



San Juan Unified School District

Board of Education

3738 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael, California 95608

**Board of Education Minutes
January 26, 2021**

Regular Meeting

Board of Education

4:00 p.m.

Open Session/Call to Order/Workshop (A)

The January 26 regular meeting was called to order by the president, Paula Villescaz. In the interest of public health, in compliance with California Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-35-20, the California State Public Health Officer's December 3 Regional Stay At Home Order, the California State Public Health Officer's order that included social-distancing guidelines and avoiding group gatherings, the order issued by the Sacramento County Health Officer, directing all individuals to stay at home or at their residence and prohibiting all non-essential gatherings of any number and all applicable provisions of federal and state law, the January 26 regular meeting was conducted telephonically via the Zoom video conferencing platform and also streamed to YouTube.

Roll Call

Present: (via Zoom from separate locations)

Paula Villescaz, president

Michael McKibbin, Ed.D., vice president (*attendance was intermittent due to weather-related power outage*)

Zima Creason, clerk

Pam Costa, member

Saul Hernandez, member

Workshop: Encina Facilities Update (A-1)

Assistant Superintendent of Operations, Facilities and Transportation Frank Camarda and principal architect at Lionakis Laura Knauss presented information related to the physical separation of Encina Middle School from Encina Preparatory High School. Mr. Camarda reviewed aspects of the district's Facilities Master Plan and provided demographic information, which included high school and middle school student transfer rates as well as enrollment numbers. Ms. Knauss provided detailed information on each of the four facility response scenarios, including the methodology used and the pros and cons of each option. Mr. Camarda also presented a conceptual budget model, which provided a financial comparison for the four scenarios, and he also discussed next steps.

Public Comments [via Zoom]:

Scott Rafferty made comments regarding Encina and its surrounding neighborhood.

Barry Roth expressed support for facilities that consider the social-emotional needs of students and the input of the design team.

Buzz Wiesenfeld spoke regarding keeping the middle school on the current Encina campus and the opportunity to engage and retain students at their resident school.

Mary Stokke Vides reported that at least 17 classes took part in providing student input regarding the facilities at Encina and she inquired if there are plans for a pool and community center.

Rebecca Mackin requested clarification on how the Encina signature project is budgeted.

Brittany Yavrom noted that input from the school site is not reflected in any of the scenarios and she spoke about the need for an equitable space.

Board members made comments and posed questions related to the four scenarios that were presented, including student input, distance to other middle schools, transportation, the facilities master plan, capacity, open enrollment, the creation of innovative spaces, the future of the signature project, plans for future Bond Oversight Committee and Facilities Committee input, community outreach and the timeline, which Mr. Camarda and Ms. Knauss addressed. Superintendent Kern spoke about open enrollment and the impacts of school choice and how to develop programs that fit the needs of students.

Visitor Comments: Closed Session (B-1)

There were no closed session visitor comments.

Closed Session (C)

At 5:35 p.m. 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 one personnel matter (Government Code section 54957) – superintendent’s mid-year evaluation.

Reconvene Open Session/Pledge of Allegiance (D)

At 6:30 p.m. the meeting was called back to order by the president Paula Villescaz. Four members of the Del Campo 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 (E)

It was moved by Ms. Creason, seconded by Ms. Costa, that the minutes of the January 12 regular meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Recognition: 2021 Classified Employees of the Year (F-1a)

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Paul Oropallo introduced Aleksandr Melnichuk, Head Custodian (Cowan Fundamental K-6); Deana Lacey, Clerk (Deterding K-6); Beverly Stover, Nutrition Server II (Marvin Marshall ECE); Jennifer Martinez, Instructional Assistant III (Greer K-5); Deana Hegland, Instructional Assistant II (Greer K-5) as the 2021 Classified Employees of the Year.

Recognition: National School Counseling Week (F-1b)

It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. A-398 proclaiming February 1-5 as National School Counseling Week. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

High School Student Council Reports (F-2)

High School Student Council representatives Sophia Butler from Bella Vista High School and Kenzie Stokes from Del Campo High School updated the board on the goals, activities and achievements at their respective schools.

Staff Reports (F-3)

Deputy Superintendent of Schools and Student Support Melissa Bassanelli provided an update on the Bridges after school program and special education.

Closed Session/Expulsion Actions (F-7)

There were no closed session actions to report at this time.

Visitor Comments (G)

[via Zoom]:

Robert Waldo spoke in favor of retaining a five-member board rather than increasing to seven members.

[via electronic comment form, and read aloud by Trent Allen, Senior Director of Community Relations]:

Patricia Yanni opposes having seven school board members.

Consent Calendar Approved (H-1/H-13)

It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Ms. Creason, that the consent calendar items H-1 through H-13 be approved. MOTION CARRIED 4-0 [AYES: Villescaz, Creason, Costa, Hernandez; NOES: None; ABSENT: McKibbin].

Personnel (H-1)

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

Purchasing Report (H-2)

Purchase orders and service agreements, change orders, construction and public works bids, piggyback contracts and zero-dollar contracts — approved as submitted.

Business/Financial Report (H-3)

Notices of completion and warrants and payroll — approved as submitted.

Gifts (H-4)

Acceptance of gifts to Camp Winthers, Dyer-Kelly Elementary School, Family and Community Engagement, Greer Elementary School, Howe Avenue Elementary School, Ralph Richardson Center and Rio Americano High School.

Disposal of Surplus Property (H-5)

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

2020-2021 School Accountability Report Cards (H-6)

Approval of 2020-2021 School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs).

Grant: Early Literacy Support Block Grant (H-7)

Approval to implement the following grant: Early Literacy Support Block Grant 2020-2023.

