



**San Juan Unified School District**

Board of Education

3738 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael, California 95608

**Board of Education Minutes  
March 22, 2022**

**Regular Meeting**

Board of Education

5:30 p.m.

**Open Session/Call to Order/Announcement of Closed Session Topics (A)**

The March 22 regular meeting was called to order by the president, Dr. Michael McKibbin. The board meeting was held in person and also livestreamed on the district's YouTube channel.

**Roll Call**

Present:

Michael McKibbin, Ed.D., president

Zima Creason, vice president

Pam Costa, clerk

Saul Hernandez, member

Paula Villescaz, member

**Visitor Comments: Closed Session (A-1)**

There were no closed session visitor comments.

**Closed Session (B)**

The meeting was then recessed with the board convening in closed session to conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1) – two cases – Name of Case: Magali Kincaid, Benito Juarez Neighborhood Association, Neighborhood Elections Now, Juan Yniguez, Carolina Flores, Damaris Canton v. San Juan Unified School District, Complaint for Violation of the California Voting Rights Act and in the Alternative, For Violation of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the California Constitution, Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 34-2020-00286475 and Name of Case: Carolina Flores, Neighborhood Elections Now, Petitioners, vs. San Juan Unified School District, Paula Villescaz, in her official capacity of Board President, Respondents, Verified Petition for Writ of Mandate Pursuant to the First Amendment, the California Constitution, California Public Records Act, and the Ralph M. Brown Act; and Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief, Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 34-2021-80003644-CU-WM-GDS; to consider student expulsions in two cases (Education Code section 48918[f]); and to discuss with negotiator Daniel Thigpen, Senior Director, Labor Relations, regarding CSEA Chapter 127 General/Operations support, Chauffeurs/Teamsters Local No. 150 Transportation, Supervisors, Teachers and Certificated Supervisory units and regarding non-represented groups: management and confidential units (Government Code section 54957.6).

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

At 6:30 p.m., the meeting was called back to order by the president Dr. Michael McKibbin. Four members of the Casa Roble Fundamental High School Air Force Jr. ROTC led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes Approved (D)**

It was moved by Ms. Villescaz, seconded by Ms. Creason, that the minutes of the March 8 regular meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED 4-0-1 [AYES: McKibbin, Creason, Hernandez, Villescaz; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: Costa].

**Recognition (E-1a)**

It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Ms. Creason, to adopt Resolution No. A-412 proclaiming the week of April 2-8 as

the Week of the Young Child. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez, Villescaz].

**High School Student Council Reports (E-2)**

High School Student Council representatives Kamran Siddiq from Meraki High School and Michael Yo from El Sereno High School updated the board on the goals, activities and achievements at their respective schools.

**Closed Session/Expulsion Actions (E-7)**

Ms. Villescaz reported that the board voted unanimously to accept a hearing panel's recommendation of one suspended expulsion in case number S-42 and one expulsion in case number S-44.

**Visitor Comments (F)**

There were no general visitor comments.

**Consent Calendar Approved (G-1/G-11)**

Ms. Costa pulled item G-12. It was moved by Ms. Villescaz, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, that the consent calendar items G-1 through G-11 be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez, Villescaz].

**Personnel (G-1)**

Appointments, leaves of absence, separations, pre-retirement reduced workload and job description/salary range change – approved as submitted.

**Purchasing Report (G-2)**

Purchase orders and service agreements, change orders, construction and public works bids and piggyback contracts – 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 Earl LeGette Elementary School, Family and Community Engagement, Mesa Verde High School and Thomas Kelly Elementary School.

**Head Start/Early Head Start Grant 2022-2023 (G-5)**

Approval to submit and implement, if funded, the following grant: Head Start and Early Head Start Grant 2022-2023.

**Consolidated Application Winter Report 2022 (G-6)**

Approval to submit the 2021-2022 Consolidated Application Winter Report 2022 (Part II) to the California Department of Education (CDE) and State Board of Education (SBE).

**Resolution No. 4011: Contracts for Emergency Repairs (G-7)**

Adoption of Resolution No. 4011 giving the authority to enter a contract or contracts for emergency repairs pursuant to public contract code sections 22035 and 22050.

**Ose Family Community Service Award (G-8)**

Approval of the 2021 Ose Family Community Service Award for former Rio Americano High School student Steven Hartman who is currently attending UC Davis.

**Grant: Every Student Succeeds Act Comprehensive Support and Improvement (G-9)**

Approval to implement the following grant: Every Student Succeeds Act Comprehensive Support and Improvement 2021-2022.

**Grant: Every Student Succeeds Act Comprehensive Support and Improvement (G-10)**

Approval to implement the following grant: Sacramento Perennial Plant Club's Saul Wiseman Grant for La Vista Center.

**Resolution No. 4012: Lease Amendment No. 1 Rio Americano High School CTE modernization projects (G-11)**

Adoption of Resolution No. 4012 approving the first amendment to the lease agreement for the Rio Americano High School CTE modernization project no. 208-9495-P1, Health Science project no. 208-9495-P2 and Manufacturing and Product Development project no. 208-9495-P3, between San Juan Unified and CORE Construction Inc. dba CORE Construction Management.

**Consent Calendar Continued (H)****Certification of Absence: Pam Costa (G-12)**

Certification that the March 8, 2022, absence of board member Pam Costa occurred due to illness, pursuant to Education Code 35120(c) and Board Bylaw 9250.

It was moved by Ms. Villescaz, seconded by Ms. Creason, that the consent calendar item G-12 be approved. MOTION CARRIED 4-0-1 [AYES: McKibbin, Creason, Hernandez, Villescaz; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: Costa].

