



San Juan Unified School District

Board of Education

3738 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael, California 95608

**Board of Education Minutes
August 24, 2021**

Regular Meeting

Board of Education

5:30 p.m.

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

The August 24 regular meeting was called to order by the vice president, Michael McKibbin. The board meeting was held in person and also livestreamed on the district's YouTube channel.

Roll Call

Present:

Michael McKibbin, Ed.D., vice president

Zima Creason, clerk

Pam Costa, member

Saul Hernandez, member

Absent:

Paula Villescaz, president

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) and to discuss one personnel matter (Government Code section 54957) – superintendent's goals for 2021-2022.

Reconvene Open Session/Pledge of Allegiance (C)

At 6:30 p.m. the meeting was called back to order by the vice president Michael McKibbin. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Dr. McKibbin 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 Mr. Hernandez, that the minutes of the August 10 regular meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED 4-0 [AYES: McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez; NOES: None; ABSENT: Villescaz].

Staff Reports (E-1)

Superintendent Kern provided an update on enrollment and staffing numbers and he also reported on the recent State of California vaccine mandate for school employees.

Chief of Staff Trent Allen shared information regarding the district's COVID-19 testing efforts and quarantining processes.

Closed Session/Expulsion Actions (E-5)

There were no closed session actions to report.

Visitor Comments (F)

[in person]

Maria Grijalva, on behalf of the Benito Juarez Association, spoke about the recent court ruling related to the California Voting Rights Act.

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

Cynthia Silva commented on masks and social distancing.

Vanessa, a student, made comments about safety during COVID.

Patricia Haring shared her thoughts about cleaning, social distancing and masking.

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

It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Ms. Creason, that the consent calendar items G-1 through G-7 be approved. MOTION CARRIED 4-0 [AYES: McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez; NOES: None; ABSENT: Villescaz].

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 and zero-dollar contract – approved as submitted.

Business/Financial Report (G-3)

Notices of completion, quarterly investment report and warrants and payroll – approved as submitted.

Gifts (G-4)

Acceptance of gifts to Camp Winthers, Family and Community Engagement and Thomas Kelly Elementary 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.

Board Bylaw 9270 Conflict of Interest Code (G-6)

Approval of proposed changes to Board Bylaw 9270 Conflict of Interest Code, its accompanying Exhibit 9270, and the sunset of Board Policy 2300 Conflict of Interest Code (Discussed: 08/10/2021).

2021-2022 Consolidated Application for Funding (G-7)

Approval to submit the 2021-2022 Consolidated Application for Funding to the California Department of Education and State Board of Education.

Building Upon Last Year's Learning/Chasing the Possibilities (I-1)

Deputy Superintendent of Schools and Student Support Melissa Bassanelli introduced the topic and shared that school sites have more resources available to them than ever before for the purpose of providing supplemental and support strategies for students. Ms. Bassanelli explained the July 30 site leadership meeting focused on shifting the narrative from one of learning loss, to one of valuing and building upon the learning that occurred last year within families, communities and classrooms so that instruction is strengths-based, differentiated and culturally responsive. Ms. Bassanelli also shared information about student stakeholder voice from the San Juan Youth Voice Advocates student panel discussion and an article by Zaretta Hammond regarding equity and access. After the presentation, board members made comments and posed questions, which Ms. Bassanelli and Superintendent Kern answered.

2021-2022 Start of School (I-2)

Deputy Superintendent of Schools and Student Support Melissa Bassanelli introduced Director of Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Amy Rovai Gregory who shared information about several family engagement events that took place with numerous community partners including the Underground Clothing Connection at Sunrise Mall which is run by the Citrus Heights Homeless Assistance Resource Team, Project Optimism's Family Park Day, a food distribution and resource fair to support the Afghan community at Encina Preparatory High School, and a weekly virtual family power hour to help answer questions that families might have about the start of the school year.

Public Comments:

[via electronic comment form, and read aloud by Ms. Rai]

Breanna, a student, expressed safety concerns about COVID.

Anonymous made comments about the lack of COVID-19 testing options.

Anonymous encouraged parents to pre-screen students before sending them to school.

After public comment, Vice President McKibbin invited board members to speak. Mr. Hernandez said he was overwhelmed by the support of our community partners. Ms. Costa thanked the community partners and she also thanked staff for going above and beyond to make this a successful school opening. Ms. Creason asked about the weekly virtual family power hour, which Ms. Rovai Gregory elaborated on. Ms. Creason also inquired how families should express their COVID safety concerns, which Superintendent Kern encouraged families to share their concerns directly with their school site. Superintendent Kern thanked the FACE team for its work. Dr. McKibbin expressed appreciation for all the community partnerships.

Revisions to Board Policy 6158 Independent Study (I-3)

Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education and Programs Amberlee Townsend-Snider presented the topic and Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education and Programs Kristan Schnepf outlined the specifics of the proposed revisions to Board Policy 6158 Independent Study. After staff answered questions from the board, action was scheduled for September 14.

Public Hearing: Resolution No. 3073 Temporary Interfund Borrowing of Cash (I-4)

Chief Financial Officer Jennifer Stahlheber presented the topic. Dr. McKibbin declared the topic of temporary interfund borrowing of cash 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 Mr. Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 3073 to permit temporary interfund borrowing of cash. MOTION CARRIED 4-0 [AYES: McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez; NOES: None; ABSENT: Villescaz].

Board Reports (J)

Mr. Hernandez shared information about his positive experiences on the first day of school at an elementary school and high school.

Dr. McKibbin reported on the recent Local Control and Accountability Plan Parent Advisory Committee meeting and he also shared that he attended a Casa Roble Fundamental High School football game.

Future Agenda (K)

There were no items added to the future agenda.

Visitor Comments (L)

There were no visitor comments.

Adjournment (M)

At 7:47 p.m., there being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned.



Paula Villescaz, President



Kent Kern, Executive Secretary

Approved: 09/14/2021

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