



San Juan Unified School District

Board of Education

3738 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael, California 95608

**Board of Education Minutes
June 8, 2021**

Regular Meeting

Board of Education

5:00 p.m.

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

The June 8 regular meeting was called to order by the president, Paula Villescaz. The board met in person at the district office, safely physically distanced as aligned to state and local health guidelines. Public attendance was provided via the Zoom platform as well as a live stream on the district's YouTube channel.

Roll Call

Present:

Paula Villescaz, president

Michael McKibbin, Ed.D., vice president

Zima Creason, clerk

Pam Costa, member

Saul Hernandez, 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 discuss with negotiator Kent Kern, Superintendent of Schools, 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 discuss one personnel matter (Government Code section 54957) – superintendent's evaluation.

Reconvene Open Session/Pledge of Allegiance (C)

At 6:30 p.m. the meeting was called back to order by the president Paula Villescaz. Four members of the Casa Roble Fundamental High School Air Force Jr. ROTC virtually led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. 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 Ms. Creason, that the minutes of the May 25 regular meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Staff Reports (E-1)

Senior Director of Secondary Schools and Programs Kristan Schnepf reported on the actions that have taken place at Rio Americano High School to address the recent incident involving a Nazi flag.

Board-appointed/District Committees (E-2)

Chair of the Local Control and Accountability Plan Parent Advisory Committee (LCAP PAC) Tom Nelson provided an update on the work of the committee.

Employee Organizations (E-3)

CSEA Chapter President Karen Smith shared that four scholarships were awarded to San Juan students, and she spoke about the Classified School Employee Summer Assistance Program and classified staff minimum wage compaction issues.

SJTA President Bill Simmons made comments related to the 2020-2021 school year.

Closed Session/Expulsion Actions (E-5)

There were no closed session actions to report.

Visitor Comments (F) [via Zoom]:

Ben Avey thanked Tom Nelson for his work with the LCAP PAC and he made comments about in-person celebrations.

Amy Kassouni made comments about the Local Control and Accountability Plan and the California Voting Rights Act.

Juan Yniguez spoke about the California Voting Rights Act and the need for a seven-member board.

Magali Kincaid spoke about a student-led rally at Rio Americano High School, a seven-member board and the work of the LCAP PAC.

Maria Grijalva expressed support for by-district elections.

Scott Rafferty made comments related to the California Voting Rights Act.

Melinda Avey expressed gratitude and admiration for parents during distance learning.

Kula Koenig expressed support for by-district elections and a seven-member board.

Carolina Flores gave her comments in Spanish.

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

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

Personnel (G-1)

Appointments, leaves of absence, separations, job description/salary range change and charter school personnel actions – 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.

Gifts (G-3)

Acceptance of gift to Family and Community Engagement.

Disposal of Surplus Property (G-4)

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

CIF Superintendent's Designation of Athletic League Representatives (G-5)

Approval of California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) superintendent's designation of athletic league representatives for the 2021-2022 school year.

Charter School Memorandums of Understanding (G-6)

Approval of Memorandums of Understanding between SJUSD and the following charter schools: (a) Aspire Alexander Twilight College Preparatory Academy; (b) Aspire Alexander Twilight Secondary Academy; (c) California Montessori Project; (d) Gateway International School effective July 1, 2021–June 30, 2024; and (e) Visions In Education effective July 1, 2021–June 30, 2023.

Capital Adult Education Regional Consortium (CAERC) Designee (G-7)

Approval of the official designation of new member Kristan Schnepf, and the removal of Rick Messer, to the Capital Adult Education Regional Consortium (CAERC) board.

Resolution No. 3056: Barrett Middle School Site Lease Amendment No. 1 (G-8)

Adoption of Resolution No. 3056 approving the first amendment to the site lease agreement for the Barrett Middle School new construction project no. 004-9512-P1 and modernization project no. 004-9495-P1 between San Juan Unified School District and Landmark Modernization Contractors dba Landmark Construction.

Resolution No. 3057: Barrett Middle School New Construction Lease Amendment No. 2 (G-9)

Adoption of Resolution No. 3057 approving the second amendment to the lease agreement for the Barrett Middle School new construction project no. 004-9512-P1 between San Juan Unified School District and Landmark Modernization Contractors dba Landmark Construction.

Resolution No. 3058: Barrett Middle School Modernization Lease Amendment No. 2 (G-10)

Adoption of Resolution No. 3058 approving the second amendment to the lease agreement for the Barrett Middle School modernization project no. 004-9495-P1 between San Juan Unified School District and Landmark Modernization Contractors dba Landmark Construction.

Public Hearing: Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) (I-1)

Senior Director of Secondary Schools and Programs Kristan Schnepf presented the item explaining that the 2021-2024 LCAP includes the 2019-2020 LCAP Annual Update and the 2020-2021 Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan Annual Update. Ms. Schnepf introduced Director of Continuous Improvement and LCAP Gian Tornatore who presented detailed information about the 2021-2024 LCAP for discussion. Deputy Superintendent of Schools and Student Support Melissa Bassanelli, Director of Assessment, Evaluation and Planning Susan Green, Coordinator of Special Programs and Grants Christina Sparks, Meraki High School student Grace Sepe and Mesa Verde High School student Ashlynn Gordon also participated in the presentation.

