



San Juan Unified School District

Board of Education

3738 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael, California 95608

Board of Education Minutes

June 25, 2024

Regular Meeting

Board of Education

5:15 p.m.

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

The June 25 regular meeting was called to order by the vice president, Saul Hernandez. The board meeting was held in person and was also livestreamed on the district website.

Roll Call

Present:

Pam Costa, president (*via teleconference*)

Saul Hernandez, vice president

Ben Avey, clerk

Paula Villescaz, member

Tanya Kravchuk, member

Manuel Perez, member

Zima Creason, member

Announcement of Closed Session Topics/Closed Session Visitor Comments (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 consider a student enrollment in one case and student expulsions in two cases (Education Code section 48918[f]); to discuss collective bargaining matters – discussion with negotiator Daniel Thigpen, Executive Director, Labor Relations and Government Affairs, 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); and to conference with legal counsel – anticipated litigation: significant exposure to litigation, Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2) and (4).

Reconvene Open Session/Pledge of Allegiance (C)

At 6:30 p.m., the meeting was called back to order by the vice president, Saul Hernandez. Mr. Avey led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes Approved (D)

It was moved by Ms. Villescaz, seconded by Mr. Perez, that the minutes of the June 11 regular meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED 6-0-1 [AYES: Costa, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk, Perez, Creason; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: Hernandez].

Board-Appointed/District Committees (E-2)

Jennifer Morgan, chair of the Local Control and Accountability Plan Parent Advisory Committee (LCAP PAC), provided an update on the work of the committee.

Closed Session/Expulsion Actions (E-5)

Mr. Avey reported that the board voted unanimously to accept a hearing panel's recommendation of one enrollment in case number OM-40; one suspended expulsion in case number M-39; and one expulsion in case number S-38.

Visitor Comments (F)

Caroline Digman spoke about reading.

Marsha Hesch shared information about her experiences with special education.

Patsy McGavock expressed concerns about the proposed dress code revisions.

Consent Calendar Approved (G-1/G-6, G-9/G-15 and G-17)

Ms. Kravchuk pulled items G-7 and G-16. Mr. Avey pulled item G-8. It was moved by Ms. Creason, seconded by Ms. Kravchuk, that the consent calendar items G-1 through G-6, items G-9 through G-15, and item G-17 be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [AYES: Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk, Perez, Creason; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None].

Personnel (G-1)

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

Purchasing Report (G-2)

Purchase orders and service agreements, change orders, construction and public works bids, piggyback contract, bids/RFPs and zero dollar contract – approved as submitted.

Business/Financial Report (G-3)

Warrants and payroll and notices of completion – approved as submitted.

Gifts (G-4)

Acceptance of gift to El Camino Fundamental High School.

Surplus Property Report (G-5)

Approval to dispose of surplus property pursuant to Board Policy 3270 and Education Code sections 17545 and 17546.

Name Change for Encina Preparatory High School (G-6)

Approval to change the name of Encina Preparatory High School to Encina High School. (Discussed: 06/11/2024)

2023-2024 Actuarial Report OPEB (G-9)

Approval of the 2023-2024 Actuarial Report OPEB (other post-employment benefits).

2022-2023 Annual Independent Financial Audit Report for Aspire Alexander Twilight Secondary Academy and Aspire Alexander Twilight College Prep Academy (G-10)

Acceptance of the 2022-2023 Annual Independent Financial Audit Report for Aspire Alexander Twilight Secondary Academy and Aspire Alexander Twilight College Prep Academy.

2022-2023 Annual Independent Financial Audit Report for California Montessori Project (G-11)

Acceptance of the 2022-2023 Annual Independent Financial Audit Report for California Montessori Project.

2022-2023 Annual Independent Financial Audit Report for Gateway International School (G-12)

Acceptance of the 2022-2023 Annual Independent Financial Audit Report for Gateway International School.

2022-2023 Annual Independent Financial Audit Report for Golden Valley Orchard Charter and Golden Valley River Charter (G-13)

Acceptance of the 2022-2023 Annual Independent Financial Audit Report for Golden Valley Orchard Charter and Golden Valley River Charter.

2022-2023 Annual Independent Financial Audit Report for Options For Youth (G-14)

Acceptance of the 2022-2023 Annual Independent Financial Audit Report for Options For Youth.

2022-2023 Annual Independent Financial Audit Report for Visions In Education (G-15)

Acceptance of the 2022-2023 Annual Independent Financial Audit Report for Visions In Education.

Resolution No. 4143: Award of Master Agreements for Construction Management and Program Management Services and Rates (G-17)

Adoption of Resolution No. 4143, ratifying the award of master agreements for construction management and program management service rates.

Consent Calendar Continued (H) (G-7, G-8 and G-16)

The board discussed the items pulled from the consent calendar and took individual action on each item.

Revisions to Board Policy 5132 Dress and Grooming/Retirement of Board Policy 5132.4 School Uniforms (G-7)

Approval of revisions to Board Policy 5132 Dress and Grooming and retirement of Board Policy 5132.4 School Uniforms. (Discussed: 06/11/2024)

Ms. Kravchuk requested that the board delay voting on the proposed revisions to Board Policy 5132 Dress and Grooming to allow time for further clarification and consideration of the item. After board discussion, it was moved by Ms. Creason, seconded by Ms. Villescaz, to approve item G-7. MOTION CARRIED 5-2 [AYES: Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz, Creason; NOES: Kravchuk, Perez; ABSTAIN: None].

