

**Meeting Date:** September 5, 2019

**Subject:** Approve Minutes of the September 5, 2019, 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 of the September 5, 2019, Board of Education Meeting

: None

**Financial Considerations:** None

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

**Documents Attached:**

1. Minutes of the September 5, 2019, Board of Education Regular Meeting
2. Strategic Time Breakdown of the September 5, 2019 Meeting Minutes



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# Sacramento City Unified School District BOARD OF EDUCATION

## MEETING AND AGENDA

Jessie Ryan, President (Trustee Area 7)  
Darrel Woo, Vice President (Trustee Area 6)

4:30 p.m. Closed Session

[REDACTED]

Lisa Murawski (Trustee Area 1)  
Leticia Garcia (Trustee Area 2)  
Christina Pritchett (Trustee Area 3)  
Mai Vang (Trustee Area 5)  
Olivia Ang-Olson, Student Member

**Serna Center**  
Community Conference Rooms  
5735 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Sacramento, CA 95824

2019/20-5

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. by President Ryan, and roll was taken.

Members Present:

President Jessie Ryan

Vice President Darrel Woo

Secretary Vice President Michael [REDACTED]

a) *Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(2) of Government Code section 54956.9*

b) *Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(4) of Government Code section 54956.9*

3.2 *Government Code 54957.6 (a) and (b) Negotiations/Collective Bargaining CSA, SCTA, SEIU, Teamsters, UPE, Unrepresented Management*

3.3 *Government Code 54957 – Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Reassignment*

3.4 *Government Code 54957 - Public Employee Performance Evaluation.  
a) Superintendent*

3.5 *Government Code 54957 – Public Employee Appointment  
a) Arthur A. Benjamin Health Professions High School – Principal  
b) School of Engineering and Science – District*

**4.0 CALL BACK TO EDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4.1 *The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Superintendent Aguilar.*

4.2 *Broadcast Statement was read by Student Member Ang-Olson.*

4.3 *Stellar Student Recognition: Rohit Jhawar, John F. Kennedy High School, 2019 National Speech and Debate Champion*

*Student Support Services Assistant Superintendent Doug Huscher, Enrollment and Family Services Director Ken McPeters, and Attendance and Enrollment Specialist Jennifer Kretschman presented the resolution. Ms. Kretschman noted the impact on student achievement and some of the challenges associated with improving poor attendance. She also discussed ways of raising awareness of the importance of good attendance. They will return on September 26<sup>th</sup> with an update on attendance for the month of September.*

*President Ryan asked for a motion to approve the resolution. Vice President Woo so moved, and Second Vice President Minnick seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.*

*Public Comment*

*Cecile Nunley*

*Board Member Comments*

*None*

*7.3 Approve Resolution No. 3103: In Recognition of High School Voter Education Weeks, September 16-27, 2019 (Jessie Ryan)*

*President Ryan presented the resolution which aims to empower students with an increased*

*understanding of civic engagement and their voting rights. She stated that we have been fortunate to partner with Secretary Padilla to ensure that we are doing greater voter education at high schools throughout the District and the County as well.*

*Co-chairs of the Pre-Registration Initiative with the Sacramento County Youth Commission Eleanor*

*Maria Rodriguez – said she is now less involved with the District school*

**COMMENTS**

*Tim Hebert – spoke on staffing crisis*

*Alice Mercer – spoke on budget and staffing*

*Davon Thomas – spoke about community values*

*Sarah Williams Kingsley – spoke about fingerprinting and transparency*

*Cecile Nunley – spoke about bullying*

*Renee Webster-Hawkins – has concerns regarding an assessment MOU*

*Alison Foy – said she is now less involved with the District school*

*Tawana Cladon – spoke about facilities and fields at John Cabell Elementary and JC D*

can access grades, test scores, attendance, etc. Lastly the Superintendent recognized the staff and the Board for their commitment, as well as the City of Sacramento. He gave information on the SacRT free ride program which begins on October 1<sup>st</sup>, and he noted that the District will host a lunch event for the program at C. K. McClatchy High School on that date.

