



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 12.1e

Meeting Date: November 4, 2021

Subject: Approve Minutes of the October 12, 2021, Special 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 October 12, 2021, Special Board of Education Meeting.

Background/Rationale: None

Financial Considerations: None

LCAP Goal(s): Family and Community Empowerment

Documents Attached:

1. Minutes of the October 12, 2021, Special Board of Education Meeting

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



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BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPECIAL MEETING

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)
Jacqueline Zhang, Student Member

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

5:30 p.m.

Serna Center

Community Conference Rooms
5735 47th Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95824

Minutes

2021/22-11

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.

Meeting was called to order at 5:37 p.m. by Vice President Murawski and roll was taken.

Members Present:

*Lisa Murawski, Vice President
Darrel Woo, Second Vice President
Leticia Garcia
Chinua Rhodes
Lavinia Grace Phillips
Jamee Villa (via Zoom)*

Members Absent:

*Christina Pritchett, President (arrived during Closed Session)
Student Member Jacqueline Zhang (arrived for Open Session)*

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION:

Public comment may be (1) emailed to publiccomment@scusd.edu; or (2) submitted in writing, identifying the matter number and the name of the public member at the URL <https://tinyurl.com/SCUSDcommentsspecialOct12>; or (3) using the same URL, submitting a request for oral 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.

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 Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(2) 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)

Public Comment:

Erica Haramio

Chris Walton

4.0 BOARD WORKSHOP/STRATEGIC PLAN AND OTHER INITIATIVES

4.1 Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution No. 3233:

Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccination

for Eligible, Non-Exempt Students and Staff

(Victoria Flores)

Action

Director of Student Support and Health Services Victoria Flores began the presentation. She was joined by In-House Counsel Raoul Bozio, Chief Business Officer Rose Ramos, Chief Human Resources Officer Cancy McArn, and Instructional Assistant Superintendent Chad Sweitzer. They reviewed current conditions of COVID-19, gave a recap of the September 16th board meeting presentation pathways and an overview of the Governor's October 1st vaccination mandate, and provided more updated and detailed information in light of previous meetings and recent directives. Superintendent Aguilar also spoke.

Public Comment:

Senator Richard Pan

Jean Shanley

Alicia Morgan-Hecht

Pedro Peterson

Jennifer Malone

Sara Bailey

Aimee Hernandez

Jenessa and Cory Stewart

Brian Barnes

Kearsten Sheperd

Jay Singh

Tiffany Colasanti

Michael Absher
Javier Sanchez
Gurinder Pundhar
Joshua Clark
Bikramjit Singh
Jenny Pierre
Shanda Westly
Ellen Wycoff
Justine Hern
Cassandra Hoff
Samantha Benton
Kevin Smith
Emily Wolford
Jody Bone
Matt Van Zandt
Cyd Jaghory
Ian Perkins
Christine Bankston
Lisa Wardose
Chris Walton
Troy Flint
Taylor Kayatta
Crystal Straight
Deanna Benninger
Mo Kashmiri
Ellen Chapman
Jennifer Malone
John Meyers
Theresa Weaver
Janine Simmack
Christine Jaghory
Sarah Goaler
Kelly Stout
David Fisher
Jennifer Baker

Board Comment:

President Pritchett made clear that this is not a vote to force a vaccine mandate, as that was already done by the Governor. She said that this resolution is instead a timeline of when the District will have this vaccine mandate. She asked if the District will also send out notifications via backpack. Superintendent Aguilar responded that the communication strategy will be all encompassing, using different languages and mediums. President Pritchett also asked if there will be two full-time health aides at each school site. Ms. Flores answered that there will be someone present full-time and that the health aides will rotate their schedules to provide testing during the school day as needed. President Pritchett asked if the health aides will be able to sign off on personal exemptions. Ms. Flores said yes, if there is a role for them to assist.

