



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 8.1k

Meeting Date: June 26, 2025

Subject: Approve Minutes for the April 3, 2025 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 3, 2025, 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 3, 2025, Regular Board of Education Meeting

<p>Estimated Time of Presentation: N/A</p> <p>Submitted by: Lisa Allen, Superintendent</p> <p>Approved by: Lisa Allen, Superintendent</p>
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BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AND WORKSHOP

Board of Education Members

Jasjit Singh, President (Trustee Area 2)
Tara Jeane, Vice President (Trustee Area 1)
Chinua Rhodes, Second Vice President (Trustee Area 5)
Jose Navarro (Trustee Area 3)
April Ybarra (Trustee Area 4)
Taylor Kayatta (Trustee Area 6)
Michael Benjamin (Trustee Area 7)
Justine Chueh-Griffith, Student Member

Thursday, April 3, 2025

5:00 p.m. Closed Session

6:00 p.m. Open Session

Serna Center

Community Conference Rooms
5735 47th Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95824

MINUTES

2024/25-16

1.0 OPEN SESSION / CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m.

Members Present:

Member Kayatta

Member Jeane

Member Ybarra

Member Navarro

Member Benjamin

Member Singh

Member Absent:

Member Rhodes

Student Board Member Chueh-Griffith

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

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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 (Cancy McArn)*
- 3.3 *Government Code 54957 – Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint*
- 3.4 *Government Code 54957- Public Employee Appointment (a) Approve- Principal, Fern Bacon*
- 3.5 *Education Code 35146- The Board will hear staff recommendation on the following student expulsions from 24-25: Expulsion #21 ,22, and 23 2024/2025 (David Van Natten)*

4.0 CALL BACK TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called back to order at 6:19 p.m.

- 4.1 *The Pledge of Allegiance*
- 4.2 *Broadcast Statement*
- 4.3 *Stellar Student introduced by Board Member Michael Benjamin*

5.0 ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

There were 2 announcements that came out of closed session.

- *The Board accepted an MOU with SCTA to rescind 6.0 FTE school counselor layoffs. Counselors will be notified tomorrow.*
- *By a vote of 7-0, the Board approved the appointment of Daniel Crenshaw as Principal of Fern Bacon.*

6.0 AGENDA ADOPTION

The Board adopted the agenda unanimously.

7.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

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; (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.

*Trena Tusé
Suki Kuang
Neue Leung
Samara Brown
Luka Davis
Daniel Khan
Louis Jacobson
Ellie Brown
Ethan Cohagan
Adrianna Lucero
Jamie Kerr
Jackie Rose
Anglin Baker
Pam Reeder-Esparza
Dexter Niskala
Jerisi J.T. Roberts
Belinda Herrera
Catherine Adams
Tiffany Storneth
Michael Gold
Marisa Collins
Sebastian Chavez
Inga Skogberg
Erica Lee
June Heidorn
Katie Heidorn
Jillian Rich
Mariah Maguire-Fong
Berta Serrato
Kenya Smith
Julie Hashimoto*

8.0 CONSENT AGENDA

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.

8.1 Items Subject or Not Subject to Closed Session:

8.1a Approve Grants, Entitlements and Other Income Agreements (Janea Marking)

*8.1b Approve/Ratification of Other Agreements, Bid Awards, Declared Surplus
Materials and Equipment, Change Notices, and Notices of Completion (Janea
Marking)*

8.1c Approve Contracts Report >\$15,000 (Janea Marking)

8.1d Approval of Unauthorized Vendor Payments (Janea Marking)

8.1e Approve Labor Agreements (Cancy McArn)

- 8.1f Approve Personnel Transactions (Cancy McArn)*
- 8.1g Approve Minutes for the March 6, 2025, Regular Board of Education Meeting (Superintendent Lisa Allen)*
- 8.1h Approve Minutes for the March 12, 2025, Special Board of Education Meeting (Superintendent Lisa Allen)*
- 8.1i Approve C.K. McClatchy New York City Field Trip April 13-18, 2025 (Mary Hardin Young & Jerad Hyden)*
- 8.1j Approve Update for the Title I Nonprofit, Private School (NPS) Consortium Memorandum of Understanding for Students Attending NPS 2025-2028 (Mary Hardin Young & Kelley Odipo)*
- 8.1k Approve SETA Head Start Grant Application (Basic and TTA) Fiscal Year 2025-26 (Yvonne Wright & Mikako Fisher Hill)*
- 8.1l Approve Staff Recommendation for Expulsions 21,22, and 23 of the 2024-25 school year (David Van Natten)*
- 8.1m Approve Increase of Board Compensation/Stipend Pursuant to Education Code 35120 (Board President Jasjit Singh)*

Agenda item 8.1k has been pulled from the consent agenda and will not be voted on by the Board at this meeting. This is an action item.

