
Subject: Approve Minutes of the March 4, 2021, 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:



BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AND WORKSHOP

Board of Education Members

4:30 p.m. Closed Session

6:00 p.m. Open Session

Serna Center

Community Conference Rooms

5735 47th Avenue

Sacramento, CA 95824

(See Notice to the Public Below)

AGENDA

2020/21-25

1.0 OPEN SESSION / CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC ATTENDANCE BY LIVESTREAM

Members of the public who wish to attend the meeting may do so by livestream at: <https://www.scusd.edu/post/watch-meeting-live>. No physical location of the meeting will be provided to the public.

The meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m. by President Pritchett, and roll was taken.

Members Present:

President Christina Pritchett (for Closed Session)

Vice President Lisa Murawski

Second Vice President Darrel Woo

Leticia Garcia

Lavinia Grace Phillips

Chinua Rhodes

Jamee Villa

Members Absent:

President Christina Pritchett (for Open Session)

Student Member Isa Sheikh arrived at 6:00 p.m. for Open Session.

2.0 ANNOUNCEMENT AND P-00c1Fe W n631FeI-

Public comment may be (1) emailed to publiccomment@scusd.edu; (2) submitted in writing, identifying the matter number and the name of the public member at the URL <https://tinyurl.com/SCUSDcommentMarch4>; or (3) using the same URL, submitting a request for oral comment only when the matter is called, instead of written comment. Regardless of the method by which public comment is submitted, including a request for oral comment, the submission deadline for closed and open session items shall be no later than noon, March 4. Individual public comment shall be no more than two minutes in length on each agenda item. The Board shall limit the total time for public comment on each agenda item, including communications and organizational reports, to 15 minutes in length. With Board consent, the President may increase or decrease the length of time allowed for public

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Coordinator of Risk Management, Cancy McArn Chief Human Resources Officer, Leigh Sata, Interim Assistant Superintendent of Operations, Chad Sweitzer, Assistant Superintendent, Matt Turkie, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, and Jeff Winn, Facilities Management Manager, presented the update.

*Public Comment:
Amanda Connolly*

*Dustin Heron
Sonya Moreno
Talyn Wong
Laura Randles
Alison French-Tubo
David Drelinger*

Board Comments:

Member Phillips asked if the District will focus on students in adversely affected areas when the County moves to red. Superintendent Aguilar said that the recommendation being made does not account for this; he said we think the measures we have put in place would still abide by County public health guidance and the guidance of other entities as well. Member Phillips said that there are trust issues with the medical profession and the school district in some particular areas; she is concerned with black and brown children. Superintendent Aguilar said that, depending upon Board action tonight, the District is scheduled to send out surveys to see how many families want their children to participate in in-person instruction.

Student Member Sheikh asked for the reasoning for the three hour school day. Superintendent Aguilar said it is a model being seen across the entire region, but he is open to hear what is being heard from students and constituents. Mr. Turkie explained what the content of the three hours will be. Student Member Sheikh asked for clarification on how many teachers will return in person. Ms. McArn said that 98 percent of those that returned the survey say they are ready to physically return. Student Member Sheikh asked why we have not yet asked families for their plans regarding returnin

to make sure we are ready to have a special board meeting to go through the plan and to have community forum so that the parents can ask questions. She also said that, although accessing the grant dollars does not require a negotiated agreement, the working conditions of the plan sort of creates what is subject to bargaining. Therefore, she proposed having an agreement by March 15. Superintendent Aguilar said that we need all the time to make sure we implement the plan as seamlessly as possible so that we are not in the same situation we were in in the Fall. He said he can interpret a March 15 target date as something that would have to come back to the Board for an update, but he remains hopeful that this is something that can be negotiated very quickly. Member Garcia asked her colleagues to please support a firm target date in order for the negotiations to come to a conclusion so we can move into communicating with families and get ready to open on April 8.

Member Phillips said she feels there are some areas missing. She again asked what we are doing for disproportionately affected areas, namely 95817 and 95820. She said she does not mind going door to door but asked how the surveys are being delivered and asked if we are using any of our nine CBOs and other CBOs to get the message out in areas where people have not been reached. She said some in these areas may not even have time to complete the survey, and she asked what else is being done to reach out. Ms. Gallegos replied that for the survey we partnered with Everyday Labs. She said they are going to help us implement and outreach the survey. She said families should expect two emails and two text messages in their targeted language over the next few weeks. She said the form is simple and asks only one question: how do you want to send your student back. She also went over strategy and other information that has been provided and how it has been provided. Member Phillips noted that some do not have access to the internet. Ms. Gallegos said that a letter will also be send out.

