



San Juan Unified School District

Board of Education

3738 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael, California 95608

**Board of Education Minutes
February 15, 2022**

Regular Meeting

Board of Education

5:45 p.m.

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

The February 15 regular meeting was called to order by the president, Dr. Michael McKibbin. In compliance with the Order issued by the Sacramento County Public Health Officer on January 6, 2022, directing all public meetings in the county to occur virtually until further notice, the February 15 regular meeting was conducted telephonically via the Zoom video conferencing platform and was also livestreamed on the district's YouTube channel.

Roll Call

Present: (via Zoom from separate locations)

Michael McKibbin, Ed.D., president

Zima Creason, vice president

Pam Costa, clerk

Saul Hernandez, member

Paula Villescaz, 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 four cases (Education Code section 48918[f]).

Reconvene Open Session/Pledge of Allegiance (C)

At 6:30 p.m., the meeting was called back to order by the president Dr. Michael McKibbin. Four members of the Casa Roble Fundamental High School Air Force Jr. ROTC virtually led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Dr. McKibbin then explained the two methods (electronically or on Zoom) available to submit public comments for tonight's meeting.

Minutes Approved (D)

It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Ms. Creason, that the minutes of the January 25 regular meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED 4-0-1 [AYES: McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: Villescaz].

Recognition: National School Social Work Week (E-1a)

It was moved by Ms. Villescaz, seconded by Ms. Creason, to adopt Resolution No. A-410 proclaiming March 6-12 as National School Social Work Week. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez, Villescaz].

Recognition: Arts Education Month (E-1b)

It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. A-411 proclaiming the month of March as Arts Education Month. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez, Villescaz].

High School Student Council Reports (E-2)

High School Student Council representatives Nayeli Reyes Guerrero from El Camino Fundamental High School and Mel Somvang and Justin Orozco Ramirez from Encina Preparatory High School updated the board on the goals, activities and achievements at the school.

Closed Session/Expulsion Actions (E-7)

Ms. Costa reported that the board voted unanimously to accept a hearing panel's recommendation of three expulsions in case numbers M-15, S-35 and S-36, and to accept a hearing panel's recommendation of one suspended expulsion in case number S-37.

Visitor Comments (F) [via Zoom]

Katie Day shared information about an article related to vaccinations.

Amy Sagraves expressed her concerns about the relocation of Katherine Johnson Middle School to the Creekside location.

Carli Krebs responded to the previous comments made about myocarditis.

Marina Gabel provided information about various Facebook groups.

Michael Seaman expressed his concerns about the relocation of Katherine Johnson Middle School to the Creekside location.

Eva C. expressed her concerns regarding moving Katherine Johnson Middle School to the Creekside location.

Dylan Wood echoed the previous concerns regarding the Creekside location, noting potential impacts on the environment.

Matthew Sagraves expressed his concerns about the relocation of Katherine Johnson Middle School to Creekside.

Consent Calendar Approved (G-1/G-7)

Ms. Villescaz pulled item G-8. It was moved by Ms. Villescaz, seconded by Ms. Creason, that the consent calendar items G-1 through G-7 be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez, Villescaz].

Personnel (G-1)

Appointments, leaves of absence, separations and reassignments/change in work year – approved as submitted.

Purchasing Report (G-2)

Purchase orders and service agreements, change orders, construction and public works bids, piggyback contracts, zero dollar contract and bids/RFPs – 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, Camp Winthers, Family and Community Engagement, Laurel Ruff Transition School, San Juan High School and Skycrest 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.

Annual Policy Review (G-6)

Approval of the following board policies (BP) as required by state and local law (annual policy review): BP 3430 Investing and Debt Management, BP 6145 Extracurricular/Cocurricular Activities, BP 6020 Parent Involvement, BP 5116.1 Intradistrict Open Enrollment (Discussed: 01/25/2022)

Resolution No. 4007: Statewide Educational Wrap Up Program Membership (G-7)

Adoption of Resolution No. 4007 approving the district's membership in the Statewide Educational Wrap Up Program (SEWUP) to use for cost effective construction specific insurance to protect the financial interests of the district and bond.