*Public Comment:
No public comment*

*Board comment:
No Board comments*

Member Rhodes made a motion with a second from Member Jeane. The Board voted 7-0 with the student member absent.

9.0 COMMUNICATIONS

9.1 Employee Organization Reports:

- *SCTA- Nikki Milevsky shared that through their negotiations for a new collective bargaining agreement, which has included how to implement a multitude system of supports and steps outlined in the Black Parallel School Board settlement action plan, they are beginning to engage in the discussion. Today, they reached an agreement where the eight counselors will have their layoff notices rescinded. As they enter the next phase of collective bargaining negotiations, they know that there is a lot of hard work that has to occur to bring this bargaining round to a successful conclusion, and they are prepared to do that. Ms. Milevsky shared that they have been appalled by the attacks of public education coming out of the*

Trump Administration. SCTA and CTA are fighting back, and invited the Board and community to join them at Cesar Chavez Plaza on Saturday, May 17th at 11am to be a part of CTA's statewide fight back initiative against the proposed Trump cuts to public education.

- *SEIU- No update*
- *TCS- No update*
- *Teamsters – No update*
- *UPE- No update*

9.2 *District Advisory Committees:*

- *Student Advisory Council- No update*
- *Community Advisory Committee- Jennifer Womack shared that since their last update, they have made meaningful strides in amplifying the voices of families of special needs students in SCUSD. In March, they welcomed Dr. Eldridge from the LCAP, who presented insightful data on the District's most vulnerable students, and where support is needed. ESY and Summer Matters delivered joint presentation on their plans for this summer. CAC is in the midst of planning their end of year celebration event. CAC would like the Board to assist with improving their access to timely information on programs, services, and vendors when they start, stop, or change. Equally vital, is ensuring that CAC's input into programs for special needs students is recognized as mandated by legislation.*
- *District English Learner Advisory Committee- No update*
- *Local Control Accountability Plan/Parent Advisory Committee- No update*
- *Black/African American Advisory Board- Terrence Gladney shared that last month, they had the opportunity to have Superintendent Allen, President Singh, and Member Benjamin in their space to have a conversation about where we are. Mr. Gladney shared that it was enlightening and that we know there is more work to be done. Mr. Gladney is hopeful with the collaboration, shared urgency, and work that we can get to where we need to be. They are currently working with community members and the greater board to monitor and support the space in which African American studies is being implemented. The first course will be an AP African American studies course.*
- *Community Schools Advisory Committee- Saralyn Bienvenue shared that specialists have been building relationships with stakeholders, school staff, students, families, and community partners. Over the last three months, specialists having been leading stakeholder listening sessions. At some of our sites, there is over an 85% return rate. Saralyn Bienvenue highlighted the work of Brian Peck and his partnership with the Rivercats that have brought incredible energy to our campuses. Saralyn Bienvenue asked the Board for help on filling the three vacant seats on the CSAC committee.*
- *American Indian Education Program Parent Committee-No update*

Public Comment:
Erinn Leone

- 9.3 *Student Member Report (Justine Chueh-Griffith)-*
No update
- 9.4 *Superintendent's Report (Lisa Allen)-*
Superintendent Allen congratulated Principal Davis, students, and staff at Leonardo Da Vinci for being named a 2025 California Distinguished School by the California Department of Education. Dr. Priscilla Isaias has been recognized as a woman of distinction by the mayor of Sacramento for their work in the community to build effective school family partnerships. Superintendent Allen recognized Miss Wendy's class at Rosemont High School for their theater production. Finally, Superintendent Allen invited the community to the next community fair at Golden Empire Elementary on Saturday, April 26th at 10am.
- 9.5 *President's Report (Jasjit Singh)-* *President Singh shared that members of the Board supports all community that rely on Medicare, Medicaid, our LGBTQIA+ students, and staff. President Singh shared that the work he does is rooted in community. President Singh highlighted the Know Your Rights sessions. President Singh shared that the Board is committed to the committees that they have formed, which includes strengthening the committees that they already have. President Singh highlighted that it is Sikh Awareness Month.*
- 9.6 *Information Sharing by Board Members-* *Member Ybarra shared that she attended the Know Your Rights session at Ethel Phillips, and that there is one more coming up at McClatchy High School on Tuesday at 5:30pm. Member Ybarra encouraged staff, family members, and kids to attend. Member Ybarra was impressed by how the presenters engaged with our kids and how it spoke volumes to her. Member Ybarra visited the Student of Month at Elder Creek. Member Ybarra shared Mark Twain's fundraiser event to build a new STEM lab. Member Ybarra encouraged parents to reach out to school sites and learn about the committees there, so their voices can be amplified.*
Member Benjamin shared how amazing the Know Your Rights session was, and encouraged the community to attend the next one at McClatchy High School. Member Benjamin highlighted Little League Opening days.
Member Navarro shared George Washington Carver's chili cook-off tomorrow from 5:30-8:00pm. Member Navarro attended the Defense of Learning panels at New Tech High School and shared how he was impressed. Member Navarro highlighted the SES World Championships for the robotics team, and asked the community to consider donating.
Member Rhodes shared the community fair at Woodbine on April 25th, and gave a shout out to Brian Peck. Member Rhodes shared that there are 3,200 Rivercats tickets available for students, and he has been tasked with helping to fill those seats. Member Rhodes shared details about the new urban forest at Parkway. President Singh wanted to recognize the folks that have been raising concerns around TK. President Singh wants people to know that the Board hears them and

