



San Juan Unified School District

Board of Education

3738 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael, California 95608

**Board of Education Minutes
August 8, 2023**

Regular Meeting

Board of Education

6:00 p.m.

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

The August 8 regular meeting was called to order by the president, Zima Creason. The board meeting was held in person and was also streamed to the district's YouTube channel.

Roll Call

Present:

Zima Creason, president

Pam Costa, vice president

Saul Hernandez, clerk

Ben Avey, member

Paula Villescaz, member

Tanya Kravchuk, member

Vacant:

Trustee area 7, 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 consider student readmissions in four cases (Education Code section 48918[f]).

Reconvene Open Session/Pledge of Allegiance (C)

At 6:30 p.m., the meeting was called back to order by the president, Zima Creason, who then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes Approved (D)

Mr. Avey requested a correction to the minutes of June 27 for item J - Board Reports to read: "Mr. Avey reported on the community meeting that he ~~took part in~~ held at Bella Vista High School last week." It was moved by Ms. Kravchuk, seconded by Mr. Avey, that the minutes of the June 27 regular meeting be approved as amended. MOTION CARRIED 5-0-1 [AYES: Creason, Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: Costa].

Board-appointed/District Committees (E-2)

Timothy Slape, chair of the Bond Oversight Committee, provided an update on the work of the committee.

Closed Session/Expulsion Actions (E-5)

Mr. Hernandez reported that the board voted unanimously to deny four student readmissions in case numbers RA-01, RA-02, RA-03 and RA-04.

Visitor Comments (F)

Afzal Rashid spoke about the county dropout rate and Miracle University.

Ramona Landeros spoke about the Miracle University program.

Dr. Kadhira Raja spoke about the dropout crisis in the county and Miracle University.

Frank Cvetovac expressed support for full-time athletic trainers as well as stadium facilities at Rio Americano High School.

Carolyn Balazs spoke about the need for a certified athletic trainer and lights and bleachers at Rio Americano High School.

Jesse Smith shared information about his experiences as a Miracle University student.

Cherrie Hayes expressed concerns regarding a teacher at Orangevale Open K-8 School.

Gabe Johanessen shared information about his experiences as a student at Orangevale Open K-8 School.

Charlotte Wilkie shared information about her experiences as a student at Orangevale Open K-8 School.

Michelle Maddux expressed concerns regarding a teacher at Orangevale Open K-8 School.

Kristin Peterson expressed concerns regarding a teacher at Orangevale Open K-8 School.

Jessica Johannesen expressed concerns regarding a teacher at Orangevale Open K-8 School.

Mikila Fetzer spoke about athletics and the need training services.

Ureyda Rivera Patino shared information about her experiences as a Miracle University student.

Vicki Grenz advocated for athletic trainers and lights at Rio Americano High School.

J'Lynn Poltrock shared information about her experiences as a Miracle University student.

Consent Calendar Approved (G-1/G-8)

It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Ms. Villescaz, that the consent calendar items G-1 through G-8 be approved.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Creason, Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk].

Personnel (G-1)

Appointments, leaves of absence, separations and reassignments/change in work year – approved as submitted.

Purchasing Report (G-2)

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

Business/Financial Report (G-3)

Notices of completion – approved as submitted.

Gifts (G-4)

Acceptance of gift to Family and Community Engagement.

Surplus Property Report (G-5)

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

2023-2024 School Plan for Student Achievement (G-6)

Approval of the 2023-2024 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).

CIF Superintendent's Designation of Athletic League Representative for El Camino Fundamental High School (G-7)

Approval of California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) superintendent's designation of athletic league representatives for the 2023-2024 school year for El Camino Fundamental High School.

Ratification of Committee Members (G-8)

Ratification of three board-appointed committee members: Jodi Mulligan-Pfile (Facilities Committee; Creason), Jennifer Lawson (Curriculum, Standards, Instructional and Student Services Committee; Avey) and Catrayel Wood (Curriculum, Standards, Instructional and Student Services Committee; Hernandez).

San Juan Education Foundation (I-1)

Chief of Staff Trent Allen introduced Colleen Cadwallader, Executive Director of the San Juan Education Foundation (SJEF) who gave a presentation on the organization's activities and progress. Bryan McKrell, an SJEF board member, introduced fellow board members who were present in the audience. Ms. Cadwallader discussed the grants extended to teachers and schools within San Juan Unified and also the graduating senior scholarship program. Ms. Cadwallader acknowledged several of the grant and scholarship recipients.

Public Comment:

Carol Paskulin expressed appreciation for SJEF's assistance in expanding the high school scholarship program of the Sacramento Women's Chorus to San Juan students.

Ms. Costa thanked SJEF for its outstanding work in supporting students and schools. Ms. Kravchuk said that she enjoyed learning about the scholarship program. Ms. Creason shared an anecdote, praised Ms. Cadwallader on her prompt responsiveness and willingness to assist, and she also noted that she looks forward to helping promote the efforts of the Foundation. Superintendent Bassanelli expressed her gratitude to SJEF and appreciation for the partnership, and she acknowledged the scholarship selection process and recognized the teacher grant awardees who were present in the audience.

Proposed Revisions to Board Policy 5030 Student Wellness (I-2)

Chief Operations Officer Frank Camarda introduced Director of Nutrition Services Sneha Nair who presented the proposed revisions to Board Policy 5030 Student Wellness. Ms. Nair elaborated on the necessity of the revisions ahead of the impending state administrative review. Board members made comments and posed questions, which Ms. Nair addressed. Action was scheduled for August 22.

Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators (I-3)

Executive Director of Labor Relations and Government Affairs Daniel Thigpen presented the item. It was moved by Ms. Villescaz, seconded by Ms. Costa, to adopt the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for the 2023-2024 school year. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Creason, Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk].

Sacramento County Treasury Oversight Committee Election (I-4)

It was moved by Mr. Avey, seconded by Ms. Villescaz, to cast a vote for Sean Martin for the School and Community College District Representative to the Sacramento County Treasury Oversight Committee. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Creason, Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk].

Board Reports (J)

Ms. Villescaz expressed her excitement about the upcoming school year.

Mr. Avey reported that he attended the LeGette Elementary School back-to-school barbecue and the Carnegie Middle School seventh-grade orientation, noting that he appreciates the additional efforts made to welcome students ahead of the first day of school.

Ms. Creason welcomed everyone to the start of a new school year.

Future Agenda (K)

There were no items added to the future agenda.

Adjournment (L)

At 7:49 p.m., there being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned.



Zima Creason, Board President



Melissa Bassanelli, Secretary

Approved: 08/22/2023

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