9.4 President's Report (Linda Ryan)

President Ryan thanked the staff for making the first day of school a success. She spoke about the importance of stakeholders working together to focus on building great schools and noted that strong labor management collaboration has been documented to be the most critical lever in transforming public schools. She stated that in order to make Sacramento City Unified a destination district, all parties must unite with a common goal which means meeting the needs of students and

families above all else.

9.5 Student Member Report (Olivia Ang-Olson)

Student Member Ang-Olson has concerns about a narrowing of course selection for science classes. She said the goal is to equalize the field by having all students learn through the same course, and she understands that similar efforts are targeting the English and Math departments as well. She argued that the District is made up of individuals at all levels, and so a narrowing of course selection is a disservice to the students who are at above or below the median. She stated that, in

Board Member Comments:

Member Garcia asked Ms. Findlay why the data on teacher substitutes has been consistent from year to year. Ms. Findlay replied that she does not have information on why. Ms. McArn stated that, in addition to filling in for the regular teacher for a variety of possible reasons, substitutes are utilized on the first day of school in vacant positions as well. Member Garcia said that moving forward it would be helpful to have the breakdown on this.

Member Murawski asked if there are specific staffing needs that in place. Ms. McArn stated that

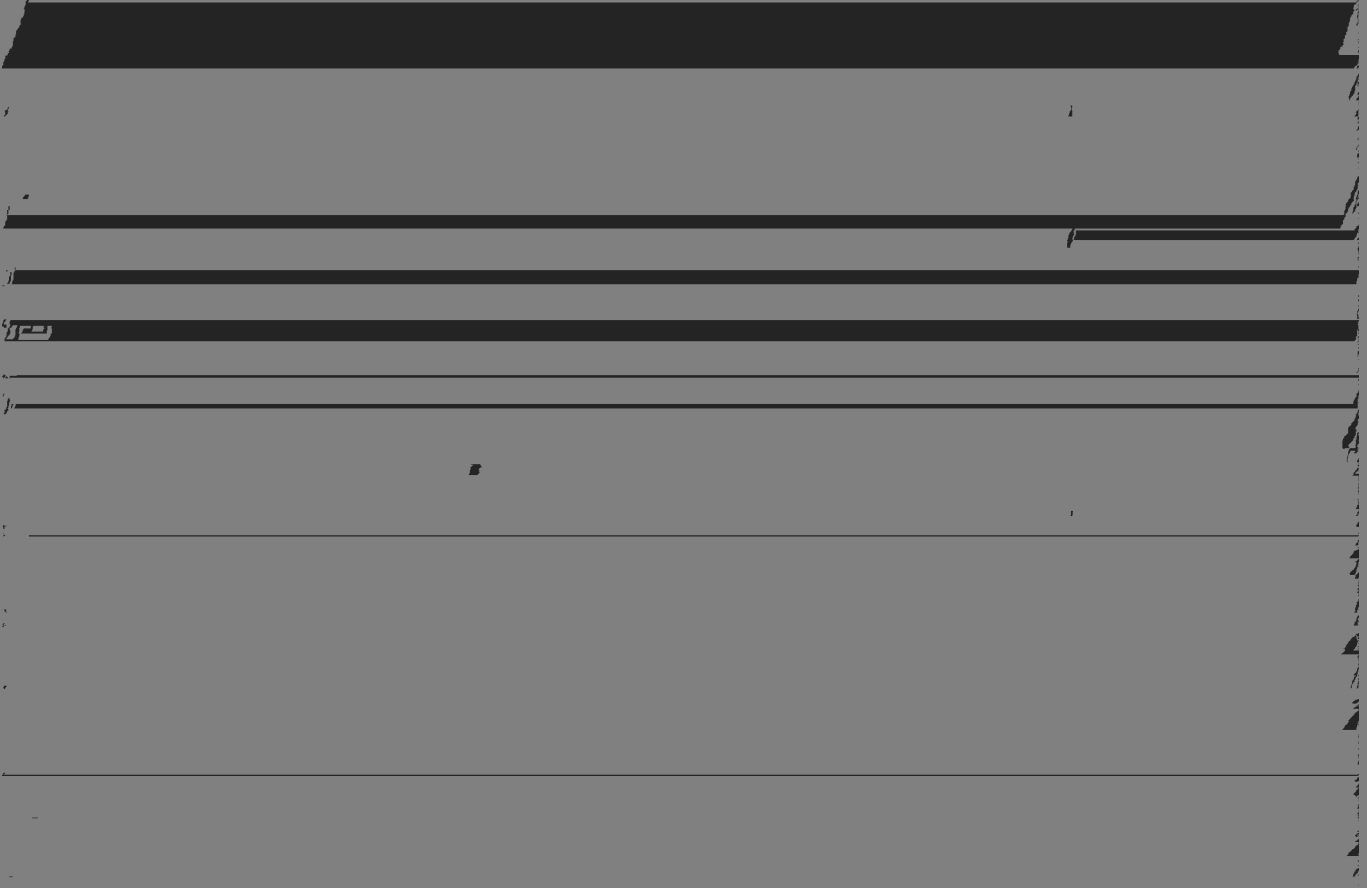
part of the work engaged in around continuous improvement that is related specifically to staffing will be to look at other districts and to improve so that schools are staffed exactly as principals would want them to be so that students have what they need. Member Murawski said she is concerned where a concentration of substitutes shows in the data on the first day of school, and

