



**San Juan Unified School District**

Board of Education

3738 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael, California 95608

**Board of Education Minutes  
November 15, 2022**

**Regular Meeting**

Board of Education

4:00 p.m.

**Open Session/Call to Order/Workshop (A)**

The November 15 regular meeting was called to order by the president, Dr. Michael McKibbin. The board meeting was held in person and was also streamed to the district's YouTube channel.

**Roll Call**

Present:

Michael McKibbin, Ed.D., president

Zima Creason, vice president

Pam Costa, clerk

Saul Hernandez, member

Paula Villescaz, member

**Workshop: Certification of CEQA Environmental Impact Report, Adoption of Findings and MMRP, and Approval of the Katherine Johnson Middle School New Construction Lease/Leaseback Project (A-1)**

Chief Operations Officer Frank Camarda introduced the topic, explaining that the presentation would focus on three key areas: design, process and findings, and legal duties under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Mr. Camarda introduced Lionakis Principal Architect Laura Knauss, AECOM Associate Vice President Matthew Gerken, Remy Moose Manley LLP Managing Partner Sabrina Teller, SJUSD Director of Facilities, Construction & Modernization Nic Arps, and Kitchell Senior Project Manager Martha Estrada. Ms. Knauss reviewed the site plan. Mr. Gerken discussed CEQA, the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and the final EIR, which he said produced written comments from 11 agencies, organizations and individuals and includes two changes. Ms. Teller discussed the board's legal duties under CEQA.

**Public Comments:**

Cameron McLanahan expressed his concerns regarding traffic and the impact on his neighboring property.

William Dunphy made comments about the size of the campus, traffic and noise.

Amy Chaffin made comments regarding moving the campus and student safety.

Michael Seaman expressed his concerns regarding the project.

Juan Yniguez expressed his concerns regarding the project.

Tom Nelson spoke about the decision-making process of the project.

Board members made comments and posed questions, which staff addressed. Ms. Villescaz inquired about future opportunities for public input, the EIR process and middle school boundary changes. Mr. Hernandez expressed support for the project, citing a previous study which resulted in Encina middle school students wanting their own school, and he said the Facilities Committee has seen the plans for the new campus and also made some recommendations. Ms. Costa expressed

support for the project, noting that the students deserve their own school and the EIR addressed any questions. Ms. Costa also noted that she can sympathize with the concerns regarding the construction noise. Ms. Creason made comments about the separation of the 6-12 model at Encina, public access to the nature areas, input from the Facilities Committee, traffic and community outreach. Dr. McKibbin asked clarifying questions related to traffic flow, the parking lot queue, the safety of walking or biking to school and middle school boundaries. Deputy Superintendent Melissa Bassanelli noted that the district is mindful of the impact that construction can have on the community and it will work to mitigate any potential factors.

It was moved by Ms. Villescaz, seconded by Ms. Costa, to adopt Resolution No. 4047, certifying the final Environmental Impact Report, adopting CEQA Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations, adopting a Mitigated Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP), approving the Katherine Johnson Middle School New Construction Project #055-9512-P1, and directing that a Notice of Determination be filed for the Project. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez, Villescaz].

#### **Announcement of Closed Session Topics/Closed Session Visitor Comments (B)**

There were no closed session visitor comments.

#### **Closed Session (C)**

The workshop was recessed at 5:14 p.m. with the board convening in closed session at 5:30 p.m. to consider student expulsions in seven cases (Education Code section 48918[f]) and personnel matters – public employee appointment/employment – associate superintendent (Government Code section 54957).

#### **Reconvene Open Session/Pledge of Allegiance (D)**

At 6:30 p.m., the meeting was called back to order by the president, Dr. Michael McKibbin. Four members of the Casa Roble Fundamental High School Air Force Jr. ROTC led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Minutes Approved (E)**

It was moved by Ms. Creason, seconded by Ms. Costa, that the minutes of the October 25 regular meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED 4-0-1 [AYES: McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Villescaz; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: Hernandez].

