



San Juan Unified School District

Board of Education

3738 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael, California 95608

**Board of Education Minutes
April 27, 2021**

Regular Meeting

Board of Education

5:15 p.m.

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

The April 27 regular meeting was called to order by the president, Paula Villescaz. The board met in person at the district office, safely physically distanced as aligned to state and local health guidelines. Public attendance was provided via the Zoom platform as well as a live stream 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) [via Zoom]

Scott Rafferty made comments about the 2020 Census results and neighborhood elections.

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). 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 to discuss with negotiator Jim Shoemake, Assistant Superintendent, Schools and 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. Four members of the Del Campo High School Air Force Jr. ROTC virtually led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Ms. Villescaz explained the two methods (electronically or on Zoom) available to submit public comments for tonight's meeting.

Minutes Approved (D)

It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Dr. McKibbin, that the minutes of the April 13 regular meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Recognition: California Day of the Teacher (E-1a)

It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Ms. Creason, to adopt Resolution No. A-403 proclaiming May 12 as California Day of the Teacher. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Recognition: National Nurses Week and National School Nurse Day (E-1b)

It was moved by Dr. McKibbin, seconded by Ms. Costa, to adopt Resolution No. A-404 proclaiming May 6-12 as National Nurses Week and May 12 as National School Nurse Day. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

High School Student Council Reports (E-2)

High School Student Council representatives Mia Hansen from Bella Vista High School and Tessa Loofbourrow from Rio Americano High School updated the board on the goals, activities and achievements at their respective schools.

Board-appointed/District Committees (E-3)

Chair of the Local Control and Accountability Plan Parent Advisory Committee Tom Nelson and Student Chairperson Kenan Cackovic updated the board on the recent work of the committee.

Closed Session/Expulsion Actions (E-7)

There were no closed session actions to report.

Visitor Comments (F) *[via Zoom]*

Ben Avey shared information about a parent-led organization called the San Juan Parents Association.

Bill Seldon spoke about the district's use of pesticides.

Marina Gabel spoke about efforts that are underway to recall school board members.

Scott Rafferty made comments about neighborhood elections, increasing the size of the board and the Public Records Act.

Katie Reid expressed support for parent participation at the district level.

Rob Hutchinson expressed his concerns regarding facilities and personnel matters.

Consent Calendar Approved (G-1/G-8)

Staff requested to pull item G-2 Purchasing Report. It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Ms. Creason, that the consent calendar items G-1 and G-3 through G-8 be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Personnel (G-1)

Appointments, leaves of absence, separations, errata and job description/salary range change – 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 Equity and Student Achievement, Family and Community Engagement, Greer Elementary School, Howe Avenue Elementary School, McKinney-Vento and Rio Americano 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.

Lease Amendments: Aim Higher Inc. and United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Sacramento (G-6)

Approval of the fourth lease amendment for Aim Higher Inc. and the third lease amendment for the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Sacramento at Orange Grove for 2021-2022.

Lease Amendment: Gateway Community Charter Schools (G-7)

Approval of the second lease amendment for the Gateway Community Charter Schools at Winterstein for 2021-2022.

Resolution No. 3047: Design-Build Contract Amendment for Del Paso Manor Elementary School Full Site Renovation Project (G-8)

Adoption of Resolution No. 3047 approving the fourth amendment to the design-build agreement for the Del Paso Manor Elementary School full site renovation project.

Consent Calendar Continued (G-2 continued) (H)

Purchasing Report - purchase orders and service agreements, change orders, construction and public works bids and piggyback contracts (G-2)

After bid numbers 21-116 and 21-117 were removed from the purchasing report by Assistant Superintendent of Operations, Facilities and Transportation Frank Camarda, it was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Dr. McKibbin, that item G-2 be approved as amended. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Encina Middle School Development Update (I-1)

Assistant Superintendent of Schools and Labor Relations Jim Shoemake provided background information and introduced staff who provided an update on the progress of developing the new Encina Middle School. Program Specialist Nina Mancina spoke about the key stakeholder engagement that has taken place with the Encina community, which included staff, students and community members. Encina Middle School Principal Shana Henry shared details about the collective work of the middle school design team, which includes structural, instructional and student/community components. Dr. Henry also discussed staffing, the naming process and the opening plans that are underway for the 2021-2022 school year. Mr. Shoemake talked about the school facility utilization plans for the 2021-2022 school year. Superintendent Kern shared some highlights about the high school program at Encina.

Public Comment: [via Zoom]

Ana Quinonez stated she is proud of the work that is taking place at Encina.

