



# SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item 10.1f

**Meeting Date:** May 2, 2019

**Subject:** Approve Minutes of the April 4, 2019 Board of Education Meeting

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: \_\_\_\_\_)
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**Background/Rationale:** None

**Financial Considerations:** None

**LCAP Goal(s):** Family and Community Empowerment

**Documents Attached:**

1. Minutes of the April 4, 2019 Board of Education Regular Meeting
2. Strategic Time Breakdown of the April 4, 2019 Meeting Minutes

**Estimated Time of Presentation:** N/A

**Submitted by:** Jorge A. Aguilar, Superintendent

**Approved by:** N/A



# Sacramento City Unified School District BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AND WORKSHOP

## **Board of Education Members**

*Jessie Ryan, President, (Trustee Area 7)*

*Darrel Woo, Vice President, (Trustee Area 6)*

*Michael Minnick, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, (Trustee Area 4)*

*Lisa Murawski, (Trustee Area 1)*

*Leticia Garcia, (Trustee Area 2)*

*Christina Pritchett, (Trustee Area 3)*

*Mai Vang, (Trustee Area 5)*

*Rachel Halbo*

3.4 *Government Code 54957 -*

Administrator of the Year, Isabel Govea, Principal, Harkness Elementary and Green Operations Staff of the Year, Jeffrey Smith, Custodian, John Morse Therapeutic Center.

## **8.0 PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Members of the public may address the Board on non-*

Board Comment:

President Ryan wants to apologize for having these many difficult conversations. Lost many nights of sleep over the fact that \$35 million in cuts means we are impacting some of our most vulnerable students throughout the district. This is a very difficult reality.

Member Pritchett these last few Board meetings have been some of the hardest. The time is now that we need to start working together to close our budget gap. We don't want to have these conversations. We really truly do care about our students and our families and our teachers. We have to close a \$35 million deficit, you should continue asking questions of us and SCTA and holding us all accountable. There is not a single program in the packet that we can say "oh yea, we can get rid of that." They are all very important.

Member Murawski has been asking, as we sort through budget crisis, where are the areas of flexibility? Where can we actually cut our unrestricted budget? As many know most of our funds are allocated pursuant to Ed Code minimums, contractual obligations and things that we as a Board can't sit up here and decide to cut. Wants to emphasize and let community know these are taken very seriously and it's very disheartening to see that the flexible areas that we have to cut are the supports that our most vulnerable students need.

Member Garcia this is a very difficult presentation to have. All of these programs are core programs. There are no luxuries here. As difficult as it is to hear, very encouraged by the community who has come out wanting to be part of the solution moving forward. Wants to thank community. It's going to take working together and trying to come up with very creative solutions to maintain services and programs for our kids.

*9.2 Approve Cash Flow Report Related to 2018-19 Second Interim Financial Report (Dr. John Quinto)*

Amari Watkins, Director, Accounting Services and Tamara Sanchez, Associate Superintendent of Business Services, Sacramento County Office of Education presented this item for approval.

Public Comment:

Cecile Nunley

Board Comment:

Member Garcia in the memo to the Board there is a sentence about this cash flow reflecting revisions since the second interim report was presented. Can you share what some of those revisions were? Amari Watkins answers to speak to the cash flow that was prepared and presented for tonight, there are no are revisions to the budget information from second interim. This is a cash flow based on those same assumptions that were presented and approved in the second interim report. Member Garcia for 2018-19 sees some big fluctuations in terms of beginning cash from month to month. minor dips from July to August but a huge decline from August to September then a minor dip from September to October but another big one between October and November. What's happening in those months? Amari Watkins responds there is a lot of variability and when we receive the timing of our funds the predominate funding we get is our state apportionment and there is an established cycle from the state as to when we receive that and when it is deposited. That accounts for the fluctuation.

Member Murawski wants to take to heart admonition, although we need to monitor cash flow to get a better sense of what our timing is, the budget is the problem that we need to solve not the cash flow. The cash flow will take care of itself once budget is balanced. Wants to hear about timing. Confused about when we run out of cash, talked about County Treasury having a little wiggle room. What makes February the date? Seeing cash go from negative \$4 million in October to negative \$21 million in November to positive in January to almost zero in February. Tamara Sanchez responds if District didn't have dry period financing, October would be the time. Because District has a very large property payment coming, able to kick that can. Taxes are collected in December; District gets them in January.

