



San Juan Unified School District

Board of Education

3738 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael, California 95608

**Board of Education Minutes
June 13, 2023**

Regular Meeting

Board of Education

5:15 p.m.

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

The June 13 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

Saul Hernandez, clerk

Ben Avey, member

Paula Villescaz, member

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 student expulsions in two cases (Education Code section 48918[f]) and to consider two personnel matters (Government Code section 54957) – non-re-election of probationary teacher (Education Code section 44929.21[b]) and superintendent's evaluation.

Reconvene Open Session/Pledge of Allegiance (C)

At 6:30 p.m., the meeting was called back to order by the president, Zima Creason, who then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes Approved (D)

It was moved by Ms. Villescaz, seconded by Ms. Costa, that the minutes of the May 23 regular meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Creason, Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk].

Recognition: ABC10 2022-2023 Esquire IMAX Teacher of the Year (E-1a)

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Paul Oropallo recognized Jessica Campos as the ABC10 2022-2023 Esquire IMAX Teacher of the Year.

Board-appointed/District Committees (E-3)

Myel Thelen, chair of the Curriculum, Standards, Instructional and Student Services Committee (C&S), provided an update on the work of the committee.

Closed Session/Expulsion Actions (E-6)

Mr. Hernandez reported on three closed session actions: (1.) The board voted unanimously to accept a hearing panel's recommendation of one suspended expulsion in case number M-58 and one expulsion in case number S-48; (2.) On a motion by Ms. Kravchuk, and seconded by Ms. Villescaz, the board voted unanimously to non-reelect one probationary certificated employee, ID number 584528; and (3.) The board has completed its evaluation of Superintendent Bassanelli for the period of January 2023 through June 2023. On a motion by Ms. Kravchuk, and seconded by Ms. Costa, the board voted unanimously to give Superintendent Bassanelli a positive evaluation. Based on the positive evaluation, Superintendent Bassanelli will receive a one-year extension of her employment contract, to June 30, 2027, as well as continue to receive the same health and welfare benefits and salary adjustments as other district administrators.

Visitor Comments (F)

Ben Hesch shared information about his personal experiences as a student in the district.

Marsha Hesch shared information regarding her son's experiences as a student in the district.

Veronica Pascual expressed support for holding all district meetings in person.

Tathiana Sanchez made comments about participation of Latino families at school sites.

Janet Pacheco spoke about more mental health supports for students.

Carolina Anguiano expressed support for District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC) meetings being in person.

Brenda Gonzalez spoke about the available resources for English learners.

Lucero Soto shared information about the organization Sacramento ACT and its work to increase parent engagement.

Consent Calendar Approved (G-1/G-11)

It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Ms. Costa, that the consent calendar items G-1 through G-11 be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Creason, Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk].

Personnel (G-1)

Appointments, separations, errata and job description/salary range change – approved as submitted.

Purchasing Report (G-2)

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

Gifts (G-3)

Acceptance of gifts to Bella Vista High School and Dyer-Kelly Elementary School.

Surplus Property Report (G-4)

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

CIF Superintendent's Designation of Athletic League Representatives (G-5)

Approval of California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) superintendent's designation of athletic league representatives for the 2023-2024 school year.

Early Childhood Education Program Self-Evaluation (G-6)

Approval of the California State Preschool Program (CSPP) and Children's Center (CCTR) Program, Program Self-Evaluation for the 2022-2023 school year.

2023 High School Scholarship Award (G-7)

Approval of the 2023 high school scholarship award for Casa Roble Fundamental High School.

Short-Term Warehouse/Delivery Worker Position (G-8)

Approval of a short-term warehouse/delivery worker position for Business Support Services effective 07/03/2023 until 12/22/2023.

Resolution No. 4083: Starr King K-8 Lease Amendment No. 2 (G-9)

Adoption of Resolution No. 4083 approving the second amendment to the lease agreement for Starr King TK/Kindergarten new construction project no. 147-9512-P1 between San Juan Unified School District and Otto Construction.

Resolution No. 4084: Coleman Elementary School Lease Amendment No. 1 (G-10)

Adoption of Resolution No. 4084 approving the first amendment to the facilities lease for Coleman Elementary School (CMP Charter) modernization project no. 106-9495-P1 between San Juan Unified School District and Core Construction.

Resolution No. 4085: Mariemont Elementary School Lease Amendment No. 2 (G-11)

Adoption of Resolution No. 4085 approving the second amendment to the lease for the Mariemont Elementary School modernization and interim housing project nos. 130-9495-P1 & 130-9495-P2 between San Juan Unified School District and S+B James Construction California, Inc.