*Ms. McArn said that after surplus vacancies definitely must be offered to laid off teachers that have the appropriate credential based on seniority. We have an obligation to do that up to 39 months. If there is no one on the 39 month list that meets the criteria for the vacancy, or if there is but the offer is refused, then the position can be posted. For any new positions as well, and going forward, the 39 month list is also checked first before any posting.*

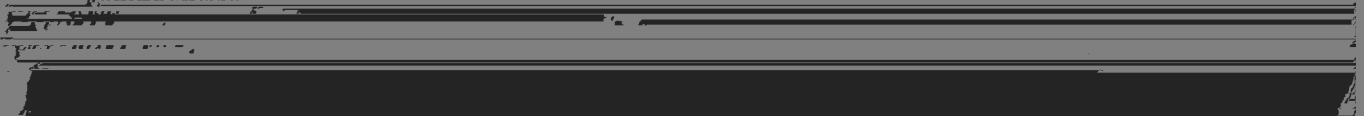
*Member Garcia asked about the number of new enrollments and transfers. Ken McPeters replied that the transfers are students moving from school to school.*

*Second Vice President Minnick commented that the fact that our adult nursing students are providing services to District K-12 students is worth recognizing. Victoria Flores noted that the program continues throughout the year.*

*Member Mirowski commented that she is personally aware of the work that goes into maintaining*



*the children's' centers, and although the costs to participants has gone up, this was most likely a*





10.2 Facilities, Grounds, and Current Herbicide Application Procedures, Part 1 (Cathy Allen)

Chief Operations Officer Cathy Allen and Facilities Maintenance Manager Alain Contreras presented. The presentation went over the size and layout of the District, staffing, schedules, pest management, alternative treatments and pilot sites, and next steps.

Public Comment

None

Board Member Comments:

President Ryan said that her largest concern is that we are spraying a cancer causing carcinogen. She asked how many pounds of glyphosate we are spraying and if we have a breakdown of how many pounds are being sprayed on athletic facilities, playgrounds, and surrounding fields.

Ms. Allen said that she will have to pull the reports and provide that information. President Ryan then asked what our process is for approving alternative pesticides or herbicides and what

protective equipment that employees use and the training they receive. President Ryan spoke

*Amari Watkins, Director of Accounting, and Jeff Small, with Capitol Public Finance Group, gave the presentation. Lauren Herrera of Orrick, Herrington, and Sutcliffe was also present.*

*Mr. Small discussed the refinance opportunity of issuing the final Measure R series of bonds to fund the central kitchen. He also had other comments on the refinance, gave a summary of legal documents to be considered, and spoke on an anticipated schedule for moving forward. The target date for sale is October 22<sup>nd</sup>.*