#### **High School Student Council Reports (F-1)**

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

#### **Closed Session/Expulsion Actions (F-6)**

Ms. Costa reported that the board voted unanimously to accept as written three stipulated expulsions in case numbers M-5, S-11 and S-13; to accept a hearing panel's recommendation of two expulsions in case numbers S-4 and S-10; and to accept a hearing panel's recommendation of two suspended expulsions in case numbers S-8 and S-9. Ms. Costa also reported that the board voted unanimously to ratify the employment contract for Dr. Debra Calvin as Associate Superintendent, effective December 1, 2022.

#### **Visitor Comments (G)**

Thomas McKinnon shared information about an incident involving his son.

#### **Consent Calendar Approved (H-1/H-15)**

Mr. Hernandez pulled item H-16. It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Ms. Villescaz, that the consent calendar items H-1 through H-15 be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez, Villescaz].

#### **Personnel (H-1)**

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

#### **Purchasing Report (H-2)**

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

**Business/Financial Report (H-3)**

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

**Gifts (H-4)**

Acceptance of gifts to Family and Community Engagement, Laurel Ruff Transition School and Rio Americano High School.

**Disposal of Surplus Property (H-5)**

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

**Memorandum of Understanding for Students Attending Nonprofit Private Schools 2022-2025 (H-6)**

Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding for Students Attending Nonprofit Private Schools 2022-2025.

**Grant: K-12 Strong Workforce Program 2022-2023 (H-7)**

Approval to implement the following grant, if funded: K-12 Strong Workforce Program 2022-2023.

**Grant: Teacher Residency Implementation Grant 2022-2026 (H-8)**

Approval to implement the following grant, if funded: Teacher Residency Implementation Grant 2022-2026.

**Grant: Career Technical Education Incentive Grant 2022-2023 (H-9)**

Approval to implement the following grant, if funded: Career Technical Education Incentive Grant 2022-2023.

**Grant: Kaiser Permanente's Northern California Community Benefit Program Grant 2022-2023 (H-10)**

Approval to implement the following grant: Kaiser Permanente's Northern California Community Benefit Program Grant 2022 -2023.

**2022 High School Scholarship Award (H-11)**

Approval of the 2022 high school scholarship award for Rio Americano High School.

**Property Access License between San Juan Unified School District and the Carmichael Water District (H-12)**

Approval of the first amendment to the Property Access License between San Juan Unified School District and the Carmichael Water District.

**Resolution No. 4048: Katherine Johnson Middle School Lease Amendment No. 2 (H-13)**

Adoption of Resolution No. 4048, approving the second amendment to the lease agreement for the Katherine Johnson Middle School Project No. 055-9512-P1 between San Juan Unified School District and Flint Builders Inc.

**Resolution No. 4049: Rio Americano High School Facilities Lease Amendment No. 3 (H-14)**

Adoption of Resolution No. 4049 approving the third amendment to the facilities lease agreement for the Rio Americano High School CTE modernization project no. 208-9495-P1, Health Science project no. 208-9495-P2 and Manufacturing and Product Development project no. 208-9495-P3, between San Juan Unified School District and CORE Construction Inc. dba CORE Construction Management.

**Resolution No. 4050: Earl LeGette Elementary School Lease Amendment No. 4 (H-15)**

Adoption of Resolution No. 4050 approving the fourth amendment to the lease agreement for the Earl LeGette Elementary School modernization project no. 127-9495-P1 and new construction project no. 127-9512-P1 between San Juan Unified School District and Flint Builders Inc.

**Consent Calendar Continued (I)****Certification of Absence: Saul Hernandez (H-16)**

Certification that the October 25, 2022, absence of board member Saul Hernandez occurred due to hardship (family matter), pursuant to Education Code 35120(c) and Board Bylaw 9250.

