



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 12.1f

Meeting Date: May 2, 2024

Subject: Approve Minutes for the March 7, 2024 Regular Board of Education Meeting

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: _____)
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

Division: Superintendent's Office

Recommendation: Approve Minutes for the March 7, 2024, Regular Board of Education Meeting.

Background/Rationale: None

Financial Considerations: None

LCAP Goal(s): Family and Community Empowerment

Documents Attached:

1. Minutes of the March 7, 2024, Regular Board of Education Meeting

<p>Estimated Time of Presentation: N/A Submitted by: Lisa Allen, Interim Superintendent Approved by: Lisa Allen, Interim Superintendent</p>
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BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AND WORKSHOP

Board of Education Members

- Lavinia Grace Phillips, President (Trustee Area 7)*
- Jasjit Singh, Vice President (Trustee Area 2)*
- Chinua Rhodes, Second Vice President (Trustee Area 5)*
- Tara Jeane (Trustee Area 1)*
- Christina Pritchett (Trustee Area 3)*
- Jamee Villa (Trustee Area 4)*
- Taylor Kayatta (Trustee Area 6)*
- Liliana Miller Segura, Student Member*

Thursday, March 7, 2024

4:30 p.m. Closed Session

6:30 p.m. Open Session

Serna Center

*Community Conference Rooms
5735 47th Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95824*

MINUTES

2023/24-19

1.0 OPEN SESSION / CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 p.m.

Members Present:

- President Phillips*
- Member Singh*
- Member Rhodes*
- Member Kayatta*
- Member Jeane*
- Member Pritchett*
- Member Villa*

Members Absent:

Student Board Member Segura

2.0 ANNOUNCEMENT AND PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

No public comment

3.0 CLOSED SESSION

While the Brown Act creates broad public access rights to the meetings of the Board of Education, it also recognizes the legitimate need to conduct some of its meetings outside of the public eye. Closed session meetings are specifically defined and limited in scope. They primarily involve personnel issues, pending litigation, labor negotiations, and real property matters.

3.1 Government Code 54956.9 - Conference with Legal Counsel:

- a) Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(2) of Government Code section 54956.9 (Four Potential Cases)**

- 3.2 *Government Code 54957.6 (a) and (b) Negotiations/Collective Bargaining SCTA SEIU, TCS, Teamsters, UPE, Non-Represented/Confidential Management (Cancy McArn)*
- 3.3 *Government Code 54957 – Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint*
- 3.4 *Government Code 54957- Public Employee Appointment*
 - a) *Approve - Assistant Superintendent, Facility Support Services*
 - b) *Approve – Principal, Father Keith B. Kenny*
- 3.5 *Government Code Section 54957—Public Employee Employment (Positions: Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent)*
- 3.6 *Government Code Section 54957—Public Employee Performance Evaluation— Interim Superintendent, Interim Deputy Superintendent*

4.0 CALL BACK TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- 4.1 *The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Superintendent Allen*
- 4.2 *Broadcast Statement by Student Board Member Segura*
- 4.3 *Stellar Student introduced by Board Member Jasjit Singh*

5.0 ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

There were 3 announcements that came out of closed session.

-The Board approved 2 settlement agreements each related to special education services by a vote of 6 to 0 with Member Jeane absent.

-The Board approved the appointment of Christopher Ralston as Assistant Superintendent for Facilities Support Services by a vote of 6 to 0 with Board Member Jeane absent.

-Previously, the Board interviewed Superintendent Search Firms, but did not approve a contract with any of the firms. While initially, the Board considered hiring a search firm to recruit outside candidates, the Board has also remained open to hiring within the organization. Interim Superintendent Allen has served in this role since July, managing effective labor negotiations and hiring a dynamic representative staff to support the Board. Given the good work of Interim Superintendent Allen and Deputy Superintendent Hardin Young, the Board is encouraged and confident that they have capacity to lead the District, and has directed Legal Counsel to discuss possible contract terms for the permanent positions of Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent. Any appointments or approval of contracts for Superintendent or Deputy Superintendent positions will take place at a future meeting.

6.0 AGENDA ADOPTION

The Board voted on the adoption of the agenda unanimously.

