



San Juan Unified School District
Board of Education
3738 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael, California 95608

**Board of Education Minutes
September 12, 2023**

Regular Meeting
Board of Education
5:30 p.m.

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

The September 12 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 (*left at 8:39 p.m.*)
Saul Hernandez, clerk
Ben Avey, member
Paula Villescaz, member (*via telephone at the district office*)
Tanya Kravchuk, member
Vacant:
Trustee area 7, 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 a student enrollment in one case (Education Code section 48918[f]) and to discuss with negotiator Daniel Thigpen, Executive Director, Labor Relations and Government Affairs, 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).

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 Del Campo 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 Mr. Avey, that the minutes of the August 22 regular meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [AYES: Creason, Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None].

Recognition: 2024 Certificated Employees of the Year (E-1)

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Rebecca Toto Ed.D. introduced Karen Davidson and Susan Sloan as the 2024 Certificated Employees of the Year.

High School Student Council Reports (E-2)

High School Student Council representatives Lainey Szejda and Morgan Reed from Rio Americano High School and Amiya Farias and Keira Chandler from Casa Roble Fundamental High School updated the board on the goals, activities and achievements at their respective schools.

Staff Report (E-3)

Chief Operations Officer Frank Camarda provided an update on the safety improvements that are being implemented at school sites throughout the district.

Closed Session/Expulsion Actions (E-7)

Mr. Hernandez reported that the board voted unanimously to accept a hearing panel's recommendation of one denied enrollment in case number OS-01.

Visitor Comments (F)

Jemma shared information about her experiences as a student in San Juan Unified.

B.J. Combs commended the district on the renovation of Barrett Middle School.

Ross Gallagher spoke about the work of counselors at Sylvan Middle School.

Nancy Brown-Pelley made comments regarding the innovative school journey at Woodside K-8.

Laura Fierro expressed her concerns about the new library furniture at Rio Americano High School.

Poonie Holst expressed her concerns regarding class schedules at Rio Americano High School.

Consent Calendar Approved (G-1/G-6)

It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Ms. Kravchuk, that the consent calendar items G-1 through G-6 be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [AYES: Creason, Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None].

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 and change orders – approved as submitted.

Business/Financial Report (G-3)

Notices of completion – approved as submitted.

Gifts (G-4)

Acceptance of gift to Family and Community Engagement (FACE).

Surplus Property Report (G-5)

Approval to dispose of surplus property pursuant to Board Policy 3270 and Education Code sections 17545 and 17546.

Resolution No. 4096: Gann Appropriation Limits (G-6)

Adoption of Resolution No. 4096 approving Gann Appropriation Limits for 2022-2023 and 2023-2024.

Antibias Education Grant Program (I-1)

Associate Superintendent of Educational Services Debra Calvin, Ed.D., introduced the topic and Director of Equity and Student Achievement Omar Field-Ridley who gave a presentation on the Antibias Education Grant Program. Mr. Field-Ridley provided an overview of the grant proposal, and he discussed the proposed grant actions, the expanded roles and responsibilities of the two site-based positions and data collection methods.

Public Comment:

Ashley Freer spoke about the connection between the well-being of students and gun violence in schools.

Denisha Bland, associate director of Sacramento Area Youth Speaks (SAYS), stressed the importance of the antibias grant.

Lynn Berkley-Baskin, speaking on behalf of the Greater Sacramento NAACP President Betty Williams and as the community outreach chair of the Jewish Community Relations Council, made comments about school inclusion.

Bina Lefkovitz urged the board to continue to support the district's existing diversity, equity and inclusion efforts.

April Bean expressed opposition to the implementation of the grant.

Maxine spoke about the actions taking place in other local school districts.

Debbie made comments about diversity, equity and inclusion and the implementation of the grant.

Katherine Morash shared her experiences as a special education teacher.

Susan Zimmer encouraged the board to accept the grant funding.

Jeff Deland spoke about equal access for all students.

Bill Simmons expressed his support for the antibias education grant program.

Chris Gresens expressed his support for the antibias education grant program.

Sarah Thompson shared information about her experiences with the Sacramento Kindness campaign.

Karen Roberts expressed her support for the antibias education grant program.

Cornel Anton expressed his opposition for the antibias education grant program.

Andrea Hedstrum spoke about the actions of the state legislature and gender ideology.

Lorreen Pryor, president of the Black Youth Leadership Project, spoke about belonging and inclusive environments on school campuses.

It was moved by Mr. Avey, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, to extend public comment by another 30 minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [AYES: Creason, Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None].

Lisa Stanley expressed support for the antibias education grant program.

