



San Juan Unified School District

Board of Education

3738 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael, California 95608

**Board of Education Minutes
November 16, 2021**

Regular Meeting

Board of Education

5:45 p.m.

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

The November 16 regular 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 (via teleconference)

Pam Costa, member

Saul Hernandez, 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 a student expulsion in one case (Education Code section 48918[f]) and 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).

Reconvene Open Session/Pledge of Allegiance (C)

At 6:30 p.m., the meeting was called back to order by Ms. Villescaz, and four members of the Casa Roble Fundamental High School Air Force Junior ROTC led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. After the pledge, Ms. Villescaz explained the two methods (in person or remotely) available to submit public comment for tonight's meeting.

Minutes Approved (D)

It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Dr. McKibbin, that the minutes of the October 26 regular meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [AYES: Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None].

High School Student Council Reports (E-1)

High School Student Council representatives Christian Cabral and Adella Todd from Del Campo High School and Courtney Endres and Jordan Saltonstall from Mesa Verde High School updated the board on the goals, activities and achievements at their respective schools.

Staff Reports (E-2)

Superintendent Kern provided an update regarding the governor's vaccine mandate, noting that it is difficult to have discussions or offer guidance when there are still so many unknowns and unanswered questions.

Closed Session/Expulsion Actions (E-6)

Dr. McKibbin reported that the board voted 4-0-1 to accept a hearing panel's recommendation of one expulsion in case number S-19.

Visitor Comments (F)

Nichole Harshbarger expressed opposition to the vaccine mandate and shared her personal experiences as a teacher.

Aria Walker expressed opposition to the vaccine mandate for students and staff.

Regina Nelson spoke against the vaccine mandate.

Lyndi Brasier shared her thoughts about focusing on education rather than the vaccine mandate.

Ali Houting encouraged the board to take a stand against the vaccine mandate.

Joshua Coleman spoke in opposition to the vaccine mandate.

Sydney Walker made comments against the vaccine mandate.

Carly Mergens expressed opposition to the vaccine mandate.

Desiree Apgar shared information about COVID-19 treatments.

Lisa Carter expressed her concerns about the COVID-19 vaccine.

Colin Mergens made comments regarding the COVID-19 vaccine.

Holly Carlson shared her personal experiences related to the vaccine mandate.

Marina Gabel expressed opposition to the vaccine mandate.

Christine Isaacson requested that the vaccine mandate not be enforced for students.

Krissy Campbell expressed opposition to the vaccine mandate.

Serena Herman expressed opposition to the vaccine mandate.

Brenda Pandos provided a handout and shared data regarding the COVID-19 vaccine.

Ms. Villescaz stated that the 30-minute time limit for public comment had been reached. It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Ms. Costa, to extend time in order to hear the remainder of public comments. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [AYES: Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None].

Lindsey Cash encouraged the board to disregard the vaccine mandate.

Jasmina Zelenbaba expressed opposition to the COVID-19 vaccine mandate.

Cindi Keefe shared information regarding side effects of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Luke Mullisen shared information regarding the COVID-19 vaccine.

Jennifer Caldwell shared her concerns regarding the vaccine mandate.

Jennifer Geoffrey requested additional discussion and information regarding the vaccine mandate.

Sara Larian expressed her concerns about the vaccine mandate.

Ashley Brown shared her concerns about the vaccine mandate and the weekly testing requirement.

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

It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Dr. McKibbin, that the consent calendar items G-1 through G-8 be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [AYES: Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None].

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, construction and public works bids, piggyback contracts and zero-dollar contract – approved as submitted.

Business/Financial Report (G-3)

Warrants and payroll – approved as submitted.

Gifts (G-4)

Acceptance of gifts to Laurel Ruff Transition School and San Juan 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.

Grant: Career Technical Education Incentive Grant 2021-2022 (G-6)

Approval to implement, if funded, the following grant: Career Technical Education Incentive Grant 2021-2022.

Capital Adult Education Regional Consortium Membership (G-7)

Approval of the official designation of new member Matt Strinden, and the removal of Angela Rodriguez, to the Capital Adult Education Regional Consortium (CAERC) board.

Resolution No. 3089: Arden Middle School New Construction Project Lease Amendment No. 4 (G-8)

Adoption of Resolution No. 3089, approving the fourth amendment to the lease agreement for the Arden Middle School new construction project No. 002-9512-P1 between SJUSD and Clark & Sullivan Builders Inc. dba Clark/Sullivan Construction.

