

**Meeting Date:** February 4, 2021

**Subject:** Approve Minutes of the January 14, 2021 Board of Education Meeting

[REDACTED]

- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)

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Conference/Action

Sacramento  
City Unified  
School District

**Putting  
Children  
First**

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N AN S**

*Christina Pritchett, President (Trustee Area 3)*  
*Lisa Murawski, Vice President (Trustee Area 1)*

**4:30 p.m. Closed Session**

[REDACTED]

*Leticia Garcia (Trustee Area 2)*  
*Jamee Villa (Trustee Area 4)*  
*Chinua Rhodes (Trustee Area 5)*  
*Lavinia Grace Phillips (Trustee Area 7)*  
*Isa Sheikh, Student Member*

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

**2020/21-17**

**OPEN SESSION / CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

*submitting a request for oral comment only when the matter is called, instead of written comment.*

*Individual written public comment shall be no more than two minutes in length on each agenda or nonagenda item. The Board shall limit the total time for public*

*comment on each agenda or nonagenda 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 comment, depending on the topic and the number of written public comments.*

### **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:*

None

**6.0 AGENDA ADOPTION**

*President Ryan asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. A motion was made to approve by Second Vice President Woo and seconded by Vice President Murawski. The Board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda.*

**7.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

**7.1 Update on the Adopted Conditions of Readiness for the Re-opening of School (Various District Departments) Information**

*Superintendent Aguilar made some introductory comments, after which the team (Chief Academic Officer Christine Baeta, Facilities Director Nathaniel Browning, Student Support and Health Services Director Victoria Flores, Chief Communication Officer Tara Gallegos, Chief Continuous Improvement and Accountability Officer Vincent Harris*

*Coordinator of Risk Management Keyshun Marshall, and Chief Human Resources Officer Cancy McArn) presented on a return together vision statement, critical milestones, COVID-19 cases in Sacramento County, learning hubs and waiver applications, the County's 2021 school re-opening focus and safe school plan key considerations for*

provider, and also there is Cal Expo. These options will help to move through this large group as quickly as possible. Vice President Murawski said she is happy the District is looking at the rapid test. She asked if we can offer a diagnostic option as well. Ms. Flores said that we are pursuing both types of test. Vice President Murawski asked if we will need additional staff. Ms. Flores said it depends on different variables, of which the District is actively exploring. Vice President Murawski said she would like to hear, at a later time, about the instructional model.

Member Garcia said she is also interested in hearing about the instructional model. She thanked staff, and noted that the state guidelines are ever changing. She asked, on a scale of one to ten, where is the District plan in relation to the governor's plan. Superintendent Aguilar referred to the data dashboard slide and the state's. He said we are still not clear on details that will determine meeting the state's metrics, such as for personal protective equipment. Therefore, it is hard to say right now how the metrics will be met. Ms. Harris said she is

for being proactive however. Mr. Harris explained that we are using the same source



*for a special board meeting to happen within the next two weeks, prior to the next board meeting.*

*Member Rhodes said that this is some welcome news compared to the news being received previously. He said it is an opportunity to look at things differently and perhaps move in a different direction. He asked if we can apply for funding even though the District is not yet ready to return to school in person. Ms. Aguinaldo said that is correct, districts are able to apply for the grants as long as they meet the criteria by the February 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. She reviewed the requirements. Member Rhodes then asked if the projected funds would allow us to say that our proposed cuts would be unneeded. Ms. Ramos said that it*

*to wait to see what might be further details from, say the governor's plan for reopening, we will know the actual requirements. We are still going to wait for the legislature to weigh-in as well, and at some point, once we have all of those details, he feels there will be opportunities for us to think about additional investments that might give greater confidence to our community that we have done everything that is required and also demonstrate a commitment to go above and beyond which he feels we have continued to do even at this early stage as we are waiting and reacting to new guidance on an on-going basis. He said we should probably have a discussion about how we make sure that we have a balanced approach so that we are ready to respond to more specific details.*

