



San Juan Unified School District

Board of Education

3738 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael, California 95608

**Board of Education Minutes
April 25, 2023**

Regular Meeting

Board of Education

5:30 p.m.

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

The April 25 regular meeting was called to order by the president, Zima Creason. The board meeting was held in person and was also streamed to the district's YouTube channel.

Roll Call

Present:

Zima Creason, president

Pam Costa, vice president

Saul Hernandez, clerk

Paula Villescaz, member

Tanya Kravchuk, member

Absent:

Ben Avey, member

Vacant:

Trustee area 7, 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 consider student expulsions in two cases (Education Code section 48918[f]) and to discuss with negotiator Daniel Thigpen, Executive Director, Labor Relations and Government Affairs, 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, Zima Creason. Two members of the Del Campo High School Air Force Jr. ROTC led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes Approved (D)

It was moved by Ms. Villescaz, seconded by Ms. Kravchuk, that the minutes of the April 11 regular meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED 4-0-1 [AYES: Creason, Hernandez, Villescaz, Kravchuk; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: Costa; ABSENT: Avey].

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

It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Ms. Kravchuk, to adopt Resolution No. A-424 proclaiming the week of May 6-12 as National Nurses Week and May 10 as National School Nurse Day. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [AYES: Creason, Costa, Hernandez, Villescaz, Kravchuk; NOES: None; ABSENT: Avey].

High School Student Council Reports (E-2)

High School Student Council representatives Emma Pham Tran and Claire Contreras from Mira Loma High School and Dylan Saucedo from Casa Roble Fundamental High School updated the board on the goals, activities and achievements at their respective schools.

Board-appointed/District Committees (E-3)

Ryan Digman, vice chair of the Community Advisory Committee for Special Education, provided an update on the work of the committee.

Closed Session/Expulsion Actions (E-7)

Mr. Hernandez reported that the board voted unanimously to accept a hearing panel's recommendation of one expulsion in case number M-53 and to accept as written one stipulated suspended expulsion in case number M-56.

Visitor Comments (F)

There were no general visitor comments.

Consent Calendar Approved (G-1/G-14)Public Comment:

Katherine Morash commented on items G-11 and G-12, noting the opportunity for unisex/gender neutral locker rooms.

Ms. Costa pulled item G-15. It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Ms. Costa, that the consent calendar items G-1 through G-14 be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [AYES: Creason, Costa, Hernandez, Villescaz, Kravchuk; NOES: None; ABSENT: Avey].

Personnel (G-1)

Appointments, leaves of absence, separations and job descriptions/salary range change – 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 and El Camino Fundamental High School.

Surplus Property Report (G-5)

Approval to dispose of surplus property pursuant to Board Policy 3270 and Education Code sections 17545 and 17546.

Instructional Materials Adoptions (G-6)

Approval of the Report IIs related to the new instructional materials adoptions for English/Language Arts: English 1-4, Advanced Placement (AP) Language and Composition, AP Literature and Composition, Expository Reading and Writing Course (ERWC), International Baccalaureate (IB) English I-II; History-Social Science: Economics, Ethnic Studies, IB History of the Americas; Math: Integrated Math 1-3, Elementary Statistics, AP Statistics, Precalculus, AP Calculus A/B and B/C; Science: Physics of the Universe, Anatomy and Physiology, Crime Science, Physical Anthropology; and World Languages: French 1-4, IB French I-II, AP French. (Discussed: 04/11/2023).

New High School Courses (G-7)

Approval of the following new high school courses for 2023-2024 – College Preparatory Electives: International Baccalaureate (IB) Career Programme Personal and Professional Skills 1; Mindfulness and Mindful Leadership: Helping Oneself, Helping Others; Math: College Algebra for the College Level Examination Program (CLEP), College Math for College Level Examination Program (CLEP); and Adult Education: California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST) Preparation Course. (Discussed: 04/11/2023).

Board Policy Revisions (G-8)

Approval of the revisions to the following board policies: Board Policy 0410 Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities, Board Policy 5145.3 Nondiscrimination/Harassment, Board Policy 5146 Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students, and Board Policy 6142.7 Physical Education And Activity. (Discussed: 04/11/2023).

School Board Election Order (G-9)

Adoption of Resolution No. 4077 School Board Election Order.

Lease Agreement: United Cerebral Palsy of Sacramento and Northern California at La Vista Center (G-10)

Approval of the lease agreement between San Juan Unified School District and United Cerebral Palsy of Sacramento and Northern California at La Vista Center, 4501 Bannister Road, Fair Oaks, California 95628, effective May 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024.

CEQA Notice of Exemption Casa Roble Fundamental High School (G-11)

Approval of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notice of Exemption for the Casa Roble Fundamental High School locker room modernization project.

CEQA Notice of Exemption Mesa Verde High School (G-12)

Approval of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notice of Exemption for the Mesa Verde High School locker room modernization project.

CEQA Notice of Exemption Mariemont Elementary School (G-13)

Approval of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notice of Exemption for the Mariemont Elementary School interim housing and modernization project.

Resolution No. 4078: Lease Amendment Mariemont Elementary School No. 1 (G-14)

Adoption of Resolution No. 4078 approving the first amendment to the lease for the Mariemont Elementary School Modernization & Interim Housing Project Nos. 130-9495-P1 and 130-9495-P2 between San Juan Unified School District and SB James Construction.

Consent Calendar Continued (H)**Certification of Absence: Pam Costa (G-15)**

Certification that the April 11, 2023, regular meeting, absence of board member Pam Costa occurred due to illness, pursuant to Education Code 35120(c) and Board Bylaw 9250.

