



San Juan Unified School District

Board of Education

3738 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael, California 95608

**Board of Education Minutes
January 10, 2023**

Regular Meeting

Board of Education

5:30 p.m.

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

The January 10 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

Tanya Kravchuk, member

Saul Hernandez, member

Absent:

Paula Villescaz, 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 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 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. Costa, seconded by Mr. Avey, that the minutes of the December 13 regular meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED 6-0 [AYES: Creason, Costa, Miller, Avey, Kravchuk, Hernandez; NOES: None; ABSENT: Villescaz].

High School Student Council Reports (E-1)

High School Student Council representatives Tanner Schinderle and Lainey Szejda from Rio Americano High School and Drew Hansen and Zubin Tagore from San Juan High School updated the board on the goals, activities and achievements at their respective schools.

Staff Reports (E-2)

Chief Operations Officer Frank Camarda and Director of Maintenance and Operations Colin Bross recognized the efforts of various departments and agencies who provided support in order to prepare for the return to school from winter break after significant storms downed trees and caused damage at numerous school sites.

Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education and Programs Kristan Schnepf provided an update on the efforts that are underway to address concerns from Rio Americano High School parents regarding the math department.

Visitor Comments (F)

Michael Seaman made comments regarding the relocation of Katherine Johnson Middle School to Creekside.

Consent Calendar Approved (G-1/G-7)

It was moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, that the consent calendar items G-1 through G-7 be approved. MOTION CARRIED 6-0 [AYES: Creason, Costa, Miller, Avey, Kravchuk, Hernandez; NOES: None; ABSENT: Villescruz].

Personnel (G-1)

Appointments and separations – approved as submitted.

Purchasing Report (G-2)

Change orders, construction and public works bids and piggyback contracts – approved as submitted.

Business/Financial Report (G-3)

Warrants and payroll – approved as submitted.

Gifts (G-4)

Acceptance of gifts to El Camino Fundamental High School, Family and Community Engagement, McKinney-Vento Program, Mesa Verde High School and White House Counseling Center.

Resolution No. 4059: Emergency Contracting (G-5)

Adoption of Resolution No. 4059 authorizing emergency contracting.

Resolution No. 4060: Power to Contract (G-6)

Adoption of Resolution No. 4060 authorizing power to contract on behalf of San Juan Unified School District.

Resolution No. 4061: Delegating Signature Authorization (G-7)

Adoption of Resolution No. 4061 delegating signature authorization to the superintendent.

Universal Pre-Kindergarten Update (I-1)

Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education and Programs Amberlee Townsend-Snyder introduced the topic and provided background information regarding the implementation of Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK), including the five focus areas for planning. Director of Elementary/K-8 Cassandra Bennett Porter explained that the program will be implemented as a phased-in approach over five years, and she reviewed enrollment numbers, funding sources, community engagement and partnerships, workforce development and professional learning. Ms. Bennett Porter noted that, similar to other districts in the state, space constraints are a challenge, and she discussed next steps. Staff answered questions from the board. Mr. Avey inquired about community engagement, recruitment and open enrollment. Ms. Kravchuk made comments and asked questions about before school programs, professional learning opportunities, trauma-informed practices and identification of future classrooms. Ms. Costa made comments about staffing and curriculum. Mr. Miller asked clarifying questions about enrollment projections. Ms. Creason commended staff on the outreach efforts.

Safe Schools Program Overview (I-2)

Chief of Staff Trent Allen introduced the topic and provided historical background about the Safe Schools Program. Director of Safe Schools Michael Jones reviewed the organizational structure, the mission and vision statements and the objectives of the program. Mr. Jones discussed the safety assessments and vulnerability studies that are being conducted at school sites this year, noting that several common outcomes have been identified in regards to facility improvements and upgrades on campuses. Mr. Jones also spoke about partnerships with other district departments and law enforcement. Staff answered questions from the board. Mr. Hernandez inquired about zone assignments and the dress code for the community safety specialists. Mr. Avey made comments regarding campus security and asked about campus ingress and egress during non-

school hours. Ms. Kravchuk asked questions about the role of the Safe Routes to School specialist, response times, staff training and internal safety assessments. Mr. Miller inquired about facility improvements. Superintendent Bassanelli noted that \$10 million has already been designated for this purpose. Mr. Camarda shared information regarding door locks and cameras that are on campuses. Ms. Costa asked when elementary school safety assessments would be complete. Ms. Creason expressed support for more fencing on campuses, and she inquired about the staff training cycle and community partnerships. Superintendent Bassanelli expressed gratitude for the Safe Schools team.

Public Hearing: Conveyance of Permanent Easement on Hurley Way (I-3)

Chief Operations Officer Frank Camarda presented the item. Ms. Creason declared the topic of conveying a permanent easement on Hurley Way 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 Ms. Costa, to adopt Resolution No. 4054, conveying one permanent easement on Hurley Way to California American Water Company. MOTION CARRIED 6-0 [AYES: Creason, Costa, Miller, Avey, Kravchuk, Hernandez; NOES: None; ABSENT: Villescay].

Public Hearing: Conveyance of Permanent Easement at Northridge Elementary School (I-4)

Mr. Camarda presented the item. Ms. Creason declared the topic of conveying a permanent easement at Northridge Elementary School 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. Miller, seconded by Mr. Avey, to adopt Resolution No. 4056, conveying one permanent easement at Northridge Elementary School to the Fair Oaks Water District. MOTION CARRIED 6-0 [AYES: Creason, Costa, Miller, Avey, Kravchuk, Hernandez; NOES: None; ABSENT: Villescay].

Williams Complaint Report (I-5)

Mr. Allen presented the item explaining that the district must report on the status of Williams-type complaints filed with the district per Education Code section 35186(d), which requires each school district to publicly report, on a quarterly basis, summarized data on the nature and resolution of all Williams-type complaints. Mr. Allen stated that, during the time period from October through December 2022, there were no Williams-type complaints filed.

Annual Policy Review (I-6)

Mr. Allen explained that in accordance with Board Bylaw 9311 and with state and local law, the board is required to conduct an annual review of the following board policies (BPs): BP 3430 Investing and Debt Management; BP 5116.1 Intradistrict Open Enrollment; BP 6020 Parent Involvement; and BP 6145 Extracurricular/Cocurricular Activities. Mr. Allen noted that staff has reviewed the board policies and no revisions are recommended at this time. Mr. Avey made remarks about Board Policy 6020 Parent Involvement.

Board Reports (J)

Mr. Avey made comments about committee meeting notifications and trees on the Orangevale Open K-8 campus.

Future Agenda (K)

There were no items added to the future agenda.

Adjournment (L)

At 8:40 p.m., there being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned.



Zima Creason, Board President



Melissa Bassanelli, Secretary

Approved: 01/24/2023

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