



**San Juan Unified School District**

Board of Education

3738 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael, California 95608

**Board of Education Minutes  
May 26, 2020**

**Regular Meeting**

Board of Education

5:30 p.m.

**Call to Order (A)**

The May 26 regular meeting was called to order by the president, Paula Villescaz.

**Roll Call**

Present (via Zoom from separate locations):

Paula Villescaz, president

Michael McKibbin, Ed.D., vice president

Zima Creason, clerk

Pam Costa, member

Saul Hernandez, member

**Recess: Closed Session (B)**

The meeting was immediately recessed, with the board convening in closed session to discuss one personnel matter pursuant to Government Code section 54957 – superintendent's evaluation.

**Reconvene Open Session/Pledge of Allegiance (C)**

In the interest of public health, in compliance with California Governor Gavin Newsom's recently issued Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-35-20, the California State Public Health Officer's order that included social-distancing guidelines and avoiding group gatherings, the order issued by the Sacramento County Health Officer, directing all individuals to stay at home or at their residence and prohibiting all non-essential gatherings of any number and all applicable provisions of federal and state law, the May 26 regular meeting was conducted telephonically via the Zoom video conferencing platform. At 6:30 p.m. the meeting was called back to order by the president, Paula Villescaz. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Ms. Villescaz explained the two methods (electronically or on Zoom) available to submit public comments for tonight's meeting.

**Minutes Approved (D)**

It was moved by Dr. McKibbin, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, that the minutes of the May 12 regular meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

**Staff Reports (E-1)**

Superintendent Kern shared information related to academics and budget.

General Counsel Linda Simlick provided an update regarding the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) and the process of transitioning to by-district elections.

**Employee Organizations (E-3)**

Karen Smith, president of CSEA Chapter 127, shared that CSEA is providing scholarships to 13 graduating seniors.

**Closed session (E-5)**

There were no closed session actions to report.

**Visitor Comments (F)**

*Visitor Comments: [received electronically before/during the meeting]*

Keri W. has concerns regarding distance learning and students with IEPs.

Derek Minnema is opposed to distance learning for the upcoming school year and inquired about the creation of “reopening committees” for the fall.

Traci Miranda supports by-district elections and the decision to pause the process until the COVID-19 stay-at-home order is lifted.

Sarah Medal expressed support for by-district elections as well as the decision to pause the process until the COVID-19 stay-at-home order is lifted.

Alysha Krumm expressed appreciation for pausing the by-district elections process until a time when people can safely convene.

State Senator Dr. Richard Pan expressed support for delaying the process of moving from at-large to by-district elections.

Natasha Vidic expressed concerns related to the high school grading policy.

**Consent Calendar Approved (G-1/G-6)**

It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Ms. Creason, that the consent calendar items G-1 through G-6 be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

**Personnel (G-1)**

Appointments, leaves of absence, separations and pre-retirement reduced workload — approved as submitted.

**Purchasing Report (G-2)**

Purchase orders and service agreements, change orders and construction and public works bids — approved as submitted.

**Business/Financial Report (G-3)**

Notices of completion and warrants and payroll — approved as submitted.

**Gifts (G-4)**

Acceptance of gifts to Nutrition Services.

**New High School Courses (G-5)**

Approval of new high school courses: Advanced Placement Spanish Literature and Culture, Biology: The Living Earth, Chemistry in the Earth System, Computer Science: Information Technology Essentials, Computer Science: Information Technology Fundamentals, Cyber Security, Honors Biology: The Living Earth, Honors Chemistry in the Earth Science, Honors Physics of the Universe, IB Math: Analysis Standard Level, IB Math: Analysis Higher Level, IB Math: Applications Standard Level, Physics of the Universe, Writing for the Stage (Discussed: 05/12/2020).

**Head Start/Early Head Start Grant Resolution (G-6)**

Approval of the Head Start/Early Head Start grant resolution, authorizing the execution of agreement No. 21C6651S0 between SJUSD and the Sacramento Employment and Training Agency (SETA).

**Instructional Materials Adoptions (I-1)**

Senior Director of Professional Learning and Innovation Kristan Schnepf, Special Education Program Specialist Laura Davis, English Language Arts Program Specialist Nicole Kukral and World Languages Program Specialist Nicole Naditz provided information regarding the instructional materials adoptions. Ms. Schnepf gave an overview of the instructional materials adoption process and explained that, except for the three adoptions being presented tonight, all other instructional materials adoptions have been paused due to the implications of COVID-19. Ms. Naditz presented information on the American Sign Language 1-3 and AP Spanish Literature and Culture adoptions. Ms. Davis and Ms. Kukral presented information on the adoption for English Language Arts Intensive Reading Intervention, grades 4-8, which was a collaborative effort between general education and special education. After the presentation, staff answered questions from the board. Action was scheduled for June 9.

**Partnering with the San Juan Education Foundation (I-2)**

Superintendent Kern led a discussion around the opportunity to strengthen the district’s partnership with the San Juan Education Foundation (SJEF) by identifying existing initiatives and/or future areas of need that SJEF could financially

support during this time of upcoming budget reductions. Suggestions from staff and board members, which will be presented to SJEF for consideration, included some ideas related to: technology, sports, before/after school programs, extracurricular activities, student advocacy groups, career technical education, adult education, mental health supports, summer school and food security. Ms. Villescaz thanked SJEF for coming to the table.

#### **Board Reports (J)**

Ms. Costa shared her positive experiences while visiting two fifth-grade distance learning classes this week, and she also stated she enjoyed the virtual orchestra performance by the SJUSD music teachers.

Dr. McKibbin reported that he took part in the recent Carmichael Chamber of Commerce online meeting, where Congressman Ami Bera was complimentary of SJUSD leadership, and he virtually attended an eighth-grade math course with students at Kingswood K-8.

Mr. Hernandez stated he had a great time visiting a fifth-grade virtual classroom.

Ms. Creason gave a shout-out to all the families and students who have come up with creative ways to celebrate the graduating seniors, stating that she is inspired by the efforts and appreciates the community coming together.

Ms. Villescaz shared her positive experience visiting a fifth-grade virtual classroom, thanking all the teachers who are working above and beyond to create a community environment and providing extra support to students during this time; and she also acknowledged the graduating seniors.

#### **Future Agenda (K)**

No items were added to the future agenda.

#### **Visitor Comments (L)**

*Visitor Comment: [received electronically during the meeting]*

Valeria Hernandez supports the decision to delay the process of moving from at-large to by-district elections.

#### **Employee Organizations (E-3) (continued)**

SJTA President Bill Simmons provided written comments regarding distance learning and by-trustee area elections.

#### **Closed Session (B) (continued)**

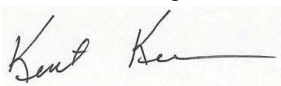
Ms. Villescaz announced that the board would return to closed session to continue item B-1, one personnel matter pursuant to Government Code section 54957 – superintendent's evaluation.

#### **Adjournment (M)**

At 8:30 p.m., there being no further announcements or business, the regular meeting was adjourned.



Paula Villescaz, President



Kent Kern, Executive Secretary

Approved: 06/09/2020

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