

SACRAMENTO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 6, 2011

Agenda

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Approval of the Minutes of the Board/Superintendent Study Session of October 18, 2011
Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 1, 2011
Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 15, 2011
- IV. Adoption of Agenda
- V. Official Correspondence
- VI. Visitor Presentations
 - A. General Public
 - B. Employee Organizations
- VII. Superintendent's Report
 - A. Recognition of the January 2012 Employees of the Month
- VIII. New Business
 - A. Adoption of Consent Agenda
 - 1. Report on Personnel Transactions
 - 2. Award Diploma to Community School Student
 - B. Approval of Contracts
 - C. Authorization to Submit Grant Applications/Service Contracts and Accept Funding if Awarded; and Approval of Contracts, Positions, and Other Expenditures Associated with the Grants as Outlined in the Proposed Budgets
 - 1. \$2,619,163 California English Language Development Test (CELDT) grant from Educational Data Systems for the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2015
 - 2. \$1,154,000 Statewide Coordination of Regional Student Mental Health Initiative grant from CCSESA for the period December 15, 2011 through June 30, 2014
 - D. Approval of the 2011-2012 Budget Revision No. 1
 - E. Approval of First Interim Financial Report for the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year
 - F. Public Hearing and Approval of Use of Funds Under Categorical Flexibility
 - G. Board Report – Common Core Standards – SMARTER Balanced Assessment
- IX. Board Reports, Comments, and Ideas
 - A. Board Members
 - B. Board President
 - C. Committees
- X. Items for Distribution
 - A. December/January Events
 - B. December/January Visits
- XI. Items for Future Board Meetings
 - A. January 17, 2012 – Infant Program
 - B. February 7, 2012 – Student Mental Health Initiative

XII. Adjournment

I. President Cooley called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m. in the Board Room of the David P. Meaney Education Center, Sacramento County Office of Education, 10474 Mather Boulevard, Mather, California. Board members present were Harold Fong, Brian Rivas, Greg Geeting, Brian Cooley, Eleanor Brown, and Jackie Levy. Also present were David Gordon, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; Sue Stickel, Deputy Superintendent; Teresa Stinson, General Counsel; Robin Pierson, Joyce Wright, Tammy Sanchez, Tim Taylor, and John Fleischman, Assistant Superintendents; Judy Holsinger, SELPA Executive Director; Effie Crush, Chief Administrator-Human Resources; Gary Barker, SCOETA; Bill Mullen, CSEA; other staff and visitors; and Carla Miller, Recording Secretary. Mr. Scribner was absent.

II. Trustee Rivas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Ms. Levy moved and Mr. Geeting seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the Board/Superintendent Study Session of October 18, 2011.

President Cooley asked Trustees to review the list of items on pages 11-329 and 11-330 and to communicate to either the Superintendent or himself if there is an item on the list they would like to see agendized on a future Board meeting agenda.

Approval of the revised minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 1, 2011.

Approval of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 15, 2011.

Ms. Levy clarified that her original motion should include all three sets of minutes listed above with the minutes for November 1, 2011 having been revised. Mr. Geeting seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Mr. Geeting moved to adopt the agenda. Mr. Rivas seconded the motion, which carried.

V. There was no official correspondence.

VI.A. Frederick Gayle requested the Board confer with legal counsel regarding a situation when one person serves on two boards simultaneously as we did when we unified the North area. There were people from Rio Linda, North Sac, and Grant School districts who were serving on two boards. He also questioned the definition of Afro American or Latino. He also noted on page 11-340 of the minutes, "through" should be "throw."

Mr. Rivas asked Mr. Gayle if he knew of a person who is serving on two school boards.

Mr. Gayle replied that there were four, none of them currently serving.

Mr. Rivas asked for clarification of what Mr. Gayle is requesting from the Board.

Mr. Gayle restated that when Twin Rivers USD was formed, three board members from Rio Linda district served on its board.

VI.B. There were no requests for presentations from employee organizations.

VII.A. Michael Freeman, Accounting Technician, Financial Services was recognized and honored as the classified employees of the month for January.

