



**SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Agenda Item# 13.1c

Meeting Date: February 15, 2024

Subject: Approve Minutes for the December 14, 2023 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 December 14, 2023, Regular Board of Education Meeting.

Background/Rationale: None

Financial Considerations: None

LCAP Goal(s): Family and Community Empowerment

Documents Attached:

1. Minutes of the December 14, 2023, Regular Board of Education Meeting

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

Board of Education Members

Chinua Rhodes, President (Trustee Area 5)
Lavinia Grace Phillips, Vice President (Trustee Area 7)
Jasjit Singh, Second Vice President (Trustee Area 2)
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, December 14, 2023

5:00 p.m. Closed Session

6:30 p.m. Open Session

Serna Center

Community Conference Rooms

5735 47th Avenue

Sacramento, CA 95824

MINUTES

2023/24-15

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 Pritchett
Member Jeane
Member Villa
Member Rhodes

Members Absent:

Member Singh
Member Phillips
Student Board 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 (Two Potential Cases)**

- b) *Existing litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(1) of Government Code section 54956.9 (OAH Case No. 2023061055 and OAH Case No. 2023100821)*
- 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 – Chief Legal Counsel*
 - b) *Approve – Principal, John Morse Therapeutic Center*
 - c) *Approve – Principal, New Joseph Bonnheim*
 - d) *Approve – Deputy Chief of Academics*

4.0 CALL BACK TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called back to order at 6:42 p.m.

- 4.1 *The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Interim Superintendent Allen*
- 4.2 *Broadcast Statement by Student Board Member Segura*
- 4.3 *Stellar Student introduced by Board Member Chinua Rhodes*

5.0 ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

There were 4 announcements that came out of closed session.

- The Board approved a Special Education settlement agreement identified as OAH Case No. 2023061055 by a vote of 5 to 0 with Member Pritchett and Member Singh absent.*
- By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board approved the appointment of Rodney Moore as Chief Legal Counsel.*
- By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board approved the appointment of Shannon Pella as Deputy Chief of Academics*
- By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board approved the appointment of Diane Wiley as Principal, New Joseph Bonnheim.*

6.0 AGENDA ADOPTION

The Board voted unanimously on the adoption of the agenda.

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.

*Marc Epstein
Angelia Brye Jones
Michele Hernandez
Christy McCoy
Valerie Williams
Phil Rios
Renee Webster Hawkins
Jeremy Webster Hawkins
Isaiah Webster Hawkins
Barbara Webster Hawkins
Caroline Nasella*

8.0 COMMUNICATIONS

8.1 Employee Organization Reports:

- *SCTA- Nikki Milevsky started by congratulating the Executive Officers on the Board. Ms. Milevsky shared that she appreciated the leadership of outgoing Board President, Chinua Rhodes. After, Ms. Milevsky shared that they have resumed their reopener negotiations with wages and improved staffing being the two remaining articles that are left to be resolved. They have reached a tentative agreement on an improved transfer article. They look forward to being able to present the findings of a survey that the district, SCTA, and Sac State recently conducted among SCUSD educators to come to a deeper understanding on how to recruit and retain staff.*
- *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- Angela Ash shared that they recently had a joint committee meeting in November which included B/AAAB, CAC, and DELAC. Another joint committee meeting is scheduled for January. They recently discussed the new LCAP template with the terminology and equity multiplier per CDE. Dr. Ed Eldridge led the committee through an amazing activity where they analyzed and evaluated their current LCAP goals based on the new information from CDE. Unfortunately, none of their eleven goals were focus goals. Two goals were maintenance goals, and five goals were actions, not*

goals. Four goals were sort of and close to broad goals. In January, they will review the list of equity multiplier identified schools per CDE, review the updated dashboard data by CDE which is available to the public tomorrow, and they are going to review the 2023-24 LCAP mid-year report as well. Ms. Ash shared they still do not have a full LCAP/PAC Committee, and they need one more member. Angela Ash shared that she would love to see the entire LCAP/PAC show up to the Board members, and she would love for the Board members to attend their meetings.

