# SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
# BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 12.1f

**Meeting Date**: February 17, 2022

**Subject: Approve Minutes of the January 13, 2022, 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 January 13, 2022, Board of Education Meeting.

**Background/Rationale:** None

**Financial Considerations**: None

**LCAP Goal(s):** Family and Community Empowerment

**Documents Attached:**
1. Minutes of the January 13, 2022, Board of Education Regular Meeting

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

# BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AND WORKSHOP

***Board of Education Members***
*Christina Pritchett, President (Trustee Area 3)*
*Leticia Garcia, Vice President (Trustee Area 2)*
*Chinua Rhodes, Second Vice President (Trustee Area 5)*
*Lisa Murawski (Trustee Area 1)*
*Jamee Villa (Trustee Area 4)*
*Darrel Woo (Trustee Area 6)*
*Lavinia Grace Phillips (Trustee Area 7)*
*Jacqueline Zhang, Student Member*

***Thursday, January 13, 2022***
***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*

***2021/22-17***

## *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 4:34 p.m. by President Pritchett, and roll was taken.*

*Members Present:*
*President Christina Pritchett*
*Vice President Leticia Garcia*
*Second Vice President Chinua Rhodes*
*Lisa Murawski*
*Lavinia Grace Phillips*
*Darrel Woo*

*Members Absent:*
*Jamee Villa*
*Student Member Jacqueline Zhang 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:***
***Public comment may be (1) emailed to publiccomment@scusd.edu; (2) submitted in writing, identifying the matter number and the name of the public member at the URL https://tinyurl.com/BoardMeetingJan13; or (3) using the same URL, submitting a request for oral comment only when the matter is called, instead of written***

***comment. Individual public comment shall be presented to the Board orally for no more than two minutes, or other time determined by the Board on each agenda item. Public comments submitted in writing will not be read aloud, but will be provided to the Board in advance of the meeting and posted on the District's website. The Board shall allow a reasonable time for public comment on each agenda item, not to exceed 15 minutes in length, including communications and organizational reports. With Board consent, the President may increase or decrease the length of time allowed for public comment, depending on the agenda item and the number of public comments. Speakers will be called sequentially until there is no speaker coming forward on the agenda item or the amount of time allocated for the agenda item has elapsed, whichever occurs first.***

*Public Comment on Closed Session:*
*Sandra Hallsted*

## *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 (Three Potential Cases)*

*3.2 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*

## *4.0 CALL BACK TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE*

*4.1 The Pledge of Allegiance*

*4.2 Broadcast Statement*

*4.3 Stellar Students – The Rosemont High School Football Team was introduced by President Pritchett*

## *5.0 ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION*

*None*

## *6.0 AGENDA ADOPTION*

*Public Comment:*
*Terrence Gladney*

*Destin Tholmer*

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

## *7.0 PUBLIC COMMENT* ***15 minutes***

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*Public Comment:*
*LaShanya Breazell*
*Shawnda Westly*
*Cassandra Hoff*
*Christine Bankston*
*Cyd Jaghory*
*Damian Harmony*
*David Fisher*
*E. J. Soliz*
*Davina Martinez*
*Ellen Yin-Wycoff*
*Emily Hurley*
*Erin Duarte*
*Ingrid Hutchins*
*Hope Dennis*
*Justine Hearn*
*Kara Synhorst*
*Kevin Smith*
*Kimberly Buchholz*
*Kristin Goree*
*Mo Kashmiri*
*Samantha Benton*
*Sara Bailey*
*Shantra Muther*
*Taylor Kayatta*
*Julie Del Agua*
*Teresa Hanneman*
*Zachary Bryant*
*Zyanya Perez*

*Rich Vasquez*

## *8.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATION*

*8.1 Update on Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccine for Eligible, Non-Exempt Students and Staff (Bob Lyons and Victoria Flores)* ***Information***

*The team presented updates on the Omicron variant, Pfizer booster recommendations, CDPH masking mandate, SCPH Public Health Order for virtual public meetings, symptom and quarantine, and CDPH revised K-12 guidance.*

*Public Comment:*
*Ingrid Hutchins*
*S. Westly*
*Terrence Gladney*
*Justine Hearn*
*Veronica Soliz*
*Cyd Jaghory*
*Lysa Twardosz*
*Mohammad Kashmiri*