**English Learner and Refugee Update (I-1)**

Deputy Superintendent Melissa Bassanelli introduced staff who gave an update on the current performance data and the programs and supports provided to English learner and refugee students. Office of Student Learning Assistance Director Gwyn Dellinger shared data regarding English learner students including a breakdown of primary languages, English language proficiency levels and reclassification rate trends. Program Specialist Genoveva Mendoza Navarrete spoke about the English Language Development (ELD) programs and course placements, professional learning opportunities for staff and primary language supports that are in place for students and families. Ms. Dellinger talked about the specific programs and supports for students identified as newcomers. English Learner Intervention Supervisor Sayed Mansoor discussed specifics related to refugee and immigrant students, which included a review of the prominent languages and the district's supports that are currently established. The Jailani Family shared their experiences (via video) about how they navigated the educational system as a new English learner family in San Juan Unified. Ms. Villescaz acknowledged the stories of perseverance, she commended staff for their work with Afghan families and she inquired about the increase in staff members who support English learners. Superintendent Kern publicly thanked Sayed Mansoor and Ahmad Nimati for their work helping Afghan families earlier this school year. Mr. Hernandez inquired about opportunities for students to learn from each other, which staff shared ideas about potential tutoring opportunities and the use of student interns during the summer. Ms. Costa commended staff on the district's high reclassification rate and for the work with English learners. Ms. Creason thanked the Jailani Family for giving back and she commented on several items related to the presentation. Dr. McKibbin acknowledged the large number of departments involved in supporting English learners. Superintendent Kern thanked Ms. Dellinger for her leadership and he recognized the work of the entire team.

**Elementary Expanded Learning Opportunities Update (I-2)**

Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education and Programs Amberlee Townsend-Snider and Northridge Elementary School Principal Petra Luhrsen gave an update on the Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) within the Elementary/K-8 division. Ms. Townsend-Snider provided background information about components of the ELO plan and the process and parameters of the grant plan. Ms. Townsend-Snider also discussed site level and centralized ELO actions. Ms. Luhrsen shared information about the ELO implementation experience at Northridge Elementary School, providing detailed information about how it has helped to reinvigorate the existing House System model. Ms. Townsend-Snider presented information about ELO at other elementary and K-8 school sites, which includes both academic and social emotional actions. Ms. Townsend-Snider also spoke about the continuous improvement process, noting the successes, challenges and next steps. Ms. Villescaz commented on the attendance improvement plan at Northridge Elementary, and she inquired about professional learning for instructional assistants and how the effectiveness of the one-time funds is being tracked, which staff addressed. Mr. Hernandez said he appreciates the House System model at Northridge Elementary and encouraged the sharing of successful ideas with other schools, which Superintendent Kern and Ms. Townsend-Snider commented on. Ms. Costa acknowledged all the successes that are making a big difference, noting that the work of great employees has made all the difference. Ms. Creason noted the sense of community at Northridge Elementary and she asked what the plan is when the one-time funds are depleted. Superintendent Kern said that once the district gets closer to the three-year mark that ELO actions would have to be reassessed and could potentially be considered for inclusion in the Local Control and Accountability Plan. Dr. McKibbin asked how students are placed into the House system model, which Ms. Luhrsen answered.

**Resolution No. 4010: 1300 Campaign (I-3)**

Superintendent Kern presented the item explaining that the 1300 Campaign initiative is a partnership between Improve Your Tomorrow and a number of other community groups with the goal of sending an additional 1300 young men of color to Sacramento State and UC Davis by 2025. The targeted sites within San Juan Unified are Encina, Mira Loma, Del Campo and San Juan high schools. Board members made comments and posed questions related to how school sites were identified and if a comparable program could be identified for women. It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Ms. Villescaz, to adopt Resolution No. 4010 in support of the 1300 Campaign. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez, Villescaz].

**Resolution No. 4008: Issuance of Measure P General Obligation Bonds (I-4)**

Chief Financial Officer Jennifer Stahlheber presented information regarding the proposed issuance and sale of Measure N general obligation bonds to fund capital projects previously authorized by voters. Board members made comments and posed questions, which Ms. Stahlheber addressed. It was moved by Ms. Creason, seconded by Ms. Villescaz, to adopt Resolution No. 4008 authorizing the issuance of up to \$150,000,000 Measure P (2016) general obligation bonds. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez, Villescaz].

**New Financial Information System (I-5)**

Ms. Stahlheber gave a presentation on the planned installation and implementation of a new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)/Financial Information System, which will modernize and streamline current paper processes in the majority of the district's business departments. Ms. Stahlheber provided background information on the selection process and she discussed some advantages of an ERP. Superintendent Kern thanked the fiscal team for its work, acknowledging that the ERP will improve how schools are supported. Board members made comments and posed questions, which staff addressed.

**Board Reports (J)**

Ms. Costa reported the passing of two former El Camino teachers and coaches, Frank Calcagno and John Christopulos.

Ms. Villescaz shared that she, and other board members, attended the musical *Oklahoma!* at El Camino Fundamental High School, and she also participated in Read Across America Day.

Mr. Hernandez reported that he visited an elementary school on the first day that masks were optional, where he enjoyed seeing smiling faces again and he also observed support for students who continue to wear masks.

Ms. Creason said she also attended the musical *Oklahoma!*, she continues to visit school sites, she is happy to hear that students are respecting the choices of their peers related to mask wearing and she is pleased to be able to safely return to in-person events.

**Future Agenda (K)**

There were no items added to the future agenda.

**Visitor Comments (L)**

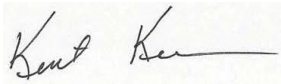
There were no general visitor comments.

**Adjournment (M)**

At 8:43 p.m., there being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned.



Michael McKibbin, Ed.D., President



Kent Kern, Executive Secretary

Approved: 04/05/2022

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