

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 7, 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 21, 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 May 2017 Employees of the Month
- VIII. New Business
  - A. Adoption of Consent Agenda
    1. Accept Report on Personnel Transactions
    2. Award Diploma to Community School Student
    3. Accept Donation to Sacramento County Teachers of the Year Program
  - B. Approval of Contracts
  - C. Authorization to Submit Grant Applications/Service Contracts and Accept Funding if Awarded; and Approval of Contracts, Positions, and Other Expenditures Associated with the Grants as Outlined in the Proposed Budgets
    1. \$5,000 Lowe's Toolbox for Education grant from Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation (LCEF) for the period of April 8, 2017 through January 4, 2018
    2. \$20,000 Development of Guidance for County Offices of Education and Districts Regarding Performance of Students with Disabilities grant from the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association for the period April 8, 2017 through June 30, 2017
  - D. First Reading of Revisions to Board Policy 1240 – Volunteers
  - E. Adoption of Resolution No. 17-06 – Establishing the Benefit Agency Trust Fund
- IX. Board Reports, Comments, and Ideas
  - A. Board Members
  - B. Board President
  - C. Committees
- X. Items for Distribution
  - A. April/May Events
  - B. April/May Site Visits
- XI. Schedule for Future Board Meetings
  - A. April 18, 2017 – Board/Superintendent Study Session – Achievement/Opportunity Gap
  - B. May 2, 2017 – Adult Re-Entry Program
  - C. May 16, 2017 – Operation Recognition
- XII. Adjournment

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I. President Levy called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Leo A. Palmiter Jr./Sr. High School, 2040 Ethan Way, Sacramento, 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; Tim Herrera, Director of Communications; other staff and visitors; and Carla Miller, Recording Secretary.

II. Ms. Ahola led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. On a motion by Ms. Davis and seconded by Mr. Brown, the revised minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 21, 2017 were approved. Motion carried unanimously (7 ayes).

IV. Ms. Ahola moved and Mr. Brown seconded the motion to adopt the agenda. Motion 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.

Principals Lauren Roth and Lisa Alcalá expressed appreciation for the Sacramento County Office of Education's facilities, support services, CNTS, students, and administration for making this possible and for providing them a beautiful campus.

In addition, principals Roth and Alcalá provided updates on implementation of Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS) leadership and Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS). They explained how they are developing, through collaboration, positive culture and climate behavior intervention using the behavior tracking system called Review 360. In addition, they reported on leadership opportunities for students, curriculum training, and coaching for staff.

President Levy recessed the meeting at 12:45 p.m. for a tour of the campus.

President Levy reconvened the meeting at 1:17 p.m.

Student Presentations:

Alexis Howley, Freshman, Leo A. Palmiter – discussed the benefits of attending Palmiter, including the real life preparation and furthering of her education. She enjoys the Workability program which will prepare her for the job market and how to function in a work environment. She is a part of the Friday Night Live committee and attended a

town hall meeting that focused on teaching parents how to talk to their students about underage drinking.

Alayah Dawson, Junior, E.L. Hickey – highlighted the support and guidance she has received, leading her in the right direction and a goal to work toward.

Superintendent Gordon thanked staff for their hard work in setting up the Board meeting offsite.

VII.A. Debi Lauer, Job Developer/WorkAbility, Special Education Department, was recognized and honored as the classified employee of the month for May.

Michael Laharty, Vocational Specialist/WorkAbility, Special Education Department, was recognized and honored as the certificated employee of the month for May.

Superintendent Gordon reported on the following:

- April is also Alcohol Awareness Month, and yesterday it was his pleasure to participate in the kickoff of a local public service campaign called “Talk. They Hear You.” Our Prevention and Student Services Department is teaming up with the Sacramento County Coalition for Youth, and the Coalition for a Safe and Healthy Arden Arcade. The media campaign will emphasize that it is never too early for parents to talk to their children about underage alcohol abuse.
- The California Academic Decathlon was held in Sacramento from March 23-26. Congratulations to the winner Granada Hills Charter High School, from Los Angeles. Sacramento County had three teams participating this year: Pleasant Grove finished in third place in Division 3, Bella Vista came in 12<sup>th</sup> place in Division 1, and Folsom finished in 15<sup>th</sup> place in Division 1.
- Congratulated the eight SCOE teachers who were nominated as the 2018 SCOE Teacher of the Year. We recognized them at a reception on March 28. We will hold our interview panel later this month and make the announcement shortly thereafter.
- The open houses and student led conferences at our Hickey and North Area community school campuses on March 23-24 were a big success. He thanked Principal Lisa Alcalá and her team for organizing the events. He also thanked those trustees who were able to participate.
- Reminded everyone to join us on April 26, 2017 beginning at 5:30 p.m. for our Open House at Palmiter.
- This is a reminder that the Sacramento River Cats will honor our top teachers during a game on Sunday, April 23, 2017. For details, please see Tim Herrera.