Consent Calendar Continued (H)

Certification of Absence: Paula Villescaz (G-8)

Approval to certify that the January 25, 2022, absence of board member Paula Villescaz occurred due to illness, pursuant to Education Code 35120(c) and Board Bylaw 9250.

It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Ms. Costa, that the consent calendar item G-8 be approved. MOTION CARRIED 4-0-1 [AYES: McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: Villescaz].

Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Mid-Year Update (I-1)

Deputy Superintendent Melissa Bassanelli presented the topic and introduced Director of Continuous Improvement and LCAP Gianfranco Tornatore who gave a presentation on the LCAP mid-year update which included a review of the supplement to the annual update for the 2021-2022 LCAP as required by section 124(e) of Assembly Bill 130; all available mid-year outcome data related to metrics identified in the 2021-2022 LCAP; and mid-year expenditure and implementation data on all actions identified in the 2021-2022 LCAP. Mr. Tornatore specifically reviewed the planning timeline, the outreach that took place with community and educational partners, and he discussed key themes. Mr. Tornatore spoke about several successes and challenges that have been experienced, noting that all LCAP actions are currently in process and being implemented. Mr. Tornatore also shared information on notable metrics, assessments, differentiated assistance, budget and next steps. Board members made comments and posed questions, which Mr. Tornatore addressed.

Choices Charter School Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Mid-Year Update (I-2)

Director of Admissions and Family Services Brian Ginter introduced Choices Charter School Principal Tony Oddo who gave a presentation on the LCAP mid-year update for Choices Charter School which included a review of the supplement to the annual update for the 2021-2022 LCAP as required by section 124(e) of Assembly Bill 130; all available mid-year outcome data related to metrics identified in the 2021-2022 LCAP; and mid-year expenditure and implementation data on all actions identified in the 2021-2022 LCAP. Mr. Oddo presented information about Choices Charter School expenditure plans, stakeholder input, the school focus and key themes, budget overview for parents, successes and challenges and LCAP metrics. Board members congratulated Choices Charter School on their successes.

Redistricting Trustee Map Boundaries (I-3)

General Counsel Linda Simlick introduced Lozano Smith Attorney Michelle Cannon and Cooperative Strategies Demographer Justin Rich who gave a presentation on redistricting trustee map boundaries. Ms. Cannon provided background information and discussed the redistricting requirements. Mr. Rich reviewed the current trustee area map and he spoke about the 2020 Census study results. Ms. Cannon noted the community outreach and input that was conducted by the district. Mr. Rich presented the two map adjustment options and provided details about each option. Ms. Cannon explained next steps.

Public Comment: [via Zoom]

Michael Seaman mentioned that the Arden-Arcade area has a designated environmental justice area that continues to be overlooked by the redistricting process.

Ms. Villescaz noted the minimal distinction between the two map options and shared her reasoning for supporting scenario 1. Mr. Hernandez said he would base his support on recent feedback from the community, which showed preference for scenario 1. Ms. Costa expressed support for map 1, basing her decision on community feedback. Ms. Creason reiterated that this process does not impact school boundaries, and she said she supports map 1 based on community feedback. Dr. McKibbin thanked the voters and parents who provided feedback, noting his support for scenario 1.

It was moved by Ms. Villescaz, seconded by Ms. Costa, to adopt Resolution No. 4006 approving adjustments to the boundaries of the districts trustee areas and to adopt plan number one (1) as its trustee area redistricting plan pursuant to Education code section 5019.5. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez, Villescaz].

COVID-19 Update (I-4)

Superintendent Kern introduced Chief of Staff Trent Allen who gave an update on the latest conditions related to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impacts on the district, which included information on case rates, testing and the most recent state and county guidance. Mr. Allen provided detailed information about the continued school mask mandate and shared the most recent information from Sacramento County Public Health.

Public Comments: [via Zoom]

Bethany Mitchell spoke about the ineffectiveness of cloth masks.

Katie Day made comments regarding masks and vaccination requirements.

Colin Mergens shared information regarding education codes and expressed support for making masks optional.

Tenille Stewart commended the district on its testing capacity and she said she supports choice for student masking.

Serena Henman spoke about the recent actions taken by Roseville Joint Unified School District related to masking.

Amanda Oltean expressed support for ending the school mask mandate.

