



**San Juan Unified School District**

Board of Education

3738 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael, California 95608

**Board of Education Minutes  
April 13, 2021**

**Regular Meeting**

Board of Education

5:00 p.m.

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

The April 13 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). 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 to discuss with negotiator Jim Shoemake, Assistant Superintendent, Schools and 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 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 Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Dr. McKibbin, that the minutes of the March 23 regular meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

**Recognition: California School Bus Driver's Appreciation Day (E-1a)**

It was moved by Ms. Creason, seconded by Ms. Costa, to adopt Resolution No. A-402 proclaiming April 27 as California School Bus Driver's Appreciation Day. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

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

High School Student Council representatives Emily Wahl from El Camino Fundamental High School and Angela Bernal from Encina Preparatory High School updated the board on the goals, activities and achievements at their respective schools.

**Staff Reports (E-3)**

General Counsel Linda Simlick provided an update on the transition to trustee-area elections related to the California Voting Rights Act.

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

There were no closed session actions to report.

**Visitor Comments (F)**

*[via Zoom]:*

Nicole Sayers inquired about the options for the continuation of distance learning.

Kimber Rice expressed her concerns regarding special education services.

Susan Sloan recognized the work of school librarians during distance learning.

Ben Avey expressed support for having opportunities for parent voice during board meetings.

Scott Rafferty made comments about the existing litigation between Kincaid, et al. vs. SJUSD.

Marina provided contact information about a parent/teacher group that is advocating for in-person learning.

Nicole Cardoza expressed her concerns regarding special education services.

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

It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Dr. McKibbin, 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, errata and job description/salary range change – approved as submitted.

**Purchasing Report (G-2)**

Purchase orders and service agreements and construction and public works bids — approved as submitted.

**Business/Financial Report (G-3)**

Notices of completion – approved as submitted.

**Gifts (G-4)**

Acceptance of gifts to McKinney-Vento, Nutrition Services, Rio Americano High School and Visual and Performing Arts.

**Disposal of Surplus Property (G-5)**

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

**Instructional Materials Adoptions (G-6)**

Approval of Report IIs related to the new instructional materials adoptions for Advanced Placement European History, Advanced Placement Microeconomics, Geography, International Baccalaureate Economics, Advanced Placement Biology, Advanced Placement Chemistry, Advanced Placement Environmental Science, Advanced Placement Physics 1 and 2, International Baccalaureate Biology, International Baccalaureate Chemistry, International Baccalaureate Environmental Systems and Societies, and International Baccalaureate Physics. (Discussed: 03/23/2021).

**New High School Courses for 2021-2022 (G-7)**

Approval of the following new high school courses for 2021-2022: Middle Years Programme Honors Physics, Middle Years Programme Honors Chemistry and Middle Years Programme Honors Biology. (Discussed: 03/23/2021).

**Lease Amendment: Choices Charter School (G-8)**

Approval of the second amendment to the facility lease agreement between SJUSD and Choices Charter School at the Billy Mitchell campus effective for the 2021-2022 school year.

**Lease Amendments: Golden Valley Charter School (G-9)**

Approval of the second amendment to the facility lease agreements between SJUSD and Golden Valley Charter School at the Palisades and Filbert Avenue campuses effective for the 2021-2022 school year.

**Resolution No. 3044: Design-Build Contract Amendment for Casa Roble Fundamental High School New Construction and CTE modernization project (G-10)**

Adoption of Resolution No. 3044 approving the sixth amendment to the design-build contract for the Casa Roble Fundamental High School new construction and Career Technical Education modernization project.

**Comprehensive Coordinated Early Intervening Services Update (I-1)**

Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Debra Calvin, Ed.D., introduced staff who provided an update on the 2019-2020 Comprehensive Coordinated Early Intervening Services (CCEIS) plan. Director of Special Education Vanessa Adolphson explained various terms and definitions in the plan. Director of Student Support Services Dominic Covello reviewed the district's student suspension rates. Director of Equity and Student Achievement Diana Marshall spoke about the focus groups that were formed and the three root causes that were identified. Director of Multi-Tiered System of Support Christine Moran provided an overview of the three CCEIS activities and the respective measurable outcomes of each activity. Voices from the field included Cameron Ranch Principal Aliceon Sloss and School Social Worker Ruben Lizarraga who provided perspective from the school sites. Dr. Calvin concluded with explaining the next steps.

*Public Comment: [via Zoom]*

Scott Rafferty spoke about the need to have board representation from the Encina community.

After public comment, board members made comments and staff answered questions from the board.

**Resolution No. 3045: Amending Graduation Requirements for the Class of 2021 (I-2)**

Senior Director of Secondary Schools and Programs Kristan Schnepf presented the topic and explained the need for the resolution. After board members made comments and posed questions, it was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Ms. Creason, to adopt Resolution No. 3045 amending the district's graduation requirements for the Class of 2021, by reducing the requirements to align with the minimum State of California graduation requirements due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

**COVID-19 Update (I-3)**

Staff provided an update on the latest conditions related to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impacts on the district. Superintendent Kern spoke about the upcoming combining of cohorts A and B, which will result in four days per week of in-person instruction. Senior Director of Community Relations Trent Allen spoke about COVID-19 testing for employees and students and also the return of indoor sports.

