



**San Juan Unified School District**

Board of Education

3738 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael, California 95608

**Board of Education Minutes  
April 23, 2024**

**Regular Meeting**

Board of Education

5:30 p.m.

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

The April 23 regular meeting was called to order by the president, Pam Costa. The board meeting was held in person and was also livestreamed on the district website.

**Roll Call**

Present:

Pam Costa, president

Saul Hernandez, vice president

Ben Avey, clerk

Paula Villescaz, member

Tanya Kravchuk, member

Zima Creason, member

Absent:

Manuel Perez, member

**Announcement of Closed Session Topics/Closed Session Visitor Comments (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 discuss collective bargaining matters – discussion 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, Pam Costa. Four members of the Del Campo 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. Villescaz, that the minutes of the April 9 regular meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [AYES: Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk, Creason; NOES: None; ABSENT: Perez].

**Recognition: California Day of the Teacher (E-1a)**

It was moved by Ms. Villescaz, seconded by Ms. Kravchuk, to adopt Resolution No. A-438 proclaiming May 8 as California Day of the Teacher. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [AYES: Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk, Creason; NOES: None; ABSENT: Perez].

**Recognition: National Nurses Week and National School Nurse Day (E-1b)**

It was moved by Ms. Creason, seconded by Ms. Kravchuk, to adopt Resolution No. A-439 proclaiming the week of May 6-12 as National Nurses Week and May 8 as National School Nurse Day. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [AYES: Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk, Creason; NOES: None; ABSENT: Perez].

**High School Student Council Reports (E-2)**

High School Student Council representatives Alain Rodriguez and Jason Perry from Encina Preparatory High School and Danica Piper from San Juan High School updated the board on the goals, activities and achievements at their respective schools.

**Board-Appointed/District Committees (E-4)**

Margaret Teichert, co-chair of the Curriculum, Standards, Instructional and Student Services (C&S) Committee, shared that the committee overwhelmingly decided to move the new high school courses board item forward to the board for consideration.

**Closed Session/Expulsion Actions (E-7)**

Mr. Avey reported that the board voted unanimously to accept a hearing panel's recommendation of one expulsion in case number M-26 and one suspended expulsion in case number M-30.

**Visitor Comments (F)**

Marsha Hesch expressed her concerns regarding the special education department.

Kirsten Fanning expressed her concerns regarding the special education department.

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

It was moved by Ms. Kravchuk, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, that the consent calendar items G-1 through G-8 be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [AYES: Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk, Creason; NOES: None; ABSENT: Perez].

**Personnel (G-1)**

Appointments, leaves of absence, separations and pre-retirement reduced workload – approved as submitted.

**Purchasing Report (G-2)**

Purchase orders and service agreements, change orders, construction and public works bids/contracts and zero dollar contract – approved as submitted.

**Gifts (G-3)**

Acceptance of gifts to Lichen K-8 School and Mesa Verde High School.

**Surplus Property Report (G-4)**

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

**Choices Charter School Salary Schedule Adjustment (G-5)**

Approval of the request from Choices Charter School to provide an on-going salary schedule adjustment of 10% effective July 1, 2023. (Discussed: 04/09/2024)

**Board Governance Handbook (G-6)**

Approval of the proposed updates to the Board Governance Handbook. (Discussed: 04/09/2024)

**High School Scholarship Awards (G-7)**

Approval of the 2024 Bella Vista High School scholarship awards

**Extension of Short-Term Nutrition Services Supervisor III Position (G-8)**

Approval to extend the short-term Nutrition Services Supervisor III position in Nutrition Services until 06/07/2024.

**San Juan Youth Voice Advocates (I-1)**

Associate Superintendent of Educational Services, Debra Calvin, Ed.D., introduced Student Support Services Special Programs and Grants Coordinator Christina Sparks and three Youth Voice Advocates – Bella Vista High School student

Evan Bui, Del Campo High School student Karin Nicholson and Mesa Verde High School student Andrey Ratz - who gave a presentation on the work of the San Juan Youth Voice Advocates student leadership program. Ms. Nicholson gave an overview of the program, noting its partnerships and the program's reach in the 2023-2024 school year. Mr. Ratz shared information about the districtwide themes that were identified and the qualitative data collected through the listening sessions. Mr. Bui outlined recommendations for actions based on the program's findings. Ms. Nicholson shared the pre/post-survey data from session participants. The three Youth Voice Advocates shared personal impact statements regarding their experiences in the program. Ms. Sparks explained next steps for the program. Board members made comments and posed questions, which the student advocates and Ms. Sparks addressed. Superintendent Bassanelli commended SJYVA for its work, and she thanked Innovation Bridge for its partnership.

