

SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 13.1f

Meeting Date: March 7, 2024

Subject: Approve Minutes for the February 1 , 2024 Regular Board of Education Meeting



BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AND WORKSHOP

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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)

8.0 COMMUNICATIONS

8.1 Employee Organization Reports:

f SCTA- Nikki Milevsky shared that since the school Board last met on January 18th, they have met three times with the District's negotiating team. They will be meeting again on Monday, where they hope to wrap up the agreement. They are hopeful that they will resolve Article 12, which is compensation, and Article 17, which is class size and staffing. They hope to resolve other long-term outstanding issues that were a product of the previous administration's adversarial approach to labor relations. Ms. Milevsky wanted to recognize a significant direction and change of focus from the Board. The new direction of the majority of this Board have been fiscally responsible, while making improvements to students learning conditions a priority. They hope that the approval of their contract will be one of the items that will be seen on the agenda for the next Board meeting.

f SEIU- No update

f TCS- No update

f Teamsters- No update

f UPE- No update

8.2 District Advisory Committees:

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work towards that. On Saturday, they will be attending the professional development summit in the Bay Area with Board Members and District staff. As we continue to move forward, Mr. Gladney asked that we begin to see a reflection of the urgency that we seem to carry every day, because with some of these babies there is no tomorrow without their advocacy and service. We have to act like this is a natural disaster. Mr. Gladney asked, "What is the threshold for this District to issue a state of emergency on behalf of Black students?"

9.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- 9.1 *Approve Resolution No. 3381: Recognition of National Black History Month, February 2024 (Board President Lavinia Grace Phillips)*

resolution, and how we manage to get it uplifted in the society that we live in, will always be a concern to her. President Phillips really wants to appreciate the work that has been done, and also wants to highlight the need for this being pushed in a way that is revolutionary. It comes down to recognizing the racist education system, the way it has been designed to hurt our children, and Member Phillips is not sure how we can turn that on its head. Member Phillips shared that if the Board is going to be comfortable with the changes that are going to be made and supported, they have to continue to reflect on the reasons for why we are where we are today.

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

9.2 *Literacy, English Language Arts & Mathematics Update (Shannon Pella and Erin Hanson)*

Erin Hanson shared current District-wide supports and investments in literacy, ELA & mathematics instruction and improvement, how we currently measure literacy, ELA & mathematics outcomes in SCUSD and what our current data tells us about the needs of our students, and upcoming initiatives that will positively impact literacy, ELA, and Mathematics instruction and student outcomes.

*Public Comment:
No public comment*

*Board Comment:
No Board comment*

9.3 *Presentation of General Obligation Bond Voter Survey Results (Janea Marking and Dale Scott)*

Janea Marking introduced Dale Scott, who shared information around the recent voter survey regarding a possible bond measure on the November 2024 ballot. Dale Scott provided an overview of the voter survey results. There is no action that needs to be taken on this item tonight.

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*Board Comment:
Member Jeane asked if this would be extending the current bond, and not new money, but continuing money. Member*

Jeane wanted to clarify that the state is not offering any matching school bonds.

Member Singh asked if we expect any opposition, and wanted to know if any bonds for our schools have been opposed in the past. If so, is there a specific group that opposed them.

Member Kayatta thanked Mr. Scott for his work. Member Kayatta shared that Measure H passed with 62% of the vote, and he is seeing similar polling results. Member Kayatta thinks that we can probably do better, because when Measure H was out there, we didn't have big, shiny projects to show that we were good at spending the bond money. Between then and now, Member Kayatta stated that we are building new schools, we have dramatically improved a lot of our schools all over the city, and we have shown our community that we know how to invest on an equity basis. Member Kayatta thinks that this is the type of bond campaign that he thinks would be successful. There is a lot that goes into educating our kids and making them feel comfortable learning, excelling, and growing as people, but the physical facility that you learn in shows how much your community values you. Member Kayatta shared that this polling result is showing that the community does value this, and as a Board member and parent, Member Kayatta wants his kids learning in a beautiful and amazing environment. Member Kayatta thinks that the Board should move forward with this.

Member Rhodes wanted to know how Mr. Scott would think we would fare, if we were to try to go for something higher. Furthermore, Member Rhodes wanted to know if Mr. Scott thinks if there is a larger opportunity to invest more broadly in our schools and students, given the presidential year.

