



**San Juan Unified School District**

Board of Education

3738 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael, California 95608

**Board of Education Minutes  
June 14, 2022**

**Regular Meeting**

Board of Education

5:30 p.m.

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

The June 14 regular meeting was called to order by the president, Dr. Michael McKibbin. The board meeting was held in person and also livestreamed on the district's YouTube channel.

**Roll Call**

Present:

Michael McKibbin, Ed.D., president

Pam Costa, clerk

Saul Hernandez, member

Paula Villescaz, member

Absent:

Zima Creason, vice president

**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 expulsions in two cases (Education Code section 48918[f]); 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 evaluation.

**Reconvene Open Session/Pledge of Allegiance (C)**

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

**Minutes Approved (D)**

It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Ms. Villescaz, that the minutes of the May 24 regular meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED 3-0-1 [AYES: McKibbin, Hernandez, Villescaz; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: Costa; ABSENT: Creason].

**Staff Reports (E-1)**

Superintendent Kern presented board member Pam Costa with a certificate of recognition, acknowledging her 50 years of service with the San Juan Unified School District.

Superintendent Kern shared information about the Most Valued Partners reception that took place last week, where the district's community partners were recognized.

**Board-appointed/District /Committees (E-2)**

Kem Brown, chair of the Local Control and Accountability Plan Parent Advisory Committee (LCAP PAC), provided an update on the work of the committee.

**Closed Session/Expulsion Actions (E-5)**

Ms. Costa reported that the board voted unanimously to accept a hearing panel's recommendation of one expulsion in case number S-53 and to accept as written one stipulated suspended expulsion in case number S-59.

**Visitor Comments (F)**

Michael Seaman made comments about middle schools in the Arden-Arcade area, specifically the Creekside school site.

Juan Yniguez spoke regarding the proposed move of Katherine Johnson Middle School to the Creekside location.

Faye Grundel spoke about the furniture replacement process at Thomas Edison Language Institute.

Richard Thompson commented about the proposed changes to the Creekside school site.

Carolina Flores, who first gave her comments in Spanish and then in English, spoke about student outcomes at Encina.

Tom Nelson made comments about the relocation of Katherine Johnson Middle School.

**Consent Calendar Approved (G-1/G-12)**

Ms. Costa pulled item G-13. It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, that the consent calendar items G-1 through G-12 be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [AYES: McKibbin, Costa, Hernandez, Villescaz; NOES: None; ABSENT: Creason].

**Personnel (G-1)**

Appointments, leaves of absence, separations and job description/salary range change – 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 and warrants and payroll – approved as submitted.

**Gifts (G-4)**

Acceptance of gifts to Bella Vista High School, Skycrest Elementary School and Thomas Edison Language Institute.

**Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P) Plan (G-5)**

Approval of the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P) Plan. (Discussed: 05/24/2022)

**CIF Superintendent's Designation of Athletic League Representatives (G-6)**

Approval of California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) superintendent's designation of athletic league representatives for the 2022-2023 school year.

**Special Education Local Plan (G-7)**

Approval of the 2022-2023 Special Education Local Plan sections A, D and E.

**Charter School Memorandums of Understanding (G-8)**

Approval of Memorandums of Understanding between SJUSD and the following charter schools: (a) San Juan Choices Charter School; (b) Golden Valley Charter School (River School); (c) Golden Valley Charter School (Orchard School) effective July 1, 2022–June 30, 2025; and (d) Options for Youth – San Juan effective July 1, 2022–June 30, 2026.

**Early Childhood Education Program Self-Evaluation (G-9)**

Approval of the California State Preschool Program (CSPP) and Children's Center (CCTR) Program, Program Self-Evaluation for the 2021-2022 school year

**2022 High School Scholarship Awards (G-10)**

Approval of the 2022 high school scholarship award for El Camino Fundamental High School.

**Lease Amendment No. 4: United Cerebral Palsy of Sacramento and Northern California (G-11)**

Approval of the fourth amendment to the facility lease agreement for United Cerebral Palsy of Sacramento and Northern California at 4640 Orange Grove Avenue, Sacramento, California 95841 for 2022-2023.

**Resolution No. 4024: Lease Amendment Earl LeGette Elementary School (G-12)**

Adoption of Resolution No. 4024 approving the second amendment to the lease agreement for the Earl LeGette Elementary School modernization project no. 127-9495-P1 and new construction project no. 127-9512-P1 between SJUSD and Flint Builders Inc.

**Consent Calendar Continued (H)****Certification of Absence: Pam Costa (G-13)**

Certification that the May 24, 2022, absence of board member Pam Costa occurred due to illness, pursuant to Education Code 35120(c) and Board Bylaw 9250.

It was moved by Ms. Villescaz, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, that the consent calendar item G-13 be approved. MOTION CARRIED 3-0-1 [AYES: McKibbin, Hernandez, Villescaz; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: Costa; ABSENT: Creason].

