



San Juan Unified School District

Board of Education

3738 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael, California 95608

**Board of Education Minutes
May 9, 2023**

Regular Meeting

Board of Education

5:30 p.m.

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

The May 9 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

Ben Avey, member

Paula Villescaz, member

Tanya Kravchuk, 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 a student expulsion in one case (Education Code section 48918[f]); 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); and to consider two personnel matters: public employee appointment/employment – assistant superintendent of human resources and superintendent's evaluation (Government Code section 54957).

Reconvene Open Session/Pledge of Allegiance (C)

At 6:30 p.m., the meeting was called back to order by the president, Zima Creason. Four members of the Casa Roble Fundamental 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. Costa, that the minutes of the April 25 regular meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED 5-0-1 [AYES: Creason, Costa, Hernandez, Villescaz, Kravchuk; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: Avey].

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

It was moved by Ms. Villescaz, seconded by Ms. Kravchuk, to adopt Resolution No. A-425 proclaiming May 10 as California Day of the Teacher. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Creason, Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk].

Recognition: Classified School Employee Week (E-1b)

It was moved by Ms. Kravchuk, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. A-427 proclaiming May 21-27 as Classified School Employee Week. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Creason, Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk].

Recognition: National Speech Pathologist Day (E-1c)

It was moved by Ms. Villescaz, seconded by Ms. Costa, to adopt Resolution No. A-426 proclaiming May 18 as National Speech Pathologist Day. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Creason, Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk].

High School Student Council Reports (E-2)

High School Student Council representative Nayeli Reyes Guerrero from El Camino Fundamental High School and Tanner Schinderle and Lainey Szejda from Rio Americano High School updated the board on the goals, activities and achievements at their respective schools.

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-49. Mr. Hernandez also reported that the board took action in closed session to approve and ratify the employment contract for Rebecca Toto, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources. The vote was unanimous. Pursuant to the Government Code which requires a verbal summary of compensation and fringe benefits, Ms. Toto's contract is effective June 19, 2023, through June 30, 2025, and provides for compensation for the 2022-2023 fiscal year in the amount of \$190,904 annually, and for the 2023-2024 fiscal year in the amount of \$199,495. Ms. Toto will receive the same health and welfare benefits and salary adjustments as other district administrators.

Visitor Comments (F)

Chrystal Bernasconi, chair of the American Indian Education Program Parent Advisory Committee, recommended that oversight of the program be moved to the district's equity department.

Marissa Garcia spoke about her son being bullied at Twin Lakes Elementary School.

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

Staff pulled item G-9. It was moved by Mr. Avey, seconded by Ms. Kravchuk, that the consent calendar items G-1 through G-8 be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Creason, Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk].

Personnel (G-1)

Appointments, leaves of absence and separations – approved as submitted.

Purchasing Report (G-2)

Purchase orders and service agreements, change orders and construction and public works bids – approved as submitted.

Gifts (G-3)

Acceptance of gifts to Bella Vista High School, Choices Charter School, Dyer-Kelly Elementary School and McKinney-Vento.

Surplus Property Report (G-4)

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

Career Technical Education Advisory Committee Roster (G-5)

Approval of the 2023 Career Technical Education Advisory Committee Roster.

Head Start/Early Head Start Cost-of-Living Adjustment and Quality Improvement (G-6)

Approval of the Head Start and Early Head Start Cost-of-Living Adjustment and Quality Improvement for 2023-2024.

Resolution No. 4079: Early Childhood Education California State Preschool Program Continued Funding Application (G-7)

Adoption of Resolution No. 4079 designating Early Childhood Education program manager and administrators to sign the California State Preschool Program Continued Funding Application and related documents.

High School Scholarships (G-8)

Approval of the 2022 and 2023 high school scholarship awards for Bella Vista High School, El Camino Fundamental High School, Encina Preparatory High School, Mesa Verde High School and Mira Loma High School.

Consent Calendar Continued (H)

Resolution No. 4080: Arcade Fundamental Middle School Lease Amendment No. 4 (G-9)

Adoption of Resolution No. 4080, approving the fourth amendment to the lease agreement for the Arcade Fundamental Middle School Project No. 001-9512-P1 between San Juan Unified School District and Clark/Sullivan Construction.

Ms. Creason explained that the item is still pending approval from the Division of the State Architect and it would come back for action at the May 23 board meeting.

English Learner Update (I-1)

Associate Superintendent of Educational Services Debra Calvin, Ed.D., introduced Office of Student Learning Assistance Director Gwyn Dellinger, English Learner & Multicultural Education Department Program Manager Genoveva Mendoza-Navarrete, and El Camino Fundamental High School Student Hewad Ahmadzai who gave a presentation on the district's English Learner program. Ms. Dellinger reviewed the program demographics and languages served, shared information about the categories of English learners, and discussed the English Learner Progress Indicator (ELPI). Ms. Mendoza-Navarrete spoke about the programs and actions that are taking place to support English learners, and she also spoke about the program's grants and partnerships. Mr. Ahmadzai shared his personal experiences as an English learner in the district. Mr. Avey made comments about learning another language, the District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC) and the diversity of the district, the Seal of Biliteracy recognition where bilingualism was celebrated, and he acknowledged the work of the English Learner department. Ms. Creason spoke about multilingualism and celebrating culture.

