



San Juan Unified School District

Board of Education

3738 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael, California 95608

**Board of Education Minutes
May 25, 2021**

Regular Meeting

Board of Education

5:00 p.m.

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

The May 25 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)

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; to discuss with negotiator Kent Kern, Superintendent of Schools, 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 discuss one personnel matter (Government Code section 54957) – superintendent's evaluation.

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 Ms. Costa, seconded by Ms. Creason, that the minutes of the May 11 regular meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Staff Reports (E-1)

Superintendent Kern reported that, with the anticipated changes to the COVID-19 restrictions, it is the intent of the board and the district to resume the process of moving to trustee-area elections at a special board meeting on June 15. He also reported that the complete timeline for the process will be presented at the June 8 board meeting.

Board-appointed/District Committees (E-2)

Chair of the Special Education Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Heather Taylor provided an update on the work of the committee.

Closed Session/Expulsion Actions (E-5)

There were no closed session actions to report.

Visitor Comments (F) [via Zoom]:

Magali Kincaid made comments about by-district elections and a seven-member board.

Ben Avey, on behalf of the San Juan Parents Association, expressed support for by-district elections and a seven-member board.

Caroline Castenada spoke about students with disabilities and special education services.

Consent Calendar Approved (G-1/G-12)

Ms. Creason commented on item G-7. It was moved by Dr. McKibbin, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, that the consent calendar items G-1 through G-12 be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Personnel (G-1)

Appointments, separations and errata – approved as submitted.

Purchasing Report (G-2)

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

Business/Financial Report (G-3)

Notices of completion, quarterly investment report and warrants and payroll – approved as submitted.

Gifts (G-4)

Acceptance of gifts to Camp Winthers, Earl LeGette Elementary School, McKinney-Vento, Mesa Verde High School and Northridge Elementary 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.

Head Start/Early Head Start Grant Resolution (G-6)

Approval of the Head Start and Early Head Start grant resolution with the Sacramento Employment and Training Agency for 2021-2022.

Rio Americano High School Scholarship (G-7)

Approval of the senior athlete of the year scholarship for one student at Rio Americano High School.

Grant: Indian Education Formula Grant Program (G-8)

Approval to implement the following grant, if funded: Indian Education Formula Grant Program 2021-2022.

Grant: Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (G-9)

Approval to implement the following grant, if funded: Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V) 2021-2022.

Grant: No Kid Hungry School Nutrition Grant (G-10)

Approval to implement the following grant: No Kid Hungry School Nutrition Grant.

Resolution No. 3050: Lease Amendment Barrett Middle School (G-11)

Adoption of Resolution No. 3050 approving the first amendment to the lease agreement for the Barrett Middle School new construction project no. 004-9512-P1 between San Juan Unified School District and Landmark Modernization Contractors dba Landmark Construction.

Resolution No. 3054: Design-Build Lease Amendment Del Campo High School (G-12)

Adoption of Resolution No. 3054, approving the fourth amendment to the design-build contract for the Del Campo High School new science/media commons building project no. 207-9512-N1 and CTE modernization project nos. 207-9495-N1, 207-9495-N2 and 207-9495-N3 between San Juan Unified School District and XL Construction Corporation.

Professional Learning Opportunities (I-1)

Senior Director of Secondary Schools and Programs Kristan Schnepf, Program Specialist Nicole Kukral, Program Specialist Paula Baucom and Equity Coordinator Lori Vine provided the board an update on the upcoming professional learning opportunities for summer 2021. Ms. Schnepf explained the need to provide a variety of professional development sessions to support staff with deepening knowledge around social-emotional supports, trauma-informed practices, curriculum resources, instructional strategies, content-specific curriculum, social justice standards and other key initiatives. Ms. Kukral provided detailed information about the learning opportunities that will be available to practitioners, administrators and classified staff. Ms. Baucom spoke about the launch of the new science curriculum adoption, and Ms. Vine spoke about the social justice offerings. Board members made comments and posed questions, which staff answered.

Camp Winthers Update (I-2)

Senior Director of Secondary Schools and Programs Kristan Schnepf introduced Camp Winthers Program Coordinator John Infelise who provided an extensive update on Camp Winthers, which will be open during summer 2021 in a modified setting that meets the COVID-19 guidelines. Mr. Infelise spoke about the new summer camp programs, recent system and site improvements and future plans for the camp.

Public Comment: [via Zoom]:

Caroline Castenada expressed support for the year-round use of Camp Winthers and providing inclusive opportunities.

After public comment, board members made comments and posed questions, which Mr. Infelise addressed. Mr. Hernandez inquired about registration fees and capacity limits. Ms. Costa acknowledged Mr. Infelise's enthusiasm, the community partners who provide scholarships and the return of music camp. Ms. Creason asked questions about how students and families learn about the camp, opportunities for students with disabilities and non-SJUSD students attending the camp. Superintendent Kern encouraged promoting the camp to new site administrators. Dr. McKibbin inquired about seasonal scheduling and partnerships with contractors regarding site improvements. Ms. Villescaz spoke about outreach opportunities and asked about fire preparedness.

Naming the New Middle School at Encina (I-3)

Senior Director of Secondary Schools and Programs Kristan Schnepf presented the item. It was moved by Ms. Creason, seconded by Ms. Costa, to approve Katherine Johnson Middle School as the name of the new separate middle school at Encina. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan (I-4)

Deputy Superintendent of Schools and Student Support Melissa Bassanelli presented the item. Ms. Bassanelli explained that revisions and additions were incorporated into the plan after discussion at the May 11 board meeting. Ms. Costa stated she was pleased with the revisions and additions. Dr. McKibbin asked several clarifying questions, which Superintendent Kern and Ms. Bassanelli addressed. Ms. Villescaz commended the team on the work.