▪ Black/African American Advisory Board-Terrence Gladney shared that B/AAAB was in the joint committee space that Angela Ash was referring to during her update to uplift the voices of their constituents that they represent, but also the narrative of Black and African American students in our district. Last week, they met and had a holiday gathering with their Executive Committee and general Board, so that they could connect in person and feel the energy and love from one another. Mr. Gladney shared that this work is hard, and often the numbers aren't many, but the work is always heavy and it's monumental. They have recognized that Member Singh will be liaison from the Board, and they are really excited to have Member Singh in their space, so he can carry the work that they are doing on the other side of the dais, and extend the conversation beyond the scope by which they are able to do so. They are having to enact their recruitment and nomination processes, so they can have many more voices at the table. Mr. Gladney shared that in the meeting, they got a progress update on a tool that they have forthcoming which is a mapping tool, which allows not only their Board as advocates, but also parents and students in our district to really see the experience and where the location of Black students are. Not surprisingly, they did a dry run and they recognized that even for the students that are chasing the SCUSD dream of open enrollment, and the experience for Black student as opposed to everyone else is going to be the same. Those are generational outcomes that are not going to change in a day or calendar year, but as parents have come forth, we really need to honestly, truthfully, and vulnerably need to peel back the layers of this system we've built, because it's not working. They look forward to continuing to work beside the Board.

9.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATION

9.1 Youth Development Support Services Department Overview (Manpreet Kaur)

Manpreet Kaur shared that she is very proud to be the Director of the Youth Development Support Services Department, and that she works with awesome people in the department. Staff introduced themselves and presented on the YDSS vision and mission, their core values, priorities, their organization chart, revenues, and their programs.

Public Comment:

No public comment

Board Comment:

Member Phillips really enjoys the passion that the team is putting behind our students.

Member Villa thanked staff for their work. Especially, for their work on the summer school program. It provides a service for students to gain enrichment and learning, and bonding friendships during the summer is invaluable.

Member Singh thanked staff, and shared that the team brings such a great energy and a unique sense of pride to the work that they do, and the Board sees it.

Member Rhodes shared that he comes from the youth development space, and he appreciates the work. Member Rhodes asked if there was any structural plan around how we create pipelines from our people that work in our afterschool programming to becoming teachers for our schools. Member Rhodes would also like to see how youth voice and leadership works as well. Lastly, Member Rhodes would like to visit all the sites in his area, and would love to see how he can continue that connectivity as we go into the next year.

9.2 English Learner Advisory Committee Update (Olga Simms)

Dr. Olga Simms shared multilingual literacy department outcomes, an English learner roadmap, case law and policy supporting ELS, the schools with 21 or more emergent bilinguals with operational ELACs, total operational ELACs in SCUSD for 2023-24, and how they are focusing on human values and relational trust.

Public Comment:

No public comment

Board Comment:

Member Jeane shared that Dr. Simms ended with a very strong call to action, and wanted Dr. Simms to clarify if there were any changes that she was proposing.

Member Rhodes shared that today, the Board will be appointing a member as a liaison for DELAC.

10.0 BOARD WORKSHOP/STRATEGIC INITIATIVE

10.1 2023-24 First Interim Revised Budget Approval (Janea Marking)

Janea Marking presented on the budget reporting cycle, revenues, expenditures, surplus/deficit and fund balance, multi-year projections and other funds, and summary and certification.

Public Comment:

No public comment

Board Comment:

Member Kayatta asked that in the extent that we have been in communication with SCOE, do we have any indication that they would have any concerns with our positive certification, given the unknowns which are largely negative unknowns.

Member Kayatta shared a statement for anyone from SCOE who may be watching. Member Kayatta values the guidance and partnership that they offer to the district. Member Kayatta shared that having letters that come out from SCOE making assumptions about our district, and our commitment to financial solvency, he is trying to avoid that. Member Kayatta shared that he is not sure if there are any State legislators with children in our district, but wanted to plug that we really need to protect the funding for our kids and for our schools.

