



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

Agenda Item# 12.1f

Meeting Date: October 24, 2024

Subject: Approve Minutes for the September 19, 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 September 19, 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 September 19, 2024, Regular Board of Education Meeting

<p>Estimated Time of Presentation: N/A Submitted by: Lisa Allen, Superintendent Approved by: Lisa Allen, Superintendent</p>
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Children
First**

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, September 19, 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

2024/25-3

Allotted Time

1.0 OPEN SESSION / CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

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

Members Present:

Member Jeane
Member Kayatta
Member Phillips
Member Rhodes
Member Singh
Member Villa

Members Absent:

Member Pritchett
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 54956.9 - Conference with Legal Counsel:*
 - a) *Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(2) of Government Code section 54956.9 (Nine Potential Cases)*
 - b) *Existing litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(1) of Government Code section 54956.9 (OAH Case No. 2024050659)*
- 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 6:15 p.m.

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

5.0 ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

There were 3 announcements out of closed session.

- *The Board approved a settlement agreements related to special education services each one by a vote of 6-0 with Member Pritchett absent.*
- *The Board approved settlement agreement related to OAH Case No. 2024050659 by a vote of 6-0 with Member Pritchett absent.*
- *The Board approved a settlement agreement related to a construction dispute at the Albert Einstein Middle School Re-Roof Project by a vote of 6-0 with Member Pritchett absent. The material terms of the settlement include full and final payments of \$250,000 to Roofing & Solar Construction Inc.*

6.0 AGENDA ADOPTION

The Board voted to adopt the agenda unanimously.

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.

Tiffany Borba

8.0 COMMUNICATIONS

8.1 Employee Organization Reports:

- *SCTA- Nikki Milevsky shared that at the last meeting, they shared their concerns about the crisis in Special Education. Since that meeting, Superintendent Allen has taken proactive steps in naming Becky Bryant and Iris Taylor to fill in as interim leaders of the department. In the short time that Becky and Iris have been here, they have had productive meetings, and they have begun to triage many of the largest challenges facing Special Education. Nikki Milevsky commented on the unaudited actual reports that Ms. Marking would be presenting on later in the evening, and shared that they are confident that the district will stay on the right track to ensure that the students receive the services that they are entitled to, and that for the first time in a long time, SCUSD is able to successfully recruit and retain those who reflect the diversity of the district.*
- *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- No update*
- *Black/African American Advisory Board- No update*
- *Community Schools Advisory Committee- No update*
- *American Indian Education Program Parent Committee- No update*

9.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- ### **9.1 Approve Resolution No. 3442: National Suicide Prevention and Recovery Month (Jacqueline Garner)**

Jacqueline Garner and students from the Student Advisory Council presented the resolution. This is an action item.

*Public Comment:
No public comment*

*Board Comment:
President Phillips appreciates the article in the resolution that highlights that suicide is a preventable national, state, and local public health problem. Member Phillips shared that this is an issue for all of us, and especially, our students.*

Member Phillips made a motion with a second from Member Villa. The Board voted 6-0 with Member Pritchett absent, and a student preferential yes vote.

9.2 *Approve Resolution No. 3443:
Recognition of National Hispanic Heritage Month
(Board President Lavinia Phillips)*

President Phillips presented the National Hispanic Heritage Month resolution. This is an action item.

*Public Comment:
No public comment*

*Board Comment:
No Board comment*

Member Rhodes made a motion with a second from Member Jeane. The Board voted 6-0 with Member Pritchett absent, and a student preferential yes vote.

10.0 PUBLIC HEARING

10.1 *Determination Hearing for Charter Renewal for
St. HOPE Public 7 (Amanda Goldman)*

President Phillips opened the public hearing on the petition that was submitted to the district to renew St. Hope Public School 7 charter for a five-year term beginning on July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2030. This is an action item. Amanda Goldman shared details regarding the review process for the renewal petition, and discussed procedures for the public hearing. Lisa Ruda shared PS7 highlights, that PS7 meets renewal criteria, report findings, looking ahead, creating a positive school culture, professional development and support, actions, strengthening financial reporting, and commitments.

*Public Comment:
Edie Park
Mo Kashmiri*

*Vanessa Lopez
Jacob Hawkins
Beth Simonton*

Board Comment:

Member Jeane appreciates the documents provided, and careful vetting and process. Member Jeane appreciates that there are direct responses to every piece of the concerns that have been brought forward. Member Jeane shared that it has been amazing to hear all the amazing stories, successes of PS7, and the programs that these schools are offering. Member Jeane would like to build a better partnership. Member Jeane wanted to know how we can put things into place to ensure that there are annual reports, check-ins, and consistency. Member Jeane would love to see continued growth on the plans.