Ms. Villescaz declared the topic of the LCAP a public hearing and invited the public to speak. There being no questions or comments from the public, Ms. Villescaz declared the public hearing closed. Board members then made comments and asked questions, which staff addressed. Mr. Hernandez inquired about the recruitment of LCAP PAC committee members. Ms. Costa acknowledged the breadth and depth of the report, stating she was pleased with the amount of student voice and parent participation, and she inquired about the unmet targets. Ms. Creason encouraged widespread stakeholder engagement, noted the variety of mental health supports at school sites and inquired about the LCAP PAC approving the plan. Dr. McKibbin stated he was pleased with the number of stakeholder groups who provided feedback, including student groups, and he asked clarifying questions about the plan. Ms. Villescaz inquired about how the LCAP relates to other plans that the district is implementing and offered suggestions about the plan and how to increase meaningful engagement. Action was scheduled for June 22.

Public Hearing: Choices Charter School Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) (I-2)

Director of Admissions and Family Services Michele Flagler introduced Choices Principal Tony Oddo who presented the Choices Charter School LCAP for discussion. Ms. Villescaz declared the topic of the Choices Charter School LCAP a public hearing and invited the public to speak. There being no questions or comments from the public, Ms. Villescaz declared the public hearing closed. Ms. Costa commended Choices for its collaborative efforts, the extension of office hours and the survey. Ms. Creason inquired about the recommendation of the Choices advisory committee, which Mr. Oddo stated the committee supported the plan. Dr. McKibbin commented on the survey participation rate and the yoga class. Action was scheduled for June 22.

California Voting Rights Act Update (I-3)

General Counsel Linda Simlick introduced Michelle Cannon, an attorney from Lozano Smith Attorneys at Law, who provided a proposed timeline for the restart of the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) transition process.

Public Comments: [via Zoom]

Scott Rafferty encouraged the board to hear Ms. Flores' earlier comments.

Ben Avey thanked the board for moving forward with by-district elections and expressed support for a seven-member board.

Maria Grijalva expressed support for by-district elections.

At the end of public comment, an audio translation of Carolina Flores' previous comment was played in English; Ms. Flores expressed support for by-district elections and expanding the board from five to seven members.

After public comment, Ms. Villescaz invited board members to speak. Ms. Villescaz requested additional information regarding the external factors driving the timeline, which Ms. Cannon explained. Mr. Hernandez encouraged the public to read the cover page for this agenda item. Ms. Creason encouraged advertisement of the special meetings and community forums in order to obtain public input. Dr. McKibbin asked how many maps the demographer would provide, which Ms. Cannon stated typically three maps are provided.

Public Hearing: Presentation of the 2021-2022 Budget (I-4)

Following a brief recess, Director of Business Support Services Susan Kane presented the proposed 2021-2022 budget and the revisions to the 2020-2021 budget. Ms. Kane explained the proposed budget includes a 5.07% Super COLA and \$241 million in one-time stimulus funds from state and federal sources, which will be spent over a three-year period. Ms. Kane first reviewed the current-year budget revisions, stating that the current projection for 2020-2021 is a \$7 million surplus, and she then reviewed the proposed 2021-2022 budget, stating that the current projection for 2021-2022 is a \$10 million surplus. Ms. Kane noted that the projections do not include the impact of the recently negotiated collective bargaining agreements.

Ms. Villescaz declared the topic of the 2021-2022 budget a public hearing and invited the public to speak. There being no questions or comments from the public, Ms. Villescaz declared the public hearing closed and invited board members to speak. Staff answered questions from the board related to the child development and cafeteria fund deficits, the impact of collective bargaining agreements, concentration grant funds, STRS/PERS rates, the governor's recent proposal for universal Transitional Kindergarten and medical insurance increases. Action was scheduled for June 22.

Fair Oaks Recreation and Park District Proposed Use and Renovation of Fields at La Vista Center (I-5)

Assistant Superintendent of Operations, Facilities and Transportation Frank Camarda introduced Fair Oaks Recreation and Park District (FORPD) Administrator Mike Aho who gave a presentation on the proposed use and renovation of the fields at La Vista Center for youth girls' softball. FORPD Directors Carhart and Irwin expressed their support for the project, stating the project would be a great enhancement for the community and school. Board members made comments and posed questions, which Mr. Camarda and Mr. Aho addressed. Mr. Hernandez expressed support for the project, and he said that the Facilities Committee supports the project. Ms. Costa stated that the project is a wonderful idea for young people in the community. Ms. Creason inquired about engagement with the La Vista leadership team and a support plan for students and staff during construction, and she asked clarifying questions about the existing buildings. Dr. McKibbin shared that he walked the property earlier today, and he posed questions regarding the design process. Ms. Villescaz shared her excitement about the partnership and encouraged staff to take into consideration the school community while going through the planning process. Mr. Camarda explained this item would return at a future board meeting for further discussion and possible action.