### **2022-2023 Audit Report (I-2)**

Chief Financial Officer Joel Ryan introduced Crowe LLP Partner Jennifer Aras, who presented the 2022-2023 audit report as prepared by Crowe LLP, the district's independent auditor. Ms. Aras explained that all aspects of the financial statement audit were unmodified, or clean audit opinion, with one internal control finding related to financial reporting and two state compliance findings related to attendance reporting and independent study. Mr. Avey asked a clarifying question, which Ms. Aras addressed. Mr. Hernandez shared that the audit committee met earlier today and future plans to modify processes were discussed. It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Ms. Kravchuk, to accept the 2022-2023 audit report as prepared by the district's independent auditor, Crowe LLP. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [AYES: Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk, Creason; NOES: None: ABSENT: Perez].

### **New High School Courses (I-3)**

Interim Deputy Superintendent of Schools and Student Support Amy Slavensky, Ph.D., presented the topic and then introduced Director of Professional Learning and Innovation (PLI) Nicole Kukral. Ms. Kukral explained the new course request process and reviewed the list of new proposed high school courses for 2024-2025 which includes: Science: Advanced Placement (AP) Physics C: Mechanics; Math: Advanced Placement (AP) Pre-Calculus, Data Science; Art: Art and Ethnic Studies; and English: English 3: Ethnic Studies. Board members made comments and posed questions, which Ms. Kukral addressed. Action was scheduled for May 14.

### **Instructional Materials Adoptions (I-4)**

Dr. Slavensky presented the topic and then Ms. Kukral presented the five instructional materials recommendations for high school which includes: World Languages: IB Spanish I-II, Advanced Placement (AP) Spanish; Science: Advanced Placement (AP) Physics C: Mechanics; and History-Social Science: Psychology, Sociology. Ms. Kukral explained the small adoptions process and shared the details of the adoption selection process, including the selection criteria and stages of the process, noting the improved opportunities for feedback from staff, students and families. Ms. Kukral then shared information regarding the cost of the adoptions and professional learning opportunities for teachers and answered questions from the board. Action was scheduled for May 14.

### **Resolution No. 4127: Notice of Intent to Convey Easement at Katherine Johnson Middle School (I-5)**

Chief Operations Officer Frank Camarda presented the item. It was moved by Ms. Creason, seconded by Ms. Villescaz, to adopt Resolution No. 4127, declaring the intent to convey a permanent easement at Katherine Johnson Middle School to the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) and to call a public hearing to be held on May 14, 2024. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [AYES: Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk, Creason; NOES: None: ABSENT: Perez].

### **Presentation of the Teamsters Union Local No. 150 Initial Proposal for Successor Contract 2024-2027 (I-6)**

Executive Director of Labor Relations and Government Affairs Daniel Thigpen presented the item for discussion. There being no questions from the board, the item was scheduled for public comment on May 14.

### **Board Reports (J)**

Ms. Creason shared that she attended the Exhibition Night at Meraki High School, which showcased next-level student projects.

Mr. Avey reported that he, along with other board members, attended the You Light the Way Ceremony, which was an amazing event.

Ms. Kravchuk reported that she attended the You Light the Way Ceremony and the school bus driver appreciation brunch, and she invited the public to participate in a community meeting with her and Assemblymember Josh Hoover on Wednesday night.

Mr. Hernandez shared that he attended the school bus driver appreciation brunch, where a tour of the new electric school buses took place.

Ms. Costa shared that she toured a new electric school bus at the school bus driver appreciation brunch, and she attended the You Light the Way Ceremony and the Kids Art Festival.

**Future Agenda (K)**

There were no items added to the future agenda.

**Adjournment (L)**

At 8:20 p.m., there being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned.



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Pam Costa, Board President



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Melissa Bassanelli, Secretary

Approved: 05/14/2024

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