonies and lunch. The Hickey program is Thursday, March 23, 2017 beginning at 12:30 p.m. The North Area program is Friday, March 24, 2017 also beginning at 12:30 p.m.
- Reminded everyone to join us on April 26, 2017 beginning at 5:30 p.m. for our Open House at Palmiter. This is a great opportunity to meet our students and staff and to learn more about the great work going on at the Palmiter campus.
- Educator Appreciation Night at the Golden 1 Center on March 11 was a huge success and he thanked the Sacramento Kings organization for honoring our 2017 Sacramento County Teachers of the Year. The Sacramento River Cats will also honor our top teachers during a game on Sunday, April 23, 2017 at 1:05 p.m. For details, please see Tim Herrera.
- Reminded everyone to join us on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 when we recognize all of our teachers who are nominated for the 2018 SCOE Teacher of the Year. The reception will be in the Mather Room from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Please mark your calendars for the 13th Annual Transition Resource Fair for Leo A. Palmiter students which will be held on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Students will meet with vendors to explore employment opportunities, training, and volunteer opportunities, as well as other resources that will be available to them upon graduation.

VIII.A. Mr. Rivas moved and Mr. Geeting seconded adoption of the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously (7 ayes). By such action, the Board:

1. Accepted report on Personnel Transactions
2. Awarded diplomas to Court School Students

VIII.B. Mr. Geeting moved and Ms. Davis seconded approval of the contracts as listed. Motion to approve the contracts carried unanimously (7 ayes).

VIII.C. No Grant Application/Service Contracts

VIII.D. Chair Geeting stated he would like the Board to address Items VIII.D. and VIII.E. together, given that both items reflect the same content, just displayed in different formats. He provided an overview of the differences between the first and second Budget Revisions. He added that SCOE continues to have a "positive" certification, reflecting its prudent and responsible financial management.

Budget Committee Chair Geeting moved and Ms. Ahola seconded the motion to approve Item VIII.D. – 2016-2017 Budget Revision No. 2 and Item VIII.E. – Second Interim

Financial Report for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year. Motion Carried unanimously (7 ayes).

VIII.E. Approval of the Second Interim Financial Report for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year. See previous item VIII.D. above.

VIII.F. Mr. Rivas moved and Mr. Geeting seconded the motion to adopt revised Resolution No. 17-05 – Resolution in Support of Creating a Safe and Positive Learning Environment.

Mr. Fong would like to have “safe haven” schools and information on educating staff included in the resolution. If ICE were doing round ups in the community – do we know what to do? There is a difference in “safe haven schools” and “safe and positive learning environment” resolutions. State Superintendent Torlakson’s office is only counting resolutions that actually say “safe haven”.

Amendment: Mr. Fong moved to amend the resolution to add “in support of creating safe haven schools” in the title. After discussion, the motion died for lack of a second.

Amendment: Mr. Fong moved to amend item 7 on page 4 of the resolution to insert “educated on” instead of “informed of”. After discussion, the motion died for lack of a second.

Ms. Ahola asked whether a policy adopted by the Board needed to include recommendations on how it is implemented.

Superintendent Gordon stated that we would not need instructions on how to implement the resolution. Our principals are well informed about the issues addressed in the resolution. We have been in conversation with the Latino-Jewish Forum, and they are developing a training program for school districts. They seem to have a very good handle on resources available in the community and statewide.

Mr. Rivas asked what would happen if a student informs a teacher or administrator that they are afraid their parents or the student will be deported.

Superintendent Gordon replied we would do whatever we could to steer them toward the right resources that could provide assistance. We are not the place to provide legal advice because we are not experts in this area. We would find places to refer them to get assistance. Our schools are small, so it’s not a matter of training hundreds of people; it’s a matter of training dozens of people. Staff will call us if they have questions and we will help.

Ms. Ahola stated she would like to attend if we do have a training.

Mr. Fong asked if Superintendent Gordon could discuss this in his meetings with other school district superintendents and encourage their districts to do something like this and offer resources for training. Our schools and community should prepare. He thanked the Executive Committee, superintendent, and fellow trustees for bringing this item forward.

President Levy stated she is comfortable voting for this resolution because it expresses our concern for our students and our desire to help protect them as much as we can, and everything in this resolution is completely legal.

The original motion carried unanimously (7 ayes).

