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# Sacramento City Unified School District BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AND WORKSHOP

## **Board of Education Members**

Jeff Cuneo, President (Trustee Area 2)  
Patrick Kennedy, Vice President (Trustee Area 7)  
Darrel Woo, Second Vice President (Trustee Area 6)  
Jay Hansen, (Trustee Area 1)  
Christina Pritchett (Trustee Area 3)  
Gustavo Arroyo (Trustee Area 4)  
Diana Rodriguez (Trustee Area 5)  
Margarita Kovalchuk, Student Member

**Thursday, July 18, 2013**

**\*5:30 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**

**2013-15**

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

*The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. by President Cuneo.*

*Members Present: Cuneo, Kennedy, Pritchett and Woo.*

*Members Absent: Arroyo, Hansen, Rodriguez and Kovalchuk.*

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

*None.*

### **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 – Existing and Anticipated Litigation:**

- a) Existing litigation pursuant to subdivision (a) of Government Code section 54956.9 (OAH Case Nos. 2012120335 and 2013030203)*
- b) Existing litigation pursuant to subdivision (a) of Government Code section 54956.9 (A.A., et al. v. SCUSD, et al., Case No. 2:13-cv-01167-KJM-EFB)*
- c) Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54956.9 (1 case)*
- d) Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Government Code section 54956.9 (1 case)*

#### **3.2 Government Code 54957.6 (a) and (b) Negotiations/Collective Bargaining CSA, SCTA, SEIU, Teamsters, UPE, Unrepresented Management**

#### **3.3 Government Code 54957 – Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release**

#### **3.4 Government Code 54957 – Public Employee Appointment/Employment**

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

*The meeting was called back to order at 6:34 p.m. by President Cuneo.*

*Members Present: Arroyo, Cuneo, Hansen, Kennedy, Pritchett, Rodriguez, Woo and Student Member Kovalchuk.*  
*Members Absent: None.*

*The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. George Miles, retired teacher of John F. Kennedy High School and Commander Tom Jones U.S. Navy (Retired) of Luther Burbank High School NJROTC Program.*  
*Commander Jones and Mr. Miles commented.*

**Board Comment**

- *Vice President Kennedy commented and thanked Commander Jones for his leadership and commitment to the students of SCUSD.*

*Second Vice President Woo and Member Rodriguez presented certificates to Mr. Miles and Commander Jones.*  
*Thomas W. Burruss of Martin Luther King Jr. 365 presented Mr. Miles with a plaque for his years of service during the Martin Luther King Jr. march. He also presented Commander Jones with a plaque for the NJROTC participation at the Martin Luther King Jr. march.*

**5.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**5.1 Carpenters Local Union 46**

*Michael Leong of the Carpenters Local Union 46 presented a scholarship donation of \$7,500 to the District's Scholarship Fund.*

**Board Comment**

- *Member Rodriguez thanked Mr. Leong for their generous scholarship donation.*
- *President Cuneo and the Board also thanked him for the scholarship donation.*

**6.0 ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

*General Counsel announced that item 3.1a Case Nos. 2012120335 and 2013030203 a settlement was approved 4-0 with Members Arroyo, Pritchett and Rodriguez absent.*

**Public Comment**

- *Léo Bennett-Cauchon commented on having a quorum before leaving for closed session and the lawsuit regarding the closure of schools.*

**7.0 AGENDA ADOPTION**

*President Cuneo made a motion to adopt the agenda, seconded by Second Vice President Woo. The motion carried.*

**Public Comment**

- *Léo Bennett-Cauchon commented and asked clarifying questions to be answered by the Board.*

**8.0 PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Members of the public may address the Board on non-agenda items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. 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.*

**Public Comment**

- *Léo Bennett-Cauchon commented on the closure of schools.*
- *Ralph Merletti commented on the signs posted in the Board room and the anti-bullying policy.*
- *Karen Swett commented on the district's budget and general fund budget.*
- *Lawson Stewart commented on the Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) and thanked the Board for his position on the BOC.*
- *Grace Trujillo commented on the current regulations being put in place.*

9.0 **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.*

9.1 Items Subject or Not Subject to Closed Session:

- 9.1a *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 (Ken A. Forrest)*
- 9.1b *Approve Business and Financial Report: Warrants and Checks Issued for the Period of June 2013 (Ken A. Forrest)*
- 9.1c *Approve Resolution No. 2755: To Establish Temporary Inter-Fund Transfers of Special or Restricted Fund Moneys (Ken A. Forrest)*
- 9.1d *Approve Resolution No. 2756: Providing for Investment of Funds of the Sacramento City Unified School District in the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) (Ken A. Forrest)*
- 9.1e *Approve Personnel Transactions (Ken A. Forrest)*
- 9.1f *Approve Board of Education Meeting Minutes for June 13 and 20, 2013 (Jonathan P. Raymond)*
- 9.1g *Approve High School Course of Study: Honors Geology 1P and 2P (Olivine Roberts)*
- 9.1h *Approve High School Course of Study: Algebra-1 with Computer Programming and Robotics (Olivine Roberts)*
- 9.1i *Approve Appointment of Mary Hardin Young as Administrator to the 7-11 Committee (Jeff Cuneo)*

**Public Comment**

- *Léo Bennett-Cauchon commented on item 9.1f and asked for minutes to be revised.*
- *Ralph Merletti commented on item 9.1g around his approval of adding a Honors Geology course.*

*President Cuneo made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the amendments given on item 9.1f (Minutes), seconded by Vice President Kennedy. The motion carried.*

10.0 **COMMUNICATIONS**

10.1 **Employee Organization Reports:** **Information**

- *CSA – No report given.*
- *SCTA – No report given.*
- *SEIU – Ian Arnold commented on behalf of SEIU.*
- *Teamsters – No report given.*
- *UPE – No report given.*