President Ryan, Mike Fine from FCMAT recently testified in a Senate Education Budget Sub Committee that we were anticipated to run out of cash in April. Wondering what some discrepancies are around the reporting on the date that we are anticipated to run out of cash. Recognizing that the cash flow is the biggest indicator of insolvency and take over. We have to focus on addressing the budget structural deficit and making those changes. Since those conversations are out there, people are asking questions. Tamara Sanchez responds if had to guess

why Mike Fine said that, it's because April is the month where actual brackets on the other side of the numbers are seen. If he saw this in Board packet, then he would see District is going negative in that month. that would be a guess. Point is February looks just as bad as April, because having \$300,000 in an organization of this size might mean that District does not have \$300,000, it might mean negative that much. It's just so hard to predict. If Mike was being pushed for dates, that's what he is going to, the best information he had as of that day.

Vice President Woo motion to move from conference to action

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Minnick 2<sup>nd</sup>

Student Halbo Preferential Vote - Aye

Board Unanimous

Vice President Woo motion to approve

Member Pritchett 2<sup>nd</sup>

Student Halbo Preferential Vote - Aye

Board Unanimous

### 9.3 *Special Education Update (Dr. Iris Taylor and Becky Bryant)*

This item was presented by a team of Dr. Iris Taylor, Chief Academic Officer; Becky Bryant, Director, Special Education; Suzanne McKelvey, Principal, Camellia Basic; Lisa Moore, Supervisor, Special Education; Olga Simms, Instructional Assistant Superintendent along with members of the Special Education Leadership team Lynne Ruvalcaba, Sarah Dhah and Kathryn Brown.

Public Comment:

Monica Harvey

Angie Sutherland

Angel Garcia

Sarah Williams Kingsley

Board Comment:

President Ryan one of the items that came up tonight was the inconsistency of implementation of things like MTSS supports from site to site. Can you speak to that? Dr. Iris Taylor responds, as a point of clarification the work that is underway is about building the system. We recognize that we can see the variation in performance of what interventions and supports look like at our sites. the work of the team has been about what are some of the guidelines that needs to be put in place to work toward consistency.

Member Murawski interested in the -ed int d c

where the dollars are going. Not only as a tool to be transparent and to educated but also as a planning tool. Looks forward to updates and to see improvements.

Vice President Woo wants to echo what colleagues said, particularly about working with parents. It will bring a fuller body to the work being done. They are the ones who keep reminding us about the Council of Great City Schools Audit. Their input is much value.

This is an information item. No action needed.

#### 9.4 *Bond Program Update (Cathy Allen)*

Cathy Allen, Chief Operations Officer along with Cathy Dominico, Managing Partner for Capitol Public Finance Group and Diana Flores, Director, Nutrition Services presented this item for information.

President Ryan asks for a motion to extend the meeting to 11:00 p.m.

Member Vang motion

Member Pritchett 2<sup>nd</sup>

Board Unanimous

Public Comment:

Amber Stott

Brenda Ruiz

Santana Diaz

Board Comment:

President Ryan wants to thank all of the partners from the Central Kitchen for coming out.

Member Murawski do we have a systemic way of assessing facility needs? Do we have a master plan? Cathy Allen responds, we do have a master plan that was completed in 2012, just prior to the bond. It's outdated, we are interviewing in a couple of weeks for our consultant to do our new facilities master plan which will be written specifically with an equity lens.

Member Garcia just a point of clarification. Our budget crisis can potentially impact whether or not bonds are issued in the spring of 2020. Cathy Dominico responds yes, ideally we like to issue bonds sooner rather than spring. We like to have the cash in the bank so we are not pushing against that cash flow deadline. When looking to sell bonds we have a responsibility to disclose the financial situation of the district. When in a state of uncertainty, the capital markets get nervous. It's not responsible to go out to the markets in a time when you can't give them as much certainty as possible. The result could be not a lot of interest in bonds. Member Garcia would like to see results from this equity index. Our district has a lot of old facilities so everything is in great need regardless of zip code. It is important to have that information so we understand where the needs are in respective trustee areas. Curious to know if there is a plan related to food waste. Is there something that could be worked on in terms of food waste? Diana Flores responds food waste is a big problem in the school lunch program in general. There probably is more work that can be done. There is struggle with mandates. USDA requires every child to take a half cup of fruit or vegetable whether they plan to eat it or not. Member Garcia adds she read somewhere there are districts that are taking extra food and packaging them as a meal that can be given to a family in need so as to not waste food. Just something to consider.

