



# SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 13.1g

**Meeting Date:** June 6, 2024

**Subject:** Approve Minutes for the April 4, 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 April 4, 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 April 4, 2024, Regular Board of Education Meeting

<p><b>Estimated Time of Presentation:</b> N/A <b>Submitted by:</b> Lisa Allen, Interim Superintendent <b>Approved by:</b> Lisa Allen, Interim Superintendent</p>
--



# 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)*
- Liliana Miller Segura, Student Member*

**Thursday, April 4, 2024**

**5:00 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

**2023/24-21**

*Allotted Time*

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

*The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m.*

*Members Present:*

- Member Kayatta*
- Member Rhodes*
- Member Singh*
- Member Pritchett*
- Member Jeane*

*Members Absent:*

- Member Phillips*
- Member Villa*
- Student 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 (One Potential Case)**

b) Existing litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(1) of Government Code section 54956.9 (Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 34-2020-00282457)

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 54956.8—Conference with Real Property Negotiators  
Property: 4591 Perry Ave, Sacramento, CA 95820  
Agency Negotiator: Chris Ralston  
Negotiating Parties: Southgate Parks and Recreation District  
Under Negotiation: Price and terms

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

*The meeting was called back to order at 6:36 p.m.*

4.1 *The Pledge of Allegiance*

4.2 *Broadcast Statement*

4.3 *Stellar Student introduced by Board Member Christina Pritchett postponed until April 18<sup>th</sup>*

#### **5.0 ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

*No announcements taken out of closed session*

#### **6.0 AGENDA ADOPTION**

*The Board voted to adopt the agenda unanimously with Member Phillips and Member 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](mailto: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.*

*Vivian Toddy*

#### **8.0 COMMUNICATIONS**

8.1 *Employee Organization Reports:*

- *SCTA-Nikki Milevsky shared that things continue to progress in the District. Yesterday, they held their second Multi-tiered System of Support Design Committee. The District's Community Schools Advisory Committee met last night as well. They are excited to say that before the next time this Board meets, they will have hired a Community Schools Specialist for the District. Ms. Milevsky extended an invitation to an upcoming forum taking place Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss the development of Community Schools throughout the county and to highlight the work being done. The forum will be held at Luther Burbank High School and will begin at 5pm. They will be joined by the President of the California Teachers Association, David Goldberg, and hope that the Board can join them.*
- *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- Dr. Vlastimil Krbecek introduced two new officers and shared information regarding the new DELAC President.*
- *Black/African American Advisory Board- No update*
- *Community Schools Advisory Committee- No update*
- *Native American Parent Committee- The Secretary of the American Indian Education Program Parent Committee shared that the name is listed wrong on the agenda. She has to explain to her children why things are put on hold right now, and shared that it is a shame that a lot of things are delayed. The committee is still trying to rebuild after COVID, and they are trying to find ways to help keep their program going. There are a lot of programs still on hold. Their classroom educator has 49 presentations that have been delayed this year with requests still coming in every day. In regard to creating their summer program and planning for the Native American graduation, they are having to work within the insurance requirements that are being held. She thanked the Board for their support on the mural project. The Board was invited to the Native American graduation, which will be held on May 30<sup>th</sup> at the Serna Center.*

## 9.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- 9.1 *Approve Resolution No. 3396: Recognition of Adult Education Week (Dr. Susan Gilmore, Dr. Carla Galbraith, and Clifton Carley)*

*Dr. Carla Galbraith and Clifton Carley presented the resolution for Board approval. This is an action item.*

*Public Comment:  
No public comment*

*Board Comment:  
Member Jeane thanked staff for all the work they do and for bringing the resolution forth.  
Member Singh shared that his wife's father enrolled in adult education the day after he moved here. He took it on to learn how to read and write, and understand the language. He had a desire to communicate, which is a human desire to get to know people. The adult education space was where he regained and rekindled those skills from a language perspective. Member Singh thinks this resolution is really important and he is excited to support it this evening.*

*Member Pritchett made a motion with a second from Member Rhodes. Student Board Member preferential yes vote. The Board voted 5-0 with Member Phillips and Member Villa absent.*