Superintendent Gordon stated that Matt Silva, Teacher, Community Schools, sent his regrets that he would not be able to attend this evening. Superintendent Gordon added we will recognize him at the January meeting.

Superintendent Gordon reported on the following:

- Reported that on Saturday, December 3 at the Marriott Hotel in San Diego, we proudly accepted the Golden Bell Award from CSBA for SCOE's Project MOVE. Congratulations again to Assistant Superintendent Robin Pierson and the entire Special Education Programs team on this honor. We will have the MOVE Team come before the Board for recognition early next year. Thanked Rivas and Geeting for attending.
- Announced that the ACE Mentor Program, which we sponsor, has received national recognition. He reminded the Board of the impressive robotics and construction/architecture demonstration at our October Board meeting by Kennedy High School students involved in the ACE Mentoring Program we sponsor. The program is one of eight recipients of the prestigious 2010 Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring. The award recognizes the critical role mentoring plays in the academic, personal, and career development of students studying science and engineering. Thank you to Assistant Superintendent Tim Taylor, who serves on the ACE Board.
- Reminded everyone to mark their calendars for the 4th Annual Academic Bowl, Wednesday, December 14, 2011 starting at 10:45 a.m. inside the Rosemont High School Theater. The Academic Bowl is a scholastic competition for community and continuation school students. This year's theme: *Astronomy and Space Exploration*. We have six schools participating. From SCOE we have Palmiter Jr/Sr High, North Area Community School, Hickey Jr/Sr High, and Gerber Jr/Sr High School. We also have some visiting schools participating: Daylor High School from Elk Grove, and American Legion High from Sac City Unified.
- Reminded everyone to join us on Thursday, December 15, 2011 from 10:30 a.m. to noon here at the Meaney Center, as we celebrate the graduation of six students from our Program for Students with Severe Disabilities. As part of the SCOE Special Education Department, the program provides special education services to students with severe

disabilities and students with emotional disturbances, from ages 3-22 years, throughout Sacramento County. SCOE SH programs are located on more than 25 sites/schools located in eight school districts within the county.

- Reminded everyone to join us on Friday, December 16, 2011 for our annual Winter Warm-Up from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. It is a seasonal gathering for employees here at the Mather site. Retirees also are invited. We also will be accepting contributions of new toys to the Sheriff's Toy Project at the door. Our thanks to the SCOE Employee Events Team for helping organize the event.
- Reminded everyone that SCOE offices will be closed December 26, 2011 through January 2, 2012 for the Winter Break and reopening on January 3, 2012.

VIII.A. Mr. Geeting moved and Ms. Levy seconded adoption of the consent agenda. Motion carried unopposed. By such action, the Board:

1. Accepted report on Personnel Transactions
2. Awarded diploma to Community School Student

VIII.B. Mr. Geeting moved and Mr. Fong seconded approval of one contract as listed. Motion to approve the contract carried.

VIII.C. On a motion by Mr. Rivas, seconded by Ms. Levy and carried, the Board authorized staff to submit grant applications/service contracts and accept funding if awarded; and approved contracts, positions, and other expenditures associated with the grants as outlined in the proposed budgets as follows:

1. \$2,619,163 California English Language Development Test (CELDT) grant from Educational Data Systems for the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2015
2. \$1,154,000 Statewide Coordination of Regional Student Mental Health Initiative grant from CCSESA for the period December 15, 2011 through June 30, 2014

VIII.D. Mr. Geeting moved and Ms. Levy seconded approval of the 2011-2012 Budget Revision No. 1. Motion carried unopposed.

President Cooley suggested that Assistant Superintendent Tammy Sanchez provide a report on the status of the school district budgets at a future Board meeting.

VIII.E. Ms. Levy moved and Mr. Geeting seconded approval of the First Interim Financial Report for the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year. Motion carried unopposed.

VIII.F. President Cooley opened the Public Hearing on the Use of Funds Under Categorical Flexibility at 7:15 p.m. No one came forward. President Cooley closed the Public Hearing at 7:16 p.m.

Mr. Rivas moved and Mr. Geeting seconded the motion to approve the Use of Funds under Categorical Flexibility. Motion carried unopposed.

