

**SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**



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, September 5, 2024

5:00 p.m. Closed Session

6:00 p.m. Open Session

Serna Center

Community Conference Rooms
5735 47th Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95824

MINUTES

2024/25-2

1.0 OPEN SESSION / CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:01p.m.

Board Members Present:

Member Phillips

Member Rhodes

Member Singh

Member Villa

Member Jeane

Member Kayatta

Board Members Absent:

Member Pritchett

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 (Nine Potential Cases)*

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 *Government Code 54957- Public Employee Appointment (a) Approve- Bowling Green McCoy, Principal*

4.0 CALL BACK TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4.1 *The Pledge of Allegiance*

4.2 *Broadcast Statement*

4.3 *Stellar Student introduced by Board Member Tara Jeane*

5.0 ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

There were 2 announcements that came out of closed session.

-The Board approved 8 settlement agreements related to special education services, each one separately by a vote of 5-0 with Members Singh and Pritchett absent.

-By a vote of 6-0 with Member Pritchett absent, the Board approved the appointment of Malcolm Floyd as Principal, Bowling Green McCoy Elemey Eo -1 2pB E

*Seann Rooney
Pastor Mark Meeks
Tom Nelson
Gabrielle Lor
Carolina Ojeda*

8.0 COMMUNICATIONS

8.1 Employee Organization Reports:

- *SCTA-Nikki Milevsky shared that tonight there are a couple of items on the agenda that they believe need to be at the forefront and highest priority for 2024-2025, which is Special Education. SCUSD has failed to provide students with special needs the education they deserve, and which*

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*Public Comment:
No public comment*

*Board Comment:
Member Kayatta thanked staff for the presentation and shared that it really is exciting to be starting a new school year. Member Kayatta wanted to commend all the work that has been done by the Facilities Department over the summer. For enrollment, we always have a couple of issues and we are still waiting for some kids to get enrolled. Member Kayatta wanted to acknowledge to families that we are working hard on that. Member Kayatta wanted to thank staff who have been working around the clock. Member Kayatta wanted to know that we are rolling out all of our district services, but he also wants to make sure that we are welcoming parents and caregivers into schools as well. There were some public comments around PTAs and families, and Member Kayatta just wants to make sure that we are supporting them, and see if we can get PTAs on Parent Square. To welcome adults on our campus to support our students, Member Kayatta was wondering if we can offer mobile fingerprinting clinics or a little more availability, because it can be a real challenge for parents and caregivers who want to support kids with field trips or want to volunteer on campus.*

9.2 *Approve Resolution No. 3435: Recognition of National Attendance Awareness Month, September 2024
(Sandra Laird & Andrea Torres)*

Sandra Laird and Andrea Torres presented the recognition of National Attendance Awareness Month. 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 Rhodes. The Board voted 7-0 with a student preferential yes vote.

9.3 *B/AAAB Update (Yvonne Wright &*

Board Comment:

Student Board Member Chueh-Griffith wanted to know how student voices and Black student voices will be involved in the processes to ensure that these curriculums and subcommittees are also taking into account student perspectives.

Member Rhodes referenced an advanced placement of African American studies program that was seen as a good model for the African American studies courses, and wanted to know if it could lead to something, like we see at Sac State with Black honors. Member Rhodes wanted to know if it could lead to something where students can be in this program that has a focus and gear towards what is similar to how staff are talking about GATE, but in a broader sense in our district.

9.4 SCUSD- Black Parallel School Board (BPSB) Action Plan (Geovanni Linares)

Yvonne Wright and Geovanni Linares presented the background of the BPSB litigation, an action plan overview, and next steps. This is an action item.

Public Comment:

Carl Pinkston

Lamaia Coleman

Board Comment:

Member Kayatta thanked the Black Parallel School Board and the plaintiffs that brought this action. Member Kayatta shared that they did what so many in this community have been trying to do for decades. In terms of the action plan, Member Kayatta would like to see an executive summary when this item comes back for updates. Member Kayatta wants to look at how we make the real long-term changes. Member Kayatta shared that we need to completely reimagine how we treat our students.

Member Villa thanked staff for bringing this to the Board. Member Villa highlighted that we don't have baseline data. Member Villa wanted to know what staff needs from the Board for this action plan to be implemented successfully.

Student Board Member Chueh-Griffith reflected on her brother's experience and the community's experience as a whole in Special Ed. within the district. Member Chueh-Griffith shared that she sees a lot of language in the action plan about engaging families in the community, but she also wants to ensure that we're not just engaging families and parents, but engaging the students in these Special Ed. classrooms as well.