Member Pritchett are we on the target date for the opening of the Central Kitchen. Cathy Allen responds we are ahead by a year. Member Pritchett wants to speak on the inequities. When seen by trustee area it is eye opening. We see two areas receiving substantially a lot more than other areas and that has to be explained to the constituents why. Through the Superintendent's leadership, he really pushes for the fair equity index. Hop far G.

This is an information item. No action needed.

## **10.0 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.*

### **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 (Dr. John Quinto)*
- 10.1b *Approve Personnel Transactions - April 4, 2019 (Cancy McArn)*
- 10.1c *Approve Mandatory Reporting to the Sacramento County Office of Education – Uniform Complaints Regarding the Williams Settlement Processed for the Period of January 2019 through March 2019 (Cancy McArn)*
- 10.1d *Approve Staff Recommendation for Expulsion #12, 2018-19; Expulsion #13, 2018-19 and Expulsion #14, 2018-19 (Doug Huscher and Stephan Brown)*
- 10.1e *Approve Resolution No. 3075: Resolution of Acceptance of Minor Lot Line Adjustments at Leataata Floyd Elementary School and Related Easement (Cathy Allen)*
- 10.1f *Approve Contract for Interim Chief Business Officer (Jorge A. Aguilar)*
- 10.1g *Approve John F. Kennedy High School FIRST Robotics World Championship Field Trip to Houston, Texas April 16-21, 2019 (Dr. Iris Taylor and Mary Hardin Young)*
- 10.1h *Approve School of Engineering and Science*



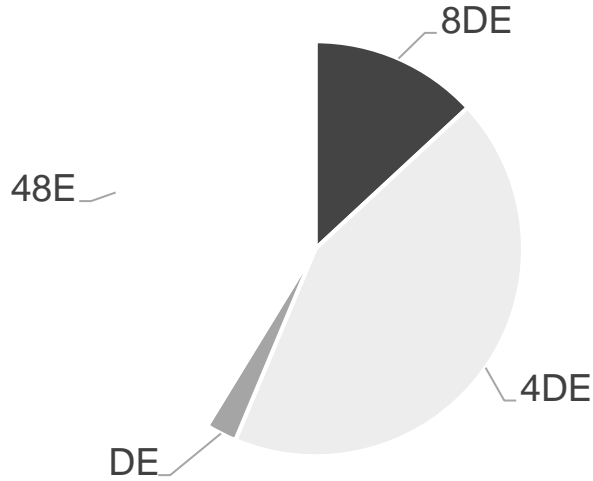
11.3 Superintendent's Report (Jorge A. Aguilar)

Wants to thank everyone who is still present at the meeting particularly members of the public. Has to spend a little bit of time talking about the announcement of a planned strike next Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. Wants to start by reiterating we will continue to do everything we can to avert a strike. We continue to believe that a strike is unnecessary and that there are processes in place that can be accessed when these types of disagreements exist. In fact, we are very fortunate and thankful that the State Mediation and Conciliation Service stands ready and willing to meet with us as well as SCTA to work out any disagreements. Also wants to make very clear at this time next Thursday is being treated as a regularly scheduled school day and we plan to move forward. Wants to encourage any member of the public to access our website. Updates will be offered around the strike that was announced by SCTA. Also wants to make clear we will continue to communicate with our SCTA leaders that we stand ready to continue to have a conversation about how we continue to serve students but also avoid a state takeover of SCUSD. We've talked about the grave consequences faced under that kind of arrangement and relationship with the state. we've done so through numerous letters. Would like to reiterate what was expressed in letters. The first is of course a strike is going to be very hurtful first and foremost to our students but also to our families as well as our employees. President Ryan mentioned the importance of making sure our students are fed and we know that

~~and the high quality of our education is not at risk. We will continue to work with the state to ensure that our students are fed and we know that~~  
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