- 9.2 *Adult Education Update  
(Dr. Susan Gilmore, Dr. Carla Galbraith, and Clifton Carley)*

*Dr. Carla Galbraith and Clifton Carley presented the historical timeline, spoke about the A. Warren McClaskey Adult Center and Charles A. Jones Career and Educational Center, SETA Sacramento Works Job Center, upcoming events, and upcoming programming. This was an information item.*

*Public Comment:  
No public comment*

*Board Comment:  
Member Pritchett loves that staff are thinking about bringing on additional programming for adults to join the program. Member Pritchett asked when she could come buy some plants. Member Pritchett shared that staff are doing*

*great work and thanked them.  
Member Singh shared that McClaskey is a beautiful place.  
Member Singh wanted to know the adult high school diploma process and timeline.  
Member Segura asked for the process of what the plan and outreach looks like, and how does the expansion within our own District's students who are not on track for graduation or students that are outside of our district look like and what the requirements are.*

**9.3 College and Career Readiness Update**  
*(Shannon Pella, Daniel Spinka, and Jill Thom)*

*Shannon Pella, Daniel Spinka, and Jill Thom presented historical data, CCR Department goals, special population highlights, work expansion, career readiness, master scheduling and school counseling, college readiness data, and additional CCR initiatives. This was an information item.*

*Public Comment:  
No public comment*

*Board Comment:  
Member Singh thinks it's amazing when you focus on a community or a group of folks, because it allows kids to feel more seen. In regard to CTE, Member Singh wanted to know if it's a lost opportunity to not have students at the transportation facility where there are busses, everything is being fixed there, it's a beautiful facility, there is a gym, and great people working there. Member Singh wants to push with the students at the Johnson space, because students at schools that generally perform lower don't get the resources that they often deserve. Member Singh shared that JFK is a great school and he loves JFK, but Hiram Johnson is often kicked to the side. With the transportation space being so close to the school, Member Singh is asking to think deeper. On slide 11, the special population highlights, Member Pritchett noted that for the 2022-2023 school year, there is a really big jump for the special education CTE participants. Member Pritchett knows that staff shared the ways in which they were going out and marketing, and getting people involved. Member Pritchett wants to know how many people stayed involved in the program until the end. Member Pritchett asked if staff feel like the current funding that they have is enough to be able to keep these programs going and flourishing, or if it feels stagnant. Member Pritchett feels that often funding comes into play, and the reason why she brings this up is to remind us all when we're talking about budgets and funding, that we have to put budgets like this at the*

*forefront. Member Pritchett asked staff if we still have credit recovery at all of our school sites, and if students are able to take it right at their high schools. Member Pritchett asked if the UC Merced system catches them on the early indicator, and are they able to get them into credit recovery, and do we have enough licenses to be able to offer that to them. Member Kayatta shared that this is something that parents talk to him about all the time, and that they are excited about and want to learn about. Not only are these skills that kids will have when they graduate, but this is something that kids get excited for, and a reason to go to school. Member Kayatta is excited about continuing to grow this. Member Kayatta is excited to see that more special education kids are coming through. Member Kayatta has been reading about the special education space for kids who don't necessarily thrive in the traditional educational models that we have. These kids can actually really thrive in these environments. From what Member Kayatta has seen and what he has been reading, a lot of this can really work for them. To the extent that maybe we can look into how to attract these kids who are struggling, because of the manifestations of their disabilities in the traditional classrooms. Member Kayatta commented on having kids start young, having them shadow at a high school that is doing this, and get them thinking about how education can work for them. Member Kayatta is so excited to grow this space, especially, with a population that so easily can fall through the cracks or not pass the finish line. Member Kayatta is happy to support this in any way needed.*

*Member Jeane wants to celebrate the data on slide 9. Member Jeane shared that it's so wonderful to see the huge increases in the participants and the completers. Member Jeane really likes in increase in work based learning. Member Jeane wanted to know if staff are working with local businesses to create these work based learning experiences. Member Jeane noted data on slide 10. Member Jeane wanted to know some of the goals that staff have in mind to improve the master scheduling process, and what are the barriers they are faced with at the moment.*

