



APPROVED

SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 13.1k

Meeting Date: December 19, 2024

Subject: Approve Minutes for the November 21, 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 November 21, 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 November 21, 2024, Regular Board of Education Meeting

Estimated Time of Presentation: N/A Submitted by: Lisa Allen, Superintendent Approved by: Lisa Allen, Superintendent
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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)
Justine Chueh-Griffith, Student Member

Thursday, November 21, 2024

5:00 p.m. Closed Session

6:00 p.m. Open Session

Serna Center

Community Conference Rooms
5735 47th Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95824

MINUTES

2024/25-7

1.0 OPEN SESSION / CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

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

Members Present:

Member Kayatta
Member Rhodes
Member Phillips
Member Jeane
Member Pritchett

Member Absent:

Member Villa
Student Board Member 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 54957.6 (a) and (b) Negotiations/Collective Bargaining SCTA SEIU, TCS, Teamsters, UPE, Non-Represented/Confidential Management (Cancy McArn)*
- 3.2 *Government Code 54957 – Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint*
- 3.3 *Education Code 35146- The Board will hear staff recommendation on the following student expulsions from 24-25: Expulsion #11 2024/2025 (David Van Natten)*
- 3.4 *Government Code 54957- Public Employee Appointment (a) Approve- Assistant Superintendent, Business Services*

4.0 CALL BACK TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called back to order at 6:01 p.m.

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

5.0 ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

There was one announcement that came out of closed session.

- *By a vote of 5 to 0 with Board Members Villa and Singh absent, the Board approved the appointment of Cindy Tao as Assistant Superintendent of Business Services.*

6.0 AGENDA ADOPTION

The Board adopted the agenda unanimously with Members Singh, Pritchett, and Villa absent.

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; (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.

Elias Bassin

8.0 COMMUNICATIONS

8.1 *Employee Organization Reports:*

- *SCTA- Nikki Milevsky shared that tonight is another significant night, and they are pleased to announce that this week they reached an agreement to add reading intervention teachers at every elementary school in our entire district, and at our highest needs schools, we will be adding two reading intervention specialists. Nikki Milevsky shared that we are in the middle of being in the second year of a constructive relationship. With the re-election of Trustee Rhodes, and the election of Michael Benjamin, Jose Navarro, and April Ybarra in the open seats suggests that this momentum will only continue to get stronger. The spirit of cooperation was modeled in another meeting this week, where SCTA teachers met with Dan Schallock, Iris Taylor, and Becky Bryant. Nikki Milevsky wanted to recognize that the path of cooperation began four years ago when Lavinia Phillips made the decision to take on Sacramento's political establishment and run for the school board. In the four years that Member Phillips has been on the board, President Phillips has been an unwavering champion for our students here at Sacramento City Unified, and particularly, our African American students.*
- *SEIU- No update*
- *TCS- No update*
- *Teamsters- No update*
- *UPE- No update*

9.0 **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

9.1 *Recognition of Outgoing Board Member (Superintendent Lisa Allen)*

Superintendent Allen presented the outgoing board member recognition for President Lavinia Phillips. This is an information item.

*Public Comment:
Damian Harmony*

*Board Comment:
Member Jeane shared that Member Phillips has such a big heart, and she just opens up her arms so wide to embrace it all. Member Jeane shared that Member Phillips is such a fierce advocate, and her voice will be missed.*

9.2 *Black Parallel School Board Action Plan First Quarterly Update (Dr. Gregory Peters)*

Geovanni Linares introduced Dr. Gregory Peters, who presented the Black Parallel School Board Action Plan first quarterly update. This is an information item.

Public Comment:

Terrence Gladney

Board Comment:

Member Jeane requested a list of the cohort schools for the year, so the board can know which ones in their areas are participating. Member Jeane would love to participate in the equity walks. At the bottom of the current highlights action plan, Dr. Gregory mentioned that there will be an important alignment with our bargaining units, and Member Jeane requested to hear how we plan to align with the bargaining units.

Member Kayatta thanked Dr. Peters for the presentation. Member Kayatta shared that he hears Dr. Peters, he agrees with him, and fully supports his work. Member Kayatta requested that an executive summary be created along with the quarterly updates, so it is accessible to parents. Member Kayatta shared that if there's a barrier that Dr. Peters is seeing, he would like Dr. Peters to share that information. Member Kayatta shared that there are a bunch of barriers in this district, and this is going to change a lot of the ways things are done here.