- Reminded everyone to mark their calendars for the 13<sup>th</sup> 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. Fong seconded adoption of the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously (7 ayes). By such action, the Board:

1. Accepted report on Personnel Transactions
2. Awarded diploma to Community School Student
3. Accepted donation to Sacramento County Teachers of the Year Program

Dr. Matt Perry, Assistant Superintendent, announced that the following student will be awarded a diploma: Vincent Corpus from Gerber Jr./Sr. High School.

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

VIII.C. On a motion by Mr. Geeting, seconded by Ms. Davis, and carried unanimously (7 ayes), the Board authorized staff to submit grant applications/service contracts and accept funding if awarded; and approved contracts, positions, and other expenditures associated with the grants as outlined in the proposed budgets as follows:

1. \$5,000 Lowe's Toolbox for Education grant from Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation (LCEF) for the period of April 8, 2017 through January 4, 2018 as revised
2. \$20,000 Development of Guidance for County Offices of Education and Districts Regarding Performance of Students with Disabilities grant from the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association for the period April 8, 2017 through June 30, 2017

VIII. D. President Levy announced this was the First Reading of Revisions to Board Policy 1240 – Volunteers.

Chair Brian Rivas of the Policy Committee recommended that the revisions to Board Policy 1240 – Volunteers move forward to Second Reading at a future Board Meeting.

VIII.E. Mr. Rivas moved; Ms. Ahola seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 17-06 – Establishing the Benefit Agency Trust Fund. Motion carried unanimously (7 ayes).

President Levy invited a late visitor to speak, Mr. Fred Gayle. He spoke about a civics class in California, as a sophomore in 1945, a book he is reading "The Torah and its God, a Humanist Inquiry" by John Hill, and his concerns about new anti-Semitism.

IX.A. Mr. Rivas – no report.

Ms. Ahola reported that today is her son's 17<sup>th</sup> birthday; he was born while she was a senior in high school.

Ms. Davis – no report.

Mr. Geeting reported that the CSBA recently sent out a video report on its Legislative Action Day. Trustee Brown is included among those who made comments! He recommends that everyone read The Education Trust-West's new report, "The Steep Road to Resource Equity in California Education: The Local Control Funding Formula After Three Years." The report is an excellent and concise analysis of areas where LCFF has delivered on its promise, and areas where it has not. It was a pleasure earlier this week to join Superintendent Gordon as an interviewee of the WASC accreditation panel assigned to review our community schools. Several panel members had praise for what they had seen, and he believes it's certainly fair to say that criticisms voiced to us were few. The state Poetry Out Loud competition was held in mid-March, and the top performers all came from northern California. The winner was Levi Lowe, a senior at Sonora Union High School in Tuolumne County. He will represent our state in Washington, DC at the national finals in late April. First runner-up was our own Chigozie Maduchukwu, a senior at Pleasant Grove High School in Elk Grove. Chigozie will represent California in the national finals if Levi is unable to attend. Overall, this year's California Poetry Out Loud competition involved 35,000 students from 44 California counties.

Mr. Brown announced he will be attending the Fortune Parent Convention Fair in Elk Grove (Alan Rowe College Prep) on Saturday, April 8 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Mr. Fong distributed buttons to his fellow trustees from the National School Boards Association meeting he attended. He will have a more formal report at a future meeting.

IX.B. President Levy thanked the staff at Palmiter and Hickey for hosting. She also thanked Chef Jeff for a fabulous meal. She appreciates all the work that everyone did to ensure its success.

IX.C. There were no committee reports.

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

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

XI. Schedule for Future Board Meetings:

- A. April 18, 2017 – Board/Superintendent Study Session – Achievement/Opportunity Gap
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XII. Mr. Geeting moved to adjourn the meeting in memory of Devin Raubach, who passed away on March 21, 2017. He was a part of the SCOE Jessie Baker Young Adult Class with Teacher Chad Hinton. Devin would have celebrated his twentieth birthday in May. He is survived by his mother, Carla, and father, John. Mr. Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7 ayes). The meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Gordon  
Secretary to the Board

Date approved: May 2, 2017