Public Hearing: Local Control and Accountability Plan (I-1)

Interim Deputy Superintendent of Schools and Student Support Amy Slavensky introduced Director of Continuous Improvement and LCAP Gianfranco Tornatore who gave a detailed presentation on the district's Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) which included an overview of the LCAP, an update on the goals, actions and metrics, an overview of the budget and information regarding engagement of the LCAP Parent Advisory Committee. Ms. Creason declared the topic of the LCAP 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. Ms. Creason then invited board members to speak. Mr. Avey spoke about some of the positive outcomes as well as several areas that he sees as opportunities for growth. Ms. Costa said she appreciated the input that was gathered from educational partners. Ms. Kravchuk made comments regarding academic outcomes and offered suggestions about several LCAP actions. Ms. Villescay commented about student connectedness to school and attendance and inquired about hiring of staff. Superintendent Bassanelli spoke about the LCAP and School Plans for Student Achievement (SPSA), and she noted that not all district initiatives are reflected in the LCAP. Mr. Hernandez commented about how the district has improved over the years in regards to LCAP planning. Action was scheduled for June 27.

Public Hearing: Choices Charter School Local Control and Accountability Plan (I-2)

Director of Admissions and Family Services Brian Ginter introduced Director of Choices Charter School Brent Givens who gave a presentation on the LCAP for Choices Charter School which included information on engaging educational partners, identification of key themes, focus areas and goals and a 2023-2024 budget overview of revenues and expenditures. Ms. Creason declared the topic of the Choices Charter School LCAP 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. Action was scheduled for June 27.

Public Hearing: Presentation of the 2023-2024 Budget (I-3)

Chief Financial Officer Jennifer Stahlheber presented the proposed 2023-2024 budget, including staffing standards, the use of Education Protection Account (EPA) funds, and the substantiation of excess reserves (required by Senate Bill 858) for discussion. Ms. Creason declared the topic of the 2023-2024 budget 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. Board members made comments and asked clarifying questions, which Ms. Stahlheber addressed. Action was scheduled for June 27.

Public Hearing: Temporary Interfund Borrowing of Cash (I-4)

Ms. Stahlheber presented the item. Ms. Creason declared the topic of temporary interfund borrowing of cash 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. Avey, seconded by Ms. Villescay, to adopt Resolution No. 4082, to permit temporary interfund borrowing of cash. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Creason, Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Villescay, Kravchuk].

Early Literacy Support Block Grant Annual Update (I-5)

Director of Professional Learning and Innovation Nicole Kukral introduced Dyer-Kelly Elementary School Principal Jamal Hicks and Vice Principal Roxanne Stellmacher, who gave a presentation on the implementation of the school's Early Literacy Support Block Grant. Mr. Hicks reviewed background information, the purpose of the grant and explained the timeline, which began with a planning year in 2020-2021 followed by three years of implementation. Ms. Stellmacher discussed the four areas of focus that were identified for implementation and shared i-Ready growth data. Mr. Hicks then discussed next steps. Board members commended Dyer-Kelly staff on their efforts. It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Ms. Kravchuk, to approve the Early Literacy Support Block Grant annual report. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Creason, Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Villescay, Kravchuk].

Special Education Community Advisory Committee Bylaws (I-6)

Chief of Staff Trent Allen presented the item, noting the changes that were incorporated from the discussion at the previous board meeting. It was moved by Mr. Avey, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, that the revisions to the Special Education Community Advisory Committee bylaws be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Creason, Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk].

Proposed Revisions to Board Policy 5141.52 Suicide Prevention (I-7)

Associate Superintendent of Educational Services Debra Calvin, Ed.D., introduced Director of Student Support Services Dominic Covello who presented the item for discussion. Board members made comments, posed questions and offered suggestions to the language, which staff said would be incorporated into the board policy. Action was scheduled for June 27.

Proposed Revisions to Board Policy 5141.33 Head Lice (I-8)

Mr. Covello presented the item for discussion. There being no questions or comments from the board, action was scheduled for June 27.

Board Reports (J)

Ms. Villescaz congratulated the class of 2023 graduates, and she reported that she attended the Sacramento Pride Parade, along with San Juan Unified staff, parents and students.

Future Agenda (K)

Mr. Avey reiterated his interest in discussing a process for board members to host after-hours community meetings at a school site. There being no majority interest of the board, the item was not added to the future agenda.

Ms. Kravchuk inquired about the extension of public comment time for the disabled community, which Superintendent Bassanelli said staff would explore best practices.

Adjournment (L)

At 8:48 p.m., there being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned.



Zima Creason, Board President



Melissa Bassanelli, Secretary

Approved: 06/27/2023

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