

San Juan Unified School District

Board of Education 3738 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael, California 95608

Board of Education Minutes September 14, 2021

Regular Meeting

Board of Education 5:45 p.m.

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

The September 14 regular meeting was called to order by the president, Paula Villescaz. The board meeting was held in person and also livestreamed 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)

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, Senior Director of 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, and four members of the Casa Roble Fundamental High School Air Force Junior ROTC led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. After the pledge, Ms. Villescaz explained the two methods (in person or electronically) available to submit public comment for tonight's meeting.

Minutes Approved (D)

It was moved by Ms. Creason, seconded by Dr. McKibbin, that the minutes of the August 24 regular meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED 4-0-1 [AYES: McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: Villescaz].

Recognition: 2022 Teachers of the Year (E-1)

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Paul Oropallo introduced Michael Lee and Michael Horner as the 2022 Teachers of the Year.

High School Student Council Reports (E-2)

High School Student Council representatives Ashlee Haro and Sarah Arata from Bella Vista High School updated the board on the goals, activities and achievements at their school.

Staff Reports (E-3)

Chief of Staff Trent Allen provided an update on the most recent California Department of Public Health (CDPH) guidance and the district's COVID-19 testing efforts. Mr. Allen answered questions from the board.

Superintendent Kern provided information on the status of the families who are still in Afghanistan.

Closed Session/Expulsion Actions (E-7)

There were no closed session actions to report.

Visitor Comments (F)

[in person]

Laura Lutz made comments about compliance with current healthcare mandates.

Roy Marks spoke regarding the need for a longer lunch break at Rio Americano and other high schools.

Dr. Karrin Vallin spoke in favor of easing guidelines for extracurricular activities.

Danielle Spitler spoke regarding the absence of school events and dances.

Grace Hombrado expressed support for having school dances.

Nicole Damoulos spoke about the importance of having social events at school.

Braden Chandler stated he disapproves of the decision to cancel the homecoming dance at El Camino Fundamental High School.

Katie Reid spoke about inconsistencies in the district's guidance.

Tyler Nguyen asked the board to reconsider allowing homecoming dances.

Marilyn Truex spoke about masks and the need for extracurricular events for students.

[via electronic comment form, and read aloud by Communication Director Raj Rai]

Shandra expressed concerns regarding health and safety at Casa Roble Fundamental High School.

Rachel commented about the lack of health and safety standards being followed at schools.

Diane Marquez commented about the mask mandate and social distancing not being enforced at schools.

Victoria expressed concerns about masks being worn improperly at schools.

Amber Busby inquired when Zoom would be available for participation during board meetings.

David Martasian asked that the mask mandate be enforced at board meetings as well as allowing virtual public comments.

Meredith Collins noted the third anniversary of the death of Deputy Mark Stasyuk, who was a San Juan High School graduate.

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

Ms. Creason pulled item G-8 and Ms. Villescaz pulled item G-9.

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

Personnel (G-1)

Appointments, leaves of absence and separations – approved as submitted.

Purchasing Report (G-2)

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

Business/Financial Report (G-3)

Notices of completion and warrants and payroll – approved as submitted.

Gifts (G-4)

Acceptance of gifts to Bella Vista High School, Family and Community Engagement and Lichen K-8.

Disposal of Surplus Property (G-5)

Approval to dispose of surplus property pursuant to board policy 3270 and Education Code sections 17545 and 17546.

Board Policy 6158 Independent Study (G-6)

Approval of proposed changes to Board Policy 6158 Independent Study (Discussed: 08/24/2021).

Resolution No. 3074: Gann Appropriation Limits (G-7)

Adoption of Resolution No. 3074 approving the Gann Appropriation Limits for 2020-2021 and 2021-2022.

Consent Calendar (continued) (H)

Resolution No. 3075: Associated Student Body Funds (G-8)

Adoption of Resolution No. 3075 regarding the Associated Student Body (ASB) funds for the Class of 2021 and Class of 2022.

