



San Juan Unified School District

Board of Education

3738 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael, California 95608

**Board of Education Minutes
March 14, 2023**

Regular Meeting

Board of Education

5:45 p.m.

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

The March 14 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 Villescaz, member

Tanya Kravchuk, member

Saul Hernandez, member

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]).

Reconvene Open Session/Pledge of Allegiance (C)

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

Minutes Approved (D)

It was moved by Ms. Kravchuk, seconded by Ms. Villescaz, that the minutes of the February 28 regular meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Creason, Costa, Miller, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk, Hernandez].

High School Student Council Reports (E-1)

High School Student Council representatives Jenna Pruett and Lorenzo Camarena from La Entrada High School, Angelina Obukh and Michelle Yang from El Sereno High School and Keegan Summers from Meraki High School updated the board on the goals, activities and achievements at their respective schools.

Closed Session/Expulsion Actions (E-6)

Mr. Miller reported that the board voted unanimously to accept a hearing panel's recommendation of one suspended expulsion in case number S-36 and to accept as written one stipulated expulsion in case number S-37.

Visitor Comments (F)

There were no general visitor comments.

Consent Calendar Approved (G-1/G-8)

It was moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Kravchuk, that the consent calendar items G-1 through G-8 be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Creason, Costa, Miller, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk, Hernandez].

Personnel (G-1)

Appointments and separations – approved as submitted.

Purchasing Report (G-2)

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

Business/Financial Report (G-3)

Warrants and payroll – approved as submitted.

Gifts (G-4)

Acceptance of gifts to Bella Vista High School and Mesa Verde High School.

Disposal of Surplus Property (G-5)

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

Resolution No. 4073: Rio Americano High School Lease Amendment No. 4 (G-6)

Adoption of Resolution No. 4073 approving the fourth amendment to the lease agreement for the Rio Americano High School CTE modernization project no. 208-9495-P1, Health Science project no. 208-9495-P2 and Manufacturing and Product Development project no. 208-9495-P3, between San Juan Unified and CORE Construction Inc. dba CORE Construction Management.

Resolution No. 4074: Barrett Middle School Modernization Lease Amendment No. 4 (G-7)

Adoption of Resolution No. 4074 approving the fourth amendment to the lease agreement for the Barrett Middle School modernization project no. 004-9495-P1 between San Juan Unified School District and Landmark Modernization Contractors dba Landmark Construction.

Resolution No. 4075: Barrett Middle School New Construction Lease Amendment No. 5 (G-8)

Adoption of Resolution No. 4075 approving the fifth amendment to the lease agreement for the Barrett Middle School new construction project no. 004-9512-P1 between San Juan Unified School District and Landmark Modernization Contractors dba Landmark Construction.

San Juan Youth Voice Advocates Update (I-1)

Director of Student Support Services Dominic Covello introduced Coordinator of Special Programs and Grants Christina Sparks who gave a presentation on the San Juan Youth Voice Advocates (SJYVA) student leadership program, a team of high school students who elevate student voice in the district by engaging students in listening sessions to help inform the district's Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP). Ms. Sparks provided historical background about the program and spoke about its partnerships. Three Youth Voice Advocates also spoke about the program. Rio Americano High School student Fatema Adel provided a program overview of SJYVA and provided information about listening sessions. Mira Loma High School student Evan Yuan shared details about the districtwide themes that were identified during the listening sessions. Casa Roble Fundamental High School student Amiya Farias outlined the recommendations for action items based on the districtwide findings. The three students also shared personal impact statements regarding their experiences with SJYVA and Ms. Sparks shared next steps.

Public Comment:

Bel Reyes, Executive Director of Innovative Bridge, and community partner, expressed thanks for the continued investment in youth voice, and she applauded students for their work.

Mr. Miller commended students on their efforts. Mr. Avey expressed appreciation for the program and its contributions to the LCAP. Ms. Costa said she was impressed by the increase in the number of students participating in the program and also the number of listening sessions that took place. Ms. Costa asked if the recommendations were in priority order, which

Ms. Farias said no because the recommendations all have equal importance. Ms. Creason expressed appreciation for the advocacy work, noting that the group has helped students feel safe which will help open the door for real conversations. Superintendent Bassanelli thanked the group for its work, and thanked Ms. Sparks and Innovative Bridge for their leadership.

