



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 11.1c

Meeting Date: October 1, 2020

Subject: Approve Minutes of the September 3, 2020, 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 of the September 3, 2020, Board of Education Meeting.

Background/Rationale: None

Financial Considerations: None

LCAP Goal(s): Family and Community Empowerment

Documents Attached:

1. Minutes of the September 3, 2020, Board of Education Regular Meeting

<p>Estimated Time of Presentation: N/A Submitted by: Jorge A. Aguilar, Superintendent Approved by: N/A</p>



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BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AND WORKSHOP

Board of Education Members

Jessie Ryan, President (Trustee Area 7)
Christina Pritchett, Vice President (Trustee Area 3)
Michael Minnick, 2nd Vice President (Trustee Area 4)
Lisa Murawski (Trustee Area 1)
Leticia Garcia (Trustee Area 2)
Mai Vang (Trustee Area 5)
Darrel Woo (Trustee Area 6)
Isa Sheikh, Student Member

Thursday, September 3, 2020

4:30 p.m. Closed Session

6:00 p.m. Open Session

Serna Center

Community Conference Rooms
5735 47th Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95824
(See Notice to the Public Below)

MINUTES

2020/21-5

1.0 OPEN SESSION / CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC ATTENDANCE BY LIVESTREAM

Members of the public who wish to attend the meeting may do so by livestream at: <https://www.scusd.edu/post/watch-meeting-live>. No physical location of the meeting will be provided to the public.

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by President Ryan, and roll was taken.

Members Present:

*President Jessie Ryan
Vice President Christina Pritchett
Second Vice President Michael Minnick
Leticia Garcia
Lisa Murawski
Mai Vang
Darrel Woo*

Members Absent:

Student Member Isa Sheikh (arrived at 6:00 p.m. for Open Session)

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION:

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None

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 (One Potential Case)
 - b) Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(4) of Government Code section 54956.9 (One Potential Case)
- 3.2 Government Code 54957.6 (a) and (b) Negotiations/Collective Bargaining TCS, SCTA Government Code 54957.6 (a) and (b) Negotiations/Collective Bargaining SCTA, SEIU, TCS, Teamsters, UPE, Non-Represented/Confidential Management (District Representative Pam Manwiller)
- 3.3 Government Code 54957 – Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Reassignment
- 3.4 Education Code 35146 – The Board will hear staff recommendations on the following student expulsion re-entry:
 - a) Expulsion #19, 2018-19

4.0 CALL BACK TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- 4.1 The Pledge of Allegiance
- 4.2 Broadcast Statement

5.0 ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

None

6.0 AGENDA ADOPTION

President Ryan asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. A motion was made to approve by Vice President Pritchett and seconded by Member Murawski. The Board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda.

7.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATION

7.1 Opening of Schools Update (Various District Departments)

Superintendent Aguilar began the presentation and introduced Dr. Olivia Kasirye from Sacramento County Public Health. Questions for Dr. Kasirye were taken from the Board immediately after she spoke. The remainder of the presentation was given by Victoria Flores, Director of Student Support and Health Services, Jennifer Kretschman, Director of Multi-Tiered Systems of Support, Raoul Bozio, Legal Services In-House Counsel, Tara Gallegos, Chief Communications Officer, and Vincent Harris, Chief Continuous Improvement and Accountability Officer. They covered vision/guiding principles, Sacramento County Public Health guidance, health and safety, supports for families, and next steps.

