



# SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 13.1h

**Meeting Date:** June 6, 2024

**Subject:** Approve Minutes for the April 18, 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 April 18, 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 April 18, 2024, Regular Board of Education Meeting

<p><b>Estimated Time of Presentation:</b> N/A <b>Submitted by:</b> Lisa Allen, Interim Superintendent <b>Approved by:</b> 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, April 18, 2024**

**5:00 p.m. Closed Session**

**6:30 p.m. Open Session**

**Serna Center**

Community Conference Rooms  
5735 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Sacramento, CA 95824

## MINUTES

2023/24-24

*Allotted Time*

**1.0 OPEN SESSION / CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

*The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.*

*Members Present:*

- Member Jeane*
- Member Kayatta*
- Member Rhodes*
- Member Singh*

*Members Absent:*

- Member Phillips*
- Member Pritchett*
- Member Villa*
- Student 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 (One Potential Case)**

b) Existing litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(1) of Government Code section 54956.9 (OAH Case No. 2023120695)

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 54957.6(a) and (b) Negotiations/Conference with Labor Negotiator, Non-Represented Employee: Superintendent (District Representative: Board President)

3.5 Government Code 54957—Public Employee Appointment (a) Deputy Superintendent

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

*The meeting was called back to order at 6:36 p.m.*

4.1 *The Pledge of Allegiance*

4.2 *Broadcast Statement*

4.3 *Stellar Student introduced by Board Member Christina Pritchett*

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

*There are two announcements that came out of closed session.*

*-The Board approved special education settlement agreement identified as OAH Case No. 2023120695 by a vote of 5-0 with Member Villa and Member Phillips absent*

*-The Board approved the following appointment by a vote of 5-0 with Member Villa and Member Phillips absent, the Board approved the appointment of Mary Hardin Young as Deputy Superintendent.*

#### **6.0 AGENDA ADOPTION**

*The Board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda.*

#### **7.0 PUBLIC COMMENT**

*15 minutes*

*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](mailto: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.*

*Phil Rios*

## 8.0 COMMUNICATIONS

### 8.1 Employee Organization Reports:

- *SCTA-David Fisher shared that they are excited to see 9.1 on the agenda this evening, which is the official confirmation of our new Superintendent, Lisa Allen. Educators are responding positively to the new constructive engagement from the District. Tonight, you will hear a report on progress from the Community Schools Advisory Committee, hear about the work on our MTSS Design Team that continues to progress, you will hear about their work which they have begun to develop more of a comprehensive professional development program in conjunction with Sac State, and a meeting next week to discuss Prop 28 funds and the District's overall VAPA program. They continue to work through challenges in Special Education. They met to discuss the Independent Monitor that oversees the implementation of the settlement agreement with the Black Parallel School Board lawsuit.*
- *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- No update*
- *Community Schools Advisory Committee- The Community Schools Advisory Committee is participating in the California Teacher Association's Call to Action for Community Schools. Across California, Districts are sharing their successes and challenges on this valuable work in the past year. They shared a land acknowledgment. Regular meetings are taking place to ensure that our 18 schools flourish to create lasting change within their local communities. Their Co-Chairs are Shannon Just and Jacqueline Garner, and Melanie Bean is their*

*Secretary. They are in the beginning phases of reaching out to community partners, and their goal is to have District Specialist position established, so that school sites can post and hire their Community School Specialists before the end of the school year. There will be a Community Schools forum open to the public on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at Luther Burbank High School from 5-6pm.*

- *American Indian Education Program Parent Committee- Amy Lopez shared that the committee has had several meetings regarding insurance for their cultural educators. They brainstormed solutions and they hope to have specific answers as early as tomorrow. They are working on the insurance for their guests at the upcoming graduation in May. They are working on firming up their educators for the summer program. Their classroom educator is having a difficult time finding a provider that will insure her at the level that the District is requiring. All of her presentations will be put on hold while she continues to search. These presentations not only benefit our native students, but all students and teachers gain from what she teachers. They thanked everyone that came out for the unveiling of the mural project at Miwok Middle School last month.*