7.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public may address the Board on non-agenda items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. Public comment may be (1) emailed to publiccomment@scusd.edu; (2) submitted in writing through the district's website at <https://www.scusd.edu/submit-public-comment>; or (3) provided in-person at the meeting. The submission deadline for written public comments shall be no later than noon on the day of the meeting. If you intend to address the Board in-person, please fill out a yellow card available at the entrance. Speakers may be called in the order that requests are received, or grouped by subject area. We ask that comments are limited to two (2) minutes with no more than 15 minutes per single topic so that as many people as possible may be heard. By law, the Board is allowed to take action only on items on the agenda. The Board may, at its discretion, refer a matter to district staff or calendar the issue for future discussion.

*Elia Bassin
Wrenna Bassin
James Barnes
Zachary Weston
Evelyn Morales
Jake Ice
Kayla Green
Amber Stott
Grace Fa'avesi*

8.0 COMMUNICATIONS

8.1 Employee Organization Reports:

- *SCTA-Nikki Milevsky urged the Board to accept and approve the agreement being brought forth this evening. With the approval taking place tonight, this is the first time in recent memory they will actually have an agreement in the same year that they were supposed to have the agreement made. This gives SCTA the time, momentum, and energy to move forward. There is a lot of work ahead of us to do together. We have to implement these agreements to bring more supports to our students, and reduce class sizes. The Community Schools Committee has met and has been working. The MTSS design team is meeting later this month, and is off to a great start. We need to put a lot of energy into the CDE waiver. Yesterday, they met with the CDE and the District team. Recruitment is off to a great start, with 75 new educators being offered conditional contracts. SCTA hopes that they can continue to work together to achieve the many things that they want to see happen at the District for our students.*
- *SEIU- No update*
- *TCS- No update*
- *Teamsters- No update*
- *UPE- No update*

8.2 District Advisory Committees:

- *Student Advisory Council- No update*
- *Community Advisory Committee- No update*
- *District English Learner Advisory Committee- No update*
- *Local Control Accountability Plan/Parent Advisory Committee- No update*
- *Black/African American Advisory Board- Last night, B/AAAB approved seven new members. There will be a welcoming event for the new members at Serna. On the heels of the Black History Month resolution from last month, they hope to further partner with the District and include staff in their space to figure out how to best work together to get the remaining recommendations implemented wholeheartedly.*
- *Community Schools Advisory Committee- The committee is making progress. Last night, they came up with draft bylaws, so they will be finalizing and voting on that, so they're ready for the next meeting. On Tuesday, there are interviews for the Community Schools Training Specialist position. Hoping to move forward with the 18 school principals and site reps trained, so they can get going, and hopefully by the end of the year, hiring the Site Community Schools Training Specialist.*
- *Native American Parent Committee-The committee voiced their concern on the liability insurance, and asked the Board to find a solution to prevent them from not using their elders to carry on their traditions. The committee invited the Board and community to the mural unveiling at Miwok Middle School on Saturday, March 30th at 10am.*

9.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATION

9.1 *Actualizing English Learner Reclassification: Success and Opportunities for Emergent Bilingual Students in SCUSD (Dr. Olga Simms)*

Staff presented on multilingual literacy department outcomes, provided an overview of emergent bilingual students in SCUSD, shared criteria for reclassification, went over English learner academic performance data, case stories, and next steps.

*Public Comment:
No public comment*

*Board Comment:
Member Rhodes asked what should we be doing to better identify students who should be reclassified earlier.
Member Rhodes is interested in seeing data broken down*

by school site and area. In regard to page 11, Member Rhodes wanted to know what are the academic supports to help interrupt the numbers and what is currently being done. Also, Member Rhodes wanted to know how staff is engaging with families. Member Rhodes asked how has it been building up our DELAC/ELAC on the ground floor. Member Pritchett shared that she liked the infographics, and asked if they are provided in different languages for parents. Member Pritchett shared that she was disturbed by the case study on slide 22, and wanted to know what we could be doing better.

Member Villa wanted to know when we look at the data and identify a student, how often are staff following up? Member Phillips wanted to know if there is any consideration for African American vernacular English being a language that can be utilized to increase progress for students.

Member Segura wanted to know, when it comes to gathering data, is it primarily by standardized testing? Member Segura shared that sometimes standardized tests don't directly reflect a student's ability within a classroom and performance, and wanted to know if there were any other processes in place for tracking active progress.

10.0 PUBLIC HEARING

10.1 Public Hearing: AB 1200 Public Disclosure and Approval of MOU between SCUSD and SCTA (Janea Marking)

Cancy McArn shared the key provisions of SCUSD and SCTA overall. Jessie Castillo shared the fiscal impact for the AB 1200.