*around potential requirements in the governor's plan and legislature's plan for reopening as we wait to see what the discussions around AB-10 look like, for example. In*



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 – Rose McAuliffe reported on behalf of the CAC; Maria Rodriguez gave public comment*

*District English Learner Advisory Committee – No report given*

*Local Control Accountability Plan/Parent Advisory Committee – No report given*

*Student Advisory Council – No report given*

9.3 Superintendent's Report (Jorge A. Aguilar)

**Information**

*Superintendent Aguilar said a special board meeting will be scheduled to discuss the fiscal recovery plan. He spoke about the efforts being e d in regarding the re-opening of schools and thanked staff for their contributions. He said we are encouraged by the governor's proposals and that*

*our community has been dispronortionately imnacted by the*

*pandemic. He acknowledged the work being done at the learning hubs, and spoke about the COVID-19 case rate in the county. He recently visited several schools providing learning hubs. He reminded that the District will be closed in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Lastly, he shared information on current and future vaccine distribution.*

9.4 President's Report (Christina Pritchett)

**Information**

*District staff, he stated that it has and will never be enough as we do not have the staff to replicate the success of in-person learning. He is excited for efforts such as AB-10, and he hopes we can move from the purple tier soon. He feels there is a disconnect between the Board and the ground level situation and has heard that some teachers do not want in-person instruction to commence until September, and he is disheartened by that. He reported that*

*spoke of difficulties students face in the realm of distance learning.*

*9.6 Information Sharing By Board Members*

***Information***

*Member Garcia thanked Student Board Member Sheikh for*

*of a public hearing and process for renewal. The petitioners, Superintendent Brett Barley, Principal Bernie Evangelista, and Dean Shannon Schmidt, also presented.*

*Vice President Murawski motioned to extend the meeting to 11:30*

*p.m., and Student Member Sheikh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.*

*Public Comment:*

*Melanie Brown*

*Tamika L'Ecluse*

*Marwa Helmy*

*Sam Hartsell-Jenkins*

*Board Comments*

*Member Garcia congratulated the school on outstanding student performance. She shared that her daughters were able to participate in a Montessori pre-school program, and one of the speakers tonight was their pre-school teacher. Member Garcia said it is a great model. She said she would like to know more about their student demographics. She asked where their students generally go once they leave 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Principal Evangelista said that they go to many different schools including many District schools. Member Garcia asked if the 330 students currently served is the school's capacity. Principal Evangelista said they are just at 330 students, and Superintendent Barley said they do not have*



*In House Counsel Raoul Bozio gave the first reading of revised Board Policy (BP) 6173.*

*Public Comment:  
Renee Webster Hawkins*

*Board Comments:*

*Member Garcia said she would like to take this opportunity to beef up the policy by having areas where we are more committed to the identification of homeless youth and by having the housing questionnaire provided be mandatory rather than optional. She would like to make sure that as the policy is revised that we make sure that we think about opportunities to make it stronger and also train staff in the science of homelessness, because homelessness is not just lacking shelter. The federal definition of homelessness is much broader, i.e., living on a temporary basis with other family members. She would also like to disseminate the information to the public. Mr. Bozio said that some of these comments may be in the*

*regulation so he will be sure to attach the regulation when this*

11.1e *Approve Staff Recommendations for Expulsion Re-Entry of  
Expulsion #7, 2019-20, as Determined by the Board (Doug Huscher and  
Stephan Brown)*

11.1f *Approve Minutes of the December 10, 2020, Board of Education Meeting  
(Jorge A. Aguilar)*

11.1g *Approve Annual Adjustment to Bid Thresholds, Public Contract Code*

**14.0 ADJOURNMENT**

*President Pritchett asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting; a motion was made by Student*

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*meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.*

*Jorge A.*

*and Board Secretary*