



San Juan Unified School District

Board of Education

3738 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael, California 95608

**Board of Education Minutes
June 9, 2020**

Regular Meeting

Board of Education

5:15 p.m.

Call to Order (A)

The June 9 regular meeting was called to order by the president, Paula Villescaz.

Roll Call

Present (via Zoom from separate locations):

Paula Villescaz, president

Michael McKibbin, Ed.D., vice president (*joined open session at 7:06 p.m.; attendance was intermittent due to technical difficulties*)

Zima Creason, clerk

Pam Costa, member

Saul Hernandez, member

Recess: Closed Session (B)

The meeting was immediately recessed, with the board convening in closed session to consider student readmissions in two cases, and to discuss one personnel matter – superintendent's evaluation.

Reconvene Open Session/Pledge of Allegiance (C)

In the interest of public health, in compliance with California Governor Gavin Newsom's recently issued Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-35-20, 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 June 9 regular meeting was conducted telephonically via the Zoom video conferencing platform. 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 (electronically or on Zoom) available to submit public comments for tonight's meeting.

Minutes Approved (D)

It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Ms. Creason, that the minutes of the May 26 regular meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED 4-0 [AYES: Villescaz, Creason, Costa, Hernandez; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: McKibbin].

Staff Reports (E-1)

Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education Rick Messer described the collaborative efforts that are currently underway in order to examine how to safely reopen school athletic programs. Board members made comments and Mr. Messer answered questions from the board.

Superintendent Kern shared information about two recent meetings – the Superintendent's Parent Advisory Committee (SPAC) and the first *Time to Heal* listening session.

Closed Session (E-5)

Ms. Creason reported that the board voted unanimously to accept as written two denied readmissions in case numbers RA-08 and RA-09; also, the board has completed its evaluation of Superintendent Kern for the 2019-2020 school year, and the

board voted unanimously to give him a positive evaluation, and based on the positive evaluation, Superintendent Kern will receive the benefit identified in his employment contract.

Visitor Comments (F)

Visitor Comments: [via Zoom]

Scott Rafferty made comments related to the transition to by-trustee area elections.

Tracy Ferris posed questions about the reopening of high school athletic programs.

Angela Luna thanked Superintendent Kern and Director of Equity and Student Achievement Diana Marshall for their leadership and work related to equity.

Visitor Comments: [received electronically before/during the meeting]

Mirna Jope expressed concerns about English Language Development lessons not being included in the K-12 online bank.

Elyn Bowers supports full-time schooling for parents who are essential workers.

Emily Hornsby supports having children from the same family attending schools on the same days and at the same times.

Kaylyn Shaltes expressed her concerns regarding the instructional models for next school year.

Anonymous expressed support for the traditional instructional model.

Meghann Burnett supports returning to the traditional instructional model, and offered suggestions about distance learning.

Kathleen Dippert supports the restarting of athletic programs.

Tracy Ferris is in favor of restarting high school athletics.

Andrea Manning supports the traditional instructional model, not distance learning.

Erica Padilla shared information related to her children's distance learning experiences.

Jennifer Connell supports the restart of sports.

Rachel Conner supports the traditional model, and shared her son's experiences with distance learning.

Steve Mahoney supports the restarting of school athletic programs.

James Harry supports the restarting of school athletic programs.

Sandy Marcel supports the restarting of school athletic programs.

Stephanie Colbert posed several questions related to the traditional instructional model.

Amy Valle inquired about the reopening of Discovery Club.

Consent Calendar Approved (G-1/G-9)

It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Dr. McKibbin, that the consent calendar items G-1 through G-9 be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

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 and change orders — approved as submitted.

Business/Financial Report (G-3)

Notices of completion — approved as submitted.

Gifts (G-4)

Acceptance of gift to Nutrition Services.

Instructional Materials Adoptions (G-5)

Approval of Report IIs related to the new instructional materials adoptions for the following courses: American Sign Language 1-3; Advanced Placement Spanish Literature and Culture; and Intensive Reading Intervention, grades 4-8 (Discussed: 05/26/2020).

CIF Representatives 2020-2021 (G-6)

Approval of California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) superintendent designation of representatives 2020-2021.

Resolution No. 2995: Del Campo Contract Amendment (G-7)

Adoption of Resolution No. 2995, approving the second amendment to the design/build contract for the Del Campo High School new science/media building and CTE modernization project.

CEQA Notice of Exemption for Deterding Elementary School (G-8)

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

Resolution No. 2997: Emergency Purchasing (G-9)

Adoption of Resolution No. 2997, Emergency Purchasing, authorizing the purchase of personal protective equipment.

Endorsement of the Superintendent's Statement Supporting Students, Families, Staff and Community Members Against Racism (I-1)

Board President Paula Villescaz spoke regarding systemic racism and the recent murder of George Floyd. Ms. Villescaz then read the superintendent's statement that was released on June 1, 2020, and shared information about the district's listening sessions and timeline for action. Ms. Villescaz offered board members the opportunity to speak. All board members made comments and expressed support for endorsing the superintendent's June 1, 2020, statement.

