



# SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 13.1j

**Meeting Date:** December 19, 2024

**Subject:** Approve Minutes for the November 7, 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 November 7, 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 November 7, 2024, Regular Board of Education Meeting

<p><b>Estimated Time of Presentation:</b> N/A <b>Submitted by:</b> Lisa Allen, Superintendent <b>Approved by:</b> Lisa Allen, Superintendent</p>
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# 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, November 7, 2024

5:00 p.m. Closed Session

6:00 p.m. Open Session

Serna Center

Community Conference Rooms

5735 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Sacramento, CA 95824

## **MINUTES**

2024/25-6

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

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

*Member Present:*

*Member Rhodes*

*Member Singh*

*Member Pritchett*

*Member Jeane*

*Member Villa*

*Members Absent:*

*Member Kayatta*

*Member Phillips*

*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 (One Potential Case)*
  - b) *Existing litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(1) of Government Code section 54956.9 (OAH Case No. 2024070719, OAH Case No. 2024070465, and OAH Case No. 2024071050 )*
- 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 *Education Code 35146- The Board will hear staff recommendation on the following student expulsions from 24-25: Expulsions #6, #7, #8, and #9 of the 2024/2025 school year (David Van Natten)*
  - 3.5 *Government Code 54957- Public Employee Appointment (a) Approve- Assistant Superintendent, Early Learning and Care*

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

*The meeting was called back to order at 6:07 p.m.*

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

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

*There were 3 announcements that came out of closed session.*

- The Board approved a settle agreement related to special education services by a vote of 6-0 with Member Kayatta absent.*
- The Board approved a settlement agreement related to OAH Case No. 2024070719 and OAH Case No. 2024071050 each one separately by a vote of 6-0 with Member Kayatta absent.*
- The Board approved the following appointment by a vote of 6-0 with Member Kayatta absent, the Board approved the appointment of Mikako Fisher-Hill as Assistant Superintendent of Early Learning and Care.*

**6.0 AGENDA ADOPTION**

*The Board adopted the agenda unanimously.*

## **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.*

*Sonja Correa*

*Laura Kerr*

*Victor Ward*

*Norman Hernandez*

*Jackie Haigh*

*Terrence Gladney*

*Elia Bassin*

*Deborah Wilson*

*Amelia Valentine*

## **8.0 COMMUNICATIONS**

### *8.1 Employee Organization Reports:*

- *SCTA- Nikki Milevsky wanted to say congratulations to SEIU and the District for reaching a TA this week. With the resolution of that dispute, they hope that the focus can be turned to solving systemic problems, and recruiting and retaining classified staff that our students so desperately need. The teachers met with their bargaining team last night to talk about their proposal to use the agreed upon funds that they recouped from the state penalty, and how to use those funds to support our students. They hope that things can move really quickly in that area, and they can come to an agreement. With the developments at the federal level, Ms. Milevsky shared that we must acknowledge that many of our students, families, and colleagues are very stressed, and deeply concerned about the future. Ms. Milevsky shared that we need to work together as a school community to find support and resources to get through this uncertain time, and we have a lot of work ahead of us to continue to provide a safe environment for all of our students.*
- *SEIU- No update*
- *TCS- No update*
- *Teamsters- No update*
- *UPE- No update*

## 8.2 District Advisory Committees:

- *Student Advisory Council- SAC has been in continuous collaboration with Facilities and the LGBTQ+ Support Services the last few months to follow up on the gender neutral bathroom initiative and resolution that was passed last year. A survey will be sent out to different school sites to get an understanding of how the initiatives has gone into effect at their school site and how they feel about their gender neutral restrooms. They began their meetings for the Student Mental Wellness Committee. Currently, it's comprised of Student Advisory Council members, however, they are soon going to start recruiting high school students from other school sites. SAC has begun deciding the initiatives that they will be working on this school year, and some areas of focus are substance abuse, student discipline, and student nutrition.*
- *Community Advisory Committee- No update*
- *District English Learner Advisory Committee- No update*
- *Local Control Accountability Plan/Parent Advisory Committee- Terrence Gladney shared that LCAP/PAC had a meeting Monday night, but they did not decide who would be making an official statement. Out of respect for being a committee, Mr. Gladney asked Member Jeane if there was anything she would like to offer since she was at the meeting. Member Jeane didn't have anything to share. Mr. Gladney shared that upon talking with other committee members, that they hope to dive a little bit deeper into offering comments directly to the Superintendent for review, and having more authentic conversations in this space.*
- *Black/African American Advisory Board- Terrence Gladney shared that today in Black education history on November 7, 1876, Edward A. Bouchet became the first African American to graduate with a doctoral degree in physics from Yale. At the time, he was the 6<sup>th</sup> person to graduate with a doctoral degree. It took around 42 years for another African American to graduate with a doctoral degree in physics. As the B/AAAB, it's important that they do what they can to inform their spaces with the work and contributions of African Americans, because we cannot wait for this system that does not do so to do so. Last night, B/AAAB held their general body meeting. Their focus right now is to acknowledge that in 2019, the Board of Education committed to recommendations to improve the outcomes for Black students. They are seeking to have the board reaffirm their commitment to this body since it was incepted under the previous superintendent. They are looking to Superintendent Allen to reaffirm her commitment to them under her leadership, and to help them establish the vision as to how they are supposed to carry this work forward, and how*