the District is working very hard, and moving the timeline as best as they can. TK comes with strict guidelines, rules, and regulations, so it is not as simple as just opening a space. We need to make sure that the space is safe and accessible for the littlest people in our rooms. It takes time to find those locations, but the Board hears the concerns. The Board wants to ensure that students get access to TK and become part of our Sac City Unified family moving forward.

10.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATION

10.1 Update to RydeFreeRT Program (Chris Ralston)

Chris Ralston and Chris Flores shared an overview of the RydeFreeRT Program, a review of Nehemiah Emerging Leaders Program (NELP) efforts, possible pathways for 2025-26, costs analysis for Sacramento City Unified, and data gathering and marketing in Sac City Unified. This is an information item.

Public Comment:

*Mo Kashmiri
Valerie Williams
Lucero Soto
Maria Torres
Maria Beltran
Nora Barraza
Alma Garcia
Elvia Vasquez*

Board comment:

Member Ybarra felt like the city should have been here for the conversation, because many of the questions from the Board and public are geared towards them. Member Ybarra wants to ensure that the data collection process is intentionally being collaborative. Member Ybarra shared that when we applied pressure at the District to save the program, and the Board at the time, agreed to move forward with funding. Part of the agreement was that SacRT would create a committee that was supposed to be done by January 2025. Member Ybarra wanted to know the status of the committee, and how can they utilize that, so they are able to see what some of the needs are? Member Ybarra shared that there needs to be improvement and expansion not only of our 200 series routes, but the safety. Member Ybarra wanted to know if RT currently provides training to drivers to ensure they are implementing this program appropriately and equitably to our students.

Member Benjamin would like to know if there is a parent program, and if parents can ride with the student. Member Benjamin asked for someone to define student ridership as it pertains to elementary, middle, and high school.

Member Navarro wanted to know what process is available to a student that encounters an issue. Regarding the possibility of getting

Measure L funding, Member Navarro wants to know if there have been talks about that at all.

Member Kayatta encouraged NELP to reach out to the Board in advance of any sort of committee that gets created. Member Kayatta shared that RT staff have been put in a really difficult situation.

Member Kayatta is excited to see the future they have for improving transportation in our city. Member Kayatta shared that the City of Sacramento created harm by kicking this to Sac City Unified, and a couple of other districts, but mostly to us. Member Kayatta shared that it put us in a situation where we were put on our back feet. Member Kayatta shared that until we find a new sustainable future, this is a city program. Member Kayatta shared that the city needs to come back to the table and backfill the \$1 million dollars, and join us in the conversation to fix this moving forward.

Member Navarro wanted to clarify how much the free RT program costs.

President Singh would like to preserve the ride-free program as best as possible.

10.2 College Readiness Update (Christina Espinosa)

Christina Espinosa shared the staff within the College and Career Readiness Department, how the department is working on LCAP goal 1 of increasing graduation rates, graduation and A-G historical data, CTE participation and completion, school counseling, college readiness data, the MyAP-Four Year Plan, master scheduling process, and SCUSD pathways. Daniel Spinka shared CTE community collaboration, CTE and Linked Learning, and work-based learning. Ashley Clark shared that students experiencing homelessness graduate at a 96% rate when they participate in CTE pathways compared to a 68% rate statewide, and highlighted the impacts of this. Daniel Spinka shared the multi-department collaboration taking place, and CCR future innovations. This is an information item.

Public Comment:

Terrence Gladney

Board comment:

Member Navarro wanted to know more about which programs students are choosing.

Member Ybarra shared that slide 7 on the presentation was alarming to look at, and wanted to know what we are doing to address the A-G numbers. Member Navarro asked if the same students will be tracked throughout the years.

Member Kayatta wanted to know if high school students could track themselves, if they do not pick certain courses.

Member Navarro shared that some of the CTE courses do meet the A-G requirements, but wanted to clarify if it was a big percentage or not.

Member Ybarra wanted to know what the academic counselor to student ratio is.

President Singh shared that we have our transportation center down the street and Central Kitchen, which would be two opportunities for CTE, especially for Hiram Johnson. President Singh would like staff to look into that. President Singh thanked staff for addressing Mr. Gladney's question.

