



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 11.1e

Meeting Date: April 22, 2021

Subject: Approve Minutes of the March 18, 2021, 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 March 18, 2021, Board of Education Meeting.

Background/Rationale: None

Financial Considerations: None

LCAP Goal(s): Family and Community Empowerment

Documents Attached:

1. Minutes of the March 18, 2021, 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

Christina Pritchett, President (Trustee Area 3)
Lisa Murawski, Vice President (Trustee Area 1)
Darrel Woo, Second Vice President (Trustee Area 6)
Leticia Garcia (Trustee Area 2)
Jamee Villa (Trustee Area 4)
Chinua Rhodes (Trustee Area 5)
Lavinia Grace Phillips (Trustee Area 7)
Isa Sheikh, Student Member

Thursday, March 18, 2021

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

2020/21-28

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 Lisa Murawski
Chinua Rhodes
Jamee Villa

A quorum was reached.

Members Absent:

Second Vice President Darrel Woo arrived via Closed Session Zoom at 4:30 p.m.
Leticia Garcia arrived via Closed Session Zoom at 4:30 p.m.
Lavinia Grace Phillips arrived via Closed Session Zoom at 4:30 p.m.
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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*Public Comment on Closed Session:
Mariela Rodriguez
Mohammad Kashmiri*

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) *Existing litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(1) of Government Code section 54956.9 (OAH Case No. 2020120456)*
 - b) *Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(2) of Government Code section 54956.9 (Two Potential Cases)*
 - c) *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 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 *Government Code 54957 – Public Employee Appointment
 - a) *Chief Information Officer*
 - b) *Principal, Bowling Green Charter McCoy Academy Elementary School*
 - c) *Principal, Tahoe Elementary School**

4.0 CALL BACK TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- 4.1 *The Pledge of Allegiance – after the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, Second Vice President Woo read a statement regarding recent hate crimes against Asian Americans.*
- 4.2 *Broadcast Statement*
- 4.3 *Stellar Students – Member Rhodes introduced Andrez Castillejo, a 5th Grade student at Parkway Elementary School. Jovahny Rosales, a 7th Grade student from Will C. Wood Middle School was not able to attend.*

5.0 ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Counsel Anne Collins announced that the Board will adjourn into Closed Session at the end of this meeting after Item 12.0 to consider Item 3.1.

Superintendent Aguilar announced that by unanimous vote of 7-0 the Board approved the appointment of Dr. Robert Lyons as Chief Information Officer. He also announced that by unanimous vote of 7-0 the Board approved the appointment of Bowling Green Charter McCoy Academy Principal Amber Sutton. Lastly, he announced, also by unanimous vote of 7-0, approval of the appointment of Shannon Mayfield as Principal of Tahoe Elementary School.

6.0 AGENDA ADOPTION

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

7.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- 7.1 *Resolution No. 3188: Recognition of National Women’s History Month, March 2021* **Action**

Member Garcia spoke of prominent women in past and recent history, and she read from the resolution.

*Public Comment:
Terrence Gladney*

Board Comments:

Vice President Murawski made a motion to approve the resolution. Second Vice President Woo seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

- 7.2 *Conditions of Readiness Update on In-Progress Metrics (Various Departments)* **Information**

Chief Academic Officer Christine Baeta, In-House Legal Counsel Raoul Bozio, Director of Facilities Nathaniel Browning, Director of Student Support and Health Services Victoria Flores, Chief Communications Officer Tara Gallegos, Chief of Continuous Improvement and Accountability Vincent Harris, Assistant Superintendent of Student Support Services Doug Huscher, Youth Development Director Manpreet Kaur, Director of Safe Schools Ray Lozada, Coordinator of Risk Management Keyshun Marshall, Chief Human Resources Officer Cancy McArn, Interim Assistant Superintendent of Operations Leigh Sata, Instructional Assistant Superintendent Chad Sweitzer, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Matt Turkie, and Facilities Maintenance Manager Jeff Winn presented the update.

Public Comment:

*Eric Schranz
Jason Spann
Jim Peoples
Jen Henderson
John Meyers
Karen Rice
Kimberly Buchholz
Lisa Lindberg
Terrence Gladney
Marco Martinez
Kevin Butscher
Jenny Pierre
Rowena Gray
Alison French-Tubo*

Board Comments:

Member Villa said that, once school is again in-person, it is important for staff to figure out after school options with the city. She would like to see this be a priority for families.