Member Jeane wanted to know what would be the board process to begin engaging in board policy work.

Member Phillips wants to sure that there is a clear line of communication with Dr. Peters.

Member Rhodes would like to explore an equity lens across all of the board policies.

Member Chueh-Griffith thinks it's great to see concrete plans on creating change in the district. Member Chueh-Griffith wanted to know what happens during the equity walks. Member Chueh-Griffith wanted to know if there are any plans in place to speak and hear from students about how they feel the action plan is being implemented.

Member Phillips shared that we are on the precipice of monumental change.

10.0 PUBLIC HEARING

10.1 *Material Revision to Sol Aureus College Preparatory Charter Petition (Amanda Goldman, Ed.D)*

Dr. Amanda Goldman introduced the material revision for the Sol Aureus College Preparatory Charter Petition. Dr. Goldman introduced Mr. Hernandez, who requested the Board approve Resolution No. 3458 for TK at Sac Prep. This is an action item.

*Public Comment:
David Mack*

*Board Comment:
Member Jeane shared that it sounds like there may have been some changes in the expectations in the relationship between the district and Sol Aureus College Prep, or how we communicate, and asking charters to provide the board with information. Member Jeane shared that maybe that felt abrupt or unfamiliar, but it wasn't the intention. Member Jeane shared that there have been changes with the board over the last couple of years, and they are just asking for more transparency, accountability, and information. Member Jeane hopes that the relationship continues.*

Member Kayatta made a motion with a second from Member Jeane. The Board voted 4-0 with Members Singh, Pritchett, and Villa absent, and student preferential yes vote.

*10.2 Determination Hearing for Charter Renewal for Sol Aureus College Preparatory School
(Amanda Goldman, Ed.D)*

Dr. Amanda Goldman introduced the charter renewal for the Sol Aureus College Preparatory School. Dr. Goldman introduced Mr. Hernandez, who highlighted staff recommendations, track record of success, response to SCUSD, and next steps. This is an action item.

*Public Comment:
David Mack
James Driscoll
Vanessa Cuevas
Michelle Perez
Alex Mecredy*

*Board Comment:
Member Phillips confirmed that the board has an option*

to renew for 5, 6, or 7 years. Member Phillips shared that there are still populations that even though beat the state according to Mr. Hernandez, it still speaks to the larger issue. Member Phillips has never heard of Sol Aureus until she became a board member, and wants to know what is the push to get people to come to Sac Prep.

Member Kayatta shared that when he decided to run for the school board, Mr. Hernandez was one of the first people he spoke with, and talked about what is a charter school versus a district school. Member Kayatta shared that charters are held to a higher standard, and with that higher standard, they get the flexibility to try new things to be innovative, and to meet the needs of families that aren't being met by traditional schools.

Member Kayatta shared that we have an excellent example of the charter law being implemented in California in a way that it should be, and in a way that benefits families. Member Kayatta is proud to have this school in his trustee area and neighborhood.

Member Jeane appreciates the high standard of the bylaws and how they want a board to fill the roles and have experience. Member Jeane shared that she would like to go with Option B and wants conditions with the ability to continue the conversation and working together. Member Jeane is requesting a 5-year renewal, because she is already concerned with the law saying every 5 years when the average board member is a 4-year term. Member Jeane shared that while charters are held to higher standards, in some ways they are not, and there are laws that the school district has to follow that charter schools do not.

Member Phillips made a motion for Option A with 5-years with no second. Member Jeane made a motion for Option B with 5-years with a second from Member Rhodes. The Board voted 4-0 with Members Singh, Pritchett, and Villa absent, and student preferential yes vote.

10.3 *Public Hearing for Resolution No. 3463 Resolution to Convey Public Utilities Easement to County of Sacramento at Nicholas Elementary School (Ben Wangberg)*

Nathaniel Browning presented Resolution No. 3463 to convey public utilities easement to County of Sacramento at Nicholas Elementary School. Mr. Browning requested for the board to hold the public hearing. This is an

information item.