Member Pritchett wanted Ms. Marking to clarify if there were any flags that the district should be looking out for with the one-time funds/ESSER funds expiring.

Member Singh made a motion to approve with a second from Member Phillips. The Board voted 7-0 with a student preferential yes vote.

10.2 Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education

Board Committee Assignments

B/AAAB- Member Phillips and Member Singh

ELAC- Member Villa and Member Pritchett

LCAP- Member Jeane

DLAC- Member Singh

CAC- Member Kayatta

NAPC- Member Rhodes

Member Phillips made a motion to approve with a second from Member Rhodes with all in favor.

Election of Officers: The Board Shall Elect a President, Vice President, and Second Vice President

Member Jeane nominated Member Phillips for Board President. Member Kayatta nominated himself as Board President. By a vote of 4 to 3 with Member Kayatta, Member Pritchett, and Member Villa voting no, Member Phillips was appointed as Board President.

Member Villa nominated herself for the position of 1st Vice President. Member Kayatta spoke in support of Member Villa's nomination for herself. Member Rhodes nominated Member Singh. For Member Villa, the Board voted 3 to 4 with Member Jeane, Member Rhodes, Member Phillips, and Member Singh voting no. By a vote of 4 to 3 with Member Kayatta, Member Villa, and Member Pritchett voting no, Member Singh was appointed as 1st Vice President.

Member Phillips nominated Member Rhodes for 2nd Vice President. Member Pritchett nominated Member Kayatta. By a vote of 5 to 2 with Member Villa and Member Kayatta voting no, Member Rhodes was appointed as 2nd Vice President.

11.0 COMMUNICATIONS

11.1 Superintendent's Report (Lisa Allen)- Superintendent Allen shared that the Facilities Team has been recently awarded the CSBA Golden Bell

Award for Equity and Access. Superintendent Allen congratulated the Board and acknowledged their leadership, and also Nathaniel Browning and the entire Facilities Team for their incredible work. The district has also been awarded a K-12 Strong Workforce Program grant that will allow us to fully invest in our plan to convert the autoshop at John F. Kennedy High School into a zero-emissions lab. Superintendent Allen thanked the community for their outpouring of support during the Winter Jacket Drive at the Serna Center. Superintendent Allen shared that we are deeply saddened to hear the news of Ismael Razuel's transition from earth. For those of you who knew Ismael, you know he was a brilliant, vibrant, and visionary leader, who led and championed our work for the district for over 30 years. Ismael will be deeply missed.

11.2 President's Report (Chinua Rhodes)-Member Rhodes shared that this year, serving as Board President has been a trying, but very fulfilling at the same time. Member Rhodes shared that we have moved the district in some amazing ways, and set the course for more progress in the future. As a Board, they are going to continue to enhance and advance the work that they're doing here at the district, and he looks forward to continuing to work with the community and Board to push in the district in the right direction.

11.3 Student Member Report (Liliana Miller Segura)- Member Segura shared that in regards to SAC, they will be inviting Board members into their space during their meetings in 2024 to be able to keep the Board more directly involved and updated in their taskforces and initiative processes. In regard to public comments around the small schools sports agreements, Member Segura is hoping for more connection with the students and families that this will impact to inform them of these changes and hear from them on a more direct scale to gather opinions. In Member Segura's opinion, this is the only way that they can see these large impactful changes within our district being made.

11.4 Information Sharing by Board Members-Member Singh wanted to acknowledge and congratulate the many diverse faith traditions practiced by our staff members, families, and students at SCUSD. Member Singh hopes that everyone finds during this break, the time to build more respect for one another and respect other faith traditions, and respect for those that don't follow any faith traditions at all. As an interfaith leader, Member Singh wanted to acknowledge the dystopian disheartedness that he feels everyday, knowing that we are celebrating the birth of a child in what is deemed a holy land by many faith communities, at a time when that holy land is seeing nothing but bloodshed and death. Member Singh prays for peace and prays for our students to help us understand the importance of love and offer a vision of hope of what the future can look like, where we can all get along and life together in peace. Member Singh uses these opportunities as educational moments, and he wants to let people know, that for the Sikh community this is not a month of celebration, but a month of sacrifice and remembrance. Member Jeane wanted to celebrate the additional listening sessions that have been happening, and shared that it is awe-inspiring to be in those listens spaces. Member Jeane really enjoyed meeting the Native American Indian Program with Member Kayatta. Member Jeane is really looking forward to getting a date on the calendar where they can start diving into all the listening session data. Member Jeane looks forward to the next

three years on the Board and the work that the Board will continue to do. During break, Member Jeane wants staff to take time to rejuvenate and restore themselves in whatever way they need.

