



San Juan Unified School District

Board of Education

3738 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael, California 95608

**Board of Education Minutes
August 25, 2020**

Regular Meeting

Board of Education

5:45 p.m.

Call to Order (A)

The August 25 regular meeting was called to order by the president, Paula Villescaz.

Roll Call

Present (via Zoom from separate locations):

Paula Villescaz, president

Michael McKibbin, Ed.D., vice president

Zima Creason, clerk

Pam Costa, member

Saul Hernandez, member

Recess: Closed Session (B)

The meeting was immediately recessed, with the board convening in closed session to discuss one personnel matter – superintendent's goals 2020-2021 (Government Code section 54957).

Reconvene Open Session/Pledge of Allegiance (C)

In the interest of public health, in compliance with California Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-35-20, the California State Public Health Officer's order that included social-distancing guidelines and avoiding group gatherings, the order issued by the Sacramento County Health Officer, directing all individuals to stay at home or at their residence and prohibiting all non-essential gatherings of any number and all applicable provisions of federal and state law, the August 25 regular meeting was conducted telephonically via the Zoom video conferencing platform and also streamed to YouTube. At 6:30 p.m. the meeting was called back to order by the president, Paula Villescaz. 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. Costa, seconded by Dr. McKibbin, that the minutes of the August 11 regular meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Closed Session (E-5)

There were no closed session actions to report.

Visitor Comments (F)

via Zoom:

Lori Corder expressed her concerns regarding the Barrett Middle School modernization project.

Kathleen Allen spoke regarding the Barrett Middle School modernization project.

Consent Calendar Approved (G-1, G-3 through G-7)

Ms. Villescaz pulled item G-2 on behalf of staff.

It was moved by Dr. McKibbin, seconded by Ms. Creason, that the consent calendar item G-1 and items G-3 through G-7 be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Personnel (G-1)

Appointments, leaves of absence, separations and job description/salary range change — approved as submitted.

Business/Financial Report (G-3)

Notices of completion — approved as submitted.

Gifts (G-4)

Acceptance of gift to Encina Preparatory High 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.

Consolidated Application for Funding 2020-2021 (G-6)

Approval to submit the Consolidated Application for Funding 2020-2021 to the California Department of Education and State Board of Education.

LCAP PAC Membership (G-7)

Approval of four members to the Local Control and Accountability Plan Parent Advisory Committee (LCAP PAC).

Consent Calendar (G-2 Continued) (H)

Purchasing Report – purchase orders and service agreements, change orders and construction and public works bids (G-2)

Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Debra Calvin, Ed.D., removed the line item for Vista Child Therapy Center from the purchasing report due to the incorrect dollar amount. It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, that the consent calendar item G-2 be approved as amended. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

2020-2021 Start of School Update (I-1)

Superintendent Kern introduced the topic and explained that each division would share information about some of the start of school experiences that took place as schools begin the year with distance learning. Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Rick Messer spoke regarding high schools, Assistant Superintendent of Schools and Labor Relations Jim Shoemake spoke regarding middle schools, and Senior Director of Elementary and K-8 Amberlee Townsend-Snider spoke regarding elementary and K-8 schools, each sharing information and providing examples about many of the virtual welcoming and outreach activities that took place at schools to kick off the 2020-2021 school year. Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Debra Calvin, Ed.D., spoke about the activities that are taking place at special education centers and she also provided an update on the K-8 homeschool program.

Mr. Hernandez applauded the efforts of the schools, staff and students. Ms. Costa thanked the school staffs who have worked so hard to get the school year off to a great start, and she asked about technology for McKinney-Vento students and safety nets for those challenged by the upcoming Zoom authentication deadline. Dr. Calvin explained hotspots are available for homeless students and Mr. Messer, Mr. Shoemake and Ms. Townsend-Snider explained school sites are prepared to assist with any authentication challenges. Ms. Creason acknowledged the improvements with distance learning compared to last spring, noting that work continues in order to support the needs of special education students. Ms. Creason stated she was pleased that student technology needs are being met and inquired if personal care products that schools typically provide to families are available for distribution. Dr. Calvin said that support staff is helping connect homeless families with resources, and Superintendent Kern said staff would look into identifying gaps and possible supports. Dr. McKibbin inquired about the meal distribution numbers. Superintendent Kern explained that the number of meals served is lower across the entire Sacramento region and staff is contemplating other meal distribution methods. Ms. Villescaz noted that while things have not been perfect, she is proud of how the district has been able to quickly correct course to resolve issues. Superintendent Kern thanked the community for its patience and site leaders for their high level of commitment to helping identify and engage with students who had not yet connected with distance learning.

