



San Juan Unified School District

Board of Education

3738 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael, California 95608

**Board of Education Minutes
July 1, 2021**

Special Meeting

Board of Education

6:30 p.m.

Open Session/Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance (A)

The July 1 special meeting was called to order by the president, Paula Villescaz. The board meeting was held in person and also livestreamed 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

Minutes Approved (B)

It was moved by Ms. Creason, seconded by Dr. McKibbin, that the minutes of the June 22 regular meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

California Voting Rights Act Public Hearing No. 2: Potential Composition of By-Trustee Areas Pursuant to Elections Code section 10010 subdivision (a)(1) and other applicable provisions of the law, Prior to Drawing of Maps and Resolution No. 3059 (C-1)

General Counsel Linda Simlick presented the item and introduced Domenic Spinelli, an attorney from Spinelli, Donald and Nott law firm, who explained the reasoning behind the 41-day condensed timeline to complete the transition to by-trustee areas. Ms. Simlick then introduced demographer Justin Rich from Cooperative Strategies who gave a presentation about the map drawing process, which included information about the resolution outlining the criteria to guide the establishment of trustee areas. Mr. Rich noted that 2010 census data will be used to draw the draft maps, and then once the 2020 census data is available the final map may undergo minor adjustments to reflect the new data. After the presentation, Ms. Villescaz invited board members to speak. Mr. Hernandez made comments and shared data regarding the ten largest school districts in the state. Ms. Costa stated she believes each trustee area should have a minimum of one high school and she encouraged participation in the upcoming community input meetings. Ms. Creason asked clarifying questions about the process for the draft maps as well as the final map, which Mr. Rich answered, and she stated she supports the idea of at least one high school in each trustee area. Dr. McKibbin posed clarifying questions regarding gerrymandering and communities of interest, and he expressed support for using the school feeder system as criteria. Ms. Villescaz reiterated the timeline, explaining that draft maps have not been published yet, and she offered details about additional suggested criteria.

After board comment, Ms. Villescaz declared the topic of the potential composition of by-trustee areas pursuant to elections code section 10010 subdivision (a)(1) and other applicable provisions of the law prior to the drawing of maps a public hearing and invited the public to speak.

Public Comments:

[in person]

Tina Gonzalez Casanova said she supports staying with a five-member board.

Victoria Castenada expressed support for a seven-member board.

Ben Avey, speaking on behalf of the San Juan Parents Association, shared data that supports seven districts.

Marti Velasco said she supports a five-member board since it is more stable.

Juan Yniguez offered support for a seven-member board with increased representation in Citrus Heights and West Arden-Arcade.

Kathy Morris expressed support for a seven-member board with representation from Citrus Heights.

Ray Riehle expressed support for a seven-member board and encouraged board members to keep future boards in mind as this process unfolds.

Amy Kassouni said she supports developing a seven-member map, which would allow for greater connectedness to schools and improved student outcomes.

Magali Kincaid said West Arden-Arcade and Citrus Heights need representation, and she expressed support for seven trustees.

Tim Kassouni stated he endorses expansion to a seven-member board.

Maria Grijalva requested to reinstate Zoom for increased audience participation.

Earl Lagomarsino expressed support for a seven-member board, which would help the board relate to neighborhoods.

Aaron Miner made comments related to increasing the board to seven members for increased representation.

Carolina Flores, who first gave comments in Spanish, then made comments in English about The Ralph M. Brown Act.

Alejandro Cabrera, speaking on behalf of Councilmember Eric Guerra, expressed support for a seven-member board.

Ben Chaffin expressed support for a seven-member board in order to improve student outcomes.

Mario Galvan provided information to the public about how to get involved in the process.

DeAnn Deckwa encouraged looking at communities prior to the drawing of maps.

Chief of Staff Trent Allen notified Ms. Villescaz that the 30-minute time limit for public comment had been reached. It was moved by Ms. Creason, seconded by Ms. Costa, to extend time in order to hear the remainder of public comments. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Murad Sarama expressed support for by-district elections and seven-member board to allow for better engagement and representation.

Damaris Canton shared that the seven-member board concept is led by parents and it would allow for better representation and smaller areas of focus on the west end.