*Board Comments:*

*President Pritchett asked how many students have not been vaccinated that do not have an exemption. Chief Communications Officer Bob Lyons answered that the dashboard figures represent those aged 12 and older. Out of 39,374 eligible students, 25,126 have not reported for aged five and older. President Pritchett asked how many times a week students and staff are getting tested. Director of Student Support and Health Services Victoria Flores answered that testing is offered every day during school hours in the care room. President Pritchett asked how the District is addressing those that come for testing before school hours. Ms. Flores said that the testing hours will be adjusted to begin at 4:00 p.m. President Pritchett asked about the accuracy of the dashboard. Ms. Flores said the dashboard is updated twice per week, each Tuesday and Friday.*

*Member Murawski said she understands that all are anxious and on-edge right now, and she appreciates all that took the time to give public comment. She sees challenges in enforcement of the date for vaccinations in January. She foresees thousands of students barred from school without an alternative for their education and said that is not an acceptable outcome; therefore, she supports a pause in the*

*deadline date. She feels the percentage of compliance of those not submitting vaccination information is much lower than it should be, and she asked what could be done to improve this. Ms. Flores explained the challenges and replied that the outreach is continuing.*

*Member Phillips asked what the pause in mandate deadline would mean. Ms. Flores said that the District will move ahead with vaccination efforts, but also keep in mind all the competing demands at the school sites. Community Engagement Manager Nicole Kangas spoke about outreach efforts.*

*Superintendent Aguilar noted that the rate of exemption is extremely low and said advocacy will continue for increasing vaccination rates. Students not qualifying for exemption nor vaccinated by the mandate deadline would move into independent study, which is a very large number of approximately 7,000 to 8,000 students at this time.*

*Member Phillips asked if there has been any discussion of hazard pay or if COVID-19 funds could be used for the additional independent study students. Chief Business Officer Rose Ramos said that yes, COVID-19 funds can be used. Member Phillips noted a divide in the location of the number of cases in the District, and she feels this is not being addressed well regarding outreach. She clarified that the District would not be in a position to serve the influx of students into independent study if the mandate deadline was kept. Superintendent Aguilar said that is correct based on current numbers.*

*Second Vice President Rhodes asked if pausing the mandate deadline means that the District is extending the date so that parents and staff have more time to turn in their vaccination information or exemption request. The Board concurred that that is correct. He said he appreciates the public comments. He asked if there is COVID-19 leave for staff using one-time funds, and he requested that this subject be brought to the Board at a future regular board meeting. He also asked Ms. Flores how having the District become a provider better help the system repond to COVID-19, and possibly to future surges. Ms. Flores responded that having the capability to provide all the school immunizations along with the COVID-19 vaccination adds another provider to the county. This allows the District to continue and sustain the District's own efforts for the schools and community. It gives the District another resource that is in District control.*

*Vice President Garcia thanked everyone that called in to give public comment. She said her view would be to have an extension of the required date and not a pause. She said it is important to clarify that staff will focus on working with families to register to test. She added that the system cannot currently support the high percentage that have not vaccinated or submitted a form of exemption. She asked what requirements would go along with remote learning and asked to have discussion on reasons why the District is committed to having schools open. Superintendent Aguilar responded that legislation allowing distance learning lapsed on June 30th. In its stead, AB 130 gave students the opportunity to participate in independent study if they did not attend school in person. An additional challenge stems from the fact that the District has not reached an agreement related to continuity of learning with the labor partner. He added that additional information has been released by CDE related to steps that would need to be taken under Education Code. These steps require the District to consult with the county office and CDE if any possible closure due to staffing challenges were to arise. Vice President Garcia spoke about the importance of being proactive.*