Member Jeane shared that we operate in silos and this plan is basically saying silos cannot exist for our kids, which means it's not just the one

Jeane shared that we have phenomenal educators here with incredible expertise, and she is not reading their expertise in the plan. Member Jeane doesn't know if it's the fact that we have data barriers, and she is hoping that we are investigating why we have data barriers, and how we fix that. Member Jeane didn't see a lot of teacher voice and the staff that are working directly with these kids, and it looks like an independent monitor is giving us this plan. Member Jeane shared that we don't need a superman to rescue us, we are the ones that can save ourselves. Member Jeane wanted clarification on what the Board was taking action on. Member Jeane shared that we do not regularly update our board policies, and our board policies are incredibly defunct and ancient. One of the huge directives in here is actually for the Board to do that work. Member Singh clarified that this is a lawsuit and a plan that they have to agree to. Member Singh shared that there is nothing that they can really do, but put trust into this process. Member Singh shared that when they're supporting the students who are suffering the most, which are our Black students and students who are in Special Education, if we find a way to

and correcting systems that contribute to a disproportionately high number of students in general and Black and African American students in particular, identified as having disabilities. The Board takes the grand jury's findings and recommendations very seriously and are actively engaging in efforts to improve our special education services and supports. One significant step is the implementation of the action plan, just approved by this Board, developed with the Black Parallel School Board and the use of an independent monitor. While significant, that step alone is not enough. Through our continued collaboration with the California Department of Education, the Black Parallel School Board, and others, as well as the work of our District staff, the SCUSD SELPA, LCAP, and MTSS teams, we are committed to making the necessary changes to ensure that all Sacramento City students can access the special education services the1 (and)JTJT -29.51 -a9-1 (a)JTJi*

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Member Rhodes finds Member Kayatta's request concerning, because he is making the assumption that the full Board agrees with him, and they have not had proper time to have this conversation. Member Rhodes shared that if this is something that Member Kayatta would like to form, he thinks that it should be taken up at a different meeting.

Member Jeane is hesitant to form another committee. Member Jeane shared that they would be receiving quarterly reports from the Independent Monitor, so she would like to start with those quarterly reports first.

Member Villa made a motion with a second from Member Pritchett to approve the response as is. The Board vote 6-1 with Member Kayatta voting no, and a student preferential yes vote.

10.0 PUBLIC HEARING

10.1 Determination Hearing for Charter Renewal for Growth Public Schools (Amanda Goldman)

Amanda Goldman shared an overview of the process for the determination hearing and next steps. The Executive Director for GPS, Audria Johnson, shared GPS' mission, their history, and student growth data over the years. The Principal at GPS, Dr. Abbott, shared family engagement at GPS and priorities going forward. Audria Johnson shared an overview of their last priority, which is sustainability, and the partnership with SCUSD. This is an action item.

Public Comment:

No public comment

Board Comment:

Member Jeane thanked staff for their presentation and for following up on the items that the Board asked about at the previous meeting, and answering some of the questions they had.

Public Comment:
No public comment

Board Comment:
No Board comment

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12.1h Approve minutes for the May 16, 2024, Regular Board of Education Meeting (Lisa Allen)

12.1i Approve minutes for the June 6, 2024, Regular Board of Education Meeting (Lisa Allen)

12.1j Approve minutes for the June 20, 2024, Regular Board of Education Meeting (Lisa Allen)

12.1k Approve minutes for the August 8, 2024, Regular Board of Education Meeting (Lisa Allen)

12.1l Approve Resolution No. 3433 Resolution to Convey Public Utilities Easement to Sacramento Municipal Utility District at Oak Ridge Elementary School (Janea Marking)

12.1m Approve Resolution No. 3434: Resolution Regarding Board Stipends (Lisa Allen)

12.1n Approve Job Descriptions (Cancy McArn & Dan Schallock)

12.1o Approve Salary Schedules (Cancy McArn & Dan Schallock)

Public Comment:

No public comment

Board Comment:

Member Pritchett pulled item 12.1a. Member Pritchett asked for clarification on the contract between the City of Rancho Cordova and SCUSD.

Member Pritchett made a motion with a second from Member Phillips to approve all items except 12.1a. The Board vote 7-0 with a student preferential yes vote.

Member Pritchett made a motion with a second from Member Phillips to approve 12.1a as is. The Board vote 7-0 with a student preferential yes vote.

13.0 FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES / LOCATIONS

- ✓ *September 19, 2024, 5:00 p.m. Closed Session, 6:00 p.m. Open Session, Serna Center, 5735 47th Avenue, Community Room, Regular Workshop Meeting*
- ✓ *October 3, 2024, 5:00 p.m. Closed Session, 6:00 p.m. Open Session, Serna Center, 5735 47th Avenue, Community Room, Regular Workshop Meeting*

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Lisa Allen, Superintendent and Board Secretary