Vice President Murawski said she would like to see more support for working families in this plan. She wants us to look for opportunities for more in-person and quality instructional time. She has concerns about training regarding the classroom technology required for the concurrent model. Mr. Sweitzer said firstly we will need to have surveys so that we know what technology is currently in the classrooms, because it is not the same in each, and then arrangements will need to be make with vendors to bring every classroom to the technological level required. Vice President Murawski asked why we are looking at the MERV 13 filters now. Mr. Sata said additional information about the impact of these filters was acquired. Vice President Murawski said we need an agreement as quickly as possible to get students in school as soon as possible. She said we need to look for opportunities to increase the quality and time of in-person instruction and to plan for summer and next school year as soon as possible. Lastly, she said that assessments are going to be critical. She went over staff recommendation to reopen school on April 8 and opened the floor for a motion. She suggested moving to reopen for phased in-person instruction on or before April 8, making every effort to reopen earlier if possible. Member Woo asked for clarity. Vice President Murawski stated we reopen for in-person on or before April 8, making every effort to open earlier if possible and meeting CDC/CDPH/Sacramento County Public Health requirements as an expectation and making every effort to meet all of the above and beyond requirements we have laid out in our November 2020 reopening conditions. Member Woo motioned to adopt as Vice President Murawski stated. Member Phillips seconded.

Member Garcia said she wants to make sure the “and making every effort to meet all of the above and beyond” is not a condition to reopening. Vice President Murawski clarified her motion as: reopen for phased in in-person instruction on or before April 8 making every effort to reopen earlier if possible, meeting CDC, CDPH, and Sacramento County Public Health guidelines and subject to state and local school reopening guidelines. She asked if this is confusing, and Member Woo said yes. Vice President Murawski rephrased as: reopen for phased in in-person instruction on or before April 8, making every effort to reopen earlier if possible, meeting CDC, CDPH, and Sacramento County Public Health guidelines; the District shall attempt to meet above and beyond guidelines by the targeted reopening date, shall attempt to meet each above and beyond guidelines as adopted.

Member Rhodes asked if she is trying to be more specific with the language. Vice President Murawski said she is trying to be more clear. She said the confusion is that there are two sets of guidelines, mitigation guidelines and guidelines as to whether schools should reopen at all. She said she can say “meeting CDC, CDPH, Sacramento Public Health mitigation guidelines”.

Student Member Sheikh made a motion to extend the meeting to 12:30 a.m. Member Garcia seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Vice President Murawski then restated her motion as: we are asking to reopen for phased in-person instruction on or before April 8 making every effort to reopen earlier if possible meeting CDC, CDPH, and Sacramento County Public Health mitigation guidelines and the District shall make every effort to meet the above and beyond guidelines as adopted November 2020 and subsequently updated by staff.

Member Phillips said she wants this to be easily understood by folks on the street, and this is becoming difficult for her to understand. She noted that the Superintendent is going to update the Board regarding labor partners and changes in local and state guidelines.

Vice President Murawski then again restated her motion as: reopen for phased-in, in-person instruction on or before April 8 making every effort to reopen sooner if possible. Our District shall meet federal, state, and local public health mitigation guidelines. Member Phillips asked what happens if we do not meet those guidelines. Vice President Murawski asked Superintendent Aguilar if he was comfortable with saying/meeting the federal, state, and local public health mitigation guidelines. He said yes, and he explained why. Vice President Murawski then stated: “open April 8 or sooner, earlier if possible; the District shall meet federal, state, and local public health mitigation guidelines and the District shall make every effort to meet any above and beyond guidelines adopted November 2020 and subsequently updated. Member Woo said he does not understand why she has to put in the later. Member Villa agreed and said she does not think we have to add in “above and beyond”. Vice President Murawski said okay, and asked if the Board was good with this. She said, not as part of the motion, but for staff direction we want staff to work toward all of the conditions that were already discussed. She withdrew her motion and asked for a motion to adopt: “reopen April 8 or sooner and that the District shall meet federal, state, and local public health mitigation guidelines”. Member Woo said he withdraws his second, and he adopts this as his motion. Member Villa seconded, and the motion passed 6-0 with President Pritchett absent.

7.3 Recommendations from the Parent Advisory Committee and Student Advisory Council for the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) (Vincent Harris and Steven Ramirez-Fong)

Information

LCAP Committee members LaShanya Breazell, Miguel Cordova, Maria Rodriguez, and Renee Webster Hawkins presented along with Student Advisory Council members Sara Faraj, Abby Morioka, and Isa Sheikh. They were joined by staff members Vincent Harris, Chief Continuous Improvement and Accountability Officer and Steven Fong, LCAP/SPSA Coordinator. They presented recommendations for board member feedback, informed district planning, and LCAP development.

Public Comment:

Sarah Williams Kingsley

Board Comments:

Vice President Murawski said that the LCAP and LCFF was supposed to be a game changer, yet has not changed the games yet for students. She feels it should be the strategic document for the District. She feels the Board needs to own it and be involved in its development, and she commended the presenters for bringing their recommendations.

