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**San Juan Unified School District**

Board of Education

3738 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael, California 95608

**Board of Education Minutes  
April 11, 2023**

**Regular Meeting**

Board of Education

5:15 p.m.

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

The April 11 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

Saul Hernandez, clerk

Ben Avey, member

Paula Villescaz, member

Tanya Kravchuk, member

Absent:

Pam Costa, vice president

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 student expulsions in four cases (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 personnel matters – public employee appointment/employment – interim deputy superintendent (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-1, D-2)**

It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Ms. Kravchuk, that the minutes of the March 28 regular meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED 4-0-1 [AYES: Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: Creason; ABSENT: Costa].

It was moved by Ms. Villescaz, seconded by Mr. Avey, that the minutes of the March 31 special meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [AYES: Creason, Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk; NOES: None; ABSENT: Costa].

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

It was moved by Ms. Kravchuk, seconded by Ms. Villescaz, to adopt Resolution No. A-422 proclaiming the week of April 1-7 as the Week of the Young Child. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [AYES: Creason, Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk; NOES: None; ABSENT: Costa].

**Recognition: California School Bus Driver's Appreciation Day (E-1b)**

It was moved by Mr. Avey, seconded by Ms. Kravchuk, to adopt Resolution No. A-423 proclaiming April 25 as California School Bus Driver's Appreciation Day. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [AYES: Creason, Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk; NOES: None; ABSENT: Costa].

**High School Student Council Reports (E-2)**

High School Student Council representatives Zubin Tagore from San Juan High School and Mel Somvang and Justin Orozco Ramirez from Encina Preparatory High School updated the board on the goals, activities and achievements at their respective schools.

**Board-appointed/District Committees (E-3)**

Myel Thelen, chair of the Curriculum, Standards, Instructional and Student Services Committee (C&S), shared that the committee unanimously decided to move both the instructional materials adoptions and the new high school courses board items forward to the board for consideration.

**Closed Session/Expulsion Actions (E-7)**

Mr. Hernandez reported that the board voted unanimously to accept a hearing panel's recommendation of three stipulated suspended expulsions in case numbers M-12, M-51 and S-41 and to accept as written one stipulated expulsion in case number M-54.

Mr. Hernandez also reported that the board took action in closed session to approve and ratify the temporary employment contract for Interim Deputy Superintendent for Amy Slavensky. The vote was unanimous. Pursuant to the Government Code which requires a verbal summary of compensation and fringe benefits, Ms. Slavensky's temporary contract is effective April 12, 2023, through June 30, 2024, and provides for compensation in the amount of \$255,758, annually. Ms. Slavensky will receive the same health and welfare benefits and salary adjustments as other district administrators.

**Visitor Comments (F)**

Nicole Roman spoke about the elimination of the vice principal position at Gold River Discovery Center.

Dolores Cortez made comments regarding the LGBTQ lunch club at Deterding Elementary School.

Kristi Beckley expressed support for keeping the vice principal position at Gold River Discovery Center.

Kris Schwartz spoke about the pride club at Deterding Elementary School.

Lorreen Pryor spoke about the Black Youth Leadership Project (BYLP) podcast and the work of the organization.

Lisa Stanley shared information about the work of BYLP.

**Consent Calendar Approved (G-1/G-3)**

Mr. Avey pulled item G-4 and Ms. Creason pulled item G-5. It was moved by Ms. Villescaz, seconded by Ms. Kravchuk, that the consent calendar items G-1 through G-3 be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [AYES: Creason, Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk; NOES: None; ABSENT: Costa].

**Personnel (G-1)**

Appointments, leaves of absence, separations and pre-retirement reduced workload – approved as submitted.

**Purchasing Report (G-2)**

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

**Gifts (G-3)**

Acceptance of gifts to Bella Vista High School, El Camino Fundamental High School and Camp Winthers.

### **Consent Calendar Continued (H)** **Board Governance Handbook (G-4)**

Approval of the proposed revisions to the Board Governance Handbook. (Discussed: 12/13/2022, 01/24/2023, 03/28/2023).

It was moved by Mr. Avey that the consent calendar item G-4 be approved as amended to include a second paragraph on page 8 under public comments: *“The public shall be offered the opportunity to offer public comment in person, in writing or remotely in real time using call-in or internet-based technology.”* There being no second, the motion was not considered.

It was moved by Ms. Villescaz, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, that the consent calendar item G-4 be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED 3-1-1 [AYES: Creason, Hernandez, Villescaz; NOES: Avey; ABSTAIN: Kravchuk; ABSENT: Costa].

### **Certification of Absence: Zima Creason (G-5)**

Certification that the March 28, 2023, regular meeting, absence of board member Zima Creason occurred due to illness, pursuant to Education Code 35120(c) and Board Bylaw 9250.

