



San Juan Unified School District

Board of Education

3738 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael, California 95608

**Board of Education Minutes
August 10, 2021**

Regular Meeting

Board of Education

5:15 p.m.

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

The August 10 regular meeting was called to order by the vice president, Michael McKibbin. The board meeting was held in person and also livestreamed on the district's YouTube channel.

Roll Call

Present:

Paula Villescaz, president *[arrived at 6:25 p.m.]*

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 Daniel Thigpen, Senior Director of 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); and to discuss one personnel matter (Government Code section 54957) – superintendent's goals for 2021-2022.

Reconvene Open Session/Pledge of Allegiance (C)

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 (in person or electronically) available to submit public comment for tonight's meeting.

Minutes Approved (D)

It was moved by Ms. Creason, seconded by Dr. McKibbin, that the minutes of the July 27 special meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Staff Reports (E-1)

Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Debra Calvin, Ed.D., shared that the International Rescue Committee recently notified the district about an expected influx of refugees from Afghanistan between now and November 30, which could impact enrollment at schools in the Arden-Arcade area. Dr. Calvin outlined the steps that are being taken to welcome new families and she answered questions from the board.

Closed Session/Expulsion Actions (E-5)

There were no closed session actions to report.

Visitor Comments (F)

[in person]

Marina Gabel spoke about her son's experiences in San Juan Unified and recall efforts that are underway.

Katie Reid congratulated the board on the move to trustee areas and she encouraged the use of Zoom for visitor comments.

William Brooks spoke regarding the spraying of toxic chemicals on school fields.

Jessica Silva made comments about the need for distance learning options for Fall 2021.

Janet Rodriguez spoke about the need to continue to offer distance learning.

Julian Rodriguez expressed his support for continuing a hybrid learning option.

Lori Corder spoke about the construction projects at Barrett Middle School.

[via electronic comment form, and read aloud by Communication Director Raj Rai]

Adam Dondro commented about outdoor masking and unvaccinated staff.

Juanita Martinez supports mandatory vaccinations and testing.

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, reassignments/change in work year, job description/salary range change and charter school personnel actions – approved as submitted.

Purchasing Report (G-2)

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

Gifts (G-3)

Acceptance of gifts to Dyer-Kelly Elementary School, Family and Community Engagement and Grand Oaks Elementary School.

Disposal of Surplus Property (G-4)

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

Permanent Exemption from Physical Education (G-5)

Approval of permanent exemption from physical education for 456 qualifying students that have given consent.

Head Start/Early Head Start American Rescue Plan and Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (G-6)

Approval of the Head Start/Early Head Start American Rescue Plan and Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act supplement funds agreement No. 21C6651S0ARP-CR between SJUSD and the Sacramento Employment and Training Agency (SETA).

LCAP PAC Membership (G-7)

Approval of six members to the Local Control and Accountability Plan Parent Advisory Committee (LCAP PAC).

Super Co-Op Joint Powers Authority Representative (G-8)

Approval to name the director of nutrition services as the district representative to the Super Co-Op Joint Powers Authority.

Resolution No. 3071: Barrett Middle School New Construction Project Lease Amendment No. 3 (G-9)

Adoption of Resolution No. 3071 approving the third 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. 3072: Barrett Middle School Modernization Project Lease Amendment No. 3 (G-10)

Adoption of Resolution No. 3072 approving the third 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.

Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan (I-1)

Deputy Superintendent of Schools and Student Support Melissa Bassanelli introduced the topic, and she reviewed the Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) plan requirements and shared how school sites were given additional staffing and funding allocations. Mira Loma High School Principal Clete Purinton provided information about the ELO actions that were identified and are being implemented at Mira Loma High School, which includes the addition of a mental health therapist, increased counselor support and increased staffing to provide expanded courses to students. Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education and Programs Kristan Schnepf explained that all secondary schools were given local control to determine what actions would best meet the needs of students based on conducting a needs assessment. Ms. Schnepf also discussed the next steps, which involves a four-step approach including surveys, listening sessions, analyzing data and using a cycle of inquiry to make adjustments as needed. After the presentation, staff answered questions from the board.

Update on California Department of Public Health and Sacramento County Public Health Requirements (I-2)

Chief of Staff Trent Allen gave a presentation about revised federal guidance and the latest updates to district safety practices related to changes in health recommendations and requirements from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and Sacramento County Public Health (SCPH). Mr. Allen shared that the priority is to prevent disruptions to learning by maintaining the health and safety of students, staff and community; that the district's updated district COVID-19 safety plan is posted on the district website; and that each school also has a COVID-19 prevention plan in place. Mr. Allen highlighted some of the changes in guidance regarding face coverings, daily symptom screening, physical distancing and meal service. Mr. Allen noted that Sacramento County has seen an uptick in case rates, hospitalizations and ICU usage since July 2021. Mr. Allen also reviewed guidance recommendations related to events and meetings and visitors and volunteers, and also guidance related to returning after symptoms, modified quarantine, COVID-19 testing and school/program closures. Mr. Allen said he anticipates that additional guidance will be forthcoming.