Member Rhodes asked Amanda Goldman to clarify approval with conditions.

Member Jeane would like to hear reports on governance, fiduciary, generally accepted accounting practices, more on the employee process, and programmatic aspect to look at the curriculum adoption cycle, and suspension and expulsion policies.

Member Singh clarified that a yes with conditions is still a yes. Member Singh sees this as an opportunity to build a partnership, and will allow them to have a stronger relationship.

Member Phillips shared that if the Board is considering renewal, they have to look at the documents in the packet stating approval, approval with conditions, or denial. Member Phillips clarified that the Board's concern is being able to track the changes that PS7 agreed to make.

Member Jeane clarified her concern around the governance for PS7.

Member Villa clarified that if this item is approved with conditions, these types of items can be built in the MOU, so they can have discussions and build out from that.

Member Kayatta is agreeing with how the Board is starting to lean, which is approval with conditions. Member Kayatta didn't think it would be fair to bring in information out of left field. It had to be clear with the governing Board with what is expected of PS7 to get the renewal, and if they achieve that, they would get the renewal. It's not that they do not acknowledge that there is some history there that is troubling, or that there are concerns that remain today, but it's about working together to improve the schools, and their oversight over the schools. Member Kayatta shared that most importantly, it's about continuing to offer educational options to our Black students that are not being met with many of our other schools. Member Kayatta appreciates St. Hope's response. Member Kayatta mentioned one of the public comments, and does think that they need to get to a rigorous oversight role, and he thinks that what is being described here. Member Kayatta shared that when we look at approving with conditions, he would like it to be formalized, and can put it in the MOU or resolution to make sure that they can ensure compliance.

Member Phillips asked for clarification around the renewal with conditions and the MOU process.

Member Singh shared that he would like the Board to give the authority to Superintendent Allen and Ruda the opportunity to work together on drafting the MOU.

Member Villa agreed with Member Singh and shared that we do need to have a partnership and conversation on a more detailed explanation with dates for a more solidified and solid MOU that both parties can work together off of.

Member Singh made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 3439 conditionally approving the petition subject to the findings of fact in the Staff Renewal Report and subject to full satisfaction of the following conditions, which must be met by the Charter School no later than the deadlines specified below.

The MOU must be created by July 1, 2025. The MOU will specify the conditions and timelines.

Member Singh made a motion with a second from Member Phillips. The Board voted 6-0 with Member Pritchett absent and a student preferential yes vote.

10.2 Determination Hearing for Charter Renewal Sacramento Charter High School (Amanda Goldman)

President Phillips opened the public hearing on the petition that was submitted to the district to renew Sacramento Charter High School for a five-year term beginning on July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2030. This is an action item. Amanda Goldman shared details regarding the review process for the renewal petition, and discussed procedures for the public hearing. Lisa Ruda shared Sacramento Charter High School highlights, meets renewal criteria, report findings, looking ahead, and commitments. This is an action item.

Public Comment:

Damian Harmony

Edie Park

Ramiro Arias

Jay Martinez

Alice Tapley

Elesia Morris

Board Comment:

Member Jeane shared that the one additional condition that really hit her heart as a high school teacher, and hit her heart with the week that we have had as a nation around safety on school campuses, and the importance of that. Member Jeane would like to see a condition around the importance of the high school safety program that needs to be in place, so that staff and students know what to do in case the unimaginable has to occur. In addition to the ones that Member Jeane mentioned previously

around governance, fiduciary, programmatic, and employees, she would like to add something around safety.

Member Chueh-Griffith referenced an article that was published in the Sac Bee last month. Member Chueh-Griffith thanked all the students that came out and to those who spoke and shared their perspectives. Member Chueh-Griffith shared that she hopes that Sac High and SCUSD can move forward and work more in a collaborative way.

Member Singh restated that that a yes with conditions is still a yes. Member Singh would like to continue to figure out how to work together, and if they do move forward, he would like our superintendents to work together collaboratively.

Member Jeane made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 3440 conditionally approving the petition subject to the findings of fact in the Staff Renewal Report and subject to full satisfaction of the following conditions, which must be met by the Charter School no later than the deadlines specified below.

The MOU must be created by July 1, 2025. The MOU will specify the conditions and timelines.

Member Jeane made a motion with a second from Member Phillips. The Board voted 6-0 with Member Pritchett absent and a student preferential yes vote.

*10.3 Public Hearing and Approval of Resolution No. 3438:
Compliance with the Pupil Textbook and Instructional
Materials Incentive Program (Erin Findley)*

Erin Finley and Tascha Weatherall shared the results from the Williams Site Visits, and asked for the recommendation to approve resolution no. 3354. This is an action item.

