



San Juan Unified School District

Board of Education

3738 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael, California 95608

**Board of Education Minutes
March 23, 2021**

Regular Meeting

Board of Education

5:15 p.m.

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

The March 23 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)

Scott Rafferty made comments about the existing litigation related to the California Voting Rights Act.

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.

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 Dr. McKibbin, seconded by Ms. Creason, that the minutes of the March 9 regular meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Recognition: Week of the Young Child (E-1a)

It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Dr. McKibbin, to adopt Resolution No. A-400 proclaiming the week of April 10-16 as Week of the Young Child. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

High School Student Council Reports (E-2)

High School Student Council representatives Kenzie Stokes from Del Campo High School and Jackie Covey from Mesa Verde High School updated the board on the goals, activities and achievements at their respective schools.

Staff Reports (E-3)

Staff provided an update on the return to in-person learning, which began this week. Deputy Superintendent of Schools and Student Support Melissa Bassanelli provided a recap of the opening day activities that took place at school sites. Senior Director of Community Relations Trent Allen provided an update on the recent changes to the California Department of Public Health guidelines. Superintendent Kern spoke about the potential impacts of spacing in classrooms, school staffing, transportation and specialty and service provider schedules, and he also discussed next steps. After the update, board members made comments and posed questions for staff to answer at a later time.

Staff also provided an update on graduation ceremonies. Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education Rick Messer shared information regarding the plans that are underway for in-person, outdoor graduation ceremonies.

Board-appointed/District Committees (E-4)

Jennifer Morgan, chair of the Curriculum, Standards, Instructional and Student Services Committee (C&S), provided an update on the recent work of the committee related to instructional materials adoptions. Ms. Morgan also shared her perspective as a parent regarding the return to in-person learning this week.

Tom Nelson, chair of the Local Control and Accountability Plan Parent Advisory Committee (LCAP PAC), provided an update on the work of the committee.

Employee Organizations (E-5)

SJTA President Bill Simmons acknowledged the hard work of practitioners in order to get students back on campuses for hybrid learning this week, and he also made comments about the new California Department of Public Health guidelines that were published last weekend.

Closed Session/Expulsion Actions (E-7)

There were no closed session actions to report.

Visitor Comments (F)

[via Zoom]:

Ben Avey expressed support for the return to full in-person learning.

Scott Rafferty commented on the California Voting Rights Act.

Sonia Takanikos spoke about the current challenges of high school athletics, specifically water polo.

Juan Yniguez spoke about neighborhood elections.

Shanda Daranouvong spoke in support of returning to full time in-person instruction.

Magali Kincaid commented on neighborhood elections, a 7-member board, and cuts to the English language learner program.

Carolina Flores spoke regarding neighborhood elections and increasing to a 7-member board.

Caroline Castaneda urged the board to reclassify cheerleading as a sport.

Terra Desiree Stevens inquired about the options to remain in distance learning.

Christa Green spoke about layoff notices for support staff.

Consent Calendar Approved (G-1/G-15)

It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, that the consent calendar items G-1 through G-15 be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Personnel (G-1)

Appointments, leaves of absence, separations, pre-retirement reduced workload, errata and job description/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 Camp Winthers, Greer Elementary School, Mesa Verde High School, Thomas Kelly Elementary School and Ralph Richardson Center.

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 2021-2022 (G-6)

Approval to submit and implement, if funded, the following grant: Head Start and Early Head Start Grant 2021-2022.

Audit Reports for Measures J, N, P and S (G-7)

Acceptance of 2019-2020 audit reports for Measures J, N, P and S as prepared by Gilbert Associates Inc.

Local Control and Accountability Plan Parent Advisory Committee Bylaw Revisions (G-8)

Approval of the revisions to the bylaws for the Local Control and Accountability Plan Parent Advisory Committee (LCAP PAC).

Renewal Petition for Carmichael Improvement District (G-9)

Approval to authorize the superintendent to sign a petition in support of the 10-year renewal of the Carmichael Improvement District.

Resolution No. 3033: Encina Preparatory High School Lease Amendment for Gymnasiums Upgrades (G-10)

Adoption of Resolution No. 3033, approving the third amendment to the lease agreement for the Encina Preparatory High School HVAC and roofing upgrades for gymnasiums project no. 202-9390-N1 between SJUSD and Clark & Sullivan Builders Inc. dba Clark/Sullivan Construction.