Megan shared personal stories about her children taking part in Freedom Friday.

Tristan shared her personal experiences about participating in Freedom Friday.

Sadie Rovito spoke about her personal experiences related to not wearing a mask at school.

Corey Brasier expressed concerns about the school mask mandate and the impact on speech services.

Addison Brasier shared her personal experiences about having to wear a mask at school.

Michaela Golden spoke in opposition to the school mask requirement.

Chelsey Higdon urged the board to end the school mask mandate.

Zoey Brasier shared her personal experiences about wearing a mask at school.

Regan Brasier shared her personal experiences about wearing a mask at school.

Eddie Russell expressed support for discontinuing the school mask mandate.

Carissa Boudwin made comments about removing the school mask mandate.

Carli Krebs expressed support for continuing the school mask mandate.

Amy Sagraves expressed support for ending the school mask mandate.

After the first 30 minutes of public comment, Dr. McKibbin invited board members to speak. Ms. Villescaz acknowledged the frustrations of the pandemic and masking requirements, and she said she supports following the guidance of state and public health leaders. Mr. Hernandez expressed support for sending a message to county and state officials encouraging them to end the school mask mandate before February 28, and he also spoke about parent choice regarding student masking and COVID-19 vaccination requirements. Ms. Costa said she supports upholding the current mandate until the February 28 reassessment takes place by the state. Ms. Creason asked staff clarifying questions regarding the use of shields instead of masks, she acknowledged the struggles and frustration as a result of the pandemic and she made remarks in response to some of the public comments. Dr. McKibbin made comments related to student safety and the oath of office, and he shared his personal stories related to COVID-19.

After board comments, it was moved by Ms. Creason, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, to extend time to hear the remainder of public comment. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [AYES: McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez, Villescaz; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None].

Additional Public Comments: [via Zoom]

Liz Jorgensen spoke about youth mental health and student mask choice.

Kendall Johnson shared stories about her mental health and mask wearing.

Christina Shirk made comments regarding the school mask mandate.

Matthew Sagraves clarified the difference between mandates and laws.

Lisa expressed frustration with the school mask mandate and the mental health of students.

Recommendation for Reduction in Particular Kinds of Services (TK-12 Certificated) (I-5)

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Paul Oropallo explained a resolution is required by the California Education Code to provide advanced notice to TK-12 certificated employees by March 15 for reducing or discontinuing particular kinds of services (PKS). Mr. Oropallo further explained that an additional resolution establishes criteria to apply to break a tie seniority for certificated staff affected by program reductions and who have the same date of hire. Ms. Villescaz asked for clarification about the process, which Mr. Oropallo and Superintendent Kern addressed. Action was scheduled for March 8.

Recommendation for Reduction in Particular Kinds of Services (Early Childhood Education) (I-6)

Mr. Oropallo explained a resolution is required by the California Education Code to provide advanced notice to early childhood education certificated employees by March 15 for reducing or discontinuing particular kinds of services (PKS). Mr. Oropallo further explained that an additional resolution establishes criteria to apply to break a tie seniority for certificated staff affected by program reductions and who have the same date of hire. Action was scheduled for March 8.

Recommendation for Reduction in Particular Kinds of Services (Adult Education) (I-7)

Mr. Oropallo explained a resolution is required by the California Education Code to provide advanced notice to adult education certificated employees by March 15 for reducing or discontinuing particular kinds of services (PKS). Mr. Oropallo further explained that an additional resolution establishes criteria to apply to break a tie seniority for certificated staff affected by program reductions and who have the same date of hire. Action was scheduled for March 8.

Notice of Intent to Reduce Classified Positions (I-8)

Mr. Oropallo explained that a resolution is necessary to address the statutory process for reducing or eliminating certain classified positions, effective June 30, 2022, due to lack of work and/or lack of funds. Action was scheduled for March 8.

Board Reports (J)

There were no board reports.

Future Agenda (K)

There were no items added to the future agenda.

Visitor Comments (L)

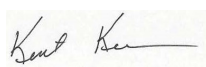
There were no general visitor comments.

Adjournment (M)

At 10:01 p.m., there being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned.



Michael McKibbin, Ed.D., President



Kent Kern, Executive Secretary

Approved: 03/08/2022

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