Grant: Maureen O’Leary Burness Foundation for Special Needs Children of the Sacramento Region Community Foundation Grant (H-8)

Approval to implement the following grant: Maureen O’Leary Burness Foundation for Special Needs Children of the Sacramento Region Community Foundation Grant – Ralph Richardson Center.

Grant: Maureen O’Leary Burness Foundation for Special Needs Children of the Sacramento Region Community Foundation Grant (H-9)

Approval to implement the following grant: Maureen O’Leary Burness Foundation for Special Needs Children of the Sacramento Region Community Foundation Grant – Cameron Ranch Elementary School.

Resolution No. 3021: Arden Middle School Third Amendment to Lease Agreement (H-10)

Adoption of Resolution No. 3021, approving the third amendment to the lease agreement for the Arden Middle School new construction project No. 002-9512-P1.

CEQA Notice of Exemption for Howe Avenue Elementary School Portable Classroom Addition Project (H-11)

Approval of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notice of Exemption for the Howe Avenue Elementary School Portable Classroom Addition Project.

Amendment to Warehouse Lease Agreement (H-12)

Approval of the second amendment to the lease agreement for the storage space for district surplus furniture at 6240 San Juan Avenue, Citrus Heights, California.

Choices Charter School One-Time, Off-Schedule Payment (H-13)

Approval of request from Choices Charter School to provide a one-time, off-schedule payment. (Discussed: 11/17/2020; Action: 12/15/2020).

Title I Funding Projection 2021-2022 (J-1)

Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Debra Calvin, Ed.D. introduced Co-Director of Student Learning Assistance Gwyn Dellinger, who provided an update on the Federal Title I, Part A allocation formula beginning with the 2021-2022 school year. Ms. Dellinger provided background information and explained that the district’s current method of allocating the Title 1 grant funding, including the required and allowable reservations as well as school-site allocations, provides an inequitable distribution of funds under the current centralized method. Ms. Dellinger explained that the district’s

new per pupil Title I allocation method will ultimately give school sites the ability to determine their own locally funded services. Ms. Dellinger stated that school sites have been receptive to the change thus far.

One-Time, Off-Schedule Payment: Side Letters of Agreement with SJTA, CSEA, SJPEC, Teamsters, Supervisors (J-2)

Before presenting the item, Mr. Shoemaker stated that the one-time, off-schedule payment will not increase employees' base compensation and no STRS/PERS contributions will be taken for PEPRA members; STRS/PERS contributions will be taken for Classic members.

It was moved by Ms. Creason, seconded by Dr. McKibbin, that the one-time, off-schedule payment as outlined in the side letter agreement with the San Juan Teachers Association (SJTA), which includes the 2021-2022 school year calendar, be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, that the one-time, off-schedule payment as outlined in the side letter agreement with the California School Employees Association (CSEA) be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

It was moved by Ms. Creason, seconded by Ms. Costa, that the one-time, off-schedule payment as outlined in the side letter agreement with the San Juan Professional Educators Coalition (SJPEC) be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Dr. McKibbin, that the one-time, off-schedule payment as outlined in the side letter agreement with the Teamsters Local No. 150 be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

It was moved by Ms. Creason, seconded by Dr. McKibbin, that the one-time, off-schedule payment as outlined in the side letter agreement with the San Juan Supervisors Association (SJSA) be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

One-Time, Off-Schedule Payment: SJAA, Cabinet, Confidential, Unrepresented (J-3)

Before presenting the item, Mr. Shoemaker stated that the one-time, off-schedule payment will not increase employees' base compensation and no STRS/PERS contributions will be taken for PEPRA members; STRS/PERS contributions will be taken for Classic members.

It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Dr. McKibbin, that the one-time, off-schedule payment for the San Juan Administrators Association (SJAA) and Cabinet be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Ms. Creason, that the one-time, off-schedule payment for Confidential and Unrepresented groups be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Annual Policy Review (J-4)

General Counsel Linda Simlick explained that in accordance with Board Bylaw 9311 and with state and local law, the board is required to conduct an annual review of the following board policies (BPs): BP 3430 Investing and Debt Management; BP 5116.1 Intradistrict Open Enrollment; BP 6020 Parent Involvement; and BP 6145 Extracurricular/Cocurricular Activities. Ms. Simlick noted that staff has reviewed the board policies and is recommending revisions to BP 6020 and BP 5116.1 and also formatting changes to all the above-mentioned BPs in order to align with California School Board Association's new format in Gamut. Action was scheduled for February 9.

Board Reports (K)

Ms. Costa thanked Superintendent Kern for hosting both an evening and daytime session of the Superintendent's Parent Advisory Committee (SPAC), which she said offered valuable insight about learning loss and keeping students engaged. Ms. Costa also noted that she attended the middle school session of the social justice workshop where she enjoyed hearing the two student poets who are San Juan alumni.

Ms. Creason reported that she attended one of the SPAC meetings and both the high school and middle school sessions of the social justice workshops.

Dr. McKibbin echoed the previous comments about SPAC and the social justice workshops, stating that the middle school students were particularly impressive at the workshop.

Ms. Villescaz reported that she also took part in one of the social justice forums and thanked students for allowing themselves to be so vulnerable.

Future Agenda (L)

There were no items added to the future agenda.

Visitor Comments (M)

[via Zoom]:

Keri made comments regarding the return to in-person learning.

Closed Session Continued (C)

At 7:53 p.m. the board returned to closed session to discuss item C-2, superintendent's mid-year evaluation.

Adjournment (N)

At 8:21 p.m., there being no closed session actions to report and no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned.



Paula Villescaz, President



Kent Kern, Executive Secretary

Approved: 02/09/2021

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