



San Juan Unified School District

Board of Education

3738 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael, California 95608

**Board of Education Minutes
July 13, 2021**

Special Meeting

Board of Education

5:30 p.m.

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

The July 13 special 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 (via teleconference)

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 conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1) – two cases – Name of Case: Magali Kincaid, Benito Juarez Neighborhood Association, Neighborhood Elections Now, Juan Yniguez, Carolina Flores, Damaris Canton v. San Juan Unified School District, Complaint for Violation of the California Voting Rights Act and in the Alternative, For Violation of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the California Constitution, Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 34-2020-00286475 and Name of Case: Carolina Flores, Neighborhood Elections Now, Petitioners, vs. San Juan Unified School District, Paula Villescaz, in her official capacity of Board President, Respondents, Verified Petition for Writ of Mandate Pursuant to the First Amendment, the California Constitution, California Public Records Act, and the Ralph M. Brown Act; and Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief, Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 34-2021-80003644-CU-WM-GDS.

Reconvene Open Session/Pledge of Allegiance (C)

At 6:30 p.m. the meeting was called back to order by the president Paula Villescaz. After the Pledge of Allegiance, 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 Dr. McKibbin, seconded by Ms. Creason, that the minutes of the July 1 special meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [AYES: Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None].

Closed Session/Expulsion Actions (E-1)

There were no closed session actions to report.

Consent Calendar Approved (F-1)

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

Purchasing Report (F-1)

General contract and other – approved as submitted.

California Voting Rights Act Public Hearing: Map Review Public Hearing No. 1 (H-1)

General Counsel Linda Simlick presented the item and introduced demographer Larry Ferchaw from Cooperative Strategies who gave a presentation about the proposed maps for potential composition of trustee areas. Mr. Ferchaw provided detailed information on each of the eight map options (four maps for the five trustee area scenarios and four maps for the seven trustee area scenarios), he reviewed the demographics for each scenario and he discussed the timeline and next steps. After the presentation, Ms. Villescaz invited board members to speak.

Mr. Hernandez inquired about all of Citrus Heights being its own area under the five trustee area scenarios, which Mr. Ferchaw explained that the population would be too large and therefore out of compliance with the equal population rule. Ms. Costa shared that she was pleased with the wide variety of options, that Citrus Heights and Arden-Arcade each have a trustee area and that at least one high school is in each trustee area. Ms. Creason inquired about protected classes, which Mr. Ferchaw answered. Dr. McKibbin posed questions about several of the map scenarios, which Mr. Ferchaw clarified. Ms. Villescaz asked questions related to majority/minority representation, CVAP versus population numbers and census data, which Mr. Ferchaw addressed.

After board comment, Ms. Villescaz declared the topic of the proposed maps for potential composition of trustee areas a public hearing and invited the public to speak.

Public Comments:

[in person]

Juan Yniguez commented on statements that board members and supporters made at the last board meeting.

Amy Kassouni expressed support for seven board members, noting that other groups also support the change.

Michelle Wright stated she supports a seven-member map with Citrus Heights and Arden-Arcade as their own areas.

Michael Seaman shared that he prefers seven board members with representation for Citrus Heights and West Arden-Arcade.

Kevin Fernandez stated he supports the map titled: scenario 4 – seven trustee areas.

Carolina Flores read a prepared statement on behalf of Scott Rafferty.

Magali Kincaid expressed support for the map titled: scenario 4 – seven trustee areas.

David Hawkins shared data regarding the number of registered voters.

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

Lisa Pelletier expressed support for the map titled: scenario 3 – seven trustee areas.

Hilary Auer expressed support for the map titled: scenario 3 – seven trustee areas.

Jessica Herron expressed support for the map titled: scenario 3 – seven trustee areas.

Anonymous wrote about having more representation on the board.

Kevin Pelletier supports having a seven-member board.

Debra Phares would like Citrus Heights represented on the board.

Sarah Kemp supports having a seven-member board.

Angelina Woodberry expressed support for the map titled: scenario 1 – seven trustee areas.

Ashley Doyle expressed support for the map titled: scenario 3 – seven trustee areas.

James Doyle expressed support for the map titled: scenario 3 – seven trustee areas.

Renee Reich supports having a seven-member board.

Raquel Leuze expressed support for the map titled: scenario 3 – seven trustee areas.

Amber Busby expressed support for the scenario 3 map.

Caryl Myers supports by-district elections.

Christine Bailey supports having a seven-member board.

Laura Kim expressed support for the map titled: scenario 3 – seven trustee areas.

Chelsea McKiernan supports having a seven-member board.

Yanna Ren expressed support for the map titled: scenario 1 – seven trustee areas.

Kelly Connor expressed support for the map titled: scenario 3 – seven trustee areas.

Lisa Howard supports by-district elections.

Angela Snell supports having a seven-member board.

Erica Kantar expressed support for the map titled: scenario 3 – seven trustee areas.

Taja Ferrarini supports having a seven-member board.

Mark Bennett expressed support for the map titled: scenario 3 – seven trustee areas.

William Becker offered suggestions to fix the map titled: scenario 4 – seven trustee areas.

Padres Organized Community wrote about underrepresentation.

Josie Morales offered suggestions to fix the map titled: scenario 4 – seven trustee areas.

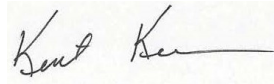
There being no further comments from the public, Ms. Villescaz declared the public hearing closed and invited board members to speak. Board members thanked the community for its input, encouraged attendance at the upcoming community input meetings and reviewed next steps in the process.

Adjournment (I)

At 7:54 p.m., there being no further business, the special meeting was adjourned.



Paula Villescaz, President



Kent Kern, Executive Secretary

Approved: 07/27/2021

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