



San Juan Unified School District

Board of Education

3738 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael, California 95608

**Board of Education Minutes
March 9, 2021**

Regular Meeting

Board of Education

5:30 p.m.

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

The March 9 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 discuss with negotiator Jim Shoemaker, Assistant Superintendent, Schools and 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 the president Paula Villescaz. Four members of the Casa Roble Fundamental 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 Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Dr. McKibbin, that the minutes of the February 23 regular meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Ms. Creason, that the minutes of the February 26 special meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

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

It was moved by Dr. McKibbin, seconded by Ms. Creason, to adopt Resolution No. A-401 proclaiming the week of March 7-13 as National School Social Work Week. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

High School Student Council Reports (E-2)

High School Student Council representatives Fiona Fikes from El Sereno High School and Genevieve Davison from Meraki High School updated the board on the goals, activities and achievements at their respective schools.

Closed Session/Expulsion Actions (E-7)

There were no closed session actions to report.

Visitor Comments (F)

[via Zoom]:

Miss Alicia Nichols made comments about the COVID-19 infection rates and the safety of students and staff.

Audrey Witteborg expressed support for reopening schools five days per week.

Marina Gabel spoke about the need for students to return to in-person learning.

Consent Calendar Approved (G-1/G-9)

Public Comments: [via Zoom]

Greg Russell posed questions and expressed the need to return to in-person learning five days per week.

It was moved by Dr. McKibbin, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, that the consent calendar items G-1 through G-9 be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Personnel (G-1)

Appointments, leaves of absence, separations and job description/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 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 Greer Elementary School and McKinney-Vento.

Disposal of Surplus Property (G-5)

Approval to dispose of surplus property pursuant to board policy 3270 and Education Code sections 17545 and 17546.

Bond Oversight Committee Membership (G-6)

Approval of five members to the Bond Oversight Committee.

Resolution No. 3029: Mira Loma High School Lease Amendment for Gymnasiums Upgrades (G-7)

Adoption of Resolution No. 3029, approving the third 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.

Grant: Education for Homeless Children and Youth Grant Program (G-8)

Approval to implement the following grant, if funded: Education for Homeless Children and Youth Grant Program, 2021-2024.

Grant: Empowering Youth to Create Immediate, Sustainable COVID Relief (G-9)

Approval to implement the following grant: Empowering Youth to Create Immediate, Sustainable COVID Relief.

Social Emotional and Mental Wellness Supports (I-1)

Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Debra Calvin Ed.D. introduced staff who provided an overview of the social emotional and mental wellness supports throughout the district, which is a collaborative effort spanning multiple departments in the district as well as outside agency partnerships. Staff reviewed the adaptations to service delivery models during the pandemic, the new programs and services that have been made available, and a summary of the core counseling programs, additional district supports, internal and external resources for students and families, and professional learning

opportunities. Lead School Counselor Tracie Locke spoke about social emotional learning (SEL) and K-12 school counseling curriculum. Director of Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) Christine Moran spoke about student support centers, the virtual Wellness Room, “get help” referrals and Care Solace referrals. Director of Student Support Services Dominic Covello spoke about restorative practices, Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS), suicide prevention, and the White House Counseling Center and Sacramento County partnerships. School Counselor Marti Velasco spoke about the work of school counselors at Sylvan Middle School. Parent Rene Zolondek shared information about her positive experiences with the White House Counseling Center.

Public Comments: [via Zoom]

Miss Alicia Nichols expressed thanks for all the services that are being provided to students.

Christa Green thanked Mr. Covello and support staff for working to help students.

Mr. Hernandez inquired if the virtual Wellness Room will continue after students return to in-person learning, which Ms. Locke confirmed it would. Ms. Costa stated that she was proud of the number of services being offered, which is benefitting all students at 36 high and medium density school sites, that she explored the virtual Wellness Room with her granddaughter, and that she was pleased that the White House Counseling Center received the 3-year grant. Ms. Creason expressed appreciation for the district’s multi-prong approach to providing services and inquired how the information is being disseminated to families. Ms. Creason also asked questions about professional development, which staff addressed, and she thanked Ms. Zolondek for sharing her story. Dr. McKibbin asked questions about the use of Naviance at Sylvan Middle School, which Ms. Velasco answered. Ms. Villescraz echoed many of the sentiments made by other board members, noting all the challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic has led to over the past year.

Update on Returning to In-Person Learning (I-2)

Superintendent Kern introduced Senior Director of Community Relations Trent Allen who provided an update on the district’s efforts to offer an in-person learning option during the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Allen discussed several items related to the return to in-person learning including the timeline, the preparations that are underway, spacing in classrooms, the hybrid format, substitute teachers, athletics and recent announcements related to state funding. Superintendent Kern elaborated on the reasoning behind the decision to have students attend two mornings per week, noting that a 5-day schedule would cause significant disruptions to the system by requiring a large number of changes to student and teacher class assignments. Superintendent Kern also commented on the potential need for a large number of substitute teachers.

Public Comments: [via Zoom]

Patrick Austin made comments about the parent survey and shared statistics related to COVID-19.

Ken Firl spoke in support of returning to in-person learning full time.

Nikki Cardoza inquired about special education students and in-person services.

Richard Gianelli inquired about in-person IEP services and when students would return to in-person learning full time.

Miss Alicia Nichols posed questions about high school start times, learning times, and returning to in-person learning.

Keri Wanner inquired why another survey was not sent out and also spoke about IEP services.

