



San Juan Unified School District

Board of Education

3738 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael, California 95608

**Board of Education Minutes
May 11, 2021**

Regular Meeting

Board of Education

5:15 p.m.

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

The May 11 regular meeting was called to order by the president, Paula Villescaz. The board met in person at the district office, safely physically distanced as aligned to state and local health guidelines. Public attendance was provided via the Zoom platform as well as a live stream on the district's YouTube channel.

Roll Call

Present:

Paula Villescaz, president

Michael McKibbin, Ed.D., vice president

Zima Creason, clerk

Pam Costa, member

Saul Hernandez, member

Visitor Comments: Closed Session (A-1)

Scott Rafferty made comments about the existing litigation related to the California Voting Rights Act.

Closed Session (B)

The meeting was then recessed, with the board convening in closed session to conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1). Name of Case: Magali Kincaid, Benito Juarez Neighborhood Association, Neighborhood Elections Now, Juan Yniguez, Carolina Flores, Damaris Canton v. San Juan Unified School District, Complaint for Violation of the California Voting Rights Act and in the Alternative, For Violation of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the California Constitution, Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 34-2020-00286475 and to discuss with negotiator Jim Shoemake, Assistant Superintendent, Schools and Labor Relations, 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 Paula Villescaz. Four members of the Casa Roble Fundamental High School Air Force Jr. ROTC virtually led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Ms. Villescaz explained the two methods (electronically or on Zoom) available to submit public comments for tonight's meeting.

Minutes Approved (D)

It was moved by Ms. Creason, seconded by Dr. McKibbin, that the minutes of the April 27 regular meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Recognition: Classified School Employee Week (E-1a)

It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Dr. McKibbin, to adopt Resolution No. A-405 proclaiming the week of May 16-22 as Classified School Employee Week. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

High School Student Council Reports (E-2)

High School Student Council representatives Kaylee Gibbs from Casa Roble Fundamental High School and Jose Farfan from San Juan High School updated the board on the goals, activities and achievements at their respective schools.

Board-appointed/District Committees (E-4)

Facilities Committee Chair Michael Tucker provided an update on the recent work of the committee.

Closed Session/Expulsion Actions (E-7)

There were no closed session actions to report.

Visitor Comments (F) [via Zoom]:

Kristen Miller shared information about the resources her organization can provide.

Ben Avey, speaking on behalf of the San Juan Parents Association, expressed support for neighborhood elections and a seven-member board.

Rob Hutchinson expressed his concerns about the facilities at Rio Americano High School.

Marina Gabel spoke about efforts that are underway to recall school board members.

Katie Reid spoke in support of neighborhood elections.

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

Ms. Villescaz pulled item G-12 on behalf of staff. It was moved by Dr. McKibbin, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, that the consent calendar items G-1 through G-11 be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Personnel (G-1)

Appointments, leaves of absence, separations, job description/salary range change and cabinet contracts/extension of contract – approved as submitted.

Purchasing Report (G-2)

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

Business/Financial Report (G-3)

Notices of completion – approved as submitted.

Gifts (G-4)

Acceptance of gifts to Charles Peck Elementary School and Dyer-Kelly Elementary 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.

2021 Career Technical Education Advisory Committee Roster (G-6)

Approval of the 2021 Career Technical Education Advisory Committee roster.

Resolution No. 3046: Super Co-Op Joint Powers Authority (G-7)

Adoption of Resolution No. 3046 approving the agreement to join the Super Co-Op Joint Powers Authority.

Head Start and Early Head Start Cost-Of-Living Adjustment (G-8)

Approval of the Head Start and Early Head Start Cost-Of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for 2021-2022.

Community Advisory Committee Membership (G-9)

Approval of one member to the Community Advisory Committee for Special Education.

Lease Amendments California Montessori Project (G-10)

Approval of the amendments to the lease agreements for California Montessori Project at the Coleman and Littlejohn campuses effective July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022.

Resolution No. 3049: Design-build contract amendment Mira Loma High School (G-11)

Adoption of Resolution No. 3049 approving the third amendment to the design-build contract for the Mira Loma High School new science wing project no. 205-9512-N1 between San Juan Unified School District and DPR Construction.

Consent Calendar Continued (H) (G-12 continued)**Resolution No. 3050: Lease amendment for Barrett Middle School (G-12)**

Adoption of Resolution No. 3050 approving the first 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.

Assistant Superintendent of Operations, Facilities and Transportation explained that the board cover sheet for this item reflects inaccurate information and that it would be corrected and brought back to the May 25 meeting.

Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan (I-1)

Deputy Superintendent of Schools and Student Support Melissa Bassanelli introduced the topic and provided background information about the plan, and she also explained the key terms and the requirements of the plan. Ms. Bassanelli discussed the stakeholder input that was gathered, which involved students, families, community members and staff/employee groups. Ms. Bassanelli explained in detail the seven supplemental and support strategies that were identified: extending instructional time, accelerating progress to close gaps, integrated supports to address other barriers, community learning hubs, supports for credit deficient students, additional academic services and training for school staff. Ms. Bassanelli also discussed local control by school sites, the link between the Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan and the Local Control and Accountability Plan, and the next steps in the process.