Member Garcia thanked staff for working toward reopening and continuing to tie up loose ends. She agrees with Member Villa regarding after school care, and asked Doug Huscher to elaborate on this. Mr. Huscher gave an update and said that another meeting will be held with the city on Tuesday of the following week. Ms. Garcia asked why the district in-person plan is for three hours instead of more. Ms. Baeta said the District looked at what nearby districts were doing and also said that we wanted to do something that was realistic. She said another piece under consideration was to allow teachers to have afternoons for small group learning opportunities. Superintendent Aguilar agreed with Ms. Baeta and added that there is not a memorandum of understanding at this time. Member Garcia said it is important that the schedule is completed and firm so that families can choose in-person or remain distance learning. She asked if special education assessments would still be on a voluntary basis for teachers once we begin in-person learning. Superintendent Aguilar encouraged visiting the negotiations dashboard and said one will see language to SCTA indicating that there are operational and logistical reasons why we have to return to doing away with variations in bell schedules, such as due to transport of students and meal distribution, for example. Member Garcia lastly asked about logistics with schedules and if parents can change their minds with in-person and distance learning choices. Ms. Baeta spoke on assessments.

Vice President Murawski thanked staff for their preparation work. She echoed the comments made about time and quality. She feels what is being offered to students is really very little, but noted unavoidable restraints. She noted that some of her sites have no access to child care, and she encouraged pursuing partnerships for after school care. She asked if parents can change their decision for in-person or distance learning. Superintendent Aguilar said that an announcement of the timing at which families can notify their interest will be made and that cohorts will be assigned by March 24th. Vice President Murawski asked for a description of how every student will have a qualified teacher supporting them through in-person or distance learning. Ms. Baeta said if a teacher needs to stay in distance learning the teacher will still be in control of the learning in terms of designing lessons, determining curriculum, and small group instruction, but with a substitute physically in the classroom.

Member Rhodes said he wanted to uplift efforts that Ms. Gallegos' office did with outreach. He said he was able to hand out flyers at school sites.

Student Member Sheikh noted that the proposed three hour school day leaves out a lot of families, but understands that everything requires negotiations. He would like to make sure there are conversations on how to increase the length of the school day and on how to mitigate learning loss over the summer and in the fall.

President Pritchett said it is important to get students back to school five days a week.

7.3 2020-2021 Second Interim Financial Report and FCMAT Update (Rose Ramos) **Conference/Action**

Chief Business Officer Rose Ramos covered the following in the presentation: financial reporting requirements and District fiscal status, second interim 2020-21 budget changes since the first interim 2020-21 budget, multi-year projections, the budget calendar, a FCMAT matrix update, and CARES funding.

Public Comment:

*Amanda Connolly
Nikki Milevsky
Amanda Connolly
Alison French-Tubo*

Board Comments:

Member Rhodes said it is exciting to see that we are in a better place. Although Chief Business Officer of the Sacramento County Office of Education Nick Sweitzer recommends looking at multi-year regarding certification, Member Rhodes said he does not feel we should approve the second interim as negative.

Vice President Murawski said she echoes Member Rhodes thoughts and said that a qualified certification makes sense to her. She feels the District is going in a better direction and feels there is justification for a qualified certification. Regarding reserves and one-time funds, she said these can help but are not something that be used to help the structural deficit. She wants to make sure the one-time dollars are used wisely for

students' needs. She also reminded that there was a FCMAT report in 2006 that said a lot of the same things as the current report, and that none of those recommendations were followed up on. She asked if there are highlights to share about recent work being done. Ms. Ramos spoke of recent policy changes that should help rectify the structural deficit. Ms. Ramos also spoke about how aligning staffing to enrollment has been worked on over the last couple of years. Vice President Murawski then spoke about special education funding and spending.

Second Vice President Woo asked why a negative certification is recommended. Ms. Ramos said that the budget has not been approved for the last three years because the District has not been able to demonstrate the ability to meet financial obligations. She reminded that this certification is not permanent and could change by third interim. Mr. Sweitzer said it is not the county's roll to recommend the certification, but to give guidance. Second Vice President Woo said he would rather be on the conservative side.