Public Comment: [via electronic comment form, and read aloud by Ms. Rai]

Jenny Managhebi expressed concerns regarding COVID-19 protocols at the school sites.

After public comment, staff answered questions from the board. Mr. Hernandez asked clarifying questions about wearing face coverings. Ms. Creason made comments and posed questions related to events, staff, campus closures, learning during quarantine and testing. Dr. McKibbin commented that free lunch for all is good, and he asked questions related to the county data, testing and quarantining. Ms. Villescáz posed clarifying questions related to events and meetings and visitors and volunteers, shared her frustrations with the current state and county COVID-19 case rates, which will once again require modifications at school sites, and she expressed excitement about the free meal service.

Resolution No. 3067: Notice of Intent to Convey Easement at Barrett Middle School (I-3)

Chief Operations Officer Frank Camarda presented the topic.

Public Comment: [in person]

Lori Corder made comments about the construction project at Barrett Middle School.

It was moved by Dr. McKibbin, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 3067 declaring the intent to convey a permanent easement at Barrett Middle School to the Carmichael Water District and to call a public hearing to be held on September 14, 2021. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescáz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Resolution No. 3069: Notice of Intent to Convey Easement at Del Campo High School (I-4)

Chief Operations Officer Frank Camarda presented the topic. It was moved by Ms. Creason, seconded by Ms. Costa, to adopt Resolution No. 3069 declaring the intent to convey a permanent easement at Del Campo High School to the

Carmichael Water District and to call a public hearing to be held on September 14, 2021. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Board Bylaw 9270 Conflict of Interest (I-5)

General Counsel Linda Simlick discussed the proposed changes to Board Bylaw 9270 Conflict of Interest Code and its accompanying Exhibit 9270 and the sunset of Board Policy 2300 Conflict of Interest Code, which aligns with the California School Boards Association guidelines. Ms. Simlick answered questions from the board. Action was scheduled for August 24.

Williams Complaint Report (I-6)

General Counsel Linda Simlick explained that the district must report on the status of Williams-type complaints filed with the district per Education Code section 35186(d), which requires each school district to publicly report, on a quarterly basis, summarized data on the nature and resolution of all Williams-type complaints. Ms. Simlick stated that, during the time period from April through June 2021, there were no Williams-type complaints filed.

Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators (I-7)

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Paul Oropallo presented the topic and answered questions from the board. It was moved by Dr. McKibbin, seconded by Ms. Costa, to adopt the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for the 2021-2022 school year. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Exemption to the Separation-From-Service Requirement (I-8)

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Paul Oropallo pulled the item explaining that the exemption is not an option for the 2021-2022 school year due to the recent PARS retirement incentive.

Tentative Agreement: California School Employees Association (I-9)

Senior Director of Labor Relations Daniel Thigpen presented the item, explaining that the California School Employees Association Chapter 127 intends to ratify the contract with its members later this week. Mr. Thigpen stated that the one-time, off-schedule payment will not increase employees' base compensation. There being no public comments, it was moved by Ms. Creason, seconded by Ms. Costa, to adopt the tentative agreement between the California School Employees Association Chapter 127 and the San Juan Unified School District. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Board Reports (J)

Ms. Creason reiterated that the change to by-trustee areas elections does not impact school boundaries.

Dr. McKibbin shared that he attended the Citrus Heights Chamber Elected Officials Reception, and he recognized Casa Roble Fundamental High School alumna Ali Aguilar for her silver medal as part of the Olympic softball team.

Ms. Villescaz also congratulated Ms. Aguilar on her Olympic accomplishment, she shared that she greeted administrators and new district staff at several welcome back events, and she noted the recent move to by-trustee area elections.

Future Agenda (K)

Ms. Villescaz requested that an item related to employee vaccination requirements be added to the future agenda.

Visitor Comments (L)

[in person]

Lori Corder requested that the board reconsider agenda items G-9 and G-10, and she posed questions about the construction projects at Barrett Middle School.

Adjournment (M)

At 8:41 p.m., there being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned.

 , Vice President

Paula Villescaz, President



Kent Kern, Executive Secretary

Approved: 08/24/2021

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