2024-2025 Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) (G-8)

Approval of the 2024-2025 Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA).

Mr. Avey and Ms. Creason acknowledged the ongoing improvements in special education. It was moved by Ms. Creason, seconded by Mr. Avey, to approve item G-8. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [AYES: Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk, Perez, Creason; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None].

2024-2025 School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) (G-16)

Approval of the 2024-2025 School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) and corresponding budgets for each school site, including those that have been identified for Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI).

Ms. Kravchuk requested to postpone voting on the item until a link to the plan is received. It was moved by Ms. Kravchuk, seconded by Mr. Avey, to remove item G-16 from the consent calendar. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [AYES: Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk, Perez, Creason; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None].

California School Dashboard Local Indicators (I-1)

Interim Deputy Superintendent of Schools and Student Support Amy Slavensky introduced Director of Continuous Improvement and LCAP Gianfranco Tornatore, Ed.D. and Assistant Director of Assessment, Evaluation and Planning Christopher Smith who gave a detailed presentation on the district's measurement of progress for State Priority Areas 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7 related to the state accountability dashboard. Board members made comments and posed questions, which staff addressed.

Local Control and Accountability Plan (I-2)

It was moved by Ms. Kravchuk, seconded by Mr. Perez, to approve the district's 2024-2027 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [AYES: Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk, Perez, Creason; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None].

Choices Charter School California School Dashboard Local Indicators (I-3)

Director of Admissions and Family Services Brian Ginter introduced Director of Choices Charter School Brent Givens who gave a presentation on Choices Charter School's measurement of progress for State Priority Areas 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7 related to the state accountability dashboard. Board members made comments.

Choices Charter School Local Control and Accountability Plan (I-4)

It was moved by Ms. Kravchuk, seconded by Ms. Creason, to approve the Choices Charter School 2024-2027 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [AYES: Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk, Perez, Creason; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None].

Adoption of the 2024-2025 Budget (I-5)

Chief Financial Officer Joel Ryan presented the item and answered questions from Mr. Avey. It was moved by Ms. Villescraz, seconded by Mr. Avey, to adopt the 2024-2025 budget, including the approval of the Education Protection Account spending plans for the district and Choices Charter School, the excess reserves in the ending fund balance and the district staffing standards, and approve the revisions to the 2023-2024 budget. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [AYES: Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Villescraz, Kravchuk, Perez, Creason; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None].

Arts, Music and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant Plan (I-6)

Dr. Slavensky presented the plan for the Arts, Music and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant. Dr. Slavensky provided background information, discussed the allowable uses of the one-time funds, outlined the process used to develop the plan and presented the spending plan. Ms. Creason expressed support for the plan, noting the investments in staff, students and supplies. Ms. Kravchuk asked clarifying questions regarding allocations for library books and school sites, which Dr. Slavensky addressed. It was moved by Ms. Creason, seconded by Ms. Kravchuk, to approve the plan for the Arts, Music and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant funding. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [AYES: Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Villescraz, Kravchuk, Perez, Creason; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None].

Middle School Boundary Adjustments (I-7)

Chief Operations Officer Frank Camarda presented the item. Ms. Creason expressed support for the item and made additional comments. It was moved by Ms. Villescraz, seconded by Mr. Perez, to adopt Resolution No.4142, adjusting the attendance boundaries for Arden Middle School, Arcade Middle School, Katherine Johnson Middle School, Starr King K-8 and Winston Churchill Middle School; selecting map no. 3 for the new middle school boundaries within the western region of the district; and approving a notice of exemption regarding the boundary change as provided by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [AYES: Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Villescraz, Kravchuk, Perez, Creason; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None].

Safe Schools Program (I-8)

Chief of Staff Trent Allen introduced Director of Safe Schools Michael Jones, who provided an update on the work of the Safe Schools program. Mr. Jones reviewed the program's vision, mission and objectives, and also discussed staffing, training and partnerships. Mr. Jones spoke about school site safety and vulnerability studies, shared districtwide comparison data from the Catapult Emergency Management System and outlined priorities for the upcoming school year. Board members made comments and posed questions, which Mr. Jones addressed. Ms. Villescraz acknowledged the progress made in recent years and sought clarification on certain data points. Ms. Creason praised the district's Safe Schools model, highlighted challenges with Wi-Fi affecting Catapult reporting and advocated for parent and student training to enhance safety discussions at home. Mr. Avey raised concerns about school safety, including issues related to school bathrooms, the impact of COVID-19 on student relationships and problem-solving skills, and student anxiety on secondary campuses. Ms. Kravchuk asked about crosswalks, exit doors and the influence of cell phones and social media on school safety.

Board Reports (J)

There were no board reports.

Future Agenda (K)

No items were added to the future agenda.

Adjournment (L)

At 8:12 p.m., there being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned in memory of Kathy Wilkinson Houser.



Pam Costa, Board President



Melissa Bassanelli, Secretary

Approved: 08/13/2024

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