



San Juan Unified School District

Board of Education

3738 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael, California 95608

**Board of Education Minutes
March 28, 2023**

Regular Meeting

Board of Education

5:45 p.m.

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

The March 28 regular meeting was called to order by the vice president, Pam Costa. The board meeting was held in person and was also streamed to the district's YouTube channel.

Roll Call

Present:

Pam Costa, vice president

Ben Avey, member

Paula Villescaz, member

Tanya Kravchuk, member

Saul Hernandez, member

Absent:

Zima Creason, president

Vacant, clerk

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 vice president, Pam Costa. Four members of the Del Campo High School Air Force Jr. ROTC led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. On behalf of the board, Ms. Costa honored the memory of board member Steve Miller which was followed by a moment of silence.

Minutes Approved (D)

It was moved by Mr. Avey, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, that the minutes of the March 14 regular meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [AYES: Costa, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk, Hernandez; NOES: None; ABSENT: Creason].

High School Student Council Reports (E-1)

High School Student Council representatives Jordan Saltonstall and Isabella Villarreal from Mesa Verde High School and Josh Laeber and Jordan Bickell from Del Campo High School updated the board on the goals, activities and achievements at their respective schools.

Staff Reports (E-2)

Superintendent Bassanelli shared information regarding the vacancy in trustee area 7.

Closed Session/Expulsion Actions (E-6)

There were no closed session actions to report.

Visitor Comments (F)

There were no general visitor comments.

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

It was moved by Ms. Villescay, seconded by Ms. Kravchuk, that the consent calendar items G-1 through G-11 be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [AYES: Costa, Avey, Villescay, Kravchuk, Hernandez; NOES: None; ABSENT: Creason].

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, piggyback contracts and bids/RFPs – approved as submitted.

Business/Financial Report (G-3)

Notices of completion – approved as submitted.

Gifts (G-4)

Acceptance of gifts to Family and Community Engagement, Mesa Verde High School and San Juan 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.

Grant: Head Start and Early Head Start Grant 2023-2024 (G-6)

Approval to submit and implement, if funded, the following grant: Head Start and Early Head Start Grant 2023-2024.

Grant: Sacramento Perennial Plant Club's Saul Wiseman Grant for Cameron Ranch Elementary (G-7)

Approval to implement the following grant: Sacramento Perennial Plant Club's Saul Wiseman Grant for Cameron Ranch Elementary.

Grant: Tobacco Use Prevention Education Program 2023-2026 (G-8)

Approval to implement the following grant (if funded): Tobacco Use Prevention Education Program 2023-2026.

Audit Reports for Measures J, N, P and S (G-9)

Acceptance of the 2021-2022 audit reports for Measures J, N, P and S as prepared by Gilbert Associates Inc.

Resolution No. 4076: Coleman Elementary School Notice of Award Contract (G-10)

Adoption of Resolution No. 4076 awarding the lease-leaseback contract for the Coleman Elementary School awarding the lease-leaseback contract for Coleman Elementary School (California Montessori Project Charter School) modernization project no. 106-9495-P1 to Core Construction, pursuant to Education Code section 17406.

Bond Oversight Committee Membership (G-11)

Approval of two new members to the Bond Oversight Committee – Oleg Shishko (member of taxpayer association) and Sonja Lopez (San Juan Unified Parent-Teacher Association member).

District K-12 Mathematics Update (I-1)

Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education and Programs Kristan Schnepf introduced K-12 Mathematics Program Specialist Elizabeth Julienne who gave a presentation on the district's K-12 mathematics program. Ms. Julienne provided background information on K-12 mathematics in the district, and she discussed academic achievement and community and practitioner feedback. Ms. Julienne explained the actions that are taking place to support the acceleration of math learning in San Juan Unified at both the district and site levels including districtwide professional learning, support for intervention practices at sites and before and after school expanded learning opportunities to engage students in mathematical thinking.

Public Comment:

Sarah Britton made comments about using School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) funding for math initiatives.