## **9.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

### **9.1 Approve Superintendent Agreement for Lisa Allen (Board President Lavinia Phillips)**

*Member Singh shared that the proposed contract and material terms. This is an action item.*

*Public Comment:  
No public comment*

*Board Comment:  
Member Singh shared that on behalf of the Board, they are thrilled to announce that Lisa Allen has accepted the position of Superintendent of our District. An educational leader with 3 decades of experience in SCUSD, and has served in many positions across the District. She is imminently qualified for this role. A trailblazer, Lisa Allen, is the second woman and first Black woman to serve as Superintendent. It is her heart for the students, her keen mind, and calm presence that has shaped her leadership. She is collaborative, she approaches all situations with an open mind, and she is effectively managing negotiations with our labor partners. She is hiring dynamic and representative staff members in key roles throughout our District. She is the epitome of a servant leader and she is*

*the right person to continue serving as Superintendent of our wonderfully diverse District.*

*Member Pritchett made a motion with a second from Member Jeane. Student Board Member yes preferential vote. The Board voted 5-0 with Member Phillips and Member Villa absent.*

9.2 *Recognition of Heroes of the Arts Awards (CJ DeAngelus)*

*CJ DeAngelus presented the recognition of Jennifer Nakama and Molly Morrison. This is an information item.*

*Public Comment:  
No public comment*

*Board Comment:  
No Board comment*

9.3 *Approve Resolution No. 3398: Recognition of April as National Sexual Assault Awareness Month (Board Member Christina Pritchett)*

*Member Pritchett shared key factors from the resolution and some of the things that SCUSD is doing for preventing sexual assault within our schools. This is an action item.*

*Public Comment:  
No public comment*

*Board Comment:  
No Board comment*

*Member Pritchett made a motion with a second from Member Rhodes. Student Board Member yes preferential vote. The Board voted 5-0 with Member Phillips and Member Villa absent.*

9.4 *Summer Matters 2024 Academics and Enrichment (Shannon Pella, Neng Her, Manpreet Kaur, & Dr. Leslie Hernandez)*

*Staff presented the Summer Matters program. SCUSD TK-12 summer learning programs are designed to minimize summer learning loss, provide opportunities for academic intervention, enrichment, and continue on the path to graduation. This is an information item.*

*Public Comment:  
No public comment*

*Board Comment:*

*Member Pritchett recommends staff to think about doing an opt out with an explanation that we are enrolling all students, and then an explanation that states to parents with kids that are not on track, and recommending that your child does this program. Member Pritchett further explained that staff can share that the District enrolls all students, and if parents do not want their child to participate, they can opt out.*

*Member Kayatta asked if we have any sort of prioritization of kids who may have teachers that recommend that they would be a good candidate, or are they just thrown in the pool? Member Kayatta told staff to keep up the great work and he loves the way that this program is rolled out.*

9.5 *Special Education Updates (Krystal Thomas & Geovanni Linares)*

*Krystal Thomas presented on the Special Education Department's driving governance, demographic and student outcome data, building trust, and planning for improvement. This is an information item.*

*Public Comment:*

*No public comment*

*Board Comment:*

*Member Kayatta thanked Krystal Thomas and shared that they are so glad to have her there. Member Kayatta can tell the passion that Ms. Thomas has for the students. Member Kayatta shared that with Ms. Thomas in the department, we can get to a place where it will cost us less, and where we are not settling lawsuits all the time, but more importantly, when a family gets to a point where they think about suing us, because the process isn't working, that's time that these kids are not getting served, and he knows that Ms. Thomas knows and feels that. Another thing Member Kayatta loved in the presentation was that we need to be bottom up and not top down. It starts with the families and the teachers that work with the kids every day, it's the IEP team. To the extent that we can keep growing that and fostering an environment where the IEP team really is the one that is deciding what is best for the student, independent of cost, we want to educate these kids and graduate them. We want them to have a service that allows them to have the education that they deserve. To the extent that we can support our IEP teams, maybe within Ms. Thomas' office, there can be someone that the team can talk to and say, "Hey, this is a difficult case, and I'm not really sure what is going on with this kid." The way for proactively fixing things before families get completely*