*Member Segura wanted to circle back on the focus group area, and they are happy to see that staff are gathering student input for this. Member Segura wanted to know how staff are bringing in those students and if they are reaching out to multiple different schools. Member Segura wanted to know what the focus groups look like and how staff are implementing the conversations that they have into the planning process.*

## **10.0 BOARD WORKSHOP/STRATEGIC INITIATIVE**

10.1 *Presentation to Prepare for Potential November 2024 Bond Measure (Janea Marking)*

*Janea Marking shared that this presentation is being brought back on behalf of the Board who has requested additional data. Ms. Marking shared a reminder around the conversation of voters being very supportive of the district in general, the tax extension opportunity that the district has, the overall need in the district, and discussion around what is the right number and if there is a need to increase taxes. Staff spent a great deal of time looking at how fast can we spend money, and staff went over projections, plans, and a schedule of what they think they can spend. Staff looked forward and thinking about capacity in 2028, and being in a regular cycle of what is possible with our voters. After taking a look at everything, staff's recommendation is to stay at the extension of the tax rate, and the \$540 million dollars, because even on a very aggressive plan, staff thinks that the rate of being able to spend on a bond program is what keeps bringing us back to that tax rate extension amount. Ms. Marking introduced Dale Scott, who shared additional data findings.*

*Public Comment:  
No public comment*

*Board Comment:  
Member Pritchett shared that she has recently had some conversations with some community members in her area, and some of their concerns were around Measure H. Member Pritchett shared that we saw a really low voter turnout in this last election, and she wanted to know if they should assume that there would be another low turnout. Member Kayatta asked for Mr. Scott to clarify if he is asking for direction from the Board. Member Kayatta shared that we are doing something that is a continued investment in our schools and to continue improving them. Member Kayatta thinks that keeping the tax rates flat, even though we are extending them out, is something that we can sell to people, because we are not asking for more, but continue the commitment that has already been shown. Member Kayatta wanted to know what does the school district or school Board do to support this, when it is put on the ballot?  
Member Singh appreciates the presentation, and seeing the way that Mr. Scott presented it, showcases that we can balance the needs of our community. Member Singh knows that nobody wants to see tax rates go up, especially, when looking at working class families. Another aspect, is community buy in. The data presented didn't make Member Singh feel like people are not supportive, and thinks that the*



*data presented was overwhelmingly positive. Member Singh shared that this is an opportunity to showcase piece by piece how we are effectively improving our school district, how we are improving our schools, and we have an opportunity to prove it at each junction. Member Singh shared that staff are doing a great job at creating new schools.*

## **11.0 COMMUNICATIONS**

*11.1 Student Member Report (Liliana Miller Segura)- Member Segura shared that the students have had a great opportunity with Board members in the space. Member Rhodes attended the SAC meeting yesterday. SAC will be bringing back an initiative that they have expanded upon from last year, which they have had to expand on funding-wise. SAC is meeting with a few different departments in the school district to finalize those. Member Segura shared that there are two more initiatives as well as a collaborative effort with a student from the district who came to SAC asking for support on his initiative, which the Board will be seeing in the coming weeks as well.*

*11.2 Superintendent's Report (Lisa Allen)- Superintendent Allen welcomed students back from Spring Break. Superintendent Allen thanked Diana Flores and the Nutrition Services Department team for another successful curbside pantry box distribution in partnership with the Sacramento Food Bank. Superintendent Allen shared that a 30-foot mural was unveiled over the break at Miwok Middle School. Superintendent Allen recognized Nina Caine from McClatchy, who was recognized as the Sacramento Bee's girls' basketball player of the year. In addition, Sacramento Bee's All Metro Teams Honors went to Leilani Edinburg, Noret Lewis, Casey Shinmoto. Superintendent Allen wanted to recognize Emmanuel Katima and Hadasha Galoob for qualifying for the 2024 Capital Spelling Bee. Superintendent Allen recognized Jesse Castillo, and let the public know that this would be his last Board meeting. Superintendent Allen honored Mr. Castillo for all his great work at the district.*