Member Singh would like to receive more information, and to see a mini survey go out and see what it looks like to push the numbers a bit, and what people would say. Also, Member Singh would like to get the information from our team to see how much we can actually spend before we go out and throw out a number.

Member Kayatta would like to see if we can go bigger. Also, in the admirable position of having an amazing equity index already in place, where we have already identified more than \$500 million of needs already described. Member Kayatta would be interested in a mini survey, and seeing what voters would support. Member Kayatta thinks that our city is ready to invest in our school facilities, and our kids certainly need it.

Member Jeane stated that as we gather more information, if we are going to do another mini survey, she would love for it to be a little more connected and tangible for what our goals might be in the that bond, if appropriate. Member

Jeane would like to know specifics on the equity index, specifics on staff capacity and recommendations, and ensuring that we are being diligent and smart about where we are going to ensure that it would most likely pass.

10.0 BOARD WORKSHOP/STRATEGIC INITIATIVE

10.1 2024-25 Governor's Budget Proposal Update (Janea Marking and Leilani Aguinaldo)

Janea Marking shared that this presentation is to provide the Board with an update on the recent Governor's January budget proposal for the upcoming annual budget adoption in June. Janea Marking introduced Leilani Aguinaldo, who provided a high-level overview of the proposal.

*Public Comment:
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*Board Comment:
Member Kayatta thanked Leilani Aguinaldo for the Presentation. When we are looking at our second interim, Member Kayatta asked if Ms. Aguinaldo has a sense of where the legislature is, and how comfortable they feel that this is going to be our budget. Member Kayatta wanted to know when the next update will be.
Member Jeane reiterated Ms. Aguinaldo's information around the difference in COLA in terms of numbers for us, and how it is looking at \$15.3 million dollars. Member Jeane wanted to make it clear that it is not a cut, but a re-shifting of projected numbers that we were playing around with. Member Jeane asked, "When looking at our first interim, we are not really in declining enrollment, correct, and this is not an additional hit that we have to consider?"*

11.0 COMMUNICATIONS

11.1 Superintendent's Report (Lisa Allen)

Superintendent Allen shared that today is the first day of Black History Month, and wanted to start her remarks by celebrating our future. This year's Black Parent Involvement Day, is going to be held on Tuesday, February 20th. Black Parent Involvement Day is an opportunity for all families to visit their student's school, meet their teachers, and send a strong message to your student, that you want them to succeed academically. A virtually parent training for this event will be held on Thursday, February 15th at 6pm. District families will receive additional information via email very soon. Also, the SCUSD open enrollment window for upcoming TK-8th grade students opens on Monday, February 5th. This is an opportunity for your students to apply for enrollment to a different school other than their neighborhood school for the 2024-25 school

we add the Community Schools Advisory Committee to the list of meetings, so they can bring their voice to our conversations as well.

Member Kayatta shared that the Sistrict is going to be forming a working group to look into the ConCap process. Last week, Member Kayatta had the opportunity to go up to Sly Park to visit some of the students up there and talk to some of the teachers up there. Member Kayatta is really excited that we get to send our kids there. All the kids got to go at no cost this year, which was a one-time decision, but we can continue looking at ways to make it, so every kid regardless of income or affordability can go there. Member Kayatta thinks that this is a critical part in the education that we give our kids here at SCUSD, and he would like to uplift that.

Member Rhodes had the opportunity to go to the Native American Parent Committee meeting as their liaison, and he agrees with Member Jeane around placing some of the people that are not on the District advisory committee list on the list to share out.

Member Singh appreciates that the working group for the Concapping process is moving forward. Member Singh agrees with having updates from our committee groups that are not already listed, and parameters with reporting back to the community on what they are learning as liaisons. In regard to Black History Month, Member Singh shared that representation does matter, and we are in a District where we have a Black superintendent, a Black Board president, a Black 2nd vice president, and staff, so the kids do have something to look to. Member Singh will continue to push and talk about this in every way possible. Also, until we see some peace, Member Singh just wants to see a ceasefire.

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12.1e Approve Mandatory Reporting to the Sacramento County Office of Education – Uniform Complaints Regarding the Williams Settlement Processed for the Period of October 2023 through December 2023(Cancy McArn)

12.1f Approve