Member Garcia said she looks forward to having a deeper discussion on this. She thanked the students for integrating their student perspectives and apologized for keeping them so late.

Member Rhodes thanked the LCAP and Student Advisory Council. He appreciates the students presenting and being up so late.

7.4 Approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Special Education Assessments While in a Distance Learning Model And ABI200 Disclosure (Raoul Bozio)

**Action
(Roll Call Vote)**

that this information is being shared with the District. Member Garcia noted there is nothing in the agreement that has a hard deadline. Dr. Hedegard said that is correct and added that there is continuously changing information. Member Garcia said her concern is that there be no additional delay, and she would like the Board to be kept in the loop. She asked when the District determines that there is not enough volunteers to do the assessments, and at what point in time is outside help sought. Dr. Hedegard said that the first step is to work with Human Resources to distribute a survey and solicit the number of volunteers. Member Garcia asked, now that we are closer to tier red, how does this proposal fit into a hybrid instructional model. Mr. Bozio said that when staff and teachers physically return to in-person services at schools, this is not really necessary in terms of needing the volunteers to come because this is really the purpose of this agreement, to have people come in-person to conduct these assessments. He also said that the goal was to complete 20 percent of the catch up, when first starting to negotiate back in the fall and earlier winter. Now that some time has passed, we are aware that 20 percent is a minimum, and that we will actually need to exceed that by the date that CDE has provided, which is the end of July. Mr. Bozio said there are some elements of the MOU that will continue and some that would not make sense to continue.

Vice President Murawski said that one of the comments alleged there was a CDE directive to contract out by a certain date; she understands there could be some legal issues there and she asked Mr. Bozio to address that. Mr. Bozio said the CDE directive was without regard to our labor negotiations obligations.

Member Garcia made a motion to approve the MOU. Member Villa seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with President Prtichett absent.

8.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

*Brittney Houston
Sarah Klapheck
Daniel Thorburn
Nina Daya
Angie Sutherland*

9.0 COMMUNICATIONS

9.1 Employee Organization Reports:

Information

SCTA – David Fisher reported on behalf of SCTA

SEIU – No report given

TCS – No report given

Teamsters – No report given

UPE – No report given

9.2 District Advisory Committees:

Information

Community Advisory Committee - Kristen

Jordan reported on behalf of CAC

District English Learner Advisory Committee –

No report given

*Local Control Accountability Plan/Parent
Advisory Committee – Vanessa Areiza King
reported on behalf of LCAP/PAC*

Student Advisory Council – No report given

9.3 Superintendent's Report (4(r)-5(y C)-7(o)-4p dan/ TcT 12

threat of receivership. He asked if we have the decency to be embarrassed of our current state. He feels that distance learning can never replace the experience of actual school and feels the same goes for the hybrid learning that was voted on today. He feels the District needs to begin planning now to have full, five day per week school in the Fall.

9.6 Information Sharing By Board Members

Information

Member Villa said that she feels this a time that the District has an opportunity to reimagine how we look at education for our communities and families.

Vice President Murawski said she thinks it is important as Board members to lead by example and so she hopes they can get back in the Board room and start meeting in person.

10.0 CONSENT AGENDA

(Roll Call Vote)

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.

10.1 Items Subject or Not Subject to Closed Session:

10.1a 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 (Rose F. Ramos)

10.1b Approve Personnel Transactions (Cancy McArn)

10.1c Approve Staff Recommendations for Expulsion Re-Entry of Expulsion #8, 2019-20, as Determined by the Board (Doug Huscher and Stephan Brown)

10.1d Approve Minutes of the February 4, 2021, Board of Education Meeting (Jorge A. Aguilar)

10.1e Approve Appointment of Board Member Chinua Rhodes to the California School Board Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly (Board 2nd Vice President Darrel Woo)

Vice President Murawski asked for consensus of the Board to pull Item 10.1e and asked for separate approval to add Member Garcia's name as a write-in candidate. The Board agreed by consensus and Second Vice President Woo moved to add Member Garcia's name as a write-in candidate. Member Phillips seconded, and the motion was approve 6-

Vice President Woo and seconded by Member Garcia. The Board voted unanimously to adopt the Consent Agenda.

Public Comment:

*Renee Webster-Hawkins
Sarah Williams Kingsley
Ursula Yisreal*

Vice President Murawski asked for a show of hands to increase the Board meeting by 15 minutes. The Board concurred.

11.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION/REPORTS

Receive Information

11.1 Business and Financial Information:

- *Enrollment and Attendance Report, Month 5 Ending Friday, January 29, 2021 (Rose Ramos)*

President Pritchett received the Business and Financial information/reports.

Public Comment:

*Maria Rodriguez
Sarah Williams Kingsley*

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Murawski asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting; a motion was made by Student Member Sheikh and seconded by Member Woo. The motion was passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 12:37 a.m.

Jorge A. Aguilar, Superintendent and Board Secretary

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