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

Deputy Superintendent of Schools and Student Support Melissa Bassanelli introduced Director of Continuous Improvement and LCAP Gianfranco Tornatore who gave a detailed presentation on the district's LCAP. Dr. Tornatore provided an overview of the LCAP development process, an update on the goals and actions, a budget overview for parents and engagement of the LCAP PAC. Dr. McKibbin declared the topic of the LCAP a public hearing and invited the public to speak. There being no questions or comments from the public, Dr. McKibbin declared the public hearing closed. Board members then made comments and posed questions, which staff addressed. Mr. Hernandez asked clarifying questions about which groups of students are served by the LCAP. Ms. Costa commended staff on a well written report, noting the input from 38 educational partners. Ms. Costa inquired about a meeting that took place on June 1 with four LCAP PAC members. Dr. Tornatore explained that LCAP PAC chairpersons hold a monthly planning meeting prior to the next regularly scheduled LCAP PAC monthly meeting, which is permissible under the Greene Act. LCAP PAC chair Kem Brown clarified that four smaller working meetings took place; recommendations from all 18 LCAP PAC members were accumulated at these meetings and then one additional smaller meeting took place on June 1 to prioritize the recommendations. Ms. Brown explained that at the regularly scheduled LCAP PAC meeting where the recommendations were to be presented and voted upon, that the vote was unable to take place due to lack of quorum. Ms. Costa expressed support for having the LCAP PAC operate under the Brown Act rather than the Greene Act. Ms. Villescaz noted the heavy workload and steep learning curve of the committee, acknowledging that other board advisory committees have a different level of accountability and dynamic since they are comprised of board-appointed committee members. Dr. McKibbin inquired about the educational partners and community engagement outreach process that took place. Dr. Tornatore explained the process and reaffirmed that the information collected was shared with the LCAP PAC, who gave recommendations based on the information. Dr. McKibbin asked additional questions about the June 1 meeting that took place, which Ms. Brown answered. Former LCAP PAC chair Tom Nelson spoke about the Brown Act versus the Greene Act as it relates to the LCAP PAC. Ms. Villescaz expressed that her original expectation of the committee was that any discussion and/or recommendations that were brought to the board were a reflection of the committee as a whole, not individual committee members. Ms. Villescaz also noted that it might be appropriate to revisit some of the provisions of the committee in the future. Action was scheduled for June 28.

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

Director of Admissions and Family Services Brian Ginter introduced Director of Choices Charter School Tony Oddo who gave a presentation on the LCAP for Choices Charter School which included information on engaging educational partners, identification of key themes, focus areas and goals and a 2022-2023 budget overview of revenues and expenditures. Dr. McKibbin 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, Dr. McKibbin declared the public hearing closed. Ms. Villescaz applauded the expanded breakfast offerings. Dr. McKibbin asked clarifying questions about graduation rates, which Mr. Oddo addressed. Board members congratulated Mr. Oddo on his retirement and thanked him for his years of service. Action was scheduled for June 28.

**Universal Prekindergarten Planning and Implementation (I-3)**

Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education Amberlee Townsend-Snider introduced Director of Elementary/K-8 Education Cassandra Bennett Porter who provided an update on the new state funding for Universal Prekindergarten (UPK) and implementation of the district's phased-in expansion plan. Ms. Bennett Porter discussed the five focus areas for planning, vision and coherence, integration with the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P), and themes that emerged from community engagement input sessions. Ms. Bennett Porter also spoke about strategies for workforce

development and professional learning offerings, the impact on facilities, services and operations, and immediate and ongoing next steps. Board members made comments regarding the opportunities and challenges of the expansion and asked clarifying questions regarding staff development, which staff addressed.

#### **Resolution No. 4023: Affirming Safe Learning Environments (I-4)**

Chief of Staff Trent Allen presented the item, stating that the resolution would affirm the board and district's commitment to safety planning to include: the proper use of drills and exercises; campus safety assessments; continued collaboration with community partners to improve safety; the urging of local, state and federal officials to invest in school facility improvements and wrap around services that help schools expand partnerships to aid in the prevention of bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence; and an investment of \$10 million in voter-approved bond funds to address improvements to make campuses safer.

#### Public Comment:

Colonel Robert Kalteis expressed his concerns regarding school safety at Del Campo and other schools in the district.