It was moved by Ms. Villescaz, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, that the consent calendar item G-15 be approved. MOTION CARRIED 4-0-1 [AYES: Creason, Hernandez, Villescaz, Kravchuk; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: Costa; ABSENT: Avey].

Secondary Expanded Learning Opportunities Update (I-1)

Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education and Programs Kristan Schnepf presented the item and introduced Director of Secondary Education and Programs Darrin Kitchen, Ed.D., Mira Loma High School Principal and Expanded Learning Opportunities Coordinator Clete Purinton and Bella Vista High School Intervention Specialist Greg Lambrecht who gave a presentation on the Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) actions that are taking place at the secondary level. Ms. Schnepf explained the additional funding and personnel allocations that were provided to secondary schools as part of the ELO grant. Dr. Kitchen spoke about the flexible schedule opportunity that many schools have implemented. Mr. Purinton shared information about Mira Loma High School's partnership with Wellness Together, and he also explained how the additional mathematic staffing allocation is being used at the high schools. Mr. Lambrecht talked about the mathematic interventions that are taking place at Bella Vista High School. Mr. Purinton highlighted some of the successes and challenges regarding the implementation of the ELO grant, and he also discussed next steps. Ms. Villescaz inquired about the process to prioritize actions as the grant funding comes to an end in 2024, and she requested more frequent updates on the process, which Ms. Schnepf addressed. Superintendent Bassanelli explained that staff is exploring the possibility of continuing some of the actions beyond the 2023-2024 school year. Ms. Costa expressed gratitude for the work, and she expressed concern about the funds coming to an end because all of the programs are making a difference for students. Ms. Costa also noted that she will continue to speak out for continued funding. Ms. Kravchuk said she appreciates the local control that schools were given and the leveraging of community partners. Ms. Creason acknowledged the district's efforts that quickly put the funds into action, noting that the grant has provided opportunities to try new ideas to address both pre-pandemic and post-pandemic issues.

Site Safety Implementation Plan Update (I-2)

Chief Operations Officer Frank Camarda gave a presentation on the status of the site safety implementation plan and the Facilities Department's strategy to install fencing and other safety measures throughout the district within the coming years. Mr. Camarda noted the board's previous action on June 14, 2022, which earmarked \$10 million for safety measures, and he spoke about the detailed site safety assessments that were conducted by the Safe Schools department. Mr. Camarda provided details about fencing projects and the installation of interior door locking mechanisms throughout the district, as

well as exploring future upgrades such as closed-circuit television (CCTV) capability. Ms. Villescaz expressed gratitude for the work that is being done to improve school safety, and she made comments about gun violence. Ms. Kravchuk asked for more frequent updates on the progress of the improvements, noting that she would like to continue to see progress towards the door locks and fencing. Ms. Kravchuk also inquired about evacuations and drills, which staff addressed. Ms. Costa spoke about the interior door locking mechanisms and she expressed support for expanding the CCTV capability. Ms. Creason asked for clarification about how projects are prioritized, which Mr. Camarda and Chief of Staff Trent Allen explained the assessment and ranking process that took place. Ms. Creason also made comments regarding fencing, training and the work of community-based safety organizations. Superintendent Bassanelli said future plans regarding school safety include more consistent implementation of training for staff and students and expanding student supervision supports.

Technology Update (I-3)

Senior Director of Technology Peter Skibitzki provided an overview of the different functions and projects of the Technology Services department. Mr. Skibitzki spoke about the work of the five teams within Technology Services and he also shared information regarding other department initiatives that are underway. Mr. Skibitzki discussed next steps which includes the development of a business continuity plan, creating an email retention policy and exploring the feasibility of a private LTE network. Ms. Villescaz said she appreciates the department's flexibility over the past couple of years and its vision going forward. Ms. Costa commented on the interactive panels, the number of devices supported, the department's outstanding customer service and the possibility of a future district LTE network. Ms. Creason expressed her appreciation for the department.

Public Hearing: Department of Toxic Substance Control Preliminary Endangerment Assessment for Katherine Johnson Middle School (I-4)

Ms. Creason explained that staff has requested to pull the item from tonight's agenda and it will be brought back at the May 9 board meeting.

Presentation of California School Employee Association Chapter 127 Initial Proposal for Contract Reopeners 2023-2024 (I-5)

Executive Director of Labor Relations and Government Affairs Daniel Thigpen presented the item for discussion. There being no questions from the board, the item was scheduled for public comment on May 9.

Presentation of San Juan Supervisors Association Initial Proposal for Contract Reopeners 2023-2024 (I-6)

Mr. Thigpen presented the item for discussion. There being no questions from the board, the item was scheduled for public comment on May 9.

Presentation of San Juan Professional Educators Coalition Initial Proposal for Contract Reopeners 2023-2024 (I-7)

Mr. Thigpen presented the item for discussion. There being no questions from the board, the item was scheduled for public comment on May 9.

Presentation of District's Initial Bargaining Proposal with San Juan Teachers Association for Contract Reopeners 2023-2024 (I-8)

Mr. Thigpen presented the item for discussion. There being no questions from the board, the item was scheduled for public comment/action on May 9.

Board Reports (J)

Mr. Hernandez reported that he attended the School Bus Driver Appreciation Day breakfast with transportation staff.

Ms. Creason welcomed Interim Deputy Superintendent Amy Slavensky back to San Juan Unified.

Future Agenda (K)

There were no items added to the future agenda.

Adjournment (L)

At 8:43 p.m., there being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned.



Zima Creason, Board President



Melissa Bassanelli, Secretary

Approved: 05/09/2023

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