*Public Comments:*

*[via Zoom]*

JorEspey expressed support for continuing with two days per week of in-person instruction.

Ben Avey provided information about a parent survey that he and other parents recently conducted.

*[via electronic comment form, and read aloud by Mr. Allen]:*

Ryan Weatherford inquired about the rationale to move to four days per week of in-person learning while COVID infections are still widespread in the community.

Mr. Hernandez acknowledged the difficulties that have plagued the process of returning to in-person learning, and he commended the district for all that it has accomplished. Dr. McKibbin inquired if, after combining cohorts A and B, students will remain with their current teachers, which Superintendent Kern confirmed. Ms. Creason inquired about students switching cohorts and expressed appreciation to staff for the work to increase in-person learning. Superintendent Kern

reported on some of the logistical challenges, such as the need to procure individual student desks. Ms. Costa stated she is proud of the efforts taken in order to meet the guidelines and she also appreciates the COVID-19 testing efforts. Ms. Villescaz thanked the team and noted that testing is a key mitigation tool. Superintendent Kern also reiterated that testing is important.

#### **Public Hearing No. 2: California Montessori Project Charter School Renewal Petition (I-4)**

Director of Admissions and Family Services Michele Flagler reported that the district's charter review team thoroughly studied the California Montessori Project charter school renewal petition, and California Montessori Project has provided all necessary information, additions and/or changes as requested during the review process. Ms. Flagler also stated the California Montessori Project charter school renewal petition presented to the Board of Education is in compliance with education code.

Ms. Villescaz declared the topic of the California Montessori Project charter school renewal petition a public hearing. There being no comments, the public hearing was closed. It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Dr. McKibbin, to approve the California Montessori Project charter school renewal petition for a term of five years from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

#### **Public Hearing: Conveyance of Easement at Del Campo High School (I-5)**

Assistant Superintendent of Operations, Facilities and Transportation Frank Camarda presented the topic. Ms. Villescaz declared the topic of conveying a permanent easement at Del Campo High School to the County of Sacramento 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. 3031 conveying a permanent easement at Del Campo High School to the County of Sacramento. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

#### **Public Hearing: Conveyance of Easement at Woodside K-8 School (I-6)**

Mr. Camarda presented the topic. Ms. Villescaz declared the topic of conveying a permanent easement at Woodside K-8 School to the City of Citrus Heights 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 Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Ms. Costa, to adopt Resolution No. 3039 conveying a permanent easement at Woodside K-8 School to the City of Citrus Heights. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

#### **Resolution No. 3040: Notice of Intent to Convey Easement at Skycrest Elementary School (I-7)**

Mr. Camarda presented the topic. It was moved by Dr. McKibbin, seconded by Ms. Creason, to adopt Resolution No. 3040 declaring the intent to convey a permanent easement at Skycrest Elementary School to the Citrus Heights Water District and to call a public hearing to be held on May 11, 2021. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

#### **Resolution No. 3042: Notice of Intent to Convey Easements at Deterding Elementary School (I-8)**

Mr. Camarda presented the topic. It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Ms. Costa, to adopt Resolution No. 3042 declaring the intent to convey three permanent easements at Deterding Elementary School to the Carmichael Water District and to call a public hearing to be held on May 11, 2021. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

#### **Presentation of the San Juan Professional Educators Coalition Initial Proposal for Successor Contract 2021-2022 (I-9)**

Assistant Superintendent of Schools and Labor Relations Jim Shoemake presented the bargaining interests of the San Juan Professional Educators Coalition for discussion, pursuant to Government Code section 3540 et seq. and district board policy 4143.1. There being no questions or comments from the board, public comment was scheduled for April 27.

#### **Presentation of the California School Employees Association Initial Proposal for Successor Contract 2021-2022 (I-10)**

Mr. Shoemake presented the bargaining interests of the California School Employees Association, Chapter #127, for discussion, pursuant to Government Code section 3540 et seq. and district board policy 4143.1. There being no questions or comments from the board, public comment was scheduled for April 27.

#### **Williams Complaint Report (I-11)**

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 January through March 2021, there were no Williams-type complaints filed.

**2021-2022 Board Meeting Dates (I-12)**

President Villescaz explained that three calendar options were presented for the board's consideration. After board discussion, it was moved by Dr. McKibbin, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, to select and approve option C as the board meeting dates for the 2021-2022 school year. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

**Board Reports (J)**

Ms. Costa reported that she spoke on behalf of the board at the You Light the Way ceremony, where both the current and previous year recipients were recognized.

Dr. McKibbin thanked Ms. Costa for speaking during the You Light The Way ceremony, and he reported that he chaired the CSBA delegate assembly election committee and attended a recent special education family check-in meeting.

Ms. Creason shared that she attended the You Light The Way ceremony, that she continues to work closely with the Community Advisory Committee and she acknowledged National School Librarian Day.

**Future Agenda (K)**

There were no items added to the future agenda.

**Visitor Comments (L)**

*[via Zoom]:*


Greg Russell spoke about statements that were made during the last LCAP PAC meeting.

**Adjournment (M)**

At 8:58 p.m., there being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned.



Paula Villescaz, President



Kent Kern, Executive Secretary

Approved: 04/27/2021

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