



San Juan Unified School District

Board of Education

3738 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael, California 95608

**Board of Education Minutes
January 24, 2023**

Regular Meeting

Board of Education

4:00 p.m.

Open Session/Call to Order/Workshop (A)

The January 24 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

Steve Miller, clerk

Ben Avey, member

Paula Villescáz, member

Tanya Kravchuk, member

Saul Hernandez, member

Workshop: The Brown Act and Board Governance (A-1)

Chief of Staff Trent Allen introduced Attorney Bill Schuetz from Dannis Woliver Kelley who gave a detailed presentation on The Ralph M. Brown Act. Topics discussed included: the intent of the Brown Act, board role and conduct, committees, meetings, teleconference laws, communications, social media, agendas and closed session. Mr. Schuetz answered questions from the board. Mr. Avey inquired about virtual public comment and committees under the Brown Act. Ms. Kravchuk asked for clarification on non-agenda items. Ms. Creason inquired about public comment during special meetings, and she commented on serial meetings and the consequences of violating the Brown Act.

Mr. Allen then reviewed and discussed the Governance Handbook, specifically addressing the desired changes that were articulated by board members at the December 13 board meeting, regarding public input processes, recusal processes, proper reflection of a focus on academic success and establishing rules of order to further clarify meeting processes. Mr. Allen provided sample suggested language on each topic and board members provided feedback for further consideration. Mr. Allen said he would work on incorporating the feedback into the Governance Handbook and then bring the item back for further discussion/action at a future board meeting.

Announcement of Closed Session Topics/Closed Session Visitor Comments (B)

There were no closed session visitor comments.

Closed Session (C)

The workshop was recessed at 5:20 p.m. with the board convening in closed session at 5:30 p.m. to consider a student expulsion in one case and a student readmission in one case (Education Code section 48918[f]) and one personnel matter – superintendent's goals (Government Code section 54957).

Reconvene Open Session/Pledge of Allegiance (D)

At 6:30 p.m., the meeting was called back to order by the president, Zima Creason. Four members of the Del Campo High School Air Force Jr. ROTC led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes Approved (E)

It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Ms. Kravchuk, that the minutes of the January 10 regular meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED 6-0-1 [AYES: Creason, Costa, Miller, Avey, Kravchuk, Hernandez; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: Villescaz].

Recognition: 2023 Classified Employees of the Year (F-1a)

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Paul Oropallo introduced Michelle Fingold, Instructional Assistant - Visually Impaired (Casa Roble Fundamental High School); Sally Garcia, Custodian (District Office); and Rita Cornelison, Human Resources Analyst (District Office) as the 2023 Classified Employees of the Year.

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

It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Ms. Kravchuk, to adopt Resolution No. A-419 proclaiming February 6-10 as National School Counseling Week. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Creason, Costa, Miller, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk, Hernandez].

High School Student Council Reports (F-2)

High School Student Council representatives Jordan Bickell from Del Campo High School and Navya Alqarwani from Bella Vista High School updated the board on the goals, activities and achievements at their respective schools.

Closed Session/Expulsion Actions (F-7)

Mr. Miller reported that the board voted unanimously to accept as written one stipulated expulsion in case number S-23 and one denied enrollment in case number RA-03.

Visitor Comments (G)

Paul Reyes invited schools to visit *The Wall That Heals*, a traveling replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, which will be in Citrus Heights at the end of March.

Consent Calendar Approved (H-1 through H-5 and H-7 through H-14)

Ms. Kravchuk pulled items H-6 and H-15. Ms. Villescaz pulled item H-16. It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Mr. Avey, that the consent calendar items H-1 through H-5 and H-7 through H-14 be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Creason, Costa, Miller, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk, Hernandez].

Personnel (H-1)

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

Purchasing Report (H-2)

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

Business/Financial Report (H-3)

Warrants and payroll – approved as submitted.

Gifts (H-4)

Acceptance of gifts to Mesa Verde 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.

LCAP ESSA Federal Addendum (H-7)

Approval of the updated Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Federal Addendum as required by the California Department of Education (CDE).

Early Childhood Education Continued Funding Application (H-8)

Approval of 2023-2024 Continued Funding Application for the California State Preschool Program and General Center Child Care Program.

Early Head Start/Head Start Budget Modification/Carryover Funds (H-9)

Approval of Early Head Start and Head Start year 1 budget modification/carryover funds.

CAC Membership (H-10)

Approval of Katherine Morash to the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for Special Education.

Resolution No. 4063: Authorizing Participation in the Federal Surplus Property Program (H-11)

Adoption of Resolution No. 4063 authorizing district representatives to acquire surplus property through the auspices of the California State Agency for Surplus Property.

Resolution No. 4062: Mariemont Elementary School Contract Award (H-12)

Adoption of Resolution No. 4062 awarding the lease-leaseback contract for the Mariemont Elementary School modernization and interim housing project nos. 130-9495-P1 and 130-9495-P2 to SB James Construction, pursuant to Education Code section 17406.