*collectively, they can accelerate the implementation of the recommendations.*

- *Community Schools Advisory Committee-No update*
- *American Indian Education Program Parent Committee-A freshman at Rosemont High School, Vivian Tody, shared that she is the newly appointed student representative for the American Indian Education Program Parent Committee. Vivian highlighted that it is Native American Heritage Month. Vivian challenged the school board to collaborate on how we can meet responsibilities and make Native American Heritage Month something of substance, and more than just an art project for kids at school. Vivian shared her experience visiting Consumnes River College.*

## **9.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

### **9.1 Recognition of Outgoing Board Members (Board President Lavinia Phillips)**

*Board President Lavinia Phillips presented the recognition of outgoing board members to Member Pritchett and Member Villa. Member Pritchett and Member Villa shared their journey and highlights while sitting on the board. This is an information item.*

*Public Comment:  
Michael Pritchett  
Cam Villa*

*Board Comment:  
Member Pritchett shared how lucky Member Villa's community was to have her serving as their board member, and how she stood against so much fighting for them. Member Pritchett thanked Member Villa for all the work that she's done.  
Member Villa thanked Member Pritchett for everything that she has done for her trustee area, the school board, and for the city as a whole. Member Villa shared that Member Pritchett should be incredibly proud of the 12 years that she has served, and thanked her for everything. Member Rhodes shared that this is a hard road and they have faced it together. Member Rhodes shared through the ups and downs, they have made it to a position to where the district is stronger for it. Member Rhodes thanked both members for their service, and their husbands for their work and support as well.  
Superintendent Allen shared that anyone who gives of themselves as a public servant is incredibly special.*

*Superintendent Allen shared that not everyone can do this role, and do it well, and take the scrutiny that comes at times with being a public servant.*

*Superintendent Allen thanked the board members for the work they have done for our students, for our schools, and for our community at large.*

*Member Singh shared that he appreciates the difficult conversations that were had with both board members, because it's easy to say that they don't agree on things, but often times he found them agreeing on a lot of things.*

*Member Singh shared that we fail to focus on things that we agree on, and focus on the things that we don't.*

*Member Singh shared that he can't imagine what 12 years feels like, and he'll see if he has the same conversation in 8 years, if that's what is written for him. Member Singh highlighted that he will probably get emails from Member Villa, because her daughter goes to school in his area, and he hopes that Member Villa will continue to be an advocate. Member Singh looks forward to working with Member Villa outside of the district.*

*Member Phillips presented both board members with their apple awards, and shared her appreciation for all the work that both members have done.*

9.2 *Approve Resolution No. 3460: Recognition of Veteran's Day (Board Member Christina Pritchett)*

*Member Pritchett presented Resolution No. 3460 for the recognition of Veteran's Day. The resolution was presented to IAS, Enrique Flores. This is an action item.*

*Public Comment:  
No public comment*

*Board Comment:  
No Board comment*

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

9.3 *Approve Resolution No. 3461: Recognition of Native American Heritage Month (Manpreet Kaur & Christina Prairie-Chicken)*

*Nuhwa-Qawi Gomez presented Resolution No. 3461 for the recognition of Native American Heritage Month. This is an action item.*

*Public Comment:*  
*No public comment*

*Board Comment:*  
*Member Jeane appreciates Nuhwa-Qawi Gomez's focus and shared that the words she spoke really grabbed her heart. Member Jeane thanked her and shared that she plans to attend the Native American Heritage Month event at The Met.*

*Member Rhodes shared that he looks forward to attending the event and would like to know Miss Gomez needs any extra support.*

*Student Board Member Justine Chueh-Griffith thanked Nuhwa-Qawi for all that she's doing to bring this month into fruition and actually creating events surrounding it, so this isn't just a resolution that we're signing off on.*

*Member Singh shared that it's really important that our resolutions have teeth to them with meaning and power.*

*Member Singh shared that it's amazing that Nuhwa-Qawi is holding an event. Member Singh appreciates Miss Gomez for finding the courage to come up and talk to the Board about what she believes is missing.*

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

9.4 *Approve Resolution No. 3462: Recognition of 1984 Sikh Genocide (Board Member Jasjit Singh)*

*Member Singh invited individuals from the Sikh Collegiate Federation to come up to the podium. Member Singh presented Resolution No. 3462 in recognition of the 1984 Sikh Genocide. This is an action item.*