*frustrated and time goes by. That is Member Kayatta's suggestion for today. Member Kayatta knows that there is so much that needs to be done, but he just wants the message to be what great work Ms. Thomas is doing. Member Singh thanked Ms. Thomas for sharing her personal experiences and that he appreciates the work that she's doing.*

*Member Jeane wanted to know if the percentages on slides 10 and 11, are indicative of equivalent to our population or do we have spaces where there's discrepancies between our population overall and our identification in special education. Member Jeane wanted to know as staff put together the special education strategic plan, what are some of the ideas to approach this?*

*Member Pritchett wanted to know if the Special Education Department is working collaboratively with the staff working on the Summer Matters program.*

9.6 *Earth Day Recognition and Sustainability Update  
(Chamberlain Segrest)*

*Chamberlain Segrest presented on the recognition of Earth Day, and provided a sustainability update on buildings, transportation, waste reduction, and restorative and resilient schoolyards. This is an information item.*

*Public Comment:*

*No public comment*

*Board Comment:*

*Member Pritchett shared that there are several sites that do not have shade structures, and wanted to know if there have been talks about that with the department.*

*Member Kayatta wanted to know that if a school was interested in getting a head start on this, could they do a tree planting event without having to wait for grants and everything to come through, if they were able to find someone to donate trees. Member Kayatta wanted to know if staff can share when they will have the solar parking lot at Kennedy, and what we can do to get more of our parking lots solar to provide solar energy to our schools.*

9.7 *Pacific Elementary Design and Construction Update  
(Chris Ralston)*

*Chris Ralston provided the Pacific Elementary Design and Construction update. Mr. Ralston introduced the Associate Principal at Lionakis, Jennifer Quigley, who is the Lead Project Architect working on the Pacific Elementary project. This is an information item.*

*Public Comment:*  
*No public comment*

*Board Comment:*  
*Member Kayatta is really excited to see this get built, and shared that it will be a really amazing amenity for the neighborhood and kids there. Member Kayatta shared that he didn't see a sidewalk connection on the site plan, and just wants to make sure that it isn't an afterthought. Member Segura shared that staff did a really amazing job at compounding a bunch of educationally stimulating ideas both indoors and outdoors. Member Rhodes shared that staff are doing really great work and showing the capability to do great things, and directly give back to our communities. Member Jeane wanted to know what process do staff go through to encourage educator input about classrooms, place spaces, rainy days, and things that pop up at elementary school campuses. Member Singh loves seeing basketball courts being built at our elementary schools. Member Singh was at Hiram Johnson today, and he saw our bond measure money at work. Member Singh thinks it's beautiful to see that we're not just building basic structures, but something beautiful and something that the community can be proud of.*

9.8 *Potential Project List for Future Bond Ballot Language*  
*(Chris Ralston)*

*Chris Ralston shared a reminder of the Facilities Master Plan that was approved in 2021, past and current voter approved bond measures, a review of the Facility Department's resume of completed projects, and a proposed project list and types of future bond measure. This is an information item.*

*Public Comment:*  
*No public comment*

*Board Comment:*  
*Member Pritchett thanked Mr. Ralston for bringing up the shade structures, because that is one of the number one things she hears about in her community. Member Pritchett wanted to know if there is a way that the department chooses which projects they are going to do from the list. Member Pritchett wanted to know if staff consider updating the Facilities Master Plan. Member Kayatta wanted to know that if there are plans to rebuild Miwok, and there was just the mural unveiling at the site, are there plans for that and what would happen to the mural?*

