



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 8.1I

Meeting Date: June 26, 2025

Subject: Approve Minutes for the April 10, 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 10, 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 10, 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 10, 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

2024/25-17

1.0 OPEN SESSION / CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m.

Member Present:

Member Benjamin
Member Kayatta
Member Jeane
Member Ybarra

Members Absent:

President Singh
Member Rhodes
Member Navarro
Student Member Justine Chueh-Griffith

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 (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*

4.0 CALL BACK TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called back to order at 6:13 p.m.

- 4.1 *The Pledge of Allegiance*
- 4.2 *Broadcast Statement*
- 4.3 *Stellar Student introduced by 1st Vice President Tara Jeane*

5.0 ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

The Board approved three settlement agreements related to Special Education services with each one separately by a vote of 5 to 0 with President Singh and Member Rhodes absent.

6.0 AGENDA ADOPTION

The Board adopted the agenda unanimously with President Singh and Member Rhodes absent.

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.

*Nayeli Rodriguez
Kendra Connelly
Kao M. Saeteurn
Isabel Billinge
Ebony Nickerson-Ivory
Noue Leung
Yu-Tai
Yu-Wihng Leung*

Po-wen Leung
Tiffany Storneth
Michael Gold

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

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

8.1c Approval of Unauthorized Vendor Payments (Janea Marking)

8.1d Approve Purchase Order Board Report for the Period of February 15, 2025, through March 14, 2025 (Janea Marking)

8.1e Approve Business and Financial Report: Warrants, Checks and Electronic Transfers Issued for the period of February 1-28, 2025 (Janea Marking)

8.1f Approve Donations to the District for the Period of February 1-28, 2025 (Janea Marking)

8.1g Approve Revision to Board Policy 5030 School Wellness (Janea Marking)

8.1h Approve Personnel Transactions (Cancy McArn)

8.1i Approve Adoption of Instructional Materials for AP African American Studies (Yvonne Wright)

8.1j Approve Adoption of Instructional Materials for International Baccalaureate (IB) courses at Umoja International Academy and Luther Burbank High School (Yvonne Wright)

8.1k Approve Local Interagency Agreement between the County of Sacramento and Sacramento City Unified School District Special Education Local Plan Area for Interim Housing at New Joseph Bonnheim Community Charter School (Nathaniel Browning)

8.1l Approve Memorandum of Agreement Between SCUSD and USDA Forest Service to Evaluate District Urban Forestry Needs and Efforts (Nathaniel Browning)

8.1m Approve Notice of Exemption for Fern Bacon Modernization Project (Nathaniel Browning)

*8. In Approve Notice of Exemption for Pacific Elementary Modernization Project
(Nathaniel Browning)*

8.1o Approve Job Descriptions (Cancy McArn & Dan Schallock)

8.1p Approve Salary Schedules (Cancy McArn & Dan Schallock)

*8.1q Approve School of Engineering and Sciences field trip to Kingwood, TX from
April 14-20, 2025 to receive FIRST Robotics Competition Award
(Mary Hardin Young & Jerad Hyden)*

*8.1r Approve Resolution No. 3488: Resolution Regarding Board Stipends
(Superintendent Lisa Allen)*

*8.1s Approve Resolution No. 3489: Resolution Regarding Board Stipends
(Superintendent Lisa Allen)*

This is an action item.

*Public Comment:
No public comment*

*Board Comment:
No Board Comment*

*Member Ybarra made a motion with a second from Member Navarro. The Board
voted 5- 0 with President Singh and Member Rhodes absent, and student preferential
“yes” vote.*

9.0 COMMUNICATIONS

9.1 Employee Organization Reports:

- *SCTA- Nikki Milevsky shared a presentation on the fight for our schools and what is at stake for our students here at Sac City Unified regarding the cuts that the federal government is talking about.*
- *SEIU- No update*
- *TCS- No update*
- *Teamsters- No update*
- *UPE- No update*

9.2 *Student Member Report (Justine Chueh-Griffith)- Member Chueh-Griffith shared that the Student Advisory Council and Student Board Member applications are open for the 2025-26 academic year. Member Chueh-Griffith highlighted the Urban Debate League and congratulated them for their places in the finals. Member Chueh-Griffith encouraged more schools to develop debate programs. Member Chueh-Griffith acknowledged the impact that AP testing has on student’s mental health. Member Chueh-Griffith shared that LAUSD Homeland Security Investigators went to two elementary schools on Monday for “Wellness Checks”,*

and wanted to show that the threat is real and schools are targeted. Member Chueh-Griffith shared that having these policies and plans in place to prevent that from happening actually works. Member Chueh-Griffith is thankful for all that we have done as a district.

9.3 President's Report (Jasjit Singh)- No update

9.4 Information Sharing by Board Members- Member Kayatta took a moment to recognize all the public comments that the Board has received around enrollment issues. Member Kayatta shared that his emails are spiking more than they have in the past. It is difficult for the Board to immediately provide answers to people, but they are working on it on a case-by-case basis.