*Public Comment:
No public comment*

*Board Comment:
Member Chueh-Griffith thanked staff and highlighted the \$3.6 million dollars used for instructional materials for world languages. Member Chueh-Griffith shared that at her school the old textbooks that they had were over 20 years old, and relatively unusable. The textbooks that they have been receiving so far has been able to standardize world language education.*

Member Jeane made a motion with a second from Member Villa. The Board voted 6-0 with Member Pritchett absent, and a student preferential yes vote.

11.0 BOARD WORKSHOP/STRATEGIC INITIATIVE

11.1 Approve 2023-24 Year End Financial Unaudited Actuals and 2024-25 Budget Update (Janea Marking)

Janea Marking and Cindy Tao presented the 2023-2024 unaudited actuals, 2024-2025 budget update, an analysis, summary, and recommendation. This is an action item.

*Public Comment:
Mo Kashmiri*

*Board Comment:
Member Jeane appreciates Janea Marking's approach and shared that there's such clarity in how she is talking about what we're doing, and appreciates the clear communication. Member Jeane shared that it's a really difficult task done really well, and thanked Ms. Marking on the team for all their work.*

Member Kayatta called out the team for our we look at our finances, and how we approach them as just the necessary part of what it is to be a school district. Member Kayatta shared that there is a third year out that looks scary, but it's not doom and gloom as many people have said. Member Kayatta shared that it also allows us to focus on what we really need to be doing for our students and it has a buy in the community that is really infectious. Member Kayatta thanked Ms. Marking for this breath of fresh air.

Member Singh made a motion with a second from Member Jeane. The Board voted 6-0 with Member Pritchett absent, and a student preferential yes vote.

12.0 COMMUNICATIONS

12.1 Student Member Report (Justine Chueh-Griffith)-Member Chueh-Griffith mentioned the threats of violence on social media against some schools this past week. Member Chueh-Griffith thanked SCUSD and the administrators for their communication with students. Member Chueh-Griffith emphasized that it is really scary to be a student right now, and the threat of violence is never zero. Member Chueh-Griffith shared the importance of providing students with mental health services and giving students a way to cope with this fact. Member Chueh-Griffith thanked the facilities department for their assistance in the SAC's initiatives in the last year.

12.2 President's Report (Lavinia Phillips)-Member Phillips shared the significance around the elephant, Humphrey.

12.3 Information Sharing by Board Members-No update

13.0 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.

13.1 Items Subject or Not Subject to Closed Session:

13.1a 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)

13.1b Approve Contracts Report >\$15,000 (Janea Marking)

13.1c Approve Business and Financial Report: Warrants, Checks and Electronic Transfers Issued for the Period of June 1-31, 2024 (Janea Marking)

13.1d Approval of Unauthorized Vendor Payments (Janea Marking)

13.1e Approve Donations to the District for the Period of June 1-31, 2024 (Janea Marking)

13.1f Approve Purchase Order Board Report for the Period of July 15, 2024, through August 14, 2024 (Janea Marking)

13.1g Approve Personnel Transactions (Cancy McArn)

13.1h Approve Resolution No. 3437: Estimate Gann Appropriation Limitation for 2024-25 and Gann Amendment Calculation for 2023-24 (Janea Marking)

13.1i Approve Prop 28 Annual Report for 2023-24 (Yvonne Wright)

13.1j Approve Miwok Middle field trip to Louisville, KY on November 7, 2024 (Mary Hardin Young & Jerad Hyden)

13.1k Approve AM Winn field trip to Ashland, OR from October 11-12, 2024 (Mary Hardin Young & Tuan Duong)

13.1l Approve Resolution No. 3444: Resolution Of Intention To Convey Public Utility Easement To Sacramento Municipal Utility District At Edward Kemble and Cesar Chavez Elementary Schools (Janea Marking)

This is an action item.

Public Comment:

No public comment

Board Comment:

No Board comment

Member Villa made a motion with a second from Member Phillips. The Board voted 6-0 with

Member Pritchett absent, and a student preferential yes vote.

14.0 FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES / LOCATIONS

- ✓ *October 3, 2024, 5:00 p.m. Closed Session, 6:00 p.m. Open Session, Serna Center, 5735 47th Avenue, Community Room, Regular Workshop Meeting*
- ✓ *October 24, 2024, 5:00 p.m. Closed Session, 6:00 p.m. Open Session, Serna Center, 5735 47th Avenue, Community Room, Regular Workshop Meeting*

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Lisa Allen

Lisa Allen, Superintendent and Board Secretary

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