Vice President Murawski thanked staff for the presentation and all they do. She felt there was some misinformation during public comment, and she said she would like to correct the record; she reiterated comments from Dr. Blumberg from U. C. Davis. She provided other information that go along with the

benefits of being vaccinated. She is concerned about increased duties of administrators over the next couple of months, but feels COVID-19 related extra administrative work will diminish once all are vaccinated. She encouraged the Superintendent to provide as much support on a short term basis as possible. She would also like regular reporting to be made to the Board while going toward the November 30th date. She asked if full vaccination of two doses is the November 30th goal. Ms. Flores answered that the November 30th goal is at least one dose of the vaccine.

President Pritchett asked what is the District's legal authority on emergency use authorization. Mr. Bozio replied that the vaccine can be taken by adults and children in the age groups. He does not think there is any reason that would delineate between emergency use and full use in terms of what the District's authority would be. He said that we are not requiring that anyone be vaccinated; we are requiring that for in person attendance, absent an exemption, one who is eligible for the vaccine receive it. President Pritchett said that, although she is vaccinated, she is struggling with this decision. She feels the District is not taking other precautions, such as the independent study program which still needs substantial help. She noted the loss of average daily attendance, which could mean the loss of jobs. She noted that many parents she spoke with said they will remove their students to either home school them or place them in private schools. She said that all this must be taken into account. She asked the Board to reconsider the resolution language and to follow the Governor's recommendation on the vaccine mandate which is about a month's difference. This would allow additional time to work on the independent study program.

Member Garcia said she respectfully declines President Pritchett's request to reconsider the resolution and realign it with the Governor's proposal. She noted that the Governor's mandate is required and that the question before the Board is what timeline will be adopted. She noted that the vaccination mandate applies to all schools, public and private. She noted that the District is giving the option of being vaccinated or join the independent study program. She said we need to know what the demand is, and that will not be known until moving forward with the vaccination mandate. She feels delaying will be too long and noted pandemic uncertainties as we move into the flu season. She would like to provide the safest learning environment for children in person.

Member Phillips stated that, although she feels the District should be following the mandate, some students are marginalized, such as students of color, special education and LGBTQ students, and she does not want them to be left out. She asked if clinics can be held at smaller venues, as she does not have a comprehensive high school in her trustee area. She feels the District will lose some students, but also gain some back from home school and independent study. She said she will vote yes on this resolution.

Member Villa said she agrees with President Pritchett in that she struggles with this decision. She wants to advocate for all and said it is difficult to make this decision for others. She is concerned about the staffing issue and independent study. She said she understands that the Board has to do this, but asked how staff can be supported. She said she agrees with Member Phillips as well.

Member Rhodes said he appreciates all of the information given. He echoed Vice President Murawski's concerns about the added responsibilities for administration at the sites that this will incur. He said that support for this will need to be a priority. He said he believes that strong schools build strong neighborhoods and communities in terms of education, safety, and health. He cited the different numbers of COVID-19 cases in different areas and noted what those could look like if people were vaccinated. He said he looks forward to voting on this tonight and getting forward to actualizing the idea of strong schools building strong neighborhood hubs and communities.

Second Vice President Woo made a motion to change the resolution regarding "students age 5 through

11 subject to the Superintendent’s discretion” be changed to “5 through 15”, with ages 16 through 18 mandatory.

Vice President Murawski said she has investigated this, and she has found that no medical professionals have concerns with the safety or efficacy for the emergency use authorization. She cited recommendations for age 12 and up from the CDC and other health organizations. She continued that millions of children in that age range have been vaccinated already without issue and noted that we are in a public health emergency. She supports the resolution as is and strongly recommended the Board to do so as well.

The motion by Second Vice President Woo was not passed. It was defeated by a vote of 5-1, with President Pritchett abstaining.

Vice President Murawski validated Member Phillip’s point about taking marginalized communities into account, and asked that information and vaccinations be made easily available to all. She feels that ultimately this requirement will take a huge burden off of school administrators in the long run. She motioned to approve the resolution. Member Garcia seconded. The motion passed 6-0 with President Pritchett abstaining.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

President Pritchett asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting; a motion was made by Member Villa and seconded by Vice President Murawski. The motion was passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Jorge A. Aguilar, Superintendent and Board Secretary

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