Public Comment:

*Lisa Moretti
Nikki Milevsky
Angie Sutherland
Tara Thronson
Jason Spann
Gwynnae Byrd*

Board Comments:

Member Murawski commented that, even more than flexibility, we need to bring cases of the virus down. She asked Dr. Kasirye how she describes the strategy of Sacramento County Public Health and also asked where we are now. Dr. Kasirye said that containment and mitigation were done simultaneously. The difference is though that now we are still seeing wide spread infection within the community, and it is much more difficult to do the containment because the strategies that make containment more successful are those that quickly identify those that are positive and their contacts to slow the spread by quarantine. As it continued to spread in the community, they had to go to mitigation which is more of a community strategy. This why there were the stay at home orders, which were successful because the curve was bent to just ten cases per day. This was manageable, and this allowed us to start slowly opening up. She described continuing challenges and decisions in moving forward. She described what is trying to be achieved with the tiered system. She added that the concern with children getting COVID-19 is the higher degree of having the virus spread, that we have to look out for all of the community, and that students go back home to multi-generational families in many cases. The only way to protect the entire community and have a safe environment where students can learn without having starts and stops is by having the risk of spread of disease low enough for that stability.

President Ryan asked Dr. Kasirye to speak about the long term health implications around children contracting the virus. Dr. Kasirye said there is still a lot we do not know about how the virus affects the body, especially in children. We know more about the effects on adults because we have tested them more. There is a syndrome in which the body turns against itself, although rare in children. Some of the reports that they are hearing is that even for those that seem to get mild disease they might have damage to their lungs and immune system. There is a lot that we still do not know, and this is why we want to go slowly in opening the schools. President Ryan asked about those up to 17 years old contracting the virus. Dr. Kasirye said the number is still increasing and is probably doing so because of spread that is seen in households. Member Garcia thanked her for giving information on waivers to re-open schools and sharing that it is not a simple process. She asked about the capacity of the County in terms of testing and contact tracing. Dr. Kasirye gave an update, and asked everyone to limit gatherings to those in the household for the rest of the year.

Member Pritchett wondered if we are reaching out to families with more than one child in the household to see if they are able to get on the internet at the same time. Mr. Harris said that this is on the radar. The Superintendent also shared that there is a flag included in Infinite Campus to verify this.

Member Garcia asked for the timeline in terms of what parents can expect next week. Superintendent Aguilar said that mediation process is going ahead the next day and said that communication will be made with families in some form in the afternoon or evening. Member Garcia asked about technical issues. Superintendent Aguilar acknowledged that there was a technical glitch that impacted some families across the District.

Student Board Member Sheikh asked if Chromebook request forms are on the Distance Learning website. Mr. Harris said that they are.

Member Murawski asked for an overview of enrollment and staffing. Superintendent Aguilar said that we are in the implementation stages of a distance learning dashboard. Mr. Harris gave some additional information on data that is available to be collected. Deputy Superintendent Lisa Allen provided up to date information regarding Kindergarten.

7.2 Proposed Spending Plan for Federal COVID-19 Relief Dollars (Rose Ramos)

Chief Business Officer Rose Ramos presented. Her presentation included background information, federal funding, COVID-19 expenditures as of 8/25/20, proposed spending plan for Federal COVID-19 Relief Funds, and information on the next budget update.

Public Comment:

*Angie Sutherland
DELAC
Alison French-Tubo*

Board Comments:

Member Garcia thanked Ms. Ramos for all the clear and helpful information given in the presentation. She asked if it is correct that the expenditures are dating back to March of 2020. Ms. Ramos said yes. Member Garcia asked if the 2.6 million for two day teacher professional development is additional and also asked what else may be needed as the year evolves in terms of additional support for teachers. In House Counsel Raoul Bozio clarified that the extra funds are going to pay training that commenced over the prior two days. These days were added days to the certificated work calendar. Member Garcia asked about using CARES dollars for technical support. Ms. Ramos said that is an allowable cost. Member Garcia requested that as the spending plan is continuing to be developed to please keep in mind that these dollars are for mitigating learning loss. She also requested that Title I dollars go to all schools based on number of Title I students. She has in mind David Lubin Elementary and Sutter Middle Schools.

Member Murawski thanked Ms. Ramos for the presentation. She asked about 1.5 million COVID-19 dollars that was allocated to nutrition; she asked if that is above what we get from the federal government. Ms. Ramos said it is additional expenses due to COVID-19. Member Murawski also asked where we are with CBO help for students. Superintendent Aguilar noted that this is still an item that is to be determined. He gave some details on where we are now with CBO partnerships. Member Murawski asked if the ACES program can cover this type of expenditure. Manpreet Kaur, Director of Youth Development, provided additional information. Member Murawski asked about a 20 million expense for portable air scrubbers. Nathaniel Browning responded and gave information on options. President Ryan said she would like to see a comparison of the units.