It was moved by Ms. Villescaz, seconded by Mr. Avey, that the consent calendar item G-5 be approved. MOTION CARRIED 4-0-1 [AYES: Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: Creason; ABSENT: Costa].

### **Instructional Materials Adoptions (I-1)**

Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education and Programs Kristan Schnepf presented the topic and then introduced Director of Professional Learning and Innovation (PLI) Nicole Kukral. Ms. Kukral introduced the team of PLI program specialists who facilitated the process: Heather Brandt (English language arts and history-social science), Paula Baucom (health and science), Liz Julienne (mathematics) and Nicole Naditz (instructional technology and world languages). Ms. Brandt presented the materials recommendations and explained the small adoptions process. Ms. Baucom reviewed the details of the adoption selection process, including the selection criteria and stages of the process. Ms. Baucom noted that the adoption process for Physics of the Universe concluded this year after being postponed last year, and she shared the associated cost of the physics adoption. Ms. Julienne shared information regarding the cost of technology (chromebooks). Ms. Naditz spoke about professional learning opportunities for teachers.

Mr. Avey thanked the C&S committee and staff for their work on this item. Ms. Villescaz asked clarifying questions regarding the physics adoption, which Ms. Baucom addressed. Ms. Kravchuk encouraged staff to find additional ways to solicit more input from families. Ms. Kukral explained that staff has plans to gather input from the C&S committee about identifying creative ways to engage the community throughout the adoption process. Superintendent Bassanelli noted the opportunity to work with other district committees on ways to broaden community outreach. Ms. Brandt shared information about the communication tools that were used during this adoption cycle. Ms. Kravchuk offered suggestions for future community outreach. Ms. Creason expressed appreciation for the work of the C&S committee and she acknowledged the district's commitment to broaden community outreach on this topic. Action was scheduled for April 25.

### **New High School Courses (I-2)**

Ms. Kukral presented the item, explained the new course request process and reviewed the list of the four new proposed high school courses and one adult education course for 2023-2024 which includes: College Preparatory Electives: International Baccalaureate (IB) Career Programme Personal and Professional Skills 1; Mindfulness and Mindful Leadership: Helping Oneself, Helping Others; Math: College Algebra for the College Level Examination Program (CLEP), College Math for College Level Examination Program (CLEP); and Adult Education: California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST) Preparation Course. Board members made comments and posed questions, which staff addressed. Action was scheduled for April 25.

### **Board Policy Revisions (I-3)**

General Counsel Linda Simlick presented the proposed revisions to the following board policies: Board Policy 0410 Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities, Board Policy 5145.3 Nondiscrimination/Harassment, Board Policy 5146 Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students, and Board Policy 6142.7 Physical Education And Activity, explaining that the revisions are necessary to ensure compliance with federal and state law through the Federal Program Monitoring (FPM) process. Board members asked clarifying questions regarding the language referencing the Boys Scouts of America, which Ms. Simlick explained was mandatory. Action was scheduled for April 25.

### **Williams Complaint Report (I-4)**

Ms. Simlick explained that the district must report on the status of Williams-type complaints filed with the district per Education Code section 35186(d), which requires each school district to publicly report, on a quarterly basis, summarized

data on the nature and resolution of all Williams-type complaints. Ms. Simlick stated that, during the time period from January through March 2023, there were no Williams-type complaints filed.

#### **San Juan Teachers Association Initial Proposal for Contract Reopeners 2023-2024 (I-5)**

Executive Director of Labor Relations and Government Affairs Daniel Thigpen presented the bargaining interests of the San Juan Teachers Association for public comment. Ms. Creason stated there were no requests for public comment.

#### **Proposed Board Meeting Dates for 2023-2024 (I-6)**

It was moved by Ms. Villescaz, seconded by Ms. Kravchuk, to approve the board meeting dates for the 2023-2024 school year as presented. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [AYES: Creason, Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk; NOES: None; ABSENT: Costa].

#### **Committee Representatives (I-7)**

Ms. Creason explained that the trustee area 7 vacancy has resulted in three committee representative openings. The board made changes to the board representatives/alternates on the following committees effective until December 2023:

- Citizens/Bond Oversight Committee [Ms. Villescaz; alternate Mr. Hernandez]
- Special Education Community Advisory Committee [Ms. Creason; alternate Mr. Avey]
- City of Citrus Heights Education and Community Programs Committee [Ms. Kravchuk (area 5); Mr. Avey (area 6); Ms. Creason (board president)]

#### **Board Reports (J)**

Ms. Creason apologized for missing recent events due to COVID-19 and she thanked everyone who stepped in to help.

#### **Future Agenda (K)**

There were no items added to the future agenda.

#### **Adjournment (L)**

At 7:59 p.m., there being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned.



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Zima Creason, Board President



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Melissa Bassanelli, Secretary

Approved: 04/25/2023

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