There being no public comment, board members made comments and posed questions, which staff answered. Ms. Costa shared that she was impressed with the magnitude of the plan, the stakeholder input that was incorporated throughout the plan, the multi-year approach which will allow for ongoing services for all students, both academically and social-emotionally, and the continuous improvement model approach that will provide a method for feedback. Ms. Creason made comments and asked clarifying questions related to student supports, tutoring, communication, an information hub, parent and student feedback and employee mental health supports. Dr. McKibbin commended the team on writing such a remarkable grant in a short period of time, noting that the amount of local control by school sites and the level of engagement with partners is outstanding, and he also posed clarifying questions. Ms. Villescaz stated that she was grateful for the level of detail that was developed in such a short period of time and that the local control will allow for flexibility at school sites, and she also made comments regarding the flex schedule, tutoring, staffing, summer school and supports for homeless students. Superintendent Kern noted that using these one-time funds for ongoing initiatives may prove challenging in the future once the resources are exhausted, but in this case, it is unavoidable due to the significant amount of funding that is available. Action was scheduled for May 25.

Naming the New Middle School at Encina (I-2)

Assistant Superintendent of Schools and Labor Relations Jim Shoemake presented the topic and explained the process that took place with stakeholders which led to the student body and staff recommending the name Katherine Johnson Middle School for the new separate middle school at Encina. Mr. Shoemake also stated that the recommendation was reviewed and endorsed by the district's Facilities Committee as well as the Superintendent's Cabinet. After board members asked questions and made comments, action was scheduled for May 25.

COVID-19 Update (I-3)

Superintendent Kern introduced Senior Director of Community Relations Trent Allen who provided an update on the latest conditions related to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impacts on the district, which included information on the shift in quarantine guidelines, vaccinations for students and an upcoming survey that will be sent to families regarding educational options for 2021-2022.

Public Comments [via Zoom]:

Ben Avey made comments about the return to full-time, in-person learning and the need to gather feedback from parents regarding distance learning.

Katie Reid commented on the return to full-time, in-person learning next fall.

After public comment, staff answered questions from the board regarding the upcoming survey and the planned vaccination clinic at Encina.

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

Assistant Superintendent of Operations, Facilities and Transportation Frank Camarda presented the topic. Ms. Villescaz declared the topic of conveying a permanent easement at Skycrest Elementary School to the Citrus Heights Water District a public hearing and invited the public to speak. There being no questions or comments from the public, Ms. Villescaz declared the public hearing closed. It was moved by Dr. McKibbin, seconded by Ms. Creason, to adopt Resolution No. 3041 conveying a permanent easement at Skycrest Elementary School to the Citrus Heights Water District. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Public Hearing: Conveyance of Easements at Deterding Elementary School (I-5)

Mr. Camarda presented the topic. Ms. Villescaz declared the topic of conveying three permanent easements at Deterding Elementary School to the Carmichael Water District a public hearing and invited the public to speak. There being no questions or comments from the public, Ms. Villescaz declared the public hearing closed. It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 3043 conveying three permanent easements at Deterding Elementary School to the Carmichael Water District. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Resolution No. 3048: Establishment of Fund 08, Student Activity Special Revenue Fund (I-6)

Director of Fiscal Services Fil Duldulao presented the topic and answered questions from the board. It was moved by Ms. Creason, seconded by Dr. McKibbin, to adopt Resolution No. 3048 establishing Fund 08, Student Activity Special Revenue Fund, to separately report the student body activities that do not meet the fiduciary activity criteria pursuant to Government Accounting Standards Board Statement 84. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

District's Initial Bargaining Proposal with San Juan Professional Educators Coalition Proposal for Successor Contract 2021-2022 (I-7)

Assistant Superintendent of Schools and Labor Relations Jim Shoemake presented the bargaining interests of the governing board for negotiations with the San Juan Professional Educators Coalition, pursuant to Government Code section 3540 et seq. and district board policy 4243.1. There being no questions from the board, action was scheduled for May 25.

District's Initial Bargaining Proposal with California School Employees Association Initial Proposal for Successor Contract 2021-2022 (I-8)

Mr. Shoemake presented the bargaining interests of the governing board for negotiations with the California School Employees Association, Chapter 127, pursuant to Government Code section 3540 et seq. and district board policy 4243.1. There being no questions from the board, action was scheduled for May 25.

Implementation of Agreements with SJTA, CSEA, SJPEC, Supervisors and Teamsters (I-9)

Mr. Shoemake presented the item. It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Mr. Hernandez to approve the implementation of agreements with SJTA, CSEA, SJPEC, Supervisors and Teamsters, which includes additional paid days during the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Implementation of Agreements with SJAA, Cabinet, Confidential, Unrepresented (I-10)

Mr. Shoemake presented the item. It was moved by Dr. McKibbin, seconded by Ms. Creason to approve the implementation of agreements with SJAA, Cabinet, Confidential and Unrepresented, which includes additional paid days during the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Board Reports (J)

Ms. Costa spoke about several events she attended including AVID graduation, Seal of Biliteracy and the Most Valuable Partners recognition, and she also acknowledged the two Rio Americano High School jazz band groups who were nationally recognized.

Ms. Creason reported that she attended AVID graduation, the Girls Youth Summit and the food distribution program at Starr King K-8.

Dr. McKibbin said that he visited three school sites, took part in meetings of the Local Control and Accountability Plan Parent Advisory Committee and the San Juan Education Foundation, and attended the Most Valuable Partners recognition.

Ms. Villescaz shared information about the recent events that she took part in including the San Juan student podcast, Administrator of the Year nominee celebration, the Girls Youth Summit, the Most Valuable Partners recognition, the Citrus Heights Education Committee meeting, Seal of Biliteracy and several school site visits.

Future Agenda (K)

There were no items added to the future agenda.

Visitor Comments (L)

Public Comment: [via electronic comment form, and read aloud by Senior Director of Community Relations Trent Allen]

Tiffany Gardette expressed the need for rapid tests for students in order to prevent the constant rotation of quarantine.

Adjournment (M)

At 9:09 p.m., there being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned.



Paula Villescaz, President



Kent Kern, Executive Secretary

Approved: 05/25/2021

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