Ms. Villescaz commented on instructional assistants and the NBA math hoops program, and she inquired about peer supports, which Ms. Schnepf described the peer tutoring that is taking place at Bella Vista and Rio Americano high schools. Mr. Avey spoke about the engagement that took place with Rio Americano High School parents, the US Math Recovery Council and the previous comments about the SPSAs. Ms. Kravchuk made comments about interventions, professional development opportunities and Building Thinking Classrooms. Ms. Kravchuk inquired about the i-Ready data, which Ms. Julianne answered. Ms. Costa asked if the summer math recovery program still had space available for teachers and how the information is disseminated, which Ms. Julianne addressed.

2023-2024 District Transportation Plan (I-2)

Chief Operations Officer Frank Camarda provided background information on the district's transportation program, and he presented the 2023-2024 District Transportation Plan for approval, as required per Education Code section 39800.1. Board members asked questions and made comments, which Mr. Camarda and Director of Transportation Robert Ozenberger addressed. It was moved by Ms. Villescaz, seconded by Mr. Avey, that the 2023-2024 District Transportation Plan be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [AYES: Costa, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk, Hernandez; NOES: None; ABSENT: Creason].

San Juan Teachers Association Initial Proposal for Contract Reopeners 2023-2024 (I-3)

Executive Director of Labor Relations and Government Affairs Daniel Thigpen presented the San Juan Teachers Association initial proposal for contract reopeners for 2023-2024 for discussion. There being no comments or questions from the board, public comment was scheduled for April 11.

Governance Handbook (I-4)

Mr. Allen presented the proposed revisions to the Governance Handbook, which includes the addition of the new San Juan Unified Rules of Order. Board members discussed two main topics – virtual public comment and voting after an absence. Mr. Avey expressed thanks for the San Juan Rules of Order and he expressed support for adding a section on virtual public comment in real time. Ms. Villescaz expressed her concerns about allowing virtual public comment, noting that written comments provide an option for the public to engage. Ms. Kravchuk encouraged exploring options about how technology can be incorporated into the board meeting. Mr. Hernandez said he prefers the current use of emails, phone calls and in-person comments, noting that since the students are attending school in-person then public comment should also be made in person. Ms. Villescaz said that she aligns with Mr. Hernandez, sharing that she is not in favor of adding a blanket virtual comment section. Ms. Costa said that she concurs with Mr. Hernandez, noting that the public has many avenues to contact board members and she has no interest in virtual public comment. Board members then discussed abstaining from voting on the minutes after a board member absence. Ms. Costa made comments about how a board member would know if the minutes are correct if they were absent. Mr. Hernandez agreed that even though it is customary practice for a board member to abstain from voting on the minutes after an absence, that board members should be given the option to vote as they want. Mr. Avey expressed support for retaining the right to vote no. Ms. Kravchuk said she is against giving direction on how to vote. Action was scheduled for April 11.

Curriculum, Standards, Instructional and Student Services and Facilities Committee Bylaw Revisions (I-5)

Chief of Staff Trent Allen presented the proposed revisions to the Curriculum, Standards, Instructional and Student Services Committee (C&S) and Facilities Committee bylaws, highlighted the sections and language that changed since the last discussion. Board members thanked Mr. Allen for incorporating their feedback into the document. It was moved by Mr. Avey, seconded by Ms. Kravchuk, that the proposed revisions to the Curriculum, Standards, Instructional and Student Services Committee and Facilities Committee bylaws be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [AYES: Costa, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk, Hernandez; NOES: None; ABSENT: Creason].

Board Reports (J)

Mr. Avey reported that he has visited several school sites, noting that he is now a member of the House of Tiyaga at Northridge Elementary School.

Mr. Hernandez shared that he had a great visit to Laurel Ruff Transition School as part of the Principal for a Day event.

Ms. Villescaz acknowledged that Assemblyman Josh Hoover named Tanya Kravchuk the 2023 Woman of the Year for Assembly District 7.

Ms. Kravchuk shared information about the recent Local Control and Accountability Plan Parent Advisory Committee (LCAP PAC) meeting that she attended.

Future Agenda (K)

Ms. Kravchuk requested an update on safety improvements at school sites, specifically fencing and door locks.

Adjournment (L)

At 8:19 p.m., there being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned in memory of Steve Miller.



Zima Creason, Board President



Melissa Bassanelli, Secretary

Approved: 04/11/2023

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