Lisa Pelletier expressed concerns with distance learning, stating she supports local control and parent representation.

Faith Attaguile made comments related to census data.

Scott Rafferty made comments about the democratic process, data and increasing the board to seven members.

Bill Simmons spoke in support of keeping a five-member board.

David Hawkins expressed support for increasing the board to seven members, which would allow for inclusiveness.

Michele Wright stated she supports a seven-member board, increased representation and greater inclusiveness.

Michael Nishimura stated he was happy about the move to by-trustee area elections and it would be fairer and more equitable by going to a seven-member board.

Herman Barahona expressed disappointment with the suspension rates of black and brown students and the lack of an engineering program at Encina, and he expressed support for a seven-district board.

Theresa Amador made comments related to a seven-trustee map, student outcomes and school performance.

Jocelyn Millan expressed support for a five-member board.

[via electronic comment form, and read aloud by Chief of Staff Trent Allen]

Elizabeth Wroten expressed support for redrawing the district map to include seven neighborhoods instead of five.

Nina Mancina posed questions related to the effectiveness of increasing the size of the board.

Michael Seaman expressed a preference for seven districts and offered input regarding additional criteria.

Alan Lovett supports having more teaching staff rather than more board members.

Tommee Nelson expressed support for moving to trustee areas but disapproval of attorneys trying to profit off the process.

John Carnezas wrote about the challenges of attending in-person meetings and supports the increase to seven trustees.

Anonymous wrote that identification should not be required on the comment form and expressed support for seven trustees.

There being no further comments from the public, Ms. Villescaz declared the public hearing closed and invited board members to speak. Mr. Hernandez stated he appreciated all the comments and he looks forward to hearing everyone's point of view before making a final decision. Ms. Costa said that she appreciates all the comments and listeners, and she is interested in hearing input at the upcoming community meetings from the widest number of people as possible. Ms. Creason addressed some of the public comments, reiterating that decisions regarding maps have not yet been made and more public hearings are scheduled, and she also made comments and posed questions related to open enrollment and the mapping process. Dr. McKibbin thanked the public for all the comments, and he noted the importance of hearing from the 80 percent of non-student households in the district, the need to continue representing all schools in the district, and he shared some of his positive experiences related to interacting with five-member boards. Ms. Villescaz reiterated this is a multi-step process and she encouraged widespread advertisement of the process and upcoming community input dates.

Ms. Villescaz then led the board through a discussion on each item on the list of criteria. Board members made comments related to boundaries, communities of interest, the use of non-census data and incumbency. Board discussion resulted in: amending item 7 to include "... *and safety considerations*"; removing item 8 from the criteria – "*The boundaries of the trustee areas may consider avoiding pairing two or more incumbents in a single trustee-area, to the extent legally allowable.*"; and adding item 11 to the criteria – "*The boundaries of the trustee area shall include at least one high school or more*". It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Dr. McKibbin, to adopt Resolution No. 3059, clarifying the criteria, as amended, that the demographer will consider when preparing draft maps. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Tentative Agreement: San Juan Professional Educators Coalition (C-2)

Superintendent Kern presented the item and stated that the one-time, off-schedule payment will not increase employees' base compensation. There being no public comments, it was moved by Dr. McKibbin, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, that the tentative agreement between the San Juan Professional Educators Coalition (SJPEC) and San Juan Unified School District (SJUSD) be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Tentative Agreement: Teamsters Union Local No. 150 (C-3)

Superintendent Kern presented the item and stated that the one-time, off-schedule payment will not increase employees' base compensation. There being no public comments, it was moved by Ms. Creason, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, that the tentative agreement between the Teamsters Union Local No. 150 and San Juan Unified School District (SJUSD) be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Tentative Agreement: San Juan Supervisors Association (C-4)

Superintendent Kern presented the item and stated that the one-time, off-schedule payment will not increase employees' base compensation. There being no public comments, it was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Dr. McKibbin, that the tentative agreement between the San Juan Supervisors Association (SJSA) and San Juan Unified School District (SJUSD) be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Adjournment (D)

At 9:13 p.m., there being no further business, the special meeting was adjourned.



Paula Villescaz, President



Kent Kern, Executive Secretary

Approved: 07/13/2021

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