



San Juan Unified School District
Board of Education
3738 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael, California 95608

**Board of Education Minutes
January 23, 2024**

Regular Meeting
Board of Education
6:00 p.m.

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

The January 23 regular meeting was called to order by the president, Pam Costa. The board meeting was held in person and was also streamed to the district's YouTube channel.

Roll Call

Present:
Pam Costa, president
Saul Hernandez, vice president
Ben Avey, clerk
Paula Villescaz, member
Tanya Kravchuk, member
Manuel Perez, member
Zima Creason, member

Closed Session Visitor Comments (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 readmissions in two 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, Pam Costa. Four members of the Casa Roble High School Air Force Jr. ROTC led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes Approved (D)

It was moved by Ms. Villescaz, seconded by Ms. Kravchuk, that the minutes of the January 9 regular meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk, Perez, Creason].

Recognition: 2024 Classified Employees of the Year (E-1a)

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Rebecca Toto, Ed.D., introduced Ivy Akbari, High School Secretary (Encina Preparatory High School); Lanesia Foster, Instructional Assistant III (Carriage Drive Elementary School); and Jose Rios, Custodian (Thomas Edison Language Institute) as the 2024 Classified Employees of the Year.

Recognition: National School Counseling Week (E-1b)

It was moved by Ms. Creason, seconded by Ms. Kravchuk, to adopt Resolution No. A-433 proclaiming February 5-9 as National School Counseling Week. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk, Perez, Creason].

High School Student Council Reports (E-2)

High School Student Council representatives Allyson Dyke and Emmy Moran from Del Campo High School and Carolina Carruth from El Camino Fundamental High School updated the board on the goals, activities and achievements at their respective schools.

Closed Session/Expulsion Actions (E-7)

Mr. Avey reported that the board voted unanimously to accept as written two denied readmissions in case numbers RA-05 and RA-06.

Visitor Comments (F)

Options for Youth Principal Derek Newell provided an update on activities at the school.

Jennifer Harris spoke about a pedestrian pathway near Lacey Lane and the new Katherine Johnson Middle School.

Farrah Ting spoke about a pathway and foot bridge near Lacey Lane and the new Katherine Johnson Middle School.

Anastasia Canterbury spoke about the need for a lighted stadium at Rio Americano High School.

Shauna Cvetovac expressed support for having a lighted stadium at Rio Americano High School.

Martin Ross shared information about the 40th annual Wayne Reimers Jazz Festival.

Reid Sanders expressed support for installing stadium lights and bleachers at Rio Americano High School.

Consent Calendar Approved (G-1/G-8)

It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Ms. Creason, that the consent calendar items G-1 through G-8 be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk, Perez, Creason].

Personnel (G-1) - Appointments, leaves of absence, separations and errata – approved as submitted.

Purchasing Report (G-2)

Change orders, piggyback contracts, zero dollar 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 gift to Bella Vista High School.

Surplus Property Report (G-5)

Approval to dispose of surplus property pursuant to Board Policy 3270 and Education Code sections 17545 and 17546.

2023-2024 School Accountability Report Cards (G-6)

Approval of the 2023-2024 School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs).

LCAP ESSA Federal Addendum (G-7)

Approval of the updated Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Federal Addendum as required by the California Department of Education (CDE).

Short-Term Nutrition Services Supervisor III Position (G-8)

Approval of a short-term Nutrition Services Supervisor III in Nutrition Services from 01/24/2024 until 04/15/2024.

Family and Community Engagement Update (I-1)

Chief of Staff Trent Allen introduced Director of Family Engagement and Partnership Development Amy Rovai Gregory who gave a presentation on the activities and actions of the district's Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Department. Ms. Rovai Gregory began by sharing a list of the services that the FACE Department provides. Family Engagement Coordinator Luis Cruz Solace spoke about the work of neighborhood/parent liaisons and upcoming family education offerings. Ms. Rovai Gregory shared information about staff development, community asset mapping, the FACE mobile, a targeted family engagement pilot program, community partnerships, volunteer support programs and field trip

support. Ms. Rovai Gregory then explained next steps for the department. Board members made comments and posed questions, which Ms. Rovai Gregory addressed. Mr. Avey spoke about family participation, the resolution complaint process, field trips, staff development and the family leadership academy. Ms. Kravchuk commented on the Starr King K-8 neighborhood learning project, the new partnership with the Armstead Academic Project and fatherhood outreach, and she suggested that the department incorporate information about post-graduation possibilities into their outreach efforts. Ms. Costa expressed gratitude to the department for its work, noting the positive impact on families and student success.

Proposed Name Change for Arcade Fundamental Middle School (I-2)

Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education and Programs Kristan Schnepf introduced Director of Secondary Education Darrin Kitchen, Ed.D. and Arcade Fundamental Middle School Principal Lindsey McManigal who gave a presentation about the proposed name change for Arcade. Dr. Kitchen provided background information about the proposed name change, which would align with the school's current educational direction. Ms. McManigal shared information about the feedback that was collected from a ThoughtExchange involving students, families and staff. Ms. McManigal also detailed the school's current focus as a Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) school with a focus on collaboration, process-based learning, innovation and inquiry. Ms. Creason expressed support for the name change. Mr. Hernandez inquired about the percentage of students who responded to the ThoughtExchange. Mr. Avey reported that the Facilities Committee had a good discussion about the proposed name change, noting that other fundamental schools will retain their names, and the cost is negligible. Ms. Villescaz expressed support for the proposal, appreciating that the request originated from the community. Ms. Costa commented that the proposed name change aligns philosophically, acknowledging that 'fundamental' made sense previously, but now the school has a STEAM focus. Action was scheduled for February 13 on consent.

Public Hearing: Conveyance of Easement at Arcade Fundamental Middle School (I-3)

Director of Facilities, Construction and Modernization Nicholas Arps presented the item. Ms. Costa declared the topic of conveying a permanent easement at Arcade Fundamental Middle School a public hearing and invited the public to speak. There being no questions or comments from the public, Ms. Costa declared the public hearing closed. It was moved by Ms. Villescaz, seconded by Ms. Kravchuk, to adopt Resolution No. 4113, conveying one permanent easement at Arcade Fundamental Middle School to the Sacramento Municipal Utility District. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk, Perez, Creason].

Proposed Revisions to Board Policy 1312.3 Uniform Complaint Procedures (I-4)

General Counsel Phanysha Gaddis presented the proposed revisions to Board Policy 1312.3 Uniform Complaint Procedures. It was moved by Mr. Avey, seconded by Ms. Villescaz, to approve the revisions to Board Policy 1312.3 Uniform Complaint Procedures. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk, Perez, Creason].

Proposed Revisions and New Exhibit to Board Policy 5145.3 Nondiscrimination/Harassment (I-5)

Ms. Gaddis presented the proposed revisions and new exhibit to Board Policy 5145.3 Nondiscrimination/Harassment. It was moved by Ms. Creason, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, to approve the revisions and new exhibit to Board Policy 5145.3 Nondiscrimination/Harassment. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk, Perez, Creason].

Board Reports (J)

Ms. Villescaz shared information from the recent Bond Oversight Committee meeting.

Mr. Hernandez reported that he attended the wall signing at Arcade Fundamental Middle School.

Future Agenda (K)

There were no items added to the future agenda.

Adjournment (L)

At 8:19 p.m., there being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned.



Pam Costa, Board President



Melissa Bassanelli, Secretary

Approved: 02/13/2024

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