Ms. Creason explained that she pulled the item in order to explore adding language regarding establishing a dollar cap on the expenditures. After board discussion, it was moved by Dr. McKibbin, seconded by Ms. Costa, that the consent calendar item G-8 be approved as modified, adopting Resolution No. 3075 with the following language added to the last paragraph of the resolution: "... that the San Juan Unified School District Board of Education hereby approve the use of district funds to support ASB activities during the 2021-22 school year and that the district will identify in the ESSER Plan, to be presented to the board at a future date, a specific amount to support student body funds." MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Certification of Absence: Paula Villescaz (G-9)

Approval to certify that the August 24, 2021, absence of board member Paula Villescaz occurred due to a hardship (family matter).

It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Dr. McKibbin, that the consent calendar item G-9 be approved. MOTION CARRIED 4-0-1 [AYES: McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: Villescaz].

Summer Learning (I-1)

Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education and Programs Amberlee Townsend-Snider and Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education and Programs Kristan Schnepp introduced the topic and provided an overview of the innovative programs and opportunities that occurred this summer for both student and adult learning. Director of Elementary and K-8 Schools Holly Cybulski spoke about the elementary summer programs; Director of College and Career Readiness Brett Wolfe spoke about middle school high interest school programs, high school credit recovery options and high school enrichment programs; Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Debra Calvin shared information about the K-1 Boost program, Camp Invention and Camp Kinder; Program Specialist Christina Burkhart spoke about the summer programs for English language learners; and Director of Professional Learning and Innovation Nicole Kukral spoke about the learning that took place for staff. After the presentation, board members thanked staff for the work during the summer and asked clarifying questions about lessons learned.

2020-2021 Unaudited Actuals and 2021-2022 Revised Budget (I-2)

Chief Financial Officer Jennifer Stahlheber presented the 2020-2021 unaudited actuals and 2021-2022 revised budget. Ms. Stahlheber reviewed the significant changes to the 2021-2022 budget since it was adopted last June, explaining that special education received additional funding and one-time federal stimulus funds were appropriated. Ms. Stahlheber explained next steps which includes continuing to monitor budgets, reviewing the details of future potential stimulus funds and revising budget assumptions to align with enrollment trends. Superintendent Kern noted the impact that reduced enrollment and student attendance may have on the budget. Ms. Villescaz expressed support for prioritizing the health and safety of students rather than attendance. It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Ms. Costa, to accept the unaudited actuals for 2020-2021 and approve the revisions to the 2021-2022 budget. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Public Hearing: Conveyance of Easement at Barrett Middle School (I-3)

Chief Operations Officer Frank Camarda presented the topic. Ms. Villescaz declared the topic of conveying one permanent easement at Barrett Middle 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 Dr. McKibbin, seconded by Ms. Costa, to adopt Resolution No. 3068 conveying one permanent easement at Barrett Middle School to the Carmichael Water District. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Public Hearing: Conveyance of Easement at Del Campo High School (I-4)

Chief Operations Officer Frank Camarda presented the topic. Ms. Villescaz declared the topic of conveying one permanent easement at Del Campo High 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 Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Ms. Creason, to adopt Resolution No. 3070 conveying one permanent easement at Del Campo High School to the Carmichael Water District. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Guest Teacher Salary Schedule (I-5)

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Paul Oropallo presented the topic, noting one amendment to the Regular Long Term/Teaching Permit for Statutory Leave rate which would be increased from \$200 to \$225 per full day. After Mr. Oropallo answered questions from the board, it was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Dr. McKibbin, to approve the proposed changes to the guest teacher salary schedule as amended. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Board Reports (J)

Mr. Hernandez reported that he attended a remembrance memorial program at Will Rogers Middle School in recognition of the 20th anniversary of 9/11.

Future Agenda (K)

There were no items added to the future agenda.

Visitor Comments (L)

There were no visitor comments.

Adjournment (M)

At 8:53 p.m., there being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned.

Paula Villescaz, President

Approved: 09/28/2021

Kent Kern, Executive Secretary

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