*Student Member Zhang reminded that, at the beginning of the school year, she asked if there was a back-up plan for, in case COVID-19 gets too bad, students would return to distance learning. She had asked if there was a threshold to determine when schools would close down, and the answer was that there was no plan. She noted that now, after winter break, at least 40 percent of the class is out, either due to COVID-19 or the fear of the Omicron variant. She also noted that students staying home currently are not able to receive any instruction during their quarantine period and that, due to a lack of substitutes, hundreds of students are being placed in the auditorium, which is a breeding ground for COVID-19. Some students have two to three classes without a teacher. She asked if there should at least be a distance learning option for families to consider. She feels there is a need for this option as well due to the varied situations and learning styles of individual students. She asked if there is a plan to go back to distance learning. Superintendent Aguilar answered that the District is trying to get to a place where it can move into that learning mode given the current state legislation limitations. They are currently trying to resolve limitations in the case where a class or school would need to be closed.*

*Member Phillips requested hazard pay for staff be looked into.*

*8.2 Trustee Area Redistricting – Full Demographic Presentation with Map Options (Ken Reynolds)* ***Information***

*Ken Reynolds of SchoolWorks, Inc. presented trustee boundary maps that complied with the requirement to balance the population between the trustee areas. The location of schools in the District were also added, as was a small revision requested to plan A, which was shown as plan A2.*

*Public Comment:*
*Rich Vasquez*
*Samantha Alvarez*
*Ariana Marmolejo*

*Board Comments:*

*Vice President Garcia said she appreciates the additional maps and for clearly labeling the schools. She feels they need to be posted online. Again, she noted that she feels all District trustee areas need to have Title I schools.*

*Member Murawski said she supports having each area be representative.*

*8.3 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Quarterly Update (Steven Ramirez-Fong)* ***Information***

*LCAP/SPSA Coordinator Steven Ramirez-Fong presented along with Counseling Services Director Christina Espinosa. They covered the purpose of the quarterly update, status of the California School Dashboard and Dataquest data releases, differentiated assistance status and required goal development, a summary of plans to engage with educational partners, and a look ahead to an annual update and one-time supplement to be presented in February.*

*Public Comment:*
*Rich Vasquez*
*Terrence Gladney*

*Board Comments:*

*Vice President Garcia asked how demand is kept up with regarding credit recovery. Ms. Espinosa answered that seats are recycled consistently. Vice President Garcia asked for more information on what the District is doing for dual enrollment space. She noted that the goal is to allow students to take up to 15 community college units per semester. Ms.*

*Espinosa said that an MOU is in the process of being finalized regarding dual enrollment. She explained what the MOU describes. Students will currently be able to take courses over the summer, and this would be after the regular summer school courses.*

*Member Murawski spoke about the challenges related to student achievement and the additional challenge brought about due to COVID-19. Therefore, she appreciates the focus on the data and pro-active intervention. She asked when the LCAP will come back to the Board. Mr. Ramirez-Fong answered that the annual update will be part of the February 17th Board meeting, and he gave more information on planned updates over the year.*

*Member Murawski made a motion to extend the meeting to 11:30 p.m. Vice President Garcia seconded, and the motion passed.*

*Second Vice President Rhodes thank Ms. Espinosa for the break down and said he is excited about the work being done regarding dual enrollment. He proposed that the District provide acceptance letters from Los Rios Community College to graduating high school students that would include contact information to a counselor. He also proposed having a pilot test program in Trustee Area 5 to see who actually goes to college.*

*8.4 Resolution No. 3242: 1300 Strong Resolution* ***Action***
*(Christina Espinosa)*

*The Director of College and Career Readiness and Master Scheduling Christina Espinosa presented and read the resolution.*

*Public Comment:*
*Terrence Gladney*
*Rich Vasquez*

*Board Comments:*

*Second Vice President Rhodes motioned to approve the resolution, and Member Murawski seconded. The resolution passed 5-1 with Member Phillips voting no and Member Villa absent.*

## *9.0 BOARD WORKSHOP/STRATEGIC PLAN AND OTHER INITIATIVES*

*9.1 Resolution No. 3246: In Support of AB 75, Kindergarten-Community Colleges Public Education Facilities Bond Act 2022 (Rose Ramos)* ***Action***

*Chief Business Officer Rose Ramos presented this resolution which supports placing a $12 billion dollar statewide bond on the 2022 ballot to fund facilities projects.*

*Public Comment:*
*Mo Kashmiri*

*Board Comments:*

*Member Woo moved to approve and Vice President Garcia seconded; the motion was approved 6-0 with Member Villa absent.*