Resolution No. 3034: San Juan High School Lease Amendment for Gymnasiums Upgrades (G-11)

Adoption of Resolution No. 3034, approving the third amendment to the lease agreement for the San Juan High School HVAC and roofing upgrades for gymnasiums project no. 204-9390-P1 between SJUSD and Clark & Sullivan Builders Inc. dba Clark/Sullivan Construction.

Resolution No. 3035: Mira Loma High School Lease Amendment for Gymnasiums Upgrades (G-12)

Adoption of Resolution No. 3035, approving the fourth amendment to the lease agreement for the Mira Loma High School HVAC and roofing upgrades for gymnasiums project no. 205-9390-P1 between SJUSD and Clark & Sullivan Builders Inc. dba Clark/Sullivan Construction.

Resolution No. 3036: Cottage Elementary School Lease Amendment for New Construction Project (G-13)

Adoption of Resolution No. 3036, approving the fifth amendment to the lease agreement for the Cottage Elementary School new construction project no. 108-9512-P1 between SJUSD and John F. Otto dba Otto Construction.

Resolution No. 3037: Barrett Middle School Lease Amendment for Modernization Project (G-14)

Adoption of Resolution No. 3037, approving the first amendment to the lease agreement for the Barrett Middle School modernization project no. 004-9495-P1 between SJUSD and Landmark Modernization Contractors dba Landmark Construction.

CIVITAS Senior Award Scholarships (G-15)

Approval of CIVITAS senior award scholarships for four students at Rio Americano High School.

Amending District Graduation Requirements for the Class of 2021 (I-1)

Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education Rick Messer led a discussion regarding a proposal to amend the district's graduation requirements for the Class of 2021, due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, by reducing the number of required courses and credits to align with the minimum State of California graduation requirements. Mr. Messer explained that such a move could positively impact a significant number of the 22% of seniors who are currently identified as "not on track" for graduation. Director of Assessment, Evaluation and Planning Susan Green presented and discussed the data related to the proposal.

Public Comments: [via Zoom]

Judy Stevens expressed support for the proposal.

Caroline Castaneda made comments related to the data on student groups.

Following public comment, board members offered comments and asked clarifying questions related to the details of the proposal. Superintendent Kern stated that this amendment would help to instill hope during the pandemic for students who are currently taking part in credit recovery work. Action was scheduled for April 13.

Instructional Materials Adoptions (I-2)

Senior Director of Professional Learning and Innovation Kristan Schnepf presented the topic and explained the adoption process and selection criteria. Ms. Schnepf then introduced Social Science Program Specialist Nicole Kukral and Science Program Specialist Paula Baucom who each presented the Report IIs for their respective subjects. After the presentation, staff answered questions from the board. Action was scheduled for April 13.

New High School Courses (I-3)

Ms. Schnepf presented the topic then introduced Ms. Baucom who explained that the three new proposed high school courses would align to the scope and sequence of the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (MYP) at Mira Loma High School. Staff answered questions from the board. Action was scheduled for April 13.

Resolution No. 3038: Notice of Intent to Convey Easement at Woodside K-8 School (I-4)

Assistant Superintendent of Operations, Facilities and Transportation Frank Camarda presented the item. It was moved by Dr. McKibbin, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 3038 declaring the intent to convey a permanent easement at Woodside K-8 School to the City of Citrus Heights and to call a public hearing on April 13, 2021. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Board Reports (J)

Mr. Hernandez reported that he visited Del Dayo Elementary School on Monday and he also toured the new Career Technical Education (CTE) building at Del Campo High School.

Ms. Costa thanked Dr. McKibbin for attending the C&S meeting in her absence.

Ms. Creason shared that she continues to speak with stakeholders and attend PTA/PTO meetings.

Dr. McKibbin reported that he enjoyed attending the recent C&S meeting, and he also shared that he took part in the Family Leadership Academy graduation, the virtual California School Boards Association Legislative Action Week and the return to in-person learning at Grand Oaks Elementary School last Monday.

Ms. Villescaz acknowledged the efforts of all staff to welcome students back to in-person learning this week and she looks forward to continuing to work in a collaborative fashion.

Future Agenda (K)

There were no items added to the future agenda.

Visitor Comments (L)

[via Zoom]:

Judy Stevens thanked everyone for their efforts to get students back to in-person learning.

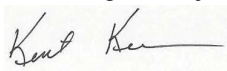
Amy Stockett expressed gratitude for students returning to campus and for high school sports restarting.

Adjournment (M)

At 9:49 p.m., there being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned.



Paula Villescaz, President



Kent Kern, Executive Secretary

Approved: 04/13/2021

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