



San Juan Unified School District

Board of Education

3738 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael, California 95608

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

Regular Meeting

Board of Education

5:45 p.m.

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

The February 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 and a student enrollment in one case (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 Mr. Avey, seconded by Ms. Kravchuk, that the minutes of the January 24 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 Justin Orozco Ramirez and Alan Vang from Encina Preparatory High School and Julie Carruth from El Camino Fundamental High School updated the board on the goals, activities and achievements at their respective schools.

Staff Reports (E-2)

Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education and Programs Kristan Schnepf provided an update on the continued efforts that are underway to address concerns regarding mathematics at Rio Americano High School.

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-19 and one denied enrollment in case number OS-33, and to accept as written one expulsion in case number S-22.

Visitor Comments (F)

Peter Constant shared information regarding an upcoming high school leadership conference at William Jessup.

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

It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Ms. Villescaz, 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, leaves of absence, separations 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 and zero dollar contract – approved as submitted.

Business/Financial Report (G-3)

Warrants and payroll – approved as submitted.

Gifts (G-4)

Acceptance of gifts to Laurel Ruff Transition School, Mesa Verde High School and Nutrition Services.

Disposal of Surplus Property (G-5)

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

Early Head Start/Head Start Budget Modification/Carryover Funds (G-6)

Approval of Early Head Start and Head Start year 2 budget modification/carryover funds.

CAC Membership (G-7)

Approval of Lisa Sotelo to the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for Special Education.

Use of School Facilities Handbook and Fees (G-8)

Approval of the proposed revisions to the Use of School Facilities Handbook and fees.

Public Hearing: Camp Winthers Fee Increase (I-1)

Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education and Programs Kristan Schnepf introduced Camp Winthers Program Coordinator John Infelise who gave a presentation about Camp Winthers. Mr. Infelise provided historical background about the camp, and he also discussed the 2023 summer program offerings, partnerships and future goals. Mr. Infelise then explained the need for a rate increase for all Camp Winthers programs so the camp does not continue to run in a deficit. Ms. Creason declared the topic of a fee increase for Camp Winthers summer camp programs and fall weekend group usage 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 questions about the camp and the proposed fee increase, which Mr. Infelise addressed. Superintendent Bassanelli expressed her appreciation to Mr. Infelise for carrying on the Camp Winthers legacy. Action was scheduled for February 28.

Mid-Year Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Update (I-2)

Director of Continuous Improvement and LCAP Gianfranco Tornatore and Assistant Director of Assessment, Evaluation and Planning Christopher Smith gave a mid-year update on the LCAP. Dr. Tornatore spoke about the release of the California School Dashboard and differentiated assistance. Dr. Tornatore then gave an overview of the LCAP to provide historical background and context. Dr. Tornatore also gave an overview of how San Juan Unified is engaging its educational partners in the development of the LCAP. Mr. Smith discussed state and local metrics and presented the district's data on graduation, English language arts, mathematics, chronic absenteeism and suspensions. Dr. Tornatore provided mid-year information regarding LCAP metrics, actions and expenditures, and he explained how the district is using the data to get better at improving student outcomes using a continuous improvement process. Staff answered questions from the board. Mr. Miller asked clarifying questions regarding the data and action items. Ms. Kravchuk inquired about professional

development. Mr. Avey expressed his concerns about the data. Ms. Costa spoke about educational partnerships. Ms. Villescaz noted the continued disproportionality regarding suspensions and asked for explanation regarding the graduation rate and interventions.

Choices Charter School Mid-Year Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Update (I-3)

Director of Admissions and Family Services Brian Ginter introduced Choices Charter School Director Brent Givens who gave a mid-year update on the Choices Charter School LCAP, which included an overview of the LCAP, 2022-2023 mid-year data and a budget overview of funding sources. Mr. Givens also highlighted areas of success and growth for Choices Charter School. Ms. Kravchuk asked clarifying questions, which Mr. Givens addressed.

Resolution No. 4071: Notice of Intent to Convey Permanent Easement at Sunrise Technical Center (I-4)

Chief Operations Officer Frank Camarda presented the item. It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Ms. Villescaz, to adopt Resolution No. 4071, declaring the intent to convey a permanent easement at the Sunrise Technical Center to the Citrus Heights Water District and to call a public hearing to be held on February 28, 2023. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Creason, Costa, Miller, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk, Hernandez].

Recommendation for Reduction in Particular Kinds of Services (TK-12 Certificated) (I-5)

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Paul Oropallo explained a resolution is required by the California Education Code to provide advanced notice to TK-12 certificated employees by March 15 for reducing or discontinuing particular kinds of services (PKS). Mr. Oropallo further explained that an additional resolution establishes criteria to apply to break a tie seniority for certificated staff affected by program reductions and who have the same date of hire. Action was scheduled for February 28.

Recommendation for Reduction in Particular Kinds of Services (Early Childhood Education) (I-6)

Mr. Oropallo explained a resolution is required by the California Education Code to provide advanced notice to early childhood education certificated employees by March 15 for reducing or discontinuing particular kinds of services (PKS). Mr. Oropallo further explained that an additional resolution establishes criteria to apply to break a tie seniority for certificated staff affected by program reductions and who have the same date of hire. Action was scheduled for February 28.

Notice of Intent to Reduce Classified Positions (I-7)

Mr. Oropallo explained that a resolution is necessary to address the statutory process for reducing or eliminating certain classified positions, effective June 30, 2023, due to lack of work and/or lack of funds. Action was scheduled for February 28.

Board Reports (J)

Mr. Avey shared information from the recent Facilities Committee meeting that he attended.

Ms. Creason reported that she attended the Career Technical Education ribbon cutting ceremony at Rio Americano High School, and she visited Skycrest and Schweitzer elementary schools. Ms. Creason also noted that Senator Portantino recently introduced legislation regarding school funding.

Future Agenda (K)

Mr. Avey asked that the Facilities Committee explore public use of facilities during non-school hours.

Adjournment (L)

At 9:08 p.m., there being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned.



Zima Creason, Board President



Melissa Bassanelli, Secretary

Approved: 02/28/2023

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