## *10.0 COMMUNICATIONS*

*10.1 Employee Organization Reports:* ***Information***

- *SCTA – No report given*
- *SEIU – Mohammad Kashmiri reported on behalf of SCTA*
- *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 – No report given*
- *Local Control Accountability Plan/Parent Advisory Committee – No report given*
- *Student Advisory Council – No report given*
- *African American Advisory Board – No report given*

*10.3 Superintendent's Report (Jorge A. Aguilar)* ***Information***

*Superintendent Aguilar spoke about the staffing shortage and*

*the things that are being done to help such as increasing the number of days that substitutes can work in the same class. He also thanked the state of California for providing N-95 masks. Orders have been placed for N-94 masks which seem to be more comfortable for children. He said the District will be committed to a very rigorous testing structure to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. He noted that there have been long lines for testing and asked those who come for testing be affiliated with the District in some way.*

*10.4 President's Report (Christina Pritchett) – No report given* ***Information***

*10.5 Student Member Report (Jacqueline Zhang) – No report given* ***Information***

*10.6 Information Sharing By Board Members* ***Information***

*Vice President Garcia thanked Member Murawski and Member Phillips for signing onto a letter addressed to the County Board of Supervisors in support of amending a county ordinance to ban the sale of all flavored tobacco products. She could not reach out to all Board members due to the Brown Act but said final action will be taken January 25th. Member Woo asked Vice President Garcia for a copy of the letter so that he can send to the Board of Supervisors as well.*

*Member Phillip said that she learned tonight that parents, teachers, classified staff, and students (including the Student Board Member) have said that the Board needs to step up in making adjustments to the best case scenarios. As elected officials, they are placed in their positions to listen, hear, process, and speak to the needs and concerns of constituents. She mentioned safety and learning and said it is imperative that there be a COVID-19 and safety agenda item at every Board meeting.*

*Second Vice President Rhodes shared that there is a recurring monthly fair at Success Academy at 2221 Matson Drive every third Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There will be no cost vaccinations and testing.*

## *11.0 CONSENT AGENDA* ***Action***

***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.***

*11.1 <u>Items Subject or Not Subject to Closed Session</u>:*

*11.1a 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)*

*11.1b Approve Personnel Transactions (Cancy McArn)*

*11.1c Approve Business and Financial Report: Warrants, Checks, and Electronic Transfers Issued for the Period of December 2021 (Rose Ramos)*

*11.1d Approve Donations to the District for the Period of December 2021 (Rose Ramos)*

*11.1e Approve Resolution No. 3245: Authorizing Continued Use of Remote Teleconferencing Provisions Pursuant to AB 361 and Government Code Section 54953 (Anne Collins)*

*11.1f Approve Minutes of the November 18, 2021, Board of Education Meeting (Jorge A. Aguilar)*

*11.1g Approve Retention of Five Firms for the Construction Management Services Pool in Response to Request for Qualification (Rose Ramos)*

*President Pritchett asked for a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda. A motion was made to approve by Second Vice President Rhodes and seconded by Member Woo. The Board voted unanimously to adopt the Consent Agenda, with Member Villa absent.*

## *12.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION/REPORTS* ***Receive Information***

*12.1 Business and Financial Information:*

- *Purchase Order Report for the Period of November 15, 2021 through December 14, 2021 (Rose Ramos)*

*President Pritchett received the Business and Financial Information/Reports.*

## *13.0 FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES / LOCATIONS*

- ✓ *February 3, 2022, 4:30 p.m. Closed Session, 6:00 p.m. Open Session, Serna Center, 5735 47th Avenue, Community Room, Regular Workshop Meeting*
- ✓ *February 17, 2022 4:30 p.m. Closed Session, 6:00 p.m. Open Session, Serna Center, 5735 47th Avenue, Community Room, Workshop Meeting*

## *14.0 ADJOURNMENT*

*The Board went back into Closed Session at 11:20 p.m. Upon returning to Open Session, President Pritchett asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting; a motion was made by Member Woo and seconded by Member Murawski. The motion was passed unanimously. There were no announcements out of Closed Session, and the meeting adjourned at 12:00 a.m.*

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*Jorge A. Aguilar, Superintendent and Board Secretary*

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