Jenifer Walls expressed disappointment with distance learning.

Tracey Furman spoke about special education services and IEPs.

Mr. Hernandez asked clarifying questions related to the spacing requirements. Ms. Costa spoke about the spacing requirements, student learning and the importance of working as a unified team. Dr. McKibbin reiterated that the chosen hybrid model was primarily selected to allow students to remain with the same teacher, which Superintendent Kern confirmed. Ms. Creason made comments related to safety plans, the return to in-person learning, the hybrid model, plans for the next school year, special education services and the purpose of the survey, which staff addressed. Ms. Villescraz expressed agreement with previous board member comments, clarified that a state map is available that shows the status of each school district, that San Juan Unified’s safety plans have been linked on the state website, and she looks forward to students returning to campuses full time in the fall.

Second Interim Budget Report (I-3)

Deputy Superintendent Kent Stephens presented the 2020-2021 Second Interim Report, certifying the Second Interim Report as positive, with the understanding of the fiduciary responsibility to maintain fiscal solvency for the current and subsequent two fiscal years. The Second Interim Report reflects actual revenue and expenditures through January 31, 2021, forecasts the remainder of the 2020-2021 fiscal year and provides a multiyear projection for 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Mr. Stephens shared that the fiscal health of the state is much better than expected just a few months ago. Mr. Stephens also noted that deficits do exist in some revenue-generating funds, including cafeteria and child development, which is likely a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Board members made comments and posed questions, which Mr. Stephens addressed.

It was moved by Dr. McKibbin, seconded by Ms. Creason, to approve the 2020-2021 Second Interim Report and the budget revision reflecting projected-year budget totals and the positive certification of the district's ability to maintain fiscal solvency for the current and subsequent two fiscal years. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Establishing a Separate Middle School at Encina (I-4)

Assistant Superintendent of Schools and Labor Relations Jim Shoemaker presented the topic. Mr. Shoemaker explained that board action is required in order to notify the California Department of Education (CDE) of the establishment of a new California public school and to apply for the County-District-School (CDS) code for the newly established school. Mr. Shoemaker also spoke about the process for naming the newly established middle school, which will include community input. Mr. Hernandez reiterated that this is only a procedural necessity in order to get the process started and it is not a vote related to the facilities.

It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Ms. Creason, to approve the establishment of a separate middle school from the current 6-12 model at Encina, beginning in the 2021-2022 school year and to approve the process for naming the new separate middle school. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Notice of Intent to Convey Easement at Del Campo High School (I-5)

Assistant Superintendent of Operations, Facilities and Transportation Frank Camarda presented the item. It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Dr. McKibbin, to adopt Resolution No. 3030 declaring the intent to convey a permanent easement at Del Campo High School to the County of Sacramento and to call a public hearing on April 13, 2021. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Recommendation for Reduction in Particular Kinds of Services (TK-12 Certificated) (I-6)

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Paul Oropallo presented the topic.

It was moved by Dr. McKibbin, seconded by Ms. Costa, to adopt Resolution No. 3023, reducing or discontinuing particular kinds of services and the corresponding amount of TK-12 certificated staffing that will be reduced as a result. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

It was moved by Dr. McKibbin, seconded by Ms. Costa, to adopt Resolution No. 3024, establishing criteria to apply to break a tie in seniority for TK-12 certificated staff affected by program reductions and who have the same date of hire. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

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

Mr. Oropallo presented the topic.

Public Comments: [via Zoom]

Jennifer Harris inquired about the list of adult education staff who are being reduced.

It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Ms. Creason, to adopt Resolution No. 3025, reducing or discontinuing particular kinds of services and the corresponding amount of adult education certificated staffing that will be reduced as a result. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

It was moved by Ms. Creason, seconded by Dr. McKibbin, to adopt Resolution No. 3026, establishing criteria to apply to break a tie in seniority for adult education certificated staff affected by program reductions and who have the same date of hire. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

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

Mr. Oropallo presented the topic.

Public Comments: [via Zoom]

Christa Green asked about the impacted positions.

It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 3027, reducing or eliminating certain classified positions, effective June 30, 2021, due to lack of work and/or lack of funds. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Board Reports (J)

Dr. McKibbin reported that he took part in several student activities including Read Across America at Cottage Elementary School and Peace Corps Day at Del Paso Manor Elementary School. Dr. McKibbin also thanked Dignity Health and the volunteers at the recent vaccination clinics.

Ms. Creason shared that she participated in Read Across America at Cameron Ranch Elementary School, attended the Special Education Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting, and that she has been connecting with parents at a number of schools during their PTA/PTO meetings.

Mr. Hernandez spoke about high school sports restarting and he gave a shout out to the facilities team for the work on preparing the fields.

Ms. Villescaz reported that she participated in Read Across America, in conjunction with women's history month, at Greer Elementary School and she thanked Dignity Health for its work with the vaccination clinics.

Superintendent Kern also expressed thanks to Dignity Health for the vaccination clinics, noting that it has been an amazing partnership.

Future Agenda (K)

There were no items added to the future agenda.

Visitor Comments (L)

[via Zoom]:

Darcey Schmelzer expressed her concerns regarding the hybrid model.

Jennifer Harris noted that she located the previous document that she had inquired about.

Adjournment (M)

At 10:00 p.m., there being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned.



Paula Villescaz, President



Kent Kern, Executive Secretary

Approved: 03/23/2021

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