Lease Amendment: Visions In Education (H-13)

Approval of the third amendment to the lease agreement between San Juan Unified and Visions In Education.

Resolution No. 4064: Earl LeGette Elementary School Lease Amendments (H-14)

Adoption of Resolution No. 4064, approving the first amendment to the Site Lease agreement and fifth amendment to the Facilities Lease Agreement for Earl LeGette Elementary School new construction and modernization projects between San Juan Unified School District and Flint Builders, Inc.

Consent Calendar Continued (I)

Three items were removed from the consent calendar for further discussion and separate action:

School Accountability Report Cards (H-6) – Approval of the 2022-2023 School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs).

Ms. Kravchuk and Mr. Avey asked questions and made comments regarding the item, which Superintendent Bassanelli addressed. It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Ms. Kravchuk, that item H-6 be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Creason, Costa, Miller, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk, Hernandez].

Resolution No. 4065: Katherine Johnson Middle School Lease Amendments (H-15) – Adoption of Resolution No. 4065,

approving the first amendment to the Site Lease Agreement and fourth amendment to the Facilities Lease agreement for Katherine Johnson Middle School new construction project between San Juan Unified School District and Flint Builders, Inc. It was moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Costa, that item H-15 be approved. MOTION CARRIED 6-0-1 [AYES: Creason, Costa, Miller, Avey, Villescaz, Hernandez; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: Kravchuk].

Certification of Absence: Paula Villescaz (H-16) – Certification that the January 10, 2023, regular meeting, absence of board

member Paula Villescaz occurred due to medical reasons, pursuant to Education Code 35120(c) and Board Bylaw 9250. It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Mr. Miller, that item H-16 be approved. MOTION CARRIED 6-0-1 [AYES: Creason, Costa, Miller, Avey, Kravchuk, Hernandez; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: Villescaz].

Bond Program Update (J-1)

Chief Operations Officer Frank Camarda introduced Director of Facilities, Construction and Modernization Nic Arps who presented a report on the district's past construction projects as well as current projects that are in various states of progress. Mr. Arps also shared information regarding furniture replacement in school classrooms, cafeterias and libraries. Staff answered questions from the board. Ms. Costa expressed thanks to the construction teams, staff and voters for their support. Mr. Miller shared his excitement about the bond projects. Mr. Hernandez provided background information about the bond program, noting that he is proud of the accelerated bond repayment process that the district utilizes. Ms. Kravchuk said she was impressed with the projects and asked clarifying questions regarding the Career Technical Education fabrication labs. Ms. Creason stated that modern facilities are great for staff and students, and she asked clarifying questions regarding the role of the Facilities Committee.

Government Affairs Update (J-2)

Executive Director of Labor Relations and Government Affairs Daniel Thigpen gave an informational presentation on the goals for San Juan Unified's Government Affairs program, significant K-12 legislation taking effect in 2023, and an overview of state education policy and budget matters to monitor during the current legislative cycle. Mr. Thigpen explained that the purpose of multi-year strategies for government affairs is to advance the interests of San Juan Unified students, staff, and families by building collaborative relationships with federal, state and local elected leaders, agencies, and other decision-makers whose partnerships and support are necessary to foster student achievement. Mr. Thigpen highlighted several of the approximately 105 bills pertaining to K-12 education that were passed by the state legislature and signed by

the governor during the 2022 legislative cycle. Mr. Thigpen also provided an overview of Governor Gavin Newsom's January 10, 2023, state budget. Board members made comments and posed questions, which Mr. Thigpen addressed.

Public Hearing: Conveyance of Permanent Easement at John Barrett Middle School (J-3)

Mr. Camarda presented the item. Ms. Creason declared the topic of conveying a permanent easement at John Barrett Middle School a public hearing and invited the public to speak. There being no questions or comments from the public, Ms. Creason declared the public hearing closed. It was moved by Ms. Villescaz, seconded by Ms. Kravchuk, to adopt Resolution No. 4058, conveying one permanent easement at John Barrett Middle School to the County of Sacramento. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Creason, Costa, Miller, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk, Hernandez].

Board Reports (K)

Ms. Villescaz thanked the San Juan community for welcoming her new baby and for all of the supportive texts, emails and words of encouragement she has received.

Mr. Avey provided an update regarding a meeting that took place at Orangevale Open K-8 to address the tree concerns.

Ms. Kravchuk said that she met with Director of Continuous Improvement and LCAP Gian Tornatore, and she shared information regarding LCAP Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) appointments and listening circles.

Ms. Creason reported that she visited Encina Preparatory High School, including the Future Teachers Club, and also Greer Elementary School, which she noted has many impressive programs.

Future Agenda (L)

Mr. Avey requested additional information about public access to school facilities during non-school hours.

Adjournment (M)

At 8:28 p.m., there being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned.



Zima Creason, Board President



Melissa Bassanelli, Secretary

Approved: 02/14/2023

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