*11.3 President's Report (Lavinia Phillips)- No update*

*11.4 Information Sharing by Board Members- Member Rhodes shared that there will be a free basketball clinic camp this Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at John Still. The clinic is from 9am-12pm, and any students aged 7 through 14 can attend. On May 4<sup>th</sup>, there will be a first annual Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast. Member Singh knows that students are celebrating a lot of different holidays, and took time to recognize all the different ethnicities, religions, and faith communities. On April 13<sup>th</sup>, the Sikh community is celebrating Vaisakhi. Member Singh shared that this past weekend was a deadly weekend in Gaza and in Palestine. Member Singh shared that there is no excuse to attack and kill innocent folks, and for some reason we continue to have federal leaders that*

lack the courage to speak up. Member Singh that everyone has the power to speak up and say that wrong is wrong. Member Singh shared that people are suffering when there are three major religions that people are supposed to be celebrating, which are some of the most important times within their communities. Member Singh shared that our kids deserve better, and our kids deserve to have leaders in the future that will not perpetuate war and war crimes. Member Singh apologized to the students that are seeing this and that this is the world that they live in. Member Singh wants students to know that there are people out there working hard to ensure that they don't face these types of situations in the future, and he really hopes that the world can do better.

## **12.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

**Action**  
2 minutes

*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 West Campus Debate Tournament in Evanston, IL from April 11-14, 2024 (Mary Hardin Young and Jerad Hyden)*

*12.1d Approval of Unauthorized Vendor Payments (Janea Marking)*

*12.1e Approve Waiver Request and Affidavit – Request for Allowance Due to Emergency Conditions (Janea Marking)*

*12.1f Approve Mandatory Reporting to the Sacramento County Office of Education Uniform Complaints Regarding the Williams Settlement Processed for the Period of January 2024 through March 2024 (Cancy McArn)*

*12.1g Approve SETA Head Start Budget Carryover from 2022-2023 to 2023-2024 (Dr. E'Leva Gibson)*

*12.1h Approve SETA Head Start Budget Modification for 2023-2024 (Dr. E'Leva Gibson)*

*Public Comment:*  
*No public comment*

*Board Comment:*  
*Member Kayatta requested to pull agenda item 12.1a. Member Kayatta shared that we have a contract with our Business Services Department to get audit services with Crowe. Member Kayatta just wanted to bring this up, because this time last year, Member Kayatta had made a motion to rotate audit firms this year. As his experience as a CPA, the benefits are that they have different audit procedures and new people to come in and*

*look at things. Member Kayatta shared that we can go back to Crowe next year. Member Kayatta knows that it's too late now this year, and there has been a lot of turnover with staff, so he understands. There is no motion here to do anything, other than to approve this, but Member Kayatta would like to request that we rotate auditors next year.*

*Member Kayatta made a motion to approve the remainder of the consent agenda with the exception of 12.1a with a second from Member Jeane. Student Board Member preferential yes vote. The Board voted 5-0 with Member Phillips and Member Villa absent.*

*Member Kayatta made a motion to approve 12.a with a second from Member Jeane. Student Board Member preferential yes vote. The Board voted 5-0 with Member Phillips and Member Villa absent.*

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

- ✓ *April 18, 2024, 5:00 p.m. Closed Session, 6:30 p.m. Open Session, Serna Center, 5735 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Community Room, Regular Workshop Meeting*
- ✓ *May 2, 2024, 5:00 p.m. Closed Session, 6:30 p.m. Open Session, Serna Center, 5735 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Community Room, Regular Workshop Meeting*

### **14.0 ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.*

---

*Lisa Allen, Superintendent and Board Secretary*

*NOTE: The Sacramento City Unified School District encourages those with disabilities to participate fully in the public meeting process. If you need a disability-related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, to participate in the public meeting, please contact the Board of Education Office at (916) 643-9314 at least 48 hours before the scheduled Board of Education meeting so that we may make every reasonable effort to accommodate you. [Government Code § 54953.2; Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, § 202 (42 U.S.C. §12132)] Any public records distributed to the Board of Education relating to an open session item will be available for public inspection at the Serna Center, at 5735 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sacramento, during normal business hours or on the District's website at [www.scusd.edu](http://www.scusd.edu).*