Nutrition Services Update (I-2)

Chief Operations Officer Frank Camarda introduced Director of Nutrition Services Sneh Nair who gave a presentation about the work of the Nutrition Services department. Ms. Nair explained the program requirements and discussed Assembly Bill 130 – California Universal Meals, and she also presented information about meal counts and funding. Ms. Nair shared information about the advantages and challenges that took place during the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years. Ms. Nair discussed other funding and next steps, which includes implementation of transitional standards for milk, sodium and whole grains. Board members expressed gratitude and thanked the Nutrition Services staff for their efforts, particularly during the pandemic. Ms. Villescaz acknowledged the department for being so responsive to all the changes and she noted the upcoming challenges related to transitional standards. Mr. Avey commended the department on the variety of meals offered, which he said his own children enjoy. Mr. Hernandez said the Facilities Committee heard this report and they commended the department on the ability to adapt to the cultural needs of families. Ms. Kravchuk acknowledged the need for the department to constantly pivot. Ms. Kravchuk inquired about food waste, share tables and eating time requirements at school sites. Mr. Miller asked clarifying questions regarding USDA requirements. Ms. Costa shared that she is proud that San Juan Unified kept students fed and that she is grateful that two meals per day can be offered. Mr. Hernandez noted that every tray must be counted with the correct food items in order to be eligible for funding. Ms. Creason commended Ms. Nair on her responsiveness to the community, introducing foods from around the world and uplifting nutrition education.

Second Interim Budget Report (I-3)

Chief Financial Officer Jennifer Stahlheber presented the 2022-2023 Second Interim Report, certifying the Second Interim Report as positive, with the understanding of the fiduciary responsibility to maintain fiscal solvency for the current and subsequent two fiscal years. Ms. Stahlheber explained the Second Interim Report reflects actual revenue and expenditures through January 31, 2023, forecasts the remainder of the 2022-2023 fiscal year and provides a multiyear projection for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025. Ms. Stahlheber spoke about the governor's budget May revise and she discussed next steps. Mr. Avey asked questions related to teacher salaries, health and welfare benefits and payroll related costs, which Ms. Stahlheber addressed.

It was moved by Ms. Villescaz, seconded by Mr. Avey, to approve the 2022-2023 Second Interim Report and the budget revision reflecting projected-year budget totals and the positive certification of the district's ability to maintain fiscal solvency for the current and subsequent two fiscal years. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Creason, Costa, Miller, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk, Villescaz].

Curriculum, Standards, Instructional and Student Services Committee Bylaw Revisions (I-4)

Chief of Staff Trent Allen presented the proposed revisions to the Curriculum, Standards, Instructional and Student Services Committee (C&S) bylaws for discussion. Mr. Allen walked through the major proposed revisions, noting that the intent is to align language and practices across district committees. Mr. Allen also shared feedback that was gathered from the committees. Board members had a lengthy discussion regarding the proposed revisions, asking clarifying questions and providing input on various aspects including ratification of committee members, term limits, code of conduct, roles and responsibilities, and absences. Mr. Allen will incorporate additional language into the bylaws and the item will be presented for action on March 28.

Facilities Committee Bylaw Revisions (I-5)

Mr. Allen said the proposed revisions to the Facilities Committee bylaws are similar to those that were presented for the C&S Committee. Mr. Allen will incorporate additional language into the bylaws and the item will be presented for action on March 28.

Board Reports (J)

Mr. Miller provided details about *The Wall That Heals*, a traveling replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, which will be in Citrus Heights at the end of March.

Ms. Kravchuk reported that she has been enjoying visiting school sites, she encouraged better communication to parents about the unique offerings of each school and she spoke about Naviance.

Mr. Hernandez shared that 40 San Juan Unified cadets will participate in the upcoming West Point Association Conference.

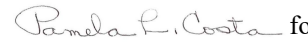
Ms. Creason reported that she took part in Read Across America events at several school sites, she visited Pasadena Elementary School, she and Ms. Villescaz attended the California School Boards Association Region 6 delegates meeting and she took part in the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) visit at Rio Americano High School.

Future Agenda (K)

There were no items added to the future agenda.

Adjournment (L)

At 8:47 p.m., there being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned.



Zima Creason, Board President



Melissa Bassanelli, Secretary

Approved: 03/28/2023
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