*Public Comment:*  
*No public comment*

*Board Comment:*  
*Member Jeane thanked Member Singh for bringing this resolution forward.*

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

9.5 *Student Support and Health Services Annual Report (Jacqueline Garner)*



*Jacqueline Garner shared an overview of Student Support and Health Services, the services that they provide, tiered supports and student stories, and current and future work. This is an information item.*

*Public Comment:  
No public comment*

*Board Comment:  
Member Jeane asked to hear more about the site-based student support services team. Member Jeane wanted to know whose labor would this be if we didn't have the interns, and how do we start encouraging it to be something we're bringing in house. Member Jeane shared that she knows between ESSER funds and ELOP funds, and different COVID realities, that we're coming up on those funds expiring, and she sees that 44% of staff are expiring at the end of this school year. Member Jeane wants to know what staff are doing with working to sustain.*

*Member Pritchett thanked staff for giving the Board a visual of all the work being done and echoed the question around sustainability. Member Pritchett told staff to not be afraid to come to the Board with any needs.*

*Member Singh highlighted how students have expressed concerns around the state of our country, and understands that there have been conversations around support services, so Member Singh would like to hear what staff have been doing to provide students with reassurance.*

## **10.0 COMMUNICATIONS**

*10.1 Student Member Report (Justine Chueh-Griffith)-Student Member Segura shared that it's been a pretty high tension environment at school the last two days. Member Chueh-Griffith shared that it's a really uncertain and crazy time for a lot of students. Member Chueh-Griffith shared that the words she has been hearing the most is "I'm scared". Member Chueh-Griffith shared that right now a lot of students are terrified not just for themselves, but for their friends and family. Member Chueh-Griffith shared how important it is right now for the school board to protect our students, and not just fight for our students, but fight alongside them right now.*

*10.2 Superintendent's Report (Lisa Allen)- Superintendent Allen thanked Student Member Chueh-Griffith for her words and the strength that she has to share her thoughts and what she's seen. Superintendent Allen gave a heartfelt thank you to the voters of Sacramento for their support for our latest school bond efforts. Superintendent Allen gave a*

*shout out to Mr. Ralston and Mr. Browning for all the work that they have done.*

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

10.4 *Information Sharing by Board Members-Member Rhodes gave a shout out to Mr. Ralston and mentioned how the community broadly supports our schools. Member Rhodes is very proud of the effort that was put together by all the partners to make this happen for our students.*

*Member Singh is thankful to the community and thinks that it really speaks volumes of the level of work that staff has done, and they have been able to do as a board. Member Singh shared that there is a palpable difference and feeling on where we are headed. Member Singh wanted to acknowledge Student Board Member Chueh-Griffith for having such bravery to speak. Member Singh shared that he wants students and families to know that the board is there for them, and we are in this together.*

## **11.0 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.**

### **11.1 Items Subject or Not Subject to Closed Session:**

*11.1a 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)*

*11.1b Approve Contracts Report >\$15,000 (Janea Marking)*

*11.1c Approve Personnel Transactions (Cancy McArn)*

*11.1d Approve Drainage Facility Maintenance Declaration with the County of Sacramento for Nicholas Elementary (Ben Wangberg)*

*11.1e Approve Business and Financial Report: Warrants, Checks and Electronic Transfers Issued for the period of September 1-30, 2024 (Janea Marking)*

*11.1f Approve Donations to the District for the Period of September 2024 (Janea Marking)*

*11.1g Approve Resolution No. 3459 Resolution of Intention to Convey Public Utilities Easement to County of Sacramento at Nicholas Elementary School (Ben Wangberg)*

*11.1h Approve Resolution No. 3456 Authorizing Piggyback Contract for Purchase of School Site Furniture Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 20118 (Janea Marking)*

11.1i Approve Staff Recommendations for Expulsions #6, #7, #8, and #9 of the 2024/2025 school year (David Van Natten)

11.1j Approve Stormwater Treatment Device Access and Maintenance Agreement with the County of Sacramento for Nicholas Elementary (Ben Wangberg)

Public Comment:

No public comment

Board Comment:

No Board comment

Member Villa made a motion with a second from Member Rhodes. The board voted 6-0 with Member Kayatta absent, and a student preferential yes vote.

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

12.1 Business and Financial Information: Enrollment and Attendance Report- Month 1, Ending Friday, September 13, 2024 (Janea Marking)

**13.0 FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES / LOCATIONS**

- ✓ November 21, 2024, 5:00 p.m. Closed Session, 6:00 p.m. Open Session, Serna Center, 5735 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Community Room, Regular Workshop Meeting
- ✓ December 19, 2024, 5:00 p.m. Closed Session, 6:00 p.m. Open Session, Serna Center, 5735 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Community Room, Regular Workshop Meeting

**14.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

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*Lisa Allen, Superintendent and Board Secretary*

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