After public comment, board members made comments and staff answered questions from the board. Mr. Hernandez asked clarifying questions about the student house system and staffing changes. Ms. Costa acknowledged the difficulty that can come with change and inquired about the supports that are in place, and she also inquired about the facility component. Ms. Creason asked about the naming process, noted the success of the community outreach process and posed questions about the future plans for the facility. Superintendent Kern commented that the future vision for the high school would help drive the needs of the facility. Dr. McKibbin inquired about preserving the positive connections between the high school and middle school levels, as well as the successful programs that are currently in place, and he also asked about community outreach related to enrollment. Ms. Villescaz inquired about the equitable grading process and the role of classified staff, and she expressed hope that the high school and middle school programs will complement each other.

COVID-19 Update (I-2)

Superintendent Kern provided an update on the latest conditions related to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impacts on the district, which included information on the recent move to four days per week of in-person learning, the plan to return to pre-COVID conditions next school year and exploring options for those who wish to remain in distance learning in the fall.

Public Comment: [via Zoom]

Ben Avey encouraged the district's community engagement team to conduct outreach to parents who wish to remain in cohort C (distance learning).

After public comment, board members made comments and staff answered questions from the board. Ms. Costa thanked the facilities team for procuring and assembling so many individual student desks in a short period of time, and she thanked school site staff for once again reworking their plans. Ms. Creason recognized parents for working so hard to get their students to school, and she stated she supports students being on campus for more time in the fall. Ms. Villescaz spoke about her recent visit to an elementary school, and she posed questions about athletics. Mr. Hernandez inquired about the two-sport rule. Dr. McKibbin asked about a systematic plan to vaccinate students, which Ms. Villescaz elaborated on.

San Juan Professional Educators Coalition Initial Proposal for Successor Contract 2021-2022 (I-3)

Assistant Superintendent of Schools and Labor Relations Jim Shoemake presented the bargaining interests of the San Juan Professional Educators Coalition for public comment. Ms. Villescaz stated there were no requests for public comment. The district's proposal will be presented on May 11.

California School Employees Association Initial Proposal for Successor Contract 2021-2022 (I-4)

Mr. Shoemake presented the bargaining interests of the California School Employees Association, Chapter #127, for public comment. Ms. Villescaz stated there were no requests for public comment. The district's proposal will be presented on May 11.

Implementation of Agreements with SJTA, CSEA, SJPEC, Supervisors and Teamsters (I-5)

Mr. Shoemake presented the item for discussion, which includes additional paid days during the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

Public Comment: [via electronic comment form, and read aloud by Senior Director of Community Relations Trent Allen]
Anonymous requested that the side letter of agreement be amended to include practitioners who teach combination and multi-age classes.

After public comment, there being no questions or comments from the board, action was scheduled for May 11.

Implementation of Agreements with SJAA, Cabinet, Confidential, Unrepresented (I-6)

Mr. Shoemake presented the item for discussion, which includes additional paid days during the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. There being no questions or comments from the board, action was scheduled for May 11.

Variable Term Waiver (I-7)

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Paul Oropallo presented the item. It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Dr. McKibbin, to approve the submission of one Variable Term Waiver to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Board Reports (J)

Mr. Hernandez shared that he was impressed with the elementary and high school sites that he visited earlier this week.

Ms. Costa reported that she and Dr. McKibbin took part in the Region 6 California Schools Boards Association meeting, and she also attended a Zoom preschool class, the Spirit of San Juan ceremony and both of the Superintendent's Parent Advisory Committee meetings. Ms. Costa also acknowledged the passing of former music teacher Trent Teague.

Dr. McKibbin noted that he attended the Superintendent's Parent Advisory Committee meetings, which generated thoughtful ideas from parents; that he reviewed Rotary scholarship applications submitted by Casa Roble Fundamental High School and Bella Vista High School students, which were impressive; and he thanked the community partners for hosting the middle school and high school social justice forums.

Superintendent Kern provided an update on the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council scholarship fund.

Ms. Villescaz thanked the Spirit of San Juan team, nominees and awardees. Ms. Villescaz reported that she attended the California Association of Suburban School Districts meeting along with Superintendent Kern, one of the Superintendent's Parent Advisory Committee meetings and the San Juan Youth Voice Advocates celebration. Ms. Villescaz also praised the USDA's recent expansion of the school meals program through 2021-2022 and she announced that she has accepted a new job.

Future Agenda (K)

There were no items added to the future agenda.

Visitor Comments (L)


There were no visitor comments.

Adjournment (M)

At 8:35 p.m., there being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned.



Paula Villescaz, President



Kent Kern, Executive Secretary

Approved: 05/11/2021

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