Equity Update: Part 1 (I-2)

Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Debra Calvin, Ed.D., Director of Equity and Student Achievement Diana Marshall and Coordinator of Equity and Student Achievement Lori Vine provided an update on the Department of Equity and Student Achievement's projects and services, including information about the journey that took place in the development of San Juan's 8 Point Commitment to Educational Justice and the actions planned for the 2020-2021 school year to support the work of equity throughout the district. Principal Greta Scholtes and teacher Amber Tretheway shared

details regarding the equity journey at Starr King K-8, providing examples and explaining that site work is being aligned with the district's 8 Point Commitment to Educational Justice.

Visitor Comment: [via Zoom]

JS inquired about the Teaching Tolerance curriculum.

After visitor comment, board members made comments and asked questions. Mr. Hernandez stated he is proud of the work that is taking place and feels the district has been ahead of the game regarding equity. Ms. Costa stated she is proud of the equity work over the past five years, noting that the work from last June until now has been extraordinary. Ms. Costa inquired if, and hopes that, every employee has had the opportunity to take part in the equity training so the whole system can flourish, which Ms. Marshall explained there are ongoing discussions with employee groups about the training. Ms. Creason stated that she was happy with the robust work that is taking place, that community partners were included in this work, which makes the work more genuine, and that the plan includes continuous dialogue. Ms. Creason also encouraged more communication so parents are aware of this work, which Ms. Marshall explained parent communication and social media posts will begin soon. Dr. McKibbin stated he was impressed with the listening and action sessions and the tough conversations that took place over the summer, and he spoke regarding the need for accountability, connections and indicators of success. Ms. Villescaz shared that she was glad that the equity work was not paused due to the coronavirus and thanked the team for keeping this topic in the forefront. Superintendent Kern thanked the board for continuing to make this work a priority.

Education Technology Joint Powers Authority (Ed Tech JPA) (I-3)

Senior Director of Technology Peter Skibitzki presented the item. Board members made comments and asked clarifying questions, which Mr. Skibitzki and Deputy Superintendent Kent Stephens answered. It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Ms. Costa, to adopt Resolution No. 3002 authorizing the San Juan Unified School District to join the Ed Tech JPA as a founding member. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Intent to Convey Easement at San Juan High School (I-4)

Assistant Superintendent of Operations, Facilities and Transportation Frank Camarda presented the item. Dr. McKibbin inquired about the purpose of the new wall, which Mr. Camarda explained is primarily for security purposes for the adjacent water district property. It was moved by Ms. Creason, seconded by Ms. Costa, to adopt Resolution No. 3006 declaring the intent to convey a permanent easement at San Juan High School to the Citrus Heights Water District and to call a public hearing to be held on September 8, 2020. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators (I-5)

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Paul Oropallo presented the topic. It was moved by Dr. McKibbin, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, to adopt the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for the 2020-2021 school year. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Exemption to the Separation-From-Service Requirement (I-6)

Mr. Oropallo presented the topic. It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Ms. Creason to adopt Resolution No. 3005 Exemption to the Separation-From-Service Requirement. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Presentation of the District's Proposal With California School Employees Association for Successor Contract 2020-2021 (I-7)

Assistant Superintendent of Schools and Labor Relations Jim 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. Public comment/action was scheduled for September 8.

Sacramento County Treasury Oversight Committee (I-8)

It was moved by Dr. McKibbin, seconded by Ms. Creason, to cast a vote for Mary Beth Barber for the school and community college district representative to the Sacramento County Treasury Oversight Committee. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Board Reports (J)

Ms. Creason stated she appreciates all the families who are reaching out to her and sharing their experiences with distance learning.

Dr. McKibbin provided an update on the work of the LCAP PAC, and he also stated that he attended a recent meeting of the Orangevale Community Council, where he shared information about the start of school.

Future Agenda (K)

No items were added to the future agenda.

Visitor Comments (L)

Visitor Comments: [via Zoom]

JS recommended more transparency in regards to board meeting documents.

Carol York supports creating more options for student meal pick up.

Adjournment (M)

At 8:37 p.m., there being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned.



Paula Villescaz, President



Kent Kern, Executive Secretary

Approved: 09/08/2020

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