It was moved by Ms. Villescaz, seconded by Ms. Creason, that the consent calendar item H-16 be approved. MOTION CARRIED 4-0-1 [AYES: McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Villescaz; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: Hernandez].

### **Family and Community Engagement Update (J-1)**

Director of Family and Community Engagement and Partnerships Amy Rovai Gregory gave a presentation on the activities and actions of the district's Family and Community Engagement (FACE) department. Ms. Rovai Gregory discussed the role of FACE staff and the new FACE mobile, which provides families with access to supplies, resources and knowledge. Supervisor of Community Partnerships and Volunteers Natalia Aguirre-Mazzi shared information about expanding access to volunteer opportunities, the partnership with San Juan Education Foundation (SJEF) and the new community partnerships to engage families and schools. Ms. Rovai Gregory spoke about the efforts related to welcoming newly enrolled San Juan families, family engagement boot camp for staff, expansion of the family workshops and leadership opportunities, community schools grant supports, and the Lending Library of Fun. Board members commended the department and expressed appreciation for its efforts.

### **Amending District Graduation Requirements for the Class of 2023 (J-2)**

Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education and Programs Kristan Schnepf explained that the recommendation to amend the graduation requirements for the Class of 2023 would include the state minimum of 130 credits with a fourth year of English as an additional requirement. It was moved by Ms. Villescaz, seconded by Ms. Costa, that the amendments to the district graduation requirements for the Class of 2023 be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez, Villescaz].

### **Proposed Revisions to Board Policy 6146.1 High School Graduation Requirements (J-3)**

Ms. Schnepf explained that the proposed revisions to Board Policy 6146.1 High School Graduation Requirements cleans up previous language, reflects the newly proposed graduation requirements and eliminates the additional graduation requirements for Casa Roble Fundamental High School.

#### Public Comment:

Nancy and Kevin Jaeger expressed support for amending the graduation requirements for the Class of 2024.

Ms. Schnepf explained that high school counselors are monitoring junior students to determine the best plan moving forward for the Class of 2024. Ms. Bassanelli said that a minimum of three years of impact from the pandemic is expected and data will be analyzed on an ongoing basis. Ms. Schnepf said principals are conducting listening sessions with students to identify their areas of struggle.

It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Ms. Creason, that the proposed revisions to Board Policy 6146.1 High School Graduation Requirements be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez, Villescaz].

### **Public Hearing: Conveyance of Permanent Easement at Earl LeGette Elementary School (J-4)**

Chief Operations Officer Frank Camarda presented the item. Dr. McKibbin declared the topic of conveying a permanent easement at Earl LeGette Elementary School a public hearing and invited the public to speak. There being no questions or comments from the public, Dr. McKibbin declared the public hearing closed. It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Ms. Villescaz, to adopt Resolution No. 4043, conveying one permanent easement at Earl LeGette Elementary School to the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez, Villescaz].

### **Exemption to the Separation-From-Service Requirement (J-5)**

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Paul Oropallo presented the item. It was moved by Ms. Creason, seconded by Ms. Costa, to adopt Resolution No. 4046 Exemption to the Separation-From-Service Requirement pursuant to Education Code 24214.5 or 26812. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez, Villescaz].

### **Set Annual Organizational Meeting (J-6)**

It was moved by Ms. Creason, seconded by Ms. Costa, to set Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at 6:30 p.m., as the date and time for the annual organizational meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez Villescaz].

### **Board Reports (K)**

Ms. Villescaz acknowledged the passing of former Mira Loma High School teacher Paul Thompson and asked that the meeting be adjourned in his honor.

### **Future Agenda (L)**

There were no items added to the future agenda.

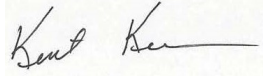
**Adjournment (M)**

At 7:48 p.m., there being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned.



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Board President



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Kent Kern, Secretary

Approved: 12/13/2022

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