Member Kayatta shared that he does not know why the Board is not considering the Superintendent search firm tonight. The Executive Committee does not feel compelled to share information with other Board members, so he is asking here in public. To the people in Sacramento that are wondering what is going on, he does not know.

Member Rhodes shared that an email went out to the Board explaining why they we are not overseeing that today, and asked Member Kayatta to refer to the email, and send any follow up questions he may have.

Member Phillips wanted to thank former President Rhodes for opening the door to frankness on the Board, so as your incoming President, Member Phillips wants to ensure to her colleagues that she is here to make sure that they can continue to hold doors open for each other.

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 Personnel Transactions (Cancy McArn)

12.1c Approve Business and Financial Report: PO Report October 15 – November 14, 2023 (Janea Marking)

12.1d Approve Donations to the District for the Period of October 1-31, 2023 (Janea Marking)

12.1e Approve Warrants, Checks and Electronic Transfers issued for the Period of October 1-31, 2023 (Janea Marking)

12.1f Approve C.K. McClatchy High School Gonzaga University Debate Tournament in Spokane, WA from January 4-7, 2024 (Mary Hardin Young & Jerad Hyden)

12.1g Approve Retention of 6 Firms for the School Mural Services Pool in Response to Request for Qualifications (Janea Marking)

12.1h Approve Resolution No. 3368: Luther Burbank Pool Replacement (Janea Marking)

12.1i Approve Resolution No. 3369: Umoja International Academy HVAC Replacement (Janea Marking)

12.1j Approve Resolution No. 3370: Miwok Middle School HVAC Replacement (Janea Marking)

12.1k Approve Minutes of the October 3, 2023, Special Board of Education Meeting (Lisa Allen)

12.1l Approve Minutes of the October 5, 2023, Regular Board of Education Meeting (Lisa Allen)

12.1m Approve Minutes of the October 31, 2023, Special Board of Education Meeting (Lisa Allen)

12.1n Approve CSPP Continued Funding Application for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 (Yvonne Wright & E'leva Hughes Gibson)

Member Jeane made a motion with a second from Member Rhodes. The Board voted 7 to 0 with a student preferential yes vote.

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

13.1 Business and Financial Information: Enrollment Report – Month 2, Ending Friday, October 20, 2023 (Janea Marking)

13.2 Contractual Procedures Update (Janea Marking)

Board Comment:

Member Kayatta shared that 13.2 has to do with a contract that we made with a law firm to look at our audits for our contracting process. We go the report back, and he shared that he is fairly disappointed with the scope of the report. When the Board authorized this action, they asked to know what they should be doing, but also things that had happened, and how they worked well. This firm decided that it was too much work to look at what was going on in the past, and to only look at things respectively, which really concerns Member Kayatta as a steward of public funds. Given this contract is over, Member Kayatta would like to request that the action that was authorized previously by this Board, that we task our audit firm Crowe LLP to do the backend work, so that the Board and community understands, has our contracting been correct.

14.0 FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES / LOCATIONS

- ✓ January 18, 2024, 5:00 p.m. Closed Session, 6:30 p.m. Open Session, Serna Center, 5735 47th Avenue, Community Room, Regular Workshop Meeting
- ✓ February 1, 2024, 5:00 p.m. Closed Session, 6:30 p.m. Open Session, Serna Center, 5735 47th Avenue, Community Room, Regular Workshop Meeting

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.



Lisa Allen, Interim Superintendent and Board Secretary

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