*Public Comment:*

*None*

*Board Member Comments:*

*Member Murawski thanked the presenters for bringing this item back to the Board. She asked for a breakdown on the taxable component and what that means for taxpayers. Mr. Small explained that it enables a refinancing to be done that the District would not otherwise be able to do. Measure R bonds are tax exempt which means that an investor does not pay any federal or state income tax when purchasing. However, these bonds transition into taxable bonds with the refinance. Member Murawski then asked for an explanation of the term defeasance. Mr. Small said that the bond monies are put into an escrow account and used to make principal and interest payments on the portion of the bonds that cannot be prepaid prior to maturity. It is considered a legal defeasance and so it is as if those bonds have gone away and now we are just replacing it*

*Public Comment.*  
*Cecile Nunley*  
*Julie Del Agua*  
*Maria Rodriguez*

*Board Member Comments:*

*Member Murawski asked about the lottery revenue. Ms. Canfield explained that the lottery revenue is a small part of the District budget and is based on an estimate received from the Lottery Commission. Member Murawski asked about interest income. Ms. Canfield said that*

*interest rates ended up being a little bit better and so it did not originally include all of the funds that would come into fund 01. A revised estimate will be provided when they come back to the Board. Member Murawski noted that the executive summary includes a figure of two million dollars in school site services and asked why there would be services at school sites and how*

*Ms. Canfield reiterated that actual cash flow is not difficult to produce*

*Member Garcia said it was her impression that it was not something that was time consuming to produce, and therefore she would appreciate getting those on a more regular basis.*

*Superintendent Aguilar thanked the Board for sensitivity on the work flow aspect; he has come to appreciate, based on our current conditions, that it is also helpful to have a work flow that benefits from independent reviews as well. In this case, it would be the Sacramento County Office of Education's (SCOE) review of our cash flow calculations, as well as that our information is*

*of providing our Board information without another entity having vetted it, at least while we continue to work toward financial stability and sustainability. He believes if that is something that we can produce, then we will commit to doing that.*

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Second Vice President Minnick and seconded by Vice President Woo. The Board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda.

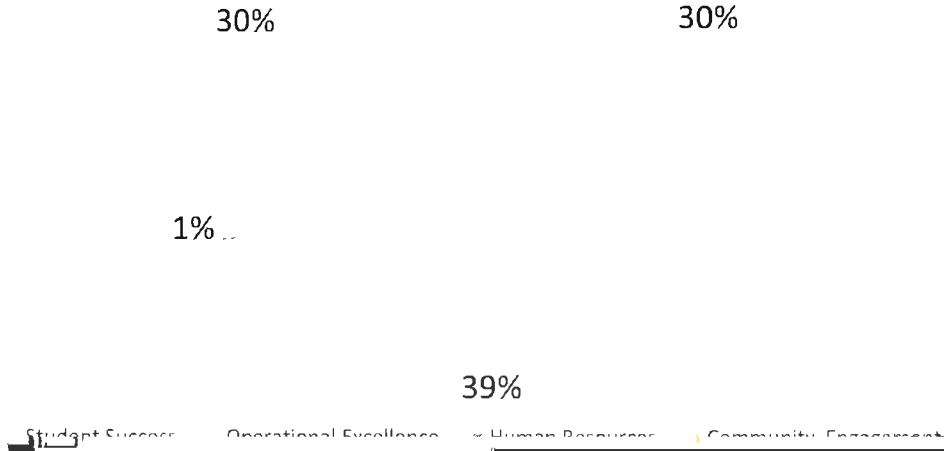
### **12.0 FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES / LOCATIONS**

- ✓ September 26, 2019 4:30 p.m. Closed Session, 6:00 p.m. Open Session, Serna Center, 5735 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Community Room, Regular Workshop Meeting
- ✓ October 3, 2019, 4:30 p.m. Closed Session, 6:00 p.m. Open Session, Serna Center, 5735 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Community Room, Regular Workshop Meeting

### **13.0 ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:32 p.m. President Ryan announced that the Board was returning to Closed Session. Closed Session adjourned at 11:58 p.m.

## September 5, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes Breakdown



**The SCUSD Board of Education has set a goal to focus on Student Success for no less than 33% of each meeting.** This is a recap of each category of time spent at the September 5, 2019 meeting

*Student Success* encompasses any Board agenda item that involves the academic, social, emotional, and related outcomes of students.

*Operational Excellence* incorporates Board items that cover operations, budget, customer