



San Juan Unified School District

Board of Education

3738 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael, California 95608

**Board of Education Minutes
March 31, 2020**

Special Meeting

Board of Education

6:30 p.m.

Open Session/Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance (A)

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 March 31 special meeting was conducted telephonically via the Zoom video conferencing platform. The meeting was called to order by the president, Paula Villescaz. After the pledge of allegiance, Ms. Villescaz explained the two methods (via e-mail or on Zoom) available to submit public comments for tonight's meeting.

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

Minutes Approved (B)

It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Ms. Creason, that the minutes of the March 10 regular meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Visitor Comments (C) [received via e-mail prior to the meeting]

Jeff Welch expressed his concerns about schools being closed for the rest of the school year and the impact on the families of first responders.

Bill Simmons, president of the San Juan Teachers Association (SJTA), provided an update on the collaborative efforts of SJUSD and SJTA in response to COVID-19.

Consent Calendar Approved (D-1/D-10)

It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Ms. Creason, that the consent calendar items D-1 through D-10 be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Personnel (D-1)

Appointments, leaves of absence and separations — approved as submitted.

Purchasing Report (D-2)

Purchase orders and service agreements, change orders and construction and public works bids, piggyback contracts and zero-dollar contract — approved as submitted.

Business/Financial Report (D-3)

Quarterly investment report and warrants and payroll — approved as submitted.

Gifts (D-4)

Acceptance of gifts to Bella Vista High School, the Department of Equity and Student Achievement and Greer Elementary School.

Disposal of Surplus Property (D-5)

Approval to dispose of surplus property pursuant to board policy (BP) 3270 and Education Code sections 17545 and 17546.

Grant: Head Start and Early Head Start Grant Application (D-6)

Approval to submit and implement, if funded, the following grant: Head Start and Early Head Start Grant Application 2020-2021.

Amendment to Lease Amendment for 6240 San Juan Avenue, Citrus Heights (D-7)

Approval of the first amendment to the lease agreement at 6240 San Juan Avenue, Citrus Heights, California, for additional storage space for surplus furniture due to bond construction projects.

Watt Avenue Property and Business Improvement District (D-8)

Approval of the petition to Sacramento County to renew the Watt Avenue Property and Business Improvement District.

Resolution No. 2984: Lease Amendment for Cottage Elementary School New Construction Project (D-9)

Adoption of Resolution No. 2984 approving the first amendment to the lease agreement for the Cottage Elementary School new construction project.

Resolution No. 2985: Design/Build Contract Amendment for Del Campo High School New Science/Media Building and CTE Modernization Project (D-10)

Adoption of Resolution No. 2985 approving the first amendment to the design/build contract for the Del Campo High School new science/media building and CTE modernization project.

California Voting Rights Act Public Hearing No. 1: Potential Composition of By-Trustee Areas Pursuant to Elections Code section 10010, subdivision (a)(1) (F-1)

General Counsel Linda Simlick introduced Larry Ferchaw, demographer from Cooperative Strategies, who gave a presentation on the process and potential criteria for drawing trustee-area boundary maps. Mr. Ferchaw provided background information on the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) and then gave an overview of the process and timeline. Michelle Cannon, attorney from Lozano Smith Attorneys at Law, noted that the current timeline could potentially be impacted by Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-34-20, but recommended proceeding with the current course of action until further clarification is received from the governor's office. Mr. Ferchaw discussed considerations related to the potential trustee areas, including identifying mapping factors; and he noted that district demographics, based on the most recent 2010 census data, would be utilized only for the November 2020 implementation process and another set of maps would need to be drawn after the 2020 census data is reported. Mr. Ferchaw shared that Latinos make up the largest protected class in the district, noting that there is not a single high area of concentration as they reside across the district. Mr. Ferchaw concluded the presentation by providing examples of feedback/input for the mapping process and explained next steps.

Ms. Villescaz declared the topic of the CVRA Public Hearing No. 1 regarding the potential composition of by-trustee areas a public hearing and asked for public input.

Visitor Comments (via Zoom):

Scott Rafferty spoke regarding the CVRA safe-harbor provision, the need for representation west of Watt Avenue, the establishment of seven trustee areas, and suggested conducting public outreach during the current meal distribution times.

Juan Yniguez voiced his support for by-area elections and the establishment of seven trustee areas.

Visitor Comments: [received via email before/during the meeting]

Kula Koenig supports the creation of equitable trustee areas.

Danielle Laurence supports the creation of equitable trustee areas.

Molly Reagh supports the creation of equitable trustee areas.

Scott Rafferty, on behalf of Neighborhood Elections Now, provided comments and data intended to facilitate meaningful public discussion of the criteria for mapping.

Tamie Dramer, on behalf of Organize Sacramento, expressed support for by-district elections.

Amy Kassouni thanked the board for moving forward with by-district elections and favors seven trustee areas.

Magali Kincaid shared that the map should be representative of the most disenfranchised communities.

Damaris Canton supports by-district elections, which she hopes will change the academic outcomes for students of color and poverty.

Patricia Johnson supports by-district elections and increasing the size of the board from five to seven members.

Camille Wise supports the creation of equitable trustee areas.

Aaron Miner supports trustee areas that represent underserved and poor communities in a coherent, undivided manner.

Holly Ramsay supports a map that establishes areas where people can vote for someone like themselves, which she says will increase equity.

There being no further comments, Ms. Villescaz declared the public hearing closed and invited board members to speak.

Mr. Hernandez stated that he supports having at least one middle school and one comprehensive high school in each established trustee area.

Ms. Costa stated that she concurs with the comments made by Mr. Hernandez, and she asked Mr. Ferchaw what factors other school districts have considered, beyond those required by law. Mr. Ferchaw stated that school attendance boundaries or roads are common factors that are considered, but often there is no overarching criteria.

Ms. Creason stated that she agrees schools should be equally distributed amongst the potential trustee areas, and she said that she is hopeful the Zoom meeting platform and rushed process will still allow for meaningful public input, stating that she supports various means of outreach to engage the public in the process while still social distancing.

Dr. McKibbin asked clarifying questions regarding communities of interest and topography and stated that he supports establishing trustee areas that serve multiple schools.

Ms. Villescaz posed questions related to the 2010 census data and the American Community Survey (ACS) data. Mr. Ferchaw described the limitations of using the ACS data and explained how other data points could be used in the process. Ms. Villescaz stated that she supports using school attendance boundaries and matriculation patterns as potential factors.


Superintendent Kern shared that staff has been discussing various outreach options in order to get community feedback on the topic.

Adjournment (M)

At 7:33 p.m., there being no further announcements or business, the special meeting was adjourned.



Paula Villescaz, President



Kent Kern, Executive Secretary

Approved: 04/14/2020

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