10.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATION

*10.1 Recognition of National Arab American Month
(1st Vice President Tara Jeane)*

Vice President Jeane presented and highlighted National Arab American Month. Vice President Jeane highlighted the work of local Arab American community leaders that work with students within SCUSD. This is an information item.

Public Comment:

No public comment

Board Comment:

Member Kayatta took a moment to recognize his own Arab American heritage.

Vice President Jeane shared sentiments on behalf of President Singh. Member Jeane is honored and excited that we get to be a part of this, and get to partner with the incredible work being done in our community.

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

Chamberlain Segrest shared a sustainability update on energy and buildings, transportation, waste reduction, restorative schoolyards, and curriculum. This is an information item.

Public Comment:

No public comment

Board Comment:

Member Chueh-Griffith shared that climate change is something that young people and a lot of her peers are particularly worried about, and it is great to see our district is doing stuff. Member Chueh-Griffith thinks it would be great to share more of this information out with students.

Member Navarro shared that the 40% reduction is awesome and sounds great. Member Navarro wanted to know what we use in kitchens that have not already gone electric. Regarding the forest plan, Member Navarro wanted to know how many trees were planted.

Member Kayatta is excited that Kennedy will soon be getting a solar parking lot. Member Kayatta is looking forward to more urban forests. Member Kayatta thanked staff for all their great work.

Member Benjamin hopes to have more bus routes available, so there's not as much driving to school. Member Benjamin is happy to know that we're aligning with the 2030 goals. Member Benjamin loves the tree plantings. Member Benjamin thanked staff for all their great work. Vice President Jeane was able to attend Parkway to see the trees, and the excitement with students running around. Member Jeane thanked staff for all of their hard work and passion, and what it means for our students' education and health.

10.3 Adult Education Week Presentation (Marla Clayton Johnson)

Marla Clayton Johnson shared an overview of the Adult Education programs within SCUSD. This is an information item.

Public Comment:

No public comment

Board Comment:

Member Benjamin believes Adult Education is absolutely needed, and thinks it is such an important part to the educational system and process.

Member Ybarra shared that this is an opportunity to dream big, and look at how we can integrate the whole family when we have newcomers come and register in our district.

Member Navarro shared that the success is incredible. Member Navarro is excited about the trade programs offered. Member Navarro wanted to know what the fees look like for trade programs, such as the construction program.

Member Ybarra wanted to know if staff follow up with students who are not successful in the accelerated academy to see if there's one last try to get them back on track.

Vice President Jeane highlighted how vital adult education is. She also shared that based on the Board's questions and comments, she can see that we're invested and will want to continue partnering with staff and supporting the amazing work they're doing.

10.4 Special Education Update (Yvonne Wright, Becky Bryant, & Iris Taylor)

Yvonne Wright, Becky Bryant, and Iris Taylor shared IDEA, FAPE, and LRE comparison, who we serve, Special Education revenues, how funding is used, cost increase factors, and three drivers of change. This is an information item.

Public Comment:

No public comment

Board Comment:

Member Benjamin wanted to know what percentage of state and federal grants are from federal sources.

Member Kayatta wanted to celebrate what he had heard and seen over the past six to eight months. He is excited about the vision statement and shared that they are doing a better job of tracking students. Member Kayatta knows it is still early, but he is truly trying to identify the root, upstream issues before they blow up, leaving families completely dissatisfied and kids falling

behind. He is encouraged to see how much cooperation there has been with the Black Parallel School Board on the settlement agreement. Member Kayatta is really encouraged by the drive to work with families before they resort to contacting lawyers. Lastly, Member Kayatta emphasized the shared responsibility, highlighting that Special Education is a service, and everyone plays a part in educating these children and providing them with the services they need.

Member Chueh-Griffith asked for clarification on the least restrictive environment. She also wanted to know if students in special day classrooms are interacting with their general education peers.

Member Ybarra echoed Member Kayatta's sentiments and is grateful to hear about the shared responsibility. He would like to see what intentional steps are being taken to relieve issues, ensuring that through this great work, people feel heard and seen.

Vice President Jeane wants the big picture and feels that it's beginning to emerge in this presentation. She's wondering how to ensure staff are accurately identifying and supporting students along the way. Member Jeane inquired about the impetus for the decrease in federal grants, asking if it was due to declining enrollment, average daily attendance, or both. She also requested more information about the significant increase in funds for Non-Public Agencies (NPAs) and the contributing factors. On slide 24, Member Jeane asked staff to elaborate on "program impact," and on slide 26, she highlighted the second bullet point: targeted professional learning and capacity building for general and SPED staff.

11.0 PUBLIC HEARING

11.1 Hearing and Adoption of the District's Initial Proposals Regarding Teamsters Classified Supervisors (TCS) Collective Bargaining Agreement Negotiations for 2025-2026 Re-Opener (Cancy McArn)

Dan Schallock shared that they are here tonight to inform the Board that they're preparing to begin negotiations with TCS. He also mentioned that they're already engaged in successor negotiations with two other partners: SCTA and SEIU. Schallock then highlighted the articles the District is "sunshining." This is an action item.