*7.3 Approve Resolution No. 3164: The Harms of School Closure and (Roll Call Vote)
the Urgency of Reaching Near-Zero Transmissions of COVID-19
(Lisa Murawski)*

Board Member Lisa Murawski presented the resolution. She described the resolution and highlighted some major concerns that result from school closure. She spoke about the importance of resolving the underlying problem, which is to reach near-zero transmission of COVID-19.

Public Comment:

*Ryan Fong
Nicole Jarred
Kristina Thompson
Gwynnae Byrd
Caroline Nasella*

Board Comments:

Vice President Pritchett moved to approved the resolution. The motion was seconded by Member Murawski. The motion passed unanimously.

Member Vang thanked Member Murawski for bringing this resolution before the Board. She spoke about how we are all fighting the virus as a community. She also asked if we can send this resolution to other jurisdictions, and she offered her help to do this.

President Ryan thanked Member Murawski for her research in bringing this resolution forward. She believes we can lead the region conversation using this as an anchor.

8.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

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Public Comment:

Richard Vasquez
Rashida Dunn-Nasr
Mari Helmer
Junior Goris
Shana Fellers
Janie Marks
Talyn Wong
Denise Nelson
Mary King
Angie Sutherland
Atasi Uppal
Disability Rights California
Equal Justice Society
National Center for Youth Law
Western Center on Law & Poverty
Liz Guillen
Samantha Tran
Natalie Wheatfall-Lum
John Affeldt
Victor Leung

9.0 PUBLIC HEARING

9.1 Public Hearing: Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan (Vincent Harris and Steven Ramirez-Fong)

Information

Chief Continuous Improvement and Accountability Officer Vincent Harris and LCAP/SPSA Coordinator Steven Fong presented on the plan along with LCAP Parent Advisory Committee members and District English Learner Advisory Committee members.

Public Comment:

*Angie Sutherland
Alina Cervantes
Manuel Buenrostro
Junior Goris
Martha Zaragoza Diaz
Sarah Lillis*

Board Comments:

Member Murawski reiterated that she is proud of the plan that the District has put together and the community input it contains. She asked for more information on discipline. Superintendent Aguilar and staff spoke about discipline during distance learning. President Ryan expressed that she would like to guarantee that there will be safeguards regarding this.

Member Vang thanked staff and DELAC for the presentation. She has also heard from community with concerns about consistency and uniformity, as well as concerns about parents now having to be co-teachers. She emphasized that connection is as equally important as content. She asked how the District is monitoring student social emotional wellbeing during distance learning and what is planned. Superintendent Aguilar spoke about the student surveys done in the spring to measure student engagement. Chief Academic Officer Christine Baeta, Chief Continuous Improvement and Accountability Officer Vincent Harris, and Assistant Superintendent of Student Support Services Doug Huscher also gave additional information.

Member Garcia thanked staff for their work in developing this well-rounded and equity founded plan in such a short amount of time.

President Ryan thanked all community members and also staff for incorporating community input.

Superintendent Aguilar also expressed his appreciation to the community for their input.

10.0 COMMUNICATIONS

10.1 Employee Organization Reports:

- **SCTA – David Fisher reported on behalf of SCTA**

Information

- *SEIU – No report given*
- *TCS – No report given*
- *Teamsters – No report given*
- *UPE – No report given*

10.2 *District Advisory Committees:*

Information

- *Community Advisory Committee – No report given*
- *District English Learner Advisory Committee – Llova Ayala and Leana Sanchez reported on behalf of DELAC*

Public Comment: Valeria Lopez Lozano, Guadalupe Ramirez, Junior Goris, Alma Lopez, Alisson Franco Jimenez, Marisol Ramirez, Humberto Toledo