It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Ms. Costa, that the Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

COVID-19 Update (I-5)

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 anticipated change in guidance effective June 15 and the proposed legislation related to the independent study and virtual learning instructional models.

Public Comments [via Zoom]:

Kim Nickols shared information about her son being quarantined.

Ben Avey thanked staff for the recent notification to parents about the full-time return to in-person learning and encouraged the district to ask parents about their distance learning experiences.

Ms. Creason made comments and posed questions related to the pending legislation and following county and state guidance, which Superintendent Kern addressed.

Public Hearing: Exterior LED Lighting Retrofit Project 4217 Contract (I-6)

Assistant Superintendent of Operations, Facilities and Transportation Frank Camarda introduced Maintenance and Operations Manager Chris Ralston who presented the topic. Ms. Villescaz declared the topic of the Exterior LED Lighting Retrofit Project public hearing and invited the public to speak. There being no questions or comments from the public, Ms. Villescaz declared the public hearing closed. Mr. Ralston answered questions from the board.

It was moved by Dr. McKibbin, seconded by Ms. Creason, to adopt Resolution No. 3051, authorizing the use of Government Code Section 4217.10 et seq. for the Exterior LED Lighting Retrofit Project. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

It was moved by Dr. McKibbin, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 3052, awarding a contract for the Exterior LED Lighting Retrofit Project to Efficient Lighting Designs Inc. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

District's Initial Bargaining Proposal with San Juan Professional Educators Coalition Proposal for Successor Contract 2021-2022 (I-7)

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Paul Oropallo presented the topic. Ms. Villescaz stated there were no requests for public comment. It was moved by Ms. Creason, seconded by Dr. McKibbin, to adopt, pursuant to Government Code section 3540 et seq. and district Board Policy 4243.1, the bargaining interests of the Board of Education for negotiations with the San Juan Professional Educators Coalition for 2021-2022. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

District's Initial Bargaining Proposal with California School Employees Association Initial Proposal for Successor Contract 2021-2022 (I-8)

Mr. Oropallo presented the topic. Ms. Villescaz stated there were no requests for public comment. It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Ms. Costa, to adopt, pursuant to Government Code section 3540 et seq. and district Board Policy 4243.1, the bargaining interests of the Board of Education for negotiations with the California School Employees Association, Chapter 127, for 2021-2022. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Presentation of the San Juan Supervisors Association Proposal for Successor Contract 2021-2022 (I-9)

Mr. Oropallo presented the bargaining interests of the San Juan Supervisors Association for discussion, pursuant to Government Code section 3540 et seq. and district board policy 4143.1. There being no questions or comments from the board, public comment was scheduled for June 8.

District's Initial Bargaining Proposal with San Juan Supervisors Association Proposal for Successor Contract 2021-2022 (I-10)

Mr. Oropallo presented the bargaining interests of the governing board for negotiations with the San Juan Supervisors Association for discussion, pursuant to Government Code section 3540 et seq., and district board policy 4243.1. There being no questions from the board, action was scheduled for June 8.

Presentation of the Teamsters Union Local No. 150 Initial Proposal for Successor Contract 2021-2022 (I-11)

Mr. Oropallo presented the bargaining interests of the Teamsters Union Local No. 150 for discussion, pursuant to Government Code section 3540 et seq. and district board policy 4143.1. There being no questions or comments from the board, public comment was scheduled for June 8.

District's Initial Bargaining Proposal with Teamsters Union Local No. 150 for Successor Contract 2021-2022 (I-12)

Mr. Oropallo presented the bargaining interests of the governing board for negotiations with the Teamsters Union Local No. 150 for discussion, pursuant to Government Code section 3540 et seq., and district board policy 4243.1. There being no questions from the board, action was scheduled for June 8.

Implementation of Agreements with CSEA, SJPEC, Supervisors and Teamsters (I-13)

Mr. Oropallo presented the item for discussion, which includes additional paid days during the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year in response to returning to in-person learning four days per week. There being no questions or comments from the board, action was scheduled for June 8.

Implementation of Agreements with SJAA, Cabinet, Confidential, Unrepresented (I-14)

Mr. Oropallo presented the item for discussion, which includes additional paid days during the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year in response to returning to in-person learning four days per week. There being no questions or comments from the board, action was scheduled for June 8.

Board Reports (J)

Ms. Costa reported that she and Dr. McKibbin took part in the recent Delegate Assembly meetings, that she enjoyed the district's retirement celebration, and that she, along with other board members, attended the International Baccalaureate (IB) senior dinner at Mira Loma High School.

Ms. Creason shared information about her recent visit to Mission Avenue Elementary School, she publicly renounced the recent incident at Rio Americano High School and she noted the 1-year anniversary of the death of George Floyd, requesting that the meeting be adjourned in his name.

Dr. McKibbin reported on two of the middle school cross country meets that he recently attended.

Ms. Villescaz spoke about the district's retirement celebration and the IB senior dinner at Mira Loma High School, and she publicly addressed the recent incident at Rio Americano High School.

Future Agenda (K)

There were no items added to the future agenda.

Visitor Comments (L)

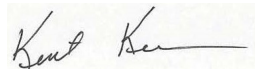
There were no visitor comments.

Adjournment (M)

At 8:48 p.m., there being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned in memory of George Floyd.



Paula Villescaz, President



Kent Kern, Executive Secretary

Approved: 06/08/2021

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