Public Hearing: Adopting School Facilities Fees and Notice of Exemption and Resolution No. 3055 (I-6)

Assistant Superintendent of Operations, Facilities and Transportation Frank Camarda presented the item explaining that the current fee structure will remain the same. Ms. Villescaz declared the topic of adopting school facilities fees and notice of exemption a public hearing and invited the public to speak. There being no questions or comments from the public, Ms. Villescaz declared the public hearing closed.

It was moved by Dr. McKibbin, seconded by Ms. Creason, to adopt Resolution No. 3055 declaring the adoption of the 2020 Developer Fee Justification Study to aid in the funding for construction or reconstruction of school facilities necessitated by student population increases resulting from development. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

COVID-19 Update (I-7)

Superintendent Kern provided an update on the latest conditions related to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impacts on the district, which included information on the anticipated changes in guidance effective June 15 and the intent of the district to resume hosting in-person board meetings, along with a live stream to YouTube and the ability for individuals to submit public comments in writing or by speaking in person.

San Juan Supervisors Association Proposal for Successor Contract 2021-2022 (I-8)

Mr. Oropallo presented the bargaining interests of the San Juan Supervisors Association for public comment. Ms. Villescaz stated there were no requests for public comment.

District's Initial Bargaining Proposal with San Juan Supervisors Association Proposal for Successor Contract 2021-2022 (I-9)

Mr. Oropallo presented the topic. Ms. Villescaz stated there were no requests for public comment. It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Dr. McKibbin, to adopt, pursuant to Government Code section 3540 et seq. and district Board Policy 4243.1, the bargaining interests of the Board of Education for negotiations with the San Juan Supervisors Association for 2021-2022. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Teamsters Union Local No. 150 Initial Proposal for Successor Contract 2021-2022 (I-10)

Mr. Oropallo presented the bargaining interests of the Teamsters Union Local No. 150 for public comment. Ms. Villescaz stated there were no requests for public comment.

District's Initial Bargaining Proposal with Teamsters Union Local No. 150 for Successor Contract 2021-2022 (I-11)

Mr. Oropallo presented the topic. Ms. Villescaz stated there were no requests for public comment. It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Ms. Creason, to adopt, pursuant to Government Code section 3540 et seq. and district Board Policy 4243.1, the bargaining interests of the Board of Education for negotiations with the Teamsters Union Local No. 150 for 2021-2022. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Implementation of Agreements with CSEA, SJPEC, Supervisors and Teamsters (I-12)

Mr. Oropallo presented the item. It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Dr. McKibbin, approving the implementation of agreements with California School Employees Association Chapter 127, the San Juan Professional Educators Coalition, San Juan Supervisors Association and Teamsters Union Local No. 150, which includes additional paid days during the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year in response to returning to in-person learning four days per week.

Implementation of Agreements with SJAA, Cabinet, Confidential, Unrepresented (I-13)

Mr. Oropallo presented the item. It was moved by Ms. Creason, seconded by Ms. Costa, approving the implementation of agreements with San Juan Administrators Association, Cabinet, Confidential and Unrepresented Groups, which includes additional paid days during the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year in response to returning to in-person learning four days per week.

Tentative Agreement: San Juan Teachers Association (I-14)

Mr. Oropallo presented the tentative agreement with the San Juan Teachers Association for discussion. There being no questions or comments from the board, action was scheduled for June 22.

Salary Schedule Adjustments and One-Time, Off-Schedule Payment: SJAA, Cabinet, Confidential, Unrepresented (I-15)

Mr. Oropallo presented the topic for discussion. Mr. Oropallo confirmed that the board would not be receiving the bonus. There being no further questions or comments, action was scheduled for June 22.

Board Reports (J)

Mr. Hernandez shared information about his experience at the Laurel Ruff Transitional School graduation ceremony.

Ms. Costa thanked staff for their efforts with in-person graduation ceremonies, and she acknowledged the passing of Vanessa Liby, a teacher at Sierra Oaks K-8.

Ms. Creason spoke about the graduation ceremonies she attended, and she also suggested adjourning the meeting in Ms. Liby's honor.

Dr. McKibbin stated it was great to have in-person graduation ceremonies and he thanked all of the people who did an enormous amount of work to make it happen.

Ms. Villescaz expressed thanks to staff for all the work related to in-person graduations and she acknowledged the last day of the school year.

Future Agenda (K)

There were no items added to the future agenda.

Visitor Comments (L)

Amber B. made comments about the incident at Rio Americano High School and the school administration.

Adjournment (M)

At 10:18 p.m., there being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned in memory of Vanessa Liby.



Paula Villescaz, President



Kent Kern, Executive Secretary

Approved: 06/22/2021

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