Elementary Expanded Learning Opportunities Plan Update (I-2)

Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education and Programs Amberlee Townsend-Snider introduced the topic and explained some of the Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) actions that are taking place at the elementary level. Ms. Townsend-Snider shared information about the additional funding and personnel allocations that were provided to elementary and K-8 schools as part of the ELO grant. Director of Elementary Education and Programs Cassandra Bennett Porter shared data points including i-Ready preliminary reading and math intervention data. Ms. Bennett Porter introduced Del Paso Manor Principal Misha Plummer and Deterding Principal Melanie Allen, who each provided an overview of the supports that are taking place at their respective schools. Ms. Plummer shared examples of social-emotional supports and Ms. Allen shared information about academic intervention supports. Ms. Bennett Porter explained next steps, which includes identification of the top three action items. Ms. Kravchuk shared her concerns about the funds coming to an end, she noted how it is interesting to see the different ways that school sites implement similar strategies, and she appreciates how creative the principals in addressing student needs. Ms. Villescaz expressed appreciation for principals being able to pivot when a particular strategy was not working. Ms. Costa spoke about the positive impact of the funding, local control and elementary leadership. Mr. Avey commented about local control, inquired about tutoring and thanked staff for the reading and math preliminary intervention data. Mr. Hernandez asked a clarifying question regarding the Deterding data. Ms. Creason said she hopes the state legislature will see the need for continued funding, she acknowledged the courage of the school sites to try different strategies and shift as necessary, and she expressed appreciation for the work of site administrators. Superintendent Bassanelli said the district continues to measure the impact of the ELO actions in order to evaluate what can be sustained long term.

Public Hearing: Department of Toxic Substance Control Preliminary Endangerment Assessment for Katherine Johnson Middle School (I-3)

Chief Operations Officer Frank Camarda presented the item. Ms. Creason declared the topic of the Department of Toxic Substance Control Preliminary Endangerment Assessment for Katherine Johnson Middle School a public hearing and invited the public to speak.

Public Comment:

Michael Seaman noted an error in the document and made comments regarding the project.

There being no further questions from the public, Ms. Creason declared the public hearing closed. Ms. Kravchuk inquired about the error, which Mr. Camarda explained it was an immaterial change that would be corrected.

California School Employee Association Chapter 127 Initial Proposal for Contract Reopeners 2023-2024 (I-4)

Executive Director of Labor Relations and Government Affairs Daniel Thigpen presented the bargaining interests of the California School Employee Association Chapter 127 for public comment. There were no requests for public comment.

San Juan Supervisors Association Initial Proposal for Contract Reopeners 2023-2024 (I-5)

Mr. Thigpen presented the bargaining interests of the San Juan Supervisors Association for public comment. There were no requests for public comment.

San Juan Professional Educators Coalition Initial Proposal for Contract Reopeners 2023-2024 (I-6)

Mr. Thigpen presented the bargaining interests of the San Juan Professional Educators Coalition for public comment. There were no requests for public comment.

District's Initial Bargaining Proposal with San Juan Teachers Association for Contract Reopeners 2023-2024 (I-7)

Mr. Thigpen presented the item. It was moved by Ms. Villescaz, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, that the district's bargaining interests with the San Juan Teachers Association for contract reopeners 2023-2024 be adopted. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Creason, Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk].

Presentation of District's Initial Bargaining Proposal with California School Employees Association Chapter 127 for Contract Reopeners 2023-2024 (I-8)

Mr. Thigpen presented the district's bargaining interests with the California School Employees Association Chapter 127 for discussion. There being no questions from the board, the item was scheduled for public comment/action on May 23.

Presentation of District's Initial Bargaining Proposal with San Juan Supervisors Association for Contract Reopeners 2023-2024 (I-9)

Mr. Thigpen presented the district's bargaining interests with the San Juan Supervisors Association for discussion. There being no questions from the board, the item was scheduled for public comment/action on May 23.

Presentation of District's Initial Bargaining Proposal with San Juan Professional Educators Coalition for Contract Reopeners 2023-2024 (I-10)

Mr. Thigpen presented the district's bargaining interests with the San Juan Professional Educators Coalition for discussion. There being no questions from the board, the item was scheduled for public comment/action on May 23.

Board Reports (J)

Ms. Costa shared that she attended the Spirit of San Juan awards, which she said was an amazing event that highlighted many fine representatives of our district.

Mr. Avey reported that during a recent business trip to Washington D.C., he sat in on a business community discussion about Career Technical Education (CTE); that he participated in the Seal of Biliteracy awards ceremony, where a large delegation of San Juan Unified students was honored; that he attended the Kids Helping Kids gala, which was a great event; and he went with his daughter to sixth grade camp at Point Bonita, which was an amazing experience.

Future Agenda (K)

There were no items added to the future agenda.

Adjournment (L)

At 8:13 p.m., there being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned.



Zima Creason, Board President



Melissa Bassanelli, Secretary

Approved: 05/23/2023

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