It was moved by Ms. Creason, seconded by Ms. Costa, to endorse the superintendent's June 1, 2020, statement supporting students, families, staff and community members against racism. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

COVID-19 Operations Update (I-2)

Deputy Superintendent of Schools and Student Support Melissa Bassanelli explained that, in compliance with California Governor Gavin Newsom's recently issued Executive Order N-56-20, a COVID-19 operations written report is required in lieu of the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) requirement, which was pushed back to December 15, 2020. Ms. Bassanelli provided a COVID-19 operations update which included information related to the following key areas: changes to program offerings, meeting the needs of targeted populations, delivering high-quality distance learning, providing school meals and supervision of students. Ms. Bassanelli also shared the results of the district family survey and discussed some of the strategic priorities related to planning for the next school year.

Visitor Comments: [via Zoom]

Debbie Pelucca stated she hopes preschool programs will be open in the summer.

Lance Christensen shared information regarding the experiences his children had with distance learning.

Theresa Arnold shared her concerns about the distance learning model for students with an IEP.

Tenielle Stuart expressed her concerns regarding distance learning, and supports returning to the traditional school model.

Gabreal expressed concerns related to technology, plans for next school year and students with an IEP.

Michelle Henrie requested more information about the hybrid school model.

Niki Martasian inquired about student wait lists.

Veronica Allen expressed concerns regarding the distance learning model, particularly for English language and special education students.

Visitor Comments: [received electronically before/during the meeting]

John Allen suggested a proposed schedule for the hybrid model.

Chelsea Ohlerich expressed support for students returning to the traditional model.

After visitor comments, board members commented on several items including the district family survey results; the need for additional outreach, especially to families of English language learners, low-income and special education students; the importance of ongoing social emotional and mental health supports; the importance of offering instructional model options that are age appropriate; the need to address technology challenges; the consideration of balancing the risk of learning loss versus the health and safety of students and staff; enrollment; transparent and timely communication; partnership academies and the online bank of lessons being developed by teachers.

It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, to adopt the COVID-19 operations written report. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Choices Charter School COVID-19 Operations Update (I-3)

Director of Admissions and Family Services Michele Flagler introduced Director of Choices Charter School Tony Oddo who presented the Choices Charter School COVID-19 operations update which addressed the following key areas: the changes in program offerings due to COVID-19, meeting the needs of targeted populations, delivering high-quality distance learning, providing school meals and supervision of students. Mr. Oddo also discussed planning and next steps for the 2020-2021 school year.

Visitor Comment: [via Zoom]

Tenielle Stuart asked questions about enrollment, which Mr. Oddo answered.

It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Ms. Creason, to adopt the Choices Charter School COVID-19 operations written report. MOTION CARRIED 4-0 [AYES: Villescaz, Creason, Costa, Hernandez; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: McKibbin].

Public Hearing: Adoption of 2020-2021 Budget (I-4)

Deputy Superintendent Kent Stephens presented the proposed 2020-2021 budget and the revisions to the 2019-2020 budget. Mr. Stephens noted that, due to the current economic situation and many unknown allocations and expenses, there is not sufficient information to prepare an accurate budget at this time, and a revised budget will likely be presented in the fall. Mr. Stephens first reviewed the current-year budget revisions, including some of the major revenue and expense adjustments, stating that the current projection for 2019-2020 is a \$4 million deficit. Mr. Stephens then reviewed the proposed 2020-2021 budget, sharing that the district will receive about \$10.7 million in phase 2 of the federal stimulus legislation, which will be formally budgeted in a later budget revision, and that a scale of revenue scenarios ranging from a -2% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) to a -10% COLA reduction from current-year funding is being presented. Mr. Stephens also noted that Governor Newsom has an additional \$4.4 billion in one-time stimulus funds available for distribution, which is still being contemplated by state officials. Mr. Stephens explained, currently the projection for 2020-2021 is a \$24 million deficit.

Ms. Villescaz declared the presentation of the 2020-2021 budget a public hearing and invited the public to speak.

Visitor Comment: [via Zoom]

Gabreal inquired about the increase in medical insurance premiums, which Mr. Stephens explained is a projected figure provided by consultants.

There being no further comments or questions from the public, Ms. Villescaz declared the public hearing closed and invited board members to speak. Staff answered questions from the board related to the spending down of reserves, allowable FEMA reimbursements, appropriations limits, budgeted amounts for law enforcement, student enrollment and average daily attendance (ADA).

It was moved by Dr. McKibbin, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, to adopt the 2020-2021 budget, including staffing standards, the use of the Education Protection Account funds, the substantiation of excess reserves (required by Senate Bill 858), and to approve the revisions to the 2019-2020 budget. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Temporary Interfund Borrowing of Cash (I-5)

Deputy Superintendent Kent Stephens presented the item. It was moved by Ms. Creason, seconded by Ms. Costa, to adopt Resolution No. 2994 to permit temporary interfund borrowing of cash. MOTION CARRIED 4-0 [AYES: Villescaz, Creason, Costa, Hernandez; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: McKibbin].

Board Reports (J)

Ms. Costa stated that she enjoyed speaking with Michele Horner, teacher at Trajan Elementary School, about her distance learning teaching methods; and she also shared that she has enjoyed attending eight virtual graduation ceremonies so far, all of which have been unique.

Ms. Creason recognized that June is Pride Month.

Future Agenda (K)

No items were added to the future agenda.

Adjournment (M)

At 10:16 p.m., there being no further announcements or business, the regular meeting was adjourned.



Paula Villescaz, President



Kent Kern, Executive Secretary

Approved: 06/23/2020

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