- *Local Control Accountability Plan/Parent Advisory Committee – LaShanya Breazell reported on behalf of LCAP/PAC*

Public Comment: Arthur Aleman

- *Student Advisory Council – Julianna Cromeenes and Abby Morioka reported on behalf of SAC*

10.3 *Superintendent’s Report (Jorge A. Aguilar)*

Information

Superintendent Aguilar reported that a District letter went out recently along with an enrollment verification form to obtain school meals and the annual LCFF income survey, but during the mailing process an error occurred in which the student address was not matched with the student record and recipient. Superintendent Aguilar apologized and expressed his deep regret of the oversight. He also noted that information in the letter cannot be used to access student materials or records in-person or on-line, and therefore students information is secure and protected. He also acknowledged that today is the first day of the 2020-2021 academic year. The year has started in distance learning and students can see each other via Google Classroom and Zoom. However, there was a technical glitch today which caused problems for some. Superintendent Aguilar apologized for any inconvenience or anxieties this caused. He gave an update on current negotiations with the Sacramento City Teachers Association regarding distance learning. He also spoke about the efforts to close the digital divide, nutritional support, and avenues for community input.

10.4 *President’s Report (Jessie Ryan)*

Information

President Ryan spoke about the challenges and some disappointments that come with not being able to instruct in person for teachers and their students. She reported on donated

backpacks and water bottles from CASBO that she was able to deliver to low-income students. She thanked all District staff for work done throughout the summer to get ready for the first day of school.

Vice President Pritchett moved to extend the meeting to 11:30 p.m. Member Murawski seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

10.5 Student Member Report (Isa Sheikh)

Information

Student Member Sheikh thanked the SAC for their report tonight and thanked the Board for making a spot on the agenda for SAC. He reported on the first day of school and noted several student issues and concerns with the new environment and processes stemming from distance learning. He noted that there are many areas in which the District is falling short.

10.6 Information Sharing By Board Members

Information

Vice President Pritchett welcomed students and staff back to school and recognized that today has not been easy for most. She thanked teachers, administrators, and District staff for working through the roadblocks that came up on such short notice. She gave a shout out to District parents for their efforts during this difficult time.

Member Vang commended Student Member Sheikh for his report's honesty. She noted that even though we have a great plan, implementation will be difficult if everyone is not on the same page. She urged her colleagues and labor partners to work together for students.

11.0 BOARD WORKSHOP/STRATEGIC PLAN AND OTHER INITIATIVES

11.1 Proposed School Site Renaming Process for Sutter Middle School, Kit Carson International Academy, and Peter Burnett Elementary School (Nathaniel Browning)

Information

Interim Director of Facilities Nathaniel Browning presented. He gave an overview on renaming schools in the District in light of Education Code and Board policy, initial schools selected, fiscal impact, and the process for potential names.

Public Comment:

Cindy La Marr
Britta Guerrero
Virginia Hedrick
Al Osorio
Calvin Hedrick

*Lorenda Sanchez
Jim Keddy
Rhonda Morningstar Pope Flores
David Heitstuman
Katie Valenzuela
Yahmonee Hedrick
Leah Hawkins
Steve Jerome Wyatt
Kelly Bennett
Annie Jones
Jesus Valle
Buck Ellingson
Herman Bartahona
Donna Delgadillo
Melissa Leal
Daniel Delgado
Jesus Tarango
Jedd Parr
Emily Mizokami
Hallie Burrows
June Robbins*

Board Comments:

President Ryan said that this is long overdue and promotes an anti-racist agenda. She asked if we are able to use bond dollars for the expenses that renaming schools will generate. Mr. Browning said there are a couple different funding options to help including bond dollars.

Second Vice President Minnick thanked Mr. Browning for his presentation, and he noted that he has heard from many community members about this for multiple years, specifically around Peter Burnett Elementary School in the area that he represents. He feels that this is absolutely overdue, but he also wants people to be aware that, although important, it will take some time to make the change and has considerable expense. He also pointed out that at some schools a lot of uniforms and signage has been provided through fund raising, and he suggested that this could possibly offset some of the cost. He asked Mr. Browning to clarify that some appointments to the committee will be made by Board members. Mr. Browning stated that yes, it is one appointment per Board member.