Ms. Villescaz made comments about the age of some of the district facilities, and she also stated that while student safety is important that gun violence still needs to be addressed. Mr. Hernandez noted that this will not be an easy task since many campuses are open and adjacent to parks. Ms. Costa expressed appreciation for the resolution, stating that it is not a 100 percent solution but it will help to make campuses safer. Dr. McKibbin asked if there were any preliminary ideas about where the dollars will be spent. Mr. Allen explained there are different ways to prioritize improvements and that the Comprehensive School Safety Assessments will be used to guide the work. Superintendent Kern said that approximately \$30 million in needs have been identified throughout the district so this is just the beginning of the process. Dr. McKibbin said he supports the previous comments that were made about gun violence and he inquired about student mental health, which Mr. Allen explained the mental health response process that is in place at school sites. Dr. McKibbin also asked if there is a plan to expand any safety programs, which Mr. Allen said this resolution is a facilities-based plan due to the use of bond funds and no programmatic changes are planned at this time.

It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Ms. Villescaz, to adopt Resolution No. 4023 affirming San Juan Unified's commitment to prioritizing safe learning environments through the allocation of fiscal resources, investment in staffing and collaboration with community. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [AYES: McKibbin, Costa, Hernandez, Villescaz; NOES: None; ABSENT: Creason].

#### **Public Hearing: Presentation of the 2022-2023 Budget (I-5)**

Chief Financial Officer Jennifer Stahlheber presented the proposed 2022-2023 budget, including staffing standards, the use of Education Protection Account (EPA) funds, and the substantiation of excess reserves (required by Senate Bill 858) for discussion. Dr. McKibbin declared the topic of the 2022-2023 budget a public hearing and invited the public to speak. There being no questions or comments from the public, Dr. McKibbin declared the public hearing closed. Action was scheduled for June 28.

#### **Resolution No. 4027: Notice of Intent to Convey Permanent Easement at Transportation Yard (I-6)**

Chief Operations Officer Frank Camarda presented the item, explaining that the easement is necessary in order to provide infrastructure upgrades for the new electric school buses. It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Ms. Villescaz, to adopt Resolution No. 4027, declaring the intent to convey a permanent easement at the district's transportation yard to the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) and to call a public hearing to be held on June 28, 2022. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [AYES: McKibbin, Costa, Hernandez, Villescaz; NOES: None; ABSENT: Creason].

#### **Resolution No. 4025: CEQA Mitigated Negative Declaration and Environmental Findings and Project Approval for the Mesa Verde High School New Construction Lease/Leaseback Project (I-7)**

Mr. Camarda presented the item, explaining that the 30-day public review period process produced two comments, which Mr. Camarda read aloud. It was moved by Ms. Villescaz, seconded by Ms. Costa, to adopt Resolution No. 4025 adopting the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND), including a Mitigated Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP), consisting of approval of findings that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [AYES: McKibbin, Costa, Hernandez, Villescaz; NOES: None; ABSENT: Creason].

#### **Resolution No. 4026: Mesa Verde High School Lease Amendment (I-8)**

Mr. Camarda presented the item. It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Ms. Costa, to adopt Resolution No. 4026, approving the first amendment to the lease agreement for Mesa Verde High School new construction project between San

Juan Unified School District and Robert A. Bothman Construction. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [AYES: McKibbin, Costa, Hernandez, Villescaz; NOES: None; ABSENT: Creason].

**Newly Proposed Board Policy 4113.5 Working Remotely (I-9)**

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Paul Oropallo presented the item for discussion and answered clarifying questions from the board. Action was scheduled for June 28.

**District's Initial Bargaining Proposal with San Juan Professional Educators Coalition Proposal for Successor Contract 2022-2023 (I-10)**

Senior Director of Labor Relations Daniel Thigpen presented the topic. Dr. McKibbin stated there were no requests for public comment. It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Ms. Costa, 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 Professional Educators Coalition for 2022-2023. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [AYES: McKibbin, Costa, Hernandez, Villescaz; NOES: None; ABSENT: Creason].

**District's Initial Bargaining Proposal with San Juan Supervisors Association Proposal for Successor Contract 2022-2023 (I-11)**

Mr. Thigpen presented the topic. Dr. McKibbin stated there were no requests for public comment. It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Ms. Villescaz, 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 2022-2023. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [AYES: McKibbin, Costa, Hernandez, Villescaz; NOES: None; ABSENT: Creason].

**District's Initial Bargaining Proposal with California School Employees Association Initial Proposal for Successor Contract 2022-2023 (I-12)**

Mr. Thigpen presented the topic. Dr. McKibbin stated there were no requests for public comment. It was moved by Ms. Villescaz, seconded by Ms. Costa, 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 California School Employees Association, Chapter 127, for 2022-2023. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [AYES: McKibbin, Costa, Hernandez, Villescaz; NOES: None; ABSENT: Creason].

**Board Reports (J)**

Dr. McKibbin reported that he attended the Lao Family Scholarships award ceremony.

**Future Agenda (K)**

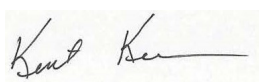
There were no items added to the future agenda.

**Adjournment (L)**

At 9:02 p.m., there being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned.



Michael McKibbin, Ed.D., President



Kent Kern, Executive Secretary

Approved: 08/09/2022

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