Public Comment:

No public comment

Board Comment:

No Board Comment

Member Ybarra made a motion with a second from Member Navarro. The Board voted 5-0 with President Singh and Member Rhodes absent, and a student preferential "yes" vote.

11.2 Received Initial Proposals Regarding Teamsters Classified Supervisors (TCS) Collective Bargaining Agreement Negotiations for 2025-2026 Re-Opener (Cancy McArn)

Dan Schallock shared that in regard to the sunshining for TCS, the public should refer to the information submitted in the Board packet. This is an information item.

Public Comment:

No public comment

Board Comment:

No Board comment

*11.3 Hearing and Adoption of District's Initial Proposals Regarding Teamsters Union, Local 150 (Teamsters) Collective Bargaining Agreement Negotiations for 2025-2026 Re-Opener.
(Cancy McArn)*

Dan Schallock shared that they are here tonight to let the Board know they are preparing to begin negotiations with Teamsters. Like TCS, their contract does not expire until next year; however, they do have a reopener this year. Dan Schallock highlighted the articles the District is "sunshining." This is an action item.

Public Comment:

No public comment

Board Comment:

Member Navarro wanted to clarify if Teamsters had already submitted a proposal, and if they are already intending to reopen the contract.

Member Navarro made a motion with a second from Member Ybarra. The Board voted 5-0 with President Singh and Member Rhodes absent, and a student preferential "yes" vote.

11.4 Receive Initial Proposals Regarding Teamsters Union, Local 150 (Teamsters) Collective Bargaining Agreement Negotiations for 2025-2026 Re-Opener (Cancy McArn)

Dan Schallock shared that in regard to the sunshining for Teamsters, the public should refer to the information submitted in the Board packet. This is an information item.

Public Comment:

No public comment

Board Comment:

No Board comment

*11.5 Determination Hearing for Charter Renewal for The MET
(Amanda Goldman, Ed.D.)*

Amanda Goldman shared a high level summary of the determination hearing, and informed the Board that specifics are available in the renewal report. Amanda Goldman shared next steps, suggestions, and options for the Board to take action. Principal Guevara shared information around LCAP, college and career readiness, the Student Advisory Board, health and safety, and highlights. This is an action item.

Public Comment:

*Eliazar De La Cruz
Victoria Lemus
Xico Gonzalez
Nicole Turner*

Board Comment:

Member Kayatta hears great things about The MET, so that's a testament to the great things being done there. Member Kayatta highlighted how staff recommends to make sure that they have an MOU to maintain their dependent status in a financially stable way. Member Kayatta's recommendation would be the 5 years, but have the second option that would allow us to have an MOU in place.

Member Benjamin shared that The MET does a really good job at supporting and connecting their students that are out in the field. Member Benjamin shared his personal experience with having a MET intern, and the value it brings to the students and the community.

Member Navarro wanted clarification around the numbers that pertain to mathematic scores at the site.

Vice President Jeane honors Principal Guevara's heart, work, and commitment, and looks forward to partnership.

Member Kayatta made a motion to approve Resolution No. 3485B as drafted by staff, including the condition of creating an MOU with the District with a second from Member Ybarra. The Board voted 5-0 with President Singh and Member Rhodes absent, and a student preferential "yes" vote.

*11.6 Determination Hearing for Charter Renewal for George
Washington Carver School of Arts and Science
(Amanda Goldman, Ed.D.)*

Amanda Goldman shared a high level summary of the determination hearing, and informed the Board that specifics are available in the renewal report. Amanda Goldman shared next steps, suggestions, and options for the Board to take action. Principal Kobelt shared an overview of the Waldorf-inspired curriculum, growth areas, highlights, and call to action. This is an action item.

Public Comment:

*Lysa Twardosz
Marguerite Soto
Diaia Hamilton
Donni Jackson*

Board Comment:

Member Navarro shared that George Washington Carver is a great school. Member Navarro shared that there may be issues with enrollment.

Member Ybarra thinks that this school has a lot of potential, and asked for site staff to lean on the Board to partner with them.

Member Kayatta learned a lot about Carver through the renewal process. Member Kayatta shared that the stories that he has heard and the impact that Carver has is really evident. Member Kayatta would love to come out and get a tour sometime in the fall.

Member Navarro made a motion for option A with no second.

Member Navarro made a motion for option B with a second from Member Kayatta. The Board voted 5-0 with President Singh and Member Rhodes absent, and a student preferential “yes” vote.

12.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION/REPORTS

12.1 Business and Financial Information: Enrollment Report – Month 6, Ending Friday, February 14, 2025 (Janea Marking)

13.0 FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES / LOCATIONS

- ✓ *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*
- ✓ *May 15, 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 9:19 p.m.

Lisa Allen, Superintendent and Board Secretary

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