VIII.G. Deputy Superintendent Sue Stickel provided a report on Common Core Standards – SMARTER Balanced Assessment.

IX.A. Mr. Fong stated he doesn't have much of a report. He knows we are not going to meet again until next year so he wants to wish his fellow Trustees, Superintendent, and all staff Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.

Mr. Rivas wanted to thank Trustees Geeting and Levy for attending the CSBA conference. It was great to see both there. A colleague from his region gave him a compliment kind of in the way you compliment members of the same family that they were impressed by Trustee Geeting's diligence at the CSBA conference and this person found it inspiring. One of the workshops that he attended was on Superintendent's evaluation. He has several handouts he will leave with Carla to circulate to the Board. He stated that he thought when we did Superintendent Gordon's evaluation there was consensus about having a follow up discussion to refine the evaluation criteria. He asked whether we need to agendize a separate discussion for that.

Teresa Stinson, General Counsel stated she will get back to the Board regarding Mr. Rivas' request with some options.

Mr. Rivas stated that one of the things he took from the workshop he attended was that the Superintendent's evaluation is among the most important things that a board does and the presenters commented that the criteria that go into the Superintendent's evaluation are probably going to have a stronger influence on the priorities of the district than the strategic plan. He agrees with that. He would like to have that conversation.

President Cooley stated he thinks that conversation can be held in open session. The Superintendent and Vice President Geeting were going to work on a tool. Maybe we can bring that back for a future meeting in 2012.

Mr. Geeting stated he has a very short report tonight. He was delighted to see many of you at parent night at the Fortune School. He was very impressed with the parents who came up to talk to him as an individual. He saw them talking to the other Board members. The parents are very interested in their children's education. The other major event between then and now was the CSBA conference. As he has done in the past, he wrote a brief summary, which is in each trustee's folder. Most of them had PowerPoints or other handouts, but rather than distribute a big slug of paper he would be happy to provide copies upon your request. He tended to focus this year on financial issues and redistricting issues in his visits to workshops.

Ms. Brown pointed out that the report of the trimester 1 from the Fortune School is amazing and it is very educationally rewarding to see that kids can learn and will. She also found it interesting that the 2nd and 3rd graders who were new to the school had not been cherry picked. Their performance was very, very low when they came into the school. She thought that was a valid discussion about what the program is helping students with, but she hopes we continue to get these.

Ms. Levy thanked Trustee Geeting for the excellent summary of the sessions at CSBA. There's nothing she can say that would add to it so she would encourage everyone to read his notes. It was a wonderful conference. Next year it's in San Francisco so it's a little closer; don't have to pay for plane fare so hopefully more of the trustees will choose to attend. She is looking forward to it. Since the new year is coming up, she thanked everyone for their hard work. She feels very good about what we do and everyone she works with at SCOE and on the Board. She thinks we are accomplishing our mission of serving the children of Sacramento County. She wished everyone happy holidays and a happy new year.

Mr. Scribner was absent.

IX.B. President Cooley reported he had an opportunity to meet with Superintendent Gordon, Tim Taylor, two National Guard representatives, County Supervisor Phil Serna, and Supervisor Don Nottoli regarding the Boys Ranch. He thinks there is new interest in partnering with the National Guard for the Youth Challenge Program. He thinks the Board of Supervisors have a closed session coming up regarding real estate legal issues and what rent they might charge for the Boys Ranch. Supervisor Serna committed to work with Supervisor Nottoli to make this happen. He sees the value of the program. He thinks that's one of the big points we had on our Entrepreneurial Opportunities. He thanked the Board and staff for a great year and he hopes that everyone has a great holiday season.

IX.C. There were no committee reports.

X.A. There was no distribution of the December/January Events item.

X.B. There was no distribution of the December/January Site Visits item.

XI. Items for Future Board Meetings

A. January 17, 2012 – Infant Program

B. February 7, 2012 – Student Mental Health Initiative

XII. Mr. Rivas moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Fong seconded the motion, which carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Gordon
Secretary to the Board

Date approved: January 17, 2012