Encina Preparatory High School Update (I-1)

Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education and Programs Kristan Schnepf introduced the topic and explained that as a result of the decision to separate the middle school from the high school, Encina's design team is currently collaborating to define their vision and mission as a unique high school. Encina Preparatory High School Principal Greta Scholtes spoke about what has occurred at the school with the redesign process including reimagining the advocacy program and focusing on professional learning and academics. Ms. Scholtes also acknowledged the current challenges of physically having both schools (Encina Preparatory High School and Katherine Johnson Middle School) on the same campus, and she spoke about student supports, community partnerships and the efforts that are underway to engage students in athletics and clubs. Lastly, Ms. Scholtes shared details about next steps, which includes the upcoming Encina visioning process with the Sacramento State Equity 360 team.

Mr. Hernandez thanked staff for taking the time to listen to students. Ms. Costa thanked staff for the focus on student voice, and she also noted the previous efforts to redesign Encina, which had identified the need for additional fine arts opportunities for students. Ms. Costa stated she was excited about the community partners and expressed hope for the Equity 360 visioning process. Ms. Creason said she was happy about the dual enrollment possibilities and the connection to jobs. Dr. McKibbin noted the good progress with social-emotional learning, and he emphasized the need to focus on academics, including electives. Ms. Villescaz expressed appreciation for the efforts related to the Expanded Learning Opportunities grant, Equal Opportunity Schools, attendance improvement and the visioning process.

West Region Grades 6-8 Facilities Planning (I-2)

Chief Operations Officer Frank Camarda presented the topic, explaining that the forecasted enrollment data poses the question about how to address the middle school growth in the west region. David Kaitz from Davis Demographics reviewed several key maps that provided detailed historical and forecasted data related to enrollment, residence trends, and walk zones for grades 6-8 in the west region. Mr. Kaitz also presented a sample model as an example of a possible solution. Mr. Camarda shared current and recommended capacity numbers at the west region middle schools, noting the need for additional seats. Mr. Camarda also discussed next steps and the proposed timeline.

Board members then made comments and posed questions, which Mr. Camarda and Superintendent Kern addressed. Mr. Hernandez inquired about the previous proposals that were presented for Katherine Johnson Middle School, walk distances and construction costs. Ms. Costa expressed support for the physical separation of Katherine Johnson Middle School from the Encina campus, noting prior concerns about the practicability of the Creekside campus. Ms. Costa also inquired about the impact of joint grants between Encina and Katherine Johnson schools and the impact on the adult education program which currently resides at Creekside. Ms. Creason expressed excitement about Katherine Johnson Middle School having its own campus, concerns about moving the adult education program to Encina, and the desire to have the Facilities Committee and Bond Oversight Committee involved in the process. Dr. McKibbin stated he supports building facilities with a focus around curriculum rather than just where people live, and he inquired about the timeline to change a school from non-boundary to boundary. Ms. Villescaz inquired about capacity at Creekside, the proposed timeline, the need for extra temporary supports at Katherine Johnson Middle School for the next two years and the Arden Middle School boundary.

Educator Effectiveness Block Grant (I-3)

Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education and Programs Kristan Schnepf presented the topic and introduced Director of Professional Learning and Innovation Nicole Kukral, who provided detailed information about the grant including the allowable use of funds, the connection to the Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan and examples of proposed actions. Ms. Kukral also discussed the timeline for implementation and next steps. Board members made comments and posed questions, which staff answered. Action was scheduled for December 14.

Choices Charter School: On-going Salary Schedule Adjustment and One-Time, Off-Schedule Payment (I-4)

Director of Admissions and Family Services Brian Ginter presented a request from Choices Charter School to provide an on-going salary schedule adjustment and a one-time, off-schedule payment to its employees, which is commensurate with what the district previously provided its own employees. There being no questions or comments from the board, action was scheduled for December 14.

Set Annual Organizational Meeting (I-5)

It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Ms. Creason, to set Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., as the date and time for the annual organizational meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [AYES: Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None].

Redistricting Timeline (I-6)

Superintendent Kern shared an update on the upcoming redistricting requirements which included the proposed process and the recommended timeline. Mr. Kern explained that the redistricting process is necessary because, based on the 2020 census data, the current trustee area map that was selected and approved by the board last July is not in compliance based on total population distribution. Ms. Villescaz inquired about the status of the State Board of Education waiver, which Superintendent Kern addressed.

Board Reports (J)

Mr. Hernandez shared that he and other board members, along with Deputy Superintendent Melissa Bassanelli, participated in the judging of the Del Campo High School homecoming halls.

Future Agenda (K)

There were no items added to the future agenda.

Visitor Comments (L)

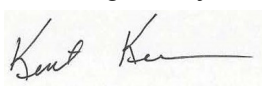
There were no visitor comments.

Adjournment (M)

At 9:53 p.m., there being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned.



Board President



Kent Kern, Executive Secretary

Approved: 12/14/2021

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