Public Comment:
No public comment

Board Comment:
Member Kayatta shared that he wanted to celebrate what the team and labor partners have done. Member Kayatta thanked staff for transparency around the Omnibus provisions, which he knows a lot of people are asking about.

Member Villa made a motion with a second from Member Pritchett. The Board voted 6-0 with Member Jeane absent.

11.0 BOARD WORKSHOP/STRATEGIC INITIATIVE

11.1 *Independent Audit Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023, Submitted by Crowe LLP (Janea Marking)*

Jeff Jensen, a partner with Crowe LLP, shared the independent audit report to the Board.

*Public Comment:
No public comment*

*Board Comment:
Member Phillips wanted to know if there were any extenuating circumstances for the students who did not have their immunizations when they were enrolled.*

Member Pritchett made a motion with a second from Member Singh. The Board voted 6-0 with Member Jeane absent.

11.2 *2023-24 Second Interim Financial Report (Janea Marking)*

Janea Marking shared the budget reporting cycle, revenues, expenditures, surplus/deficit and fund balance, multi-year projections, enrollment trend and other funds, and summary and certification.

*Public Comment:
No public comment*

*Board Comment:
Member Kayatta thanked Ms. Marking for her work as well as for her transparency and insight. Member Kayatta would like to make a motion that we approve the second interim financial report with a positive certification rather than a qualified certification.
Member Villa shared that as Board members, they do not do the staff's work, and they should not be telling staff how to do their job. When staff brings the Board recommendations, she believes it is coming from true information that staff work so hard on every day.
Member Singh thinks it is possible to be both. Member Singh shared that we have great staff, but they also have assets on the Board and appreciates Member Kayatta, who brings this amazing lens.
Member Phillips asked what is a more solid time for a certification to actually matter, if we are talking about pushing a positive certification based on principle.
Member Kayatta shared that what he is recommending is based on facts that he understands about our budget situation. This is not about the principle, which is important. Member Kayatta truly believes that the District*

has a positive budget certification currently. Member Kayatta shared that the Board has information that they are allowed to consider on the Ed Code, that's not necessarily appropriate for staff to consider with their recommendation.

Member Pritchett is worried that we're looking at it as we're putting up a veil of people looking in, which worries her a bit. Member Pritchett asked Ms. Marking, when you wrote down a qualified certification, how come you didn't put positive certification instead?

Member Kayatta made a motion to approve the 2023-24 second interim financial report with a positive certification with a second from Member Singh.

The Board voted 3-3 with Member Phillips, Member Pritchett, and Member Villa voting no, and Member Jeane absent and Member Segura abstaining.

Member Villa made a motion to approve the 2023-24 second interim financial report with a qualified certification as intended, with a second from Member Pritchett. The Board voted 4-2 with Member Kayatta and Member Singh voting no, and Member Jeane absent and Member Segura abstaining.

11.3 Early Learning and Care Update (Dr. E'leva Gibson)

Dr. E'leva Gibson presented on what early learning is, who do we serve, whole child assessment data, P-3 alignment efforts, and next steps.

*Public Comment:
Terrence Gladney*

*Board Comment:
Member Pritchett thanked Dr. Gibson for her Presentation, and shared that she knows the importance of these programs.
Member Segura thanked staff for the presentation.
Member Singh shared that his first site visit was at Tahoe Elementary, and the Parent Participation Program is so important to him, because it was a lot of young parents and people learning how to interact with other parents, and learning how to parent. Member Singh shared that he really likes that we have multiple opportunities for parents, and this is about being able to talk about what we offer, and educating some of the early parents.*

12.0 COMMUNICATIONS

12.1 *Superintendent's Report (Lisa Allen)-Interim Superintendent Allen congratulated the C.K. McClatchy girls' basketball team for their historic upset and incredible run in the CIF Nor Cal regional tournament. Interim Superintendent Allen thanked C.K. McClatchy for hosting the Sac City Unified All City Music Concert on Leap Day. On February 29th, SCUSD had their hiring event, and she thanked Dr. Tiffany Smith-Simmons and HR team for working to fill positions across the District. Interim Superintendent thanked the Communications Team for promoting the hiring event and working to get news coverage out that day. Last Friday, Interim Superintendent Allen attended the California School Public Relations Association Conference, where the Communications team was awarded two awards for their efforts to highlight new projects within the District. Also, Chief Communications Officer, Brian Heap, was awarded as a Rising Star.*