Member Garcia thanked the Superintendent and staff for moving quickly on this matter. She was glad to hear that bond dollars are available to offset some of the expenditures related to renaming schools. She asked about physical education uniforms; at Sutter Middle School they have multiple teams for any given sport, and therefore she is concerned that \$150,000 will not be enough. She asked what other types of changes will need to be made outside of

facility changes. She also asked if principals were consulted to determine all changes that would need to be made and what would this mean for the parent-teacher organizations. She asked if advisory committees are usually this large. Mr. Browning replied that Peter Burnett Elementary School and Kit Carson International Academy do not have the same needs for gym clothes as Sutter Middle School. In working with the District auditor, budget team, and the front office staff at Sutter Middle School, it was learned that purchasing new athletic jerseys for all teams is approximately \$40,000. The large mural is about \$15,000 to replace. Both of these items are included in the \$150,000. Principals at the three sites were not directly spoken to about the costs, however the budget department and District auditor looked at costs for renaming Leataata Floyd in 2012. Mr. Browning added that there is some margin in the figure to cover binders and such. Member Garcia asked if this includes websites as well. Mr. Browning said this would fall under the District webmaster.

Vice President Pritchett asked if the parents or the school will purchase uniforms. She would like a complete analysis of all costs involved and noted that there was a cost to change Washington Elementary School's web page.

Member Murawski said she is excited to see this. She wants to make sure that when we are taking major steps like renaming schools that we are doing it in a thoughtful way. She is somewhat unclear on how this complies with the Board policy in terms of a name change should only occur under extraordinary circumstances and after thorough study; she would like to make sure that the thorough study, whatever that is, has been done and that there is some memorialization of the findings. She would be excited to support a name change that recognizes the native heritage of our geography.

President Ryan thanked Mr. Browning for his efforts. She said that she would like, when the conversation is continued after he has consulted with the California School Board Association (CSBA) and others, to hear best practices that help us establish the parameters for the committee and the process that we will undergo.

12.0 CONSENT AGENDA **(Roll Call Vote)**

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.

12.1 Items Subject or Not Subject to Closed Session:

12.1a 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 (Rose F. Ramos)*

12.1b Approve Personnel Transactions (Cancy McArn)

12.1c Approve COVID-19 Expenditure Report (Rose F. Ramos)

Public Comment: Nikki Milevsky

*12.1d Approve Staff Recommendations for Expulsion Re-Entry of
Expulsions #19, 2018-19, as Determined by the Board (Stephan Brown)*

*12.1e Approve Resolution No. 3162: Project Approval and Notice of Exemption
(Nathaniel Browning)*

*12.1f Approve Resolution No. 3163: Naming District Representatives for
School Facilities Program and Division of State Architect
(Nathaniel Browning)*

*12.1g Approve Minutes of the August 11, 2020, Board of Education Town Hall
Meeting (Jorge A. Aguilar)*

*12.1h Approve Minutes of the August 20, 2020, Board of Education Meeting
(Jorge A. Aguilar)*

President Ryan asked for a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda. A motion was made to approve by Member Murawski and seconded by Second Vice President Minnick. The Board voted unanimously to adopt.

13.0 FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES / LOCATIONS

- ✓ September 17, 2020 4:30 p.m. Closed Session, 6:00 p.m. Open Session, Serna Center, 5735 47th Avenue, Community Room, Regular Workshop Meeting*
- ✓ October 1, 2020 4:30 p.m. Closed Session, 6:00 p.m. Open Session, Serna Center, 5735 47th Avenue, Community Room, Regular Workshop Meeting*

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

President Ryan announced that the Board would adjourn back into Closed Session. They adjourned back into Open Session and ended the meeting at 12:53 a.m.

Jorge A. Aguilar, Superintendent and Board Secretary

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