VIII.G. Deputy Superintendent Al Rogers, introduced Director Trish Kennedy who provided a report on Foster Youth to the Board.

IX.A. Mr. Rivas – no report.

Ms. Ahola – no report.

Ms. Davis – no report.

Mr. Geeting reported on CSBA's Legislative Action Day. He joined a number of school board members from the region who met with Assemblymember Kevin McCarty's and Senator Richard Pan's staff. CSBA's priority areas this year included opposing efforts to manipulate the Proposition 98 guarantee and defer funding into future years, continuing to invest in the LCFF and ensure a robust relationship between LCFF and LCAPs, clearing the way for the sale of Proposition 51 school bonds this fall, addressing the teacher shortage through support for several legislative initiatives, and modifying the reserve cap through sponsorship of SB 751 (authored by Senators Jerry Hill and Steve Glazer). It was certainly a pleasure to join Trustees Ahola and Brown the Sacramento Kings/Denver Nuggets game to recognize and commend our 2017 county teachers of the year on March 11. It was also a pleasure to join Trustees Davis and Levy at the Academic Bowl on March 16. We learned a lot about earthquakes through some excellent power point presentations and practical demonstrations of ways to dissipate force. The teams from all five competing schools did a terrific job. Congratulations to William Daylor High School for coming away with the first place finish this year. It was also a pleasure to join Trustees Brown and Davis at the Align Capital Region event at the Sheraton yesterday. In February, the Personnel Commission approved a revision of the Infant Educator position with relatively minor changes following a job study. The Commission also approved changing the Special Events Coordinator position to become a management position and modified the position description to recognize and incorporate changes that have taken place in the areas of technology and media. The Commission also approved the new position of Coordinator, Adult Education to handle the new workload that comes to us through the Adult Education Block Grant. In March, the Commission approved revisions to the Family Advocate position, which was last modified about three and a half years ago. The revisions were recommended following a job study. The Commission also received an information briefing on new provisions of law related to family bonding leave. In April, the Commission plans a visit to the SCOE Print Shop.

Mr. Brown – no report.

Mr. Fong requested an update on the WASC accreditation on our other schools that have not been accredited.

IX.B. President Levy reported she looks forward to visiting Hickey and North Area schools for their open house later this week. It's a great way to meet students, parents, teachers, and staff and to see firsthand what's going on in our schools. She hopes other

Board members will be able to attend as well. She is also looking forward to this Saturday when she will be volunteering at the California state academic decathlon competition which will be held here in Sacramento. Over 600 decathletes (plus teachers, coaches, and parents) will be here, making it the largest academic decathlon competition in the country according to the organizers. She will be judging the Interview category which is always interesting.

IX.C. President Levy reported on the Executive Committee meeting that was held last week. First, with regard to the Student Focus groups, we discussed several options for meeting with students and getting feedback about classroom instruction and other school matters from a student perspective. Since we have three new trustees this year, she wanted to give them an opportunity to visit all our schools, or as many as possible, before participating in focus groups. It was suggested that this would be a good item to bring to our Board self-evaluation retreat in August. At that time, we will decide the best way to gather student input about our schools and programs. We also discussed the request about revisiting our strategic plan since new Board members were not involved in creating it. We recalled that we spent much of the prior year working on our new mission statement and goals. Superintendent Gordon shared that he met with all three new Board members after they were elected, and he explained the mission statement and strategic plan so that they are all "up to speed" on it. The Committee did not wish to spend time revisiting the plan at this time, although this is something we may want to consider in the future.

Mr. Brown stated if you have an opportunity, he recommends everyone to attend the CSBA Legislative Action Day. It's very worthwhile.

X.A. There was no distribution of the March/April Events item.

X.B. There was no distribution of the March/April Site Visits item.

XI. Schedule for Future Board Meetings

A. April 7, 2017 (Friday) – Student Programs (Palmiter and El Hickey)

B. April 18, 2017 – Board/Superintendent Study Session –
Achievement/Opportunity Gap

Superintendent Gordon commented that at the April 18 Board/Superintendent Study Session he will provide a budget context update and the uncertainty about the level of funding from the federal government, which may have a spillover effect on state revenues.

XII. Mr. Rivas moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Geeting seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7 ayes). The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Gordon
Secretary to the Board

Date approved: April 7, 2017