12.2 *President's Report (Lavinia Grace Phillips)-No report*

12.3 *Student Member Report (Liliana Miller Segura)-Member Segura shared that at the last meeting, Member Kayatta was able to attend and it was important to the students, who received a lot of great insight for their initiatives. Member Segura shared that they are really excited about other Board members attending their meetings.*

12.4 *Information Sharing by Board Members-Member Villa shared the upcoming Community Fair at Suy:u Elementary. Member Villa thanked Tahoe Park Elementary and Bowling Green for being invited to their Readathon. Member Singh shared the upcoming regional spelling bee taking place this Saturday at JFK. Member Kayatta shared a message for Dave Gordon stating that tonight people saw that the Board and staff have positive intentions for our District. Now, that we are certified with a qualified budget, there are steps we can take to exert some oversight over us. Member Kayatta asks to keep the politics out of this, and respect the work that we are doing to build one of the best Districts in the state, and right here in Sacramento. On the 16th, Member Kayatta attended No Child Eats Alone Day, which he was able to work with Supervisor Patrick Kennedy, and the school site to put together. Member Kayatta thanked Member Segura for the opportunity to attend the Student Advisory Council meeting, and shared that he learned a lot from meeting with the students. Member Kayatta was invited to Bowling Green and read to four classes for the Readathon. Tomorrow, Member Kayatta will be attending the School for Engineering and Sciences to see the students test wind turbines to see which one's the fastest and has the best functionality. Member Kayatta is looking forward to attending the Community Fair at Suy:u and the upcoming spelling bee at JFK. Member Rhodes is excited about the wrestling that will take place at the upcoming Community Fair, and encouraged the community to come out.*

13.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Generally routine items are approved by one motion without discussion. The Superintendent or a Board member may request an item be pulled from the consent agenda and voted upon separately.

13.1 Items Subject or Not Subject to Closed Session:

13.1a Approve Grants, Entitlements and Other Income Agreements, Ratification of Other Agreements, Approval of Bid Awards, Approval of Declared Surplus Materials and Equipment, Change Notices and Notices of Completion (Janea Marking)

13.1b Approve Personnel Transactions (Cancy McArn)

13.1c Approve Donations to the District (Janea Marking)

13.1d Approve Resolution No. 3389 Declaring Futility of Competitive Bidding for Procurement of Electronic Billboard and Transit Shelter Marketing from Clear Channel Outdoor and Authorize Purchase of Electronic Billboard and Transit Shelter Marketing from Clear Channel in the amount of \$152,826.56 (Janea Marking)

13.1e Approve Minutes for the January 18, 2024 Regular Board of Education Meeting (Lisa Allen)

13.1f Approve Minutes for the February 1, 2024 Regular Board of Education Meeting (Lisa Allen)

13.1g Approve Albert Einstein field trip to Washington DC and New York City from March 20-25, 2024 (Lisa Allen)

13.1h Approve John F. Kennedy field trip to New Orleans, LA April 4, 2024 (Lisa Allen)

13.1i Approve Miwok Middle field trip to Washington, D.C March 21, 2024 (Lisa Allen)

13.1j Approve Resolution No. 3390 Authorizing to Accept Termination of Leases and Quit Claim Deed for the Hiram Johnson High School Stadium Lighting / Bleachers / Concession Restroom Buildings Project (Janea Marking)

13.1k Approve Appointment of Board Member Tara Jeane to the California School Board Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly (Board President Lavinia Grace Phillips)

*Public Comment:
No public comment*

*Board Comment:
No Board comment*

Member Pritchett made a motion with a second from Member Villa. The Board voted 6-0 with Member Jeane absent and a student preferential yes vote.

14.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION/REPORTS

14.1 Sacramento County Annual Investment Policy of the Pooled Investment Fund – Calendar Year 2024 (Janea Marking)

15.0 FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES / LOCATIONS

- ✓ *March 21, 2024, 5:00 p.m. Closed Session, 6:30 p.m. Open Session, Serna Center, 5735 47th Avenue, Community Room, Regular Workshop Meeting*
- ✓ *April 4, 2024, 5:00 p.m. Closed Session, 6:30 p.m. Open Session, Serna Center, 5735 47th Avenue, Community Room, Regular Workshop Meeting*

16.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Lisa Allen, Superintendent and Board Secretary

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