Member Garcia echoed the comments from Member Rhodes and Vice President Murawski. She recognized staff for bringing the LCFE percentage up to 72 percent. She asked why we have a decrease in title funds even though we had carryover from last year. Ms. Ramos said it is a decrease for this year, but not a decrease in the allocation. Member Garcia asked if some of the increase in health care costs can be covered with CARES dollars. Ms. Ramos said that our broker, Keenan, has been asked to do an analysis to identify what portion can be attributed to CARES. She said the auditors would also be consulted to make sure that use of CARES dollars are appropriate. Member Garcia also asked AB 86 dollars. Ms. Ramos said there is not information yet on our allocation. Member Garcia said she assumes this funding is not currently included then, and Ms. Ramos concurred. Member Garcia described some requirements for AB 86 and requested that the Board consider and support seeking stakeholder input from a more inclusive group. She asked that a Board ad hoc spending plan committee be created.

Member Phillips asked for an explanation of how bonds are related to District budgeting. Ms. Ramos said that bonds do not have an impact on these financials. Member Phillips asked if there is a way to consolidate information. Ms. Ramos said they can look at trying to simplify the information.

Member Villa said she feels the Board needs to look at where we are right now. She also said that negotiated solutions are something that need to be looked at, and she feels the Board needs to trust staff recommendation.

President Pritchett said she agrees and noted that we are working on expired contracts with our labor partners and with one time funds. She asked County Superintendent David Gordon for his thoughts. Superintendent Gordon said that nothing has really changed. He was impressed with the conversation surrounding the resolution passed several meetings ago. He noted that, as Mr. Sweitzer had said, the District will need to look at long term money and structural deficit and not the one-time money, as that has been the problem year after year after year. He suggested going along with Ms. Ramos' determination.

President Pritchett said she appreciates Member Garcia's recommendation for a committee and that she will reach out to Board members, as it is not agendaized for tonight and will need to be addressed at a future meeting. She asked for a motion to move this

item from Conference to Action. A motion was made by Second Vice President Woo and seconded by Member Villa. The motion passed unanimously. Member Pritchett then asked for a motion to approve the item. A motion was again made by Second Vice President Woo and seconded by Member Villa. The motion failed 4-3 with the Board voting as follows:

Lisa Murawski – No
Leticia Garcia – No
Chinua Rhodes – No
Lavinia Phillips – No
Christina Pritchett – Yes
Darrel Woo – Yes
Jamee Villa – Yes
Isa Sheikh Student Preferential Vote - Yes

Vice President Murawski then moved to adopt the budget with a qualified certification. Member Rhodes seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-3 with the Board voting as follows:

Lisa Murawski – Yes
Leticia Garcia – Yes
Chinua Rhodes – Yes
Lavinia Phillips – Yes
Christina Pritchett – No
Darrel Woo – No
Jamee Villa – No
Isa Sheikh Student Preferential Vote - No

8.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

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President Pritchett stated the following: While the Board of Education initially navigated the uncharted waters of holding virtual meetings due to the COVID pandemic, we undertook the practice of reading aloud public comments submitted in email form, though they are posted and accessible to the public on the District website. Now that we have developed a more efficient means of allowing members to provide live comment during the meetings, effective tonight, written comments will no longer be read aloud during meetings. Written comment will continue to be submitted to the Board of Education prior to each meeting for review and posted on the District's website. The Board of Education believes that the late

night meetings limit the ability of our community members and families to participate, and we are constantly balancing the need to hear from the public on the District's business while maintaining a timely agenda, especially at a time when numerous matters require the Board's attention. This change will allow us to conduct District business in an orderly and efficient manner, while continuing to allow members of the public to meaningfully attend meetings and offer public comment. Thank you.