**Public Comment**

- *Léo Bennett-Cauchon commented on the employee organization report given by SEIU.*

10.2 **District Parent Advisory Committees:** **Information**

- *Community Advisory Committee – No report given.*
- *District Advisory Council – No report given.*
- *School Site Councils – No report given.*

- *District English Learner Advisory Committee – No report given.*
- *Gifted and Talented Education Advisory Committee – No report given.*
- *Indian Education Parent Committee – No report given.*
- *Sacramento Council of Parent Teacher Association (PTA) – No report given.*

**Public Comment**

- *Léo Bennett-Cauchon commented on inviting the Black Parallel School Board to speak during this portion of the agenda.*

**10.5 Student Member Report (Margarita Kovalchuk)**

**Information**

*Student Member Kovalchuk introduced herself as the newly elected Student Board Member and commented on behalf of the Student Advisory Council (SAC).*

**Board Comment**

- *Member Hansen welcomed Student Member Kovalchuk to the Board.*

**Public Comment**

- *Léo Bennett-Cauchon also welcomed Student Board Member Kovalchuk to the School Board and commented on her role as a voting member of the Board. He suggested that the board allow the student board member to vote first.*

**10.6 Information Sharing By Board Members**

**Information**

**Board Comment**

- *Member Pritchett shared that she formed a monthly community group in her area (Trustee Area 3) to talk about issues regarding school closure and to discuss how to better support the existing schools.*
- *Second Vice President Woo shared that he attended the Vision 2000 Math and Reading Academy Graduation at Sacramento State College.*
- *Member Rodriguez shared that she attended the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) along with Member Pritchett and also announced the neighborhood cleanup around Woodbine Elementary School area.*

**Public Comment**

- *Léo Bennett-Cauchon commented on Board comments made.*

**11.0 BOARD WORKSHOP/STRATEGIC PLAN AND OTHER INITIATIVES**

**11.1 Budget Work Session**

**Information**

*Ken A. Forrest, Chief Business Officer, presented to the Board information on the Budget Work Session.*

**Public Comment**

- *Léo Bennett-Cauchon commented on the Budget Work Session presentation information.*
- *Larry Tagg commented on the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) and modifications to the adopted budget.*
- *Karen Swett commented on the Budget Work Session presentation information.*
- *Grace Trujillo commented on the Budget Work Session presentation information and restrictive funds spent.*

*Ken A. Forrest continued the presentation on Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF).*

**Board Comment**

- *Member Rodriguez commented on the Budget Work Session presentation and asked clarifying questions regarding the budget information and LCFF.*
- *Ken A. Forrest and Gerardo Castillo responded to Member Rodriguez' questions.*
- *Vice President Kennedy commented on the Budget Work Session presentation and asked clarifying questions regarding the process of the Board and the public participation in the budget.*
- *Teresa Cummings responded to Vice President Kennedy's questions.*

- Ken A. Forrest also responded to Vice President Kennedy's questions.
- Member Hansen commented on the complexity of the budget and asked clarifying questions.
- Ken A. Forrest responded to Member Hansen's questions.
- Member Arroyo commented on the Budget Work Session presentation and asked clarifying questions regarding the budget and the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP).
- Ken A. Forrest responded to Member Arroyo's questions.
- Gerardo Castillo also responded to Member Arroyo's questions.
- Member Rodriguez asked more clarifying questions.
- Ken A. Forrest responded to Member Rodriguez' questions.

## **12.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION / REPORTS**

*Receive Information*

### **12.1 Business and Financial Report:**

- Purchase Order Board Report for the Period of May 15, 2013 through June 14, 2013
- Enrollment and Attendance Report for Month 9 Ending May 17, 2013
- Enrollment and Attendance Report for Month 10 Ending June 13, 2013
- Cash Flow Report for the Period Ending May 31, 2013

#### **Public Comment**

- Léo Bennett-Cauchon commented on the attendance reports for Month 9 and Month 10 and the closing of schools.
- Jessica Arriaga commented on parent engagement and community involvement and how much is being spent on the school closures.
- Grace Trujillo commented on speaking at the State Board of Education regarding the new funding formula.

*Business and financial information was received by the Board.*

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

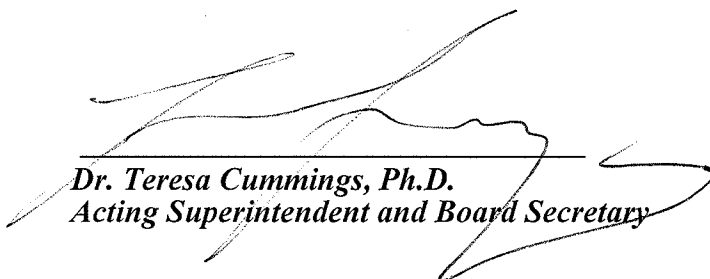
- ✓ August 1, 2013 4:30 p.m. Closed Session; 6:30 p.m. Open Session; Serna Center, 5735 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Community Room; Regular Workshop Meeting
- ✓ August 15, 2013 4:30 p.m. Closed Session; 6:30 p.m. Open Session; Serna Center, 5735 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Community Room; Regular Workshop Meeting

#### **Public Comment**

- Léo Bennett-Cauchon commented and asked that the Board add a special meeting on dialoging with the community regarding the transition.

## **14.0 ADJOURNMENT**

*Student Member Kovalchuk made a motion to adjourn the Board meeting at 9:19 p.m., seconded by Member Hansen. The motion carried.*

  
**Dr. Teresa Cummings, Ph.D.**  
**Acting Superintendent and Board Secretary**

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