10.3 Maintenance and Operations Department Update (Jeff Winn)

Jeff Winn shared the work order system, Athletic Department support, 5-year deferred maintenance plan, special projects request program, maintenance department projects, preventive maintenance program, and The MET internship at Facilities. This is an information item.

Public Comment:

No public comment

Board Comment:

Member Ybarra thanked staff for presenting.

President Singh asked if we can proactively inform families and site leadership of what is happening.

11.0 PUBLIC HEARING

11.1 Hearing to Receive Public Comment and Approval of the District's Initial Proposals Regarding Service Employees International Union, Local 1021 (SEIU) Collective Bargaining Agreement Negotiations for 2025-2026 (Cancy McArn)

Cancy McArn and Dan Schallock shared that they are preparing to begin negotiations with SEIU. The District is sunshining Article 1 through Article 25. This is an action item.

Public Comment:

No public comment

Board Comment:

No Board comments

Member Navarro made a motion with a second from Member Jeane. The Board voted 7-0 with the student board member absent.

11.2 Determination Hearing for Charter Renewal for Sacramento New Technology Early College High School (Amanda Goldman, Ed.D.)

Amanda Goldman shared the renewal report for SNTECHS, next steps, suggestions, and options for the Board. Principal Martin shared the plan for academic growth in mathematics, college and career readiness outcomes, college and career indicator (CCI) data reporting efforts, and highlights. This is an action item.

Public Comment:

Adam Israel Valadez

Fernando Rodriquez Hernandez

Dylan Gilbert

Paula Hanzel

Chris Williams

Sandra Orozco

Joe Flores

Nancy Padilla

Vanessa Taylor

Board Comment:

Member Kayatta shared that this school truly is a jewel, amazing things are happening at this school, and he is proud to have this school in our district. When the time is appropriate, Member Kayatta would like to make a motion to move forward with option A.

Member Navarro participated in the defensive learning panel, and it was a great experience. Member Navarro was impressed with the student presentations. Member Navarro would like to second the motion when ready.

Member Kayatta made a motion to move forward with option A with a second from Member Navarro. The Board voted 7-0 with the student member absent.

12.0 BOARD WORKSHOP/STRATEGIC INITIATIVE

12.1 Request for Approval of Financial Contribution – George Washington Carver School of Arts and Sciences (Amanda Goldman, Ed.D.)

Amanda Goldman, Janea Marking, Jerad Hyden, and Principal Kobelt shared an explanation of contributions, recent fiscal history, decision impacts, and made a formal request for approval of the contribution. This is an action item.

Public Comment:

Terry Garcia

Dariya Trukhan

Reid Wages

Ruby “Roze” Lewis

Board Comment:

Member Jeane wanted to celebrate that staff are encouraging, welcoming, and contributing to Special Education student success at a small school. Member Jeane does not often see this happening in our charter schools, and she really appreciates that they are. Member Jeane really appreciates the commitment to continue conversations on how we ensure they are sustainable. Member Jeane wanted to look at how we better advertise the incredible small schools that we have. Member Jeane looks forward to partnering with staff on all of our schools.

Member Navarro is proud of this school in his trustee area. Member Navarro shared that when the time is right he would like to make a motion to approve this.

President Singh reiterated and uplifted what Member Jeane shared.

Member Navarro made a motion with a second from Member Jeane. The Board voted 7-0 with the student member absent.

*12.2 Request for Approval of Financial Contribution – The Met
Amanda Goldman, Ed.D.)*

Amanda Goldman, Janea Marking, Jerad Hyden, and Principal Guevara shared the explanation of contributions, the recent fiscal history, decision impacts, and a formal request for approval of the contribution. This is an action item.

Public Comment:

Susan Fitzpatrick

Sophia Ng

Carla DiBasilio

Bay Higginbotham

Wyatt Retherford

Board Comment:

Member Jeane thanked staff for supporting the SPED kiddos. Member Jeane understands why we have to do SELPA. Member Jeane wanted to clarify the admin fee.

Member Navarro highlighted the great work that Principal Guevara is doing in the community.

President Singh would love updates on what we are doing with these contributions for The MET and George Washington Carver.

Member Jeane made a motion with second from Member Navarro. The Board 7-0 with the student member absent.

13.0 FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES / LOCATIONS

- ✓ April 10, 2025, 5:00 p.m. Closed Session, 6:00 p.m. Open Session, Serna Center, 5735 47th Avenue, Community Room, Regular Workshop Meeting

- ✓ May 1, 2025, 5:00 p.m. Closed Session, 6:00 p.m. Open Session, Serna Center,
5735 47th Avenue, Community Room, Regular Workshop Meeting

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:47 p.m.

Lisa Allen, Superintendent and Board Secretary

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