



San Juan Unified School District

Board of Education

3738 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael, California 95608

**Board of Education Minutes
March 31, 2023**

Special Meeting

Board of Education

4:00 p.m.

Open Session/Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance (A)

The March 31 special meeting was called to order by the vice president, Pam Costa, and she led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. The board meeting was held in person and was also streamed to the district's YouTube channel.

Roll Call

Present:

Zima Creason, president (via teleconference)

Pam Costa, vice president

Ben Avey, member

Paula Villescaz, member

Tanya Kravchuk, member

Saul Hernandez, member

Absent:

Vacant, clerk

Election of Clerk (B-1)

Ms. Costa asked for nominations for the clerk position.

It was moved by Ms. Villescaz, seconded by Ms. Creason, that Mr. Hernandez be elected clerk. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [AYES: Creason, Costa, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk, Hernandez; NOES: None].

It was moved by Ms. Kravchuk that Mr. Avey be elected clerk. Hearing no second, the motion was not considered.

Process to Fill Area 7 Trustee Vacancy (B-2)

Chief of Staff Trent Allen and General Counsel Linda Simlick gave a presentation on the process to fill the area 7 trustee vacancy due to the recent passing of board member Steve Miller. Mr. Allen explained the two options that are available – either making a provisional appointment or authorizing a special election. Mr. Allen provided details regarding the two options, noting the cost and timeline of each. Superintendent Bassanelli said that she polled other local school districts and it is common practice for districts to make a provisional appointment.

Public Comments:

Mona Graham expressed support for a special election.

Tim Schafer expressed support for a special election.

Katie Reid expressed support for a special election.

Jay Martinez expressed support for a special election.

Albert Fox expressed support for a special election.

Board members shared their viewpoints about the two options, noting their reasons for and against each option. Board members also asked clarifying questions, which staff addressed. After board members finished a lengthy discussion regarding the two options, two motions were considered.

It was moved by Ms. Villescaz, seconded by Ms. Creason, that the process to fill the area 7 trustee vacancy by provisional appointment be approved. MOTION FAILED 3-3 [AYES: Creason, Costa, Villescaz; NOES: Avey, Kravchuk, Hernandez].

It was moved by Mr. Avey, seconded by Ms. Kravchuk, that the process to fill the area 7 trustee vacancy by special election be approved. MOTION FAILED 3-3 [AYES: Avey, Kravchuk, Hernandez; NOES: Creason, Costa, Villescaz].

After the board continued with additional extensive discussion, another motion was considered.

It was moved by Mr. Avey, seconded by Ms. Kravchuk, that the process to fill the area 7 trustee vacancy by special election be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [AYES: Creason, Costa, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk, Hernandez; NOES: None].

Adjournment (C)

At 5:05 p.m., there being no further business, the special meeting was adjourned.



Zima Creason, Board President



Melissa Bassanelli, Secretary

Approved: 04/11/2023

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