*Member Singh thinks it's important that we continue to invest in the entire District, so he doesn't want to see it as an area investment, but an investment in areas 1 through 7.*

## **10.0 PUBLIC HEARING**

- 10.1 *Public Hearing for Resolution No. 3397 Resolution to Convey Utility Easement Entitlements to the Sacramento Municipal Utilities District for the PS7 School Project (Ben Wangberg)*

*Ben Wangberg presented the public hearing on the utility easement for the Sacramento Municipal Utilities District SMUD located at 5201 Strawberry Lane. This easement is in order to provide SMUD the ability to install and maintain electrical power to the modernized PS7 Elementary once complete. This is a public hearing and the resolution will be voted upon on tonight's consent agenda.*

*Public Comment:  
No public comment*

*Board Comment:  
No Board comment*

## **11.0 COMMUNICATIONS**

- 11.1 *Student Member Report (Liliana Miller Segura)- Student Board Member Segura shared her comments regarding the public comment around the bathrooms at JFK. Member Segura shared that the locking of the bathrooms has been a huge concern and issue for students and parents. Member Segura encourages the Board to look their school sites and the bathrooms, so they can see the issue taking place at the sites.*
- 11.2 *President's Report (Lavinia Phillips)- No report*
- 11.3 *Information Sharing by Board Members- Member Singh wanted to recognize that next week the Jewish community will be marking the start of Passover. Member Singh wanted to share his congratulations and thanks to the entire Jewish community, especially, our students, staff, and community members. Member Singh recognized the recent passing of Southeast Asian New Year, and the communities that celebrate. The date falls on the same day as the Sikh community's holiday, Vaisakhi. Member Singh shared his continued solidarity for all communities worldwide who are working towards self-determination.*

## **12.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

**Action**  
2 minutes

*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 (Janea Marking)*

*12.1b Approve Personnel Transactions (Cancy McArn)*

*12.1c Approve Warrants, Checks and Electronic Transfers issued for the Period of February 1-29, 2024 (Janea Marking)*

*12.1d Approve Donations to the District for the Period of February 1-29, 2024 (Janea Marking)*

*12.1e Approve Purchase Order Board Report for the Period of February 15, 2024 through March 14, 2024 (Janea Marking)*

*12.1f Approve Head Start/Early Head Start 5 Year Grant for Year 1: 2024-2025 (Dr. E'Leva Gibson)*

*12.1g Approve Visual and Performing Arts Proposition 28 Budget Expenditure (CJ DeAngelus)*

*12.1h Approve Resolution No. 3397 Resolution to Convey Utility Easement Entitlements to the Sacramento Municipal Utilities District for the PS7 Elementary (Ben Wangberg)*

*12.1i Approval of Unauthorized Vendor Payments (Janea Marking)*

*12.1j Approve Resolution No. 3399: Resolution Regarding Board Stipends (Lisa Allen)*

*Public Comment:  
No public comment*

*Board Comment:  
No Board comment*

*Member Pritchett made a motion with a second from Member Rhodes. Student Board Member yes preferential vote. The Board voted 5-0 with Member Phillips and Member Villa absent.*

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

*13.1 Business and Financial Information: Enrollment and Attendance Report, Month 6, Ending Friday, February 23, 2024 (Janea Marking)*

#### **14.0 FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES / LOCATIONS**

- ✓ May 2, 2024, 5:00 p.m. Closed Session, 6:30 p.m. Open Session, Serna Center, 5735 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Community Room, Regular Workshop Meeting
- ✓ May 16, 2024, 5:00 p.m. Closed Session, 6:30 p.m. Open Session, Serna Center, 5735 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Community Room, Regular Workshop Meeting

#### **15.0 ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.*

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*Lisa Allen, Superintendent and Board Secretary*

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