Public Comment:

No public comment

Board Comment:

No public comment

11.0 COMMUNICATIONS

11.1 Student Member Report (Justine Chueh-Griffith)- Member Chueh-Griffith shared that after fall break, they have the Mental Wellness Student Committee application is going to be sent out to high schoolers, and any high school student is able to apply if they can attend the meetings, and give input on what they think is best to improve mental wellness for high school students in the district. An additional survey will be sent out to high school students on gender neutral restrooms to understand how we are doing with gender neutral restroom implementation on campuses and what needs to be approved upon.

11.2 President's Report (Lavinia Phillips)- No update

11.3 Information Sharing by Board Members- Member Kayatta congratulated the incoming board members and shared that he looks forward to working with them. Member Rhodes shared that Project Be The Light will be held on December 8th. There is a block that is designated to be decorated with Christmas lights in his trustee area. This will give students the opportunity to get some volunteer hours. Students and family are welcome to come out and volunteer.

12.0 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.

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

12.1c Approve Personnel Transactions (Cancy McArn)

12.1d Approval of Unauthorized Vendor Payments (Janea Marking)

12.1e Approve Purchase Order Report for the Period of September 15, 2024, through October 14, 2024 (Janea Marking)

12.1f Approve 2024-2025 Legal Contracts Increase Request (Janea Marking)

- 12.1g Approve Resolution No. 3464: Resolution Regarding Board Stipends
(Lisa Allen)*
- 12.1h Approve Resolution No. 3465: Resolution Regarding Board Stipends
(Lisa Allen)*
- 12.1i Approve Minutes for the October 24, 2024, Regular Board of Education
Meeting (Lisa Allen)*
- 12.1j Approve C.K. McClatchy High School Trip to Orlando, FL from November
22-29, 2024 (Mary Hardin Young & Jerad Hyden)*
- 12.1k Approve CCTR Continue Funding Application for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026
(Yvonne Wright)*
- 12.1l Approve Memorandum of Understanding Between SCUSD and SMUD
Regarding Exemption of Commercial Electric Vehicle Program Data Metering
Requirements (Chamberlain Segrest)*
- 12.1m Approve Resolution No. 3463 Resolution to Convey Public Utilities Easement
to County of Sacramento at Nicholas Elementary School (Ben Wangberg)*
- 12.1n Approve 24-25 Visual and Performing Arts AMS Budget Approval (Yvonne
Wright & CJ DeAngelus)*
- 12.1o Approve Staff Recommendation for Expulsion #11 of the 2024-25 school year
(David Van Natten)*
- 12.1p Approve Retention of 5 Consultant Firms for RFQ #24-112104 Solar Projects,
in Response to Request for Qualifications (Janea Marking)*
- 12.1q Approve the Annual Organization Meeting Date of December 19, 2024
(Lisa Allen)*

*Public Comment:
Terrence Gladney*

Board Comment:

Member Kayatta requested to pull 12.1f for discussion. Member Kayatta wants to approve this, but wants to discuss the legal costs briefly. Member Kayatta shared that a year and a half ago, the board made some motions and took some actions related to improving our legal services. Member Kayatta wants to make sure that the board doesn't forget that, because the legal fees are going up by 25% and they are already extremely high. Member Kayatta really wants to try to get a Chief Counsel who can bring legal services in house and to control the outside costs.

Member Phillips made a motion to approve the consent agenda excluding 12.1f with a second from Member Kayatta. The Board voted 4-0 with Members Singh, Pritchett,

and Villa absent, and student preferential yes vote.

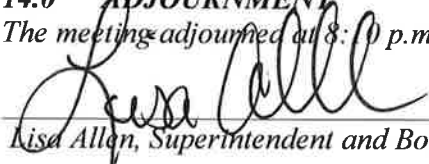
Member Kayatta made a motion to approve 12.1f with a second from Member Jeane. The Board voted 4-0 with Members Singh, Pritchett, and Villa absent, and student preferential yes vote.

13.0 FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES / LOCATIONS

- ✓ *December 19, 2024, 5:00 p.m. Closed Session, 6:00 p.m. Open Session, Serna Center, 5735 47th Avenue, Community Room, Regular Workshop Meeting*
- ✓ *January 16, 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 8:00 p.m.



Lisa Allen, Superintendent and Board Secretary

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