Public Comment:

Tamara Toby

Amanda Connolly

Dagny Starn

David O'Connor

Taylor Kayatta

Rich Vasquez

Terrence Gladney

Theresa Martinez

Alina Cervantes

Alison Alexander

Nate Lloyd

Allison Sinclair

Nicole Freedman

Julia Willsie

John Buccholz

Richard Dahl

Joy Baird

Peter Baird

Amanda Hague

Lily Young

Jillian Rich

Hallie Hester-Dahl

Michelle Sweezey

Suzanne Gonzales

Naomi Vilorio

Yvonne Fenner

Lorri Doll

Bonnie Chufar

9.0 COMMUNICATIONS

9.1 Employee Organization Reports:

Information

- *SCTA – Nikki Milevsky reported on behalf of SCTA*

Public Comment:

Terrence Gladney

10.0 BOARD WORKSHOP/STRATEGIC PLAN AND OTHER INITIATIVES

10.1 Approve Resolution No. 3189: Renewal of the Charter for California Montessori Project – Capital Campus (CMP) (Jessie Ramos and Brett Barley)

Action

Director of Innovative Schools Jesse Ramos presented the SCUSD charter review team and gave an overview of the charter school, charter renewal law and regulations, a staff analysis using middle tier evaluation criterion, and recommendation to approve renewal along with next steps. CMP Principal Bernie Evangelista and Superintendent Brett Barley also presented.

Public Comment:

*Amy Angove
Brenna Rizan
Emily Avila
Jill Kakilala
Katey Dodd
Mimi Coughlin
Rosalie Martinez
Leonard Finch
Kimberly Foster
Patrick and Kathleen Campbell
Robin Schriver
Claire Brown
Julian Rosen
David Ngirmidol
Cassandra Flowers*

Board Comments:

Member Garcia asked for a reason why the Math percentage declined. Superintendent Barley noted that it was a small sample size, and he gave data for prior years to show where the percentage tends to range. He spoke about aligning their strategies to Common Core. Member Garcia asked if there was a difference between student groups. Superintendent Barley said he believes there was not. Member Garcia said it is always nice to visit their campus, as it feels like a close knit community.

Vice President Murawski moved to approve the renewal, and Second Vice President Woo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Action

10.2 *Approve Resolution No. 3190: Renewal of the Charter for Capitol Collegiate Academy (CCA) (Jessie Ramos and Cristin Fiorelli)*

Director of Innovative Schools Jesse Ramos presented the SCUSD charter review team and gave an overview of the charter school, charter renewal law and regulations, a staff analysis using middle tier evaluation criterion, and recommendation to approve renewal along with next steps. CCA Principal Cristin Fiorelli also presented.

*Public Comment:
Annie Hallsten Narayan
Julio Duarte
Elisianna Rios*

Board Comments:

Vice President Murawski moved to approve the renewal, and Second Vice President Woo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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 Items Subject or Not Subject to Closed Session:

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 Donations to the District for the Period of February 1-28, 2021 (Rose Ramos)*

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

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

11.1f *Approve Minutes of the February 27, 2021, Board of Education Special Meeting (Jorge A. Aguilar)*

11.1g *Approve Exclusive Negotiating Agreement – Extension, 2718 G Street, Old Marshall (Nathaniel Browning)*

11.1h *Approve Adoption of Updated High School International Baccalaureate Instructional Materials (Christine Baeta and Matt Turkie)*

President Pritchett asked for a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda. A motion was made to approve by Student Member Sheikh and seconded by Member Villa. The Board voted unanimously to adopt the Consent Agenda.

12.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION/REPORTS

Receive Information

12.1 *Business and Financial Information:*

- *Purchase Order for the Period of January 15, 2020 through February 14, 2021 (Rose Ramos)*

12.2 *Head Start Reports*

President Pritchett received the Business and Financial information/reports.

13.0 FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES / LOCATIONS

- ✓ *April 8, 2021 4:30 p.m. Closed Session, 6:00 p.m. Open Session, Serna Center, 5735 47th Avenue, Community Room, Regular Workshop Meeting*
- ✓ *April 22, 2021 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

The Board adjourned back to Closed Session at 12:15 a.m. The Board reconvened back to Open Session, and Counsel Anne Collins announced that the Board approved OAH Case No. 2020120456 by a unanimous vote of 7-0. A motion to adjourn was made by Vice President Murawski and seconded by Member Phillips. The meeting adjourned at 12:30 a.m.

Jorge A. Aguilar, Superintendent and Board Secretary

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