David Martasian urged the board to support the grant.

Victoria Whitney encouraged the board to support the grant.

Cerissa Brown shared information about her son's experiences as a student in the district.

Irina Giyenko expressed support for the antibias education grant program.

DJ Waldow expressed support for the antibias education grant program.

Murad "Moe" Sarama spoke about safe and welcoming environments for students.

Rachel Raymond expressed her support for implementation of the grant.

Alan Rowe shared information about the experiences of his grandchildren as students in the district.

Ms. Costa expressed support for the grant and appreciation for the public comments, and she also made comments about respect, student voice, equity, social-emotional learning and test scores. Mr. Avey expressed gratitude for the additional information and for all the public comment, he shared that he is supportive of the grant and he made comments about identity and activity groups. Mr. Hernandez said he is better informed on the agenda item after meeting with Dr. Calvin and Mr. Field-Ridley, and he expressed support for the grant. Ms. Villescaz thanked staff for the presentation and the public for their comments, she expressed her continued support for the grant and she made comments regarding safe and inclusive

environments. Ms. Kravchuk thanked everyone for their emails and comments, she acknowledged the differing opinions about the grant and she stated she would stand by her previous statements, explaining why she does not support the implementation of the grant. Ms. Creason shared personal information about her lived experiences, and she spoke about the potential impact of the grant.

It was moved by Ms. Villescaz, seconded by Ms. Costa, to approve the implementation of funds as defined by the grant. MOTION CARRIED 5-1-0 [AYES: Creason, Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz; NOES: Kravchuk; ABSTAIN: None].

The board recessed from 8:39 p.m. – 8:49 p.m.

Cultivating Leaders Program (I-2)

Dr. Calvin gave a presentation on the Cultivating Leaders Program, which included the purpose of the program, participation data, program supports, mentor supports and seminar topics. Sylvan Middle School Vice Principal Michelle Schuermann and Carnegie Middle School Principal Aaron Wurtzer shared their voices from the field as part of the mentor/mentee relationship. Board members made comments and posed questions, which staff addressed.

2022-2023 Unaudited Actuals and 2023-2024 Budget Revisions (I-3)

Chief Financial Officer Jennifer Stahlheber presented the 2022-2023 unaudited actuals and 2023-2024 revised budget. Ms. Stahlheber explained the unaudited actuals are and she reviewed the significant changes to the 2023-2024 budget since it was adopted last June. Ms. Stahlheber discussed next steps. Mr. Avey suggested that the benefits expenditures be broken out into classified and certificated. Ms. Kravchuk thanked staff for the report. It was moved by Ms. Villescaz, seconded by Ms. Kravchuk, to accept the unaudited actuals for 2022-2023 and approve the revisions to the 2023-2024 budget. MOTION CARRIED 5-0-1 [AYES: Creason, Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk; NOES: None; ABSENT: Costa].

Public Hearing: Conveyance of Permanent Easement at Katherine Johnson Middle School (I-4)

Chief Operations Officer Frank Camarda presented the item. Ms. Creason declared the topic of conveying a permanent easement at Katherine Johnson Middle School (Creekside site) 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 Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Mr. Avey, to adopt Resolution No. 4095, conveying one permanent easement at Katherine Johnson Middle School (Creekside site) to the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD). MOTION CARRIED 5-0-1 [AYES: Creason, Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk; NOES: None; ABSENT: Costa].

Resolution No. 4097: Notice of Intent to Convey Easement at Casa Roble Fundamental High School (I-5)

Mr. Camarda presented the item. It was moved by Ms. Kravchuk, seconded by Mr. Avey, to adopt Resolution No. 4097, declaring the intent to convey a permanent easement at Casa Roble Fundamental High School to the Citrus Heights Water District and to call a public hearing to be held on September 26, 2023. MOTION CARRIED 5-0-1 [AYES: Creason, Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk; NOES: None; ABSENT: Costa].

Resolution No. 4089: Exemption to the Separation-From-Service Requirement (I-6)

Dr. Toto presented the item. It was moved by Mr. Avey, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 4089 Exemption to the Separation-From-Service Requirement pursuant to Education Code 24214.5 or 26812. MOTION CARRIED 5-0-1 [AYES: Creason, Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk; NOES: None; ABSENT: Costa].

Board Reports (J)

Mr. Hernandez shared information about the new high school girls flag football program.

Future Agenda (K)

There were no items added to the future agenda.

Adjournment (L)

At 9:24 p.m., there being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned.



Zima Creason, Board President



Melissa Bassanelli, Secretary

Approved: 09/26/2023

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