



San Juan Unified School District

Board of Education

3738 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael, California 95608

**Board of Education Minutes
May 14, 2024**

Regular Meeting

Board of Education

5:15 p.m.

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

The May 14 regular meeting was called to order by the president, Pam Costa. The board meeting was held in person and was also livestreamed on the district website.

Roll Call

Present:

Pam Costa, president

Saul Hernandez, vice president

Ben Avey, clerk

Tanya Kravchuk, member

Manuel Perez, member

Absent:

Paula Villescaz, member

Zima Creason, member

Announcement of Closed Session Topics/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 a student expulsion in one case (Education Code section 48918[f]); to discuss collective bargaining matters – discussion 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 discuss one personnel matter – superintendent's evaluation (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, Pam Costa. Four members of the Casa Roble Fundamental High School Air Force Jr. ROTC led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes Approved (D)

It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Ms. Kravchuk, that the minutes of the April 23 regular meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED 4-0-1 [AYES: Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Kravchuk; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: Perez; ABSENT: Villescaz, Creason].

Recognition: National Speech Pathologist Day (E-1a)

It was moved by Mr. Perez, seconded by Mr. Avey, to adopt Resolution No. A-440 proclaiming May 18 as National Speech Pathologist Day. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [AYES: Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Kravchuk, Perez; NOES: None; ABSENT: Villescaz, Creason]. Speech-Language Pathologist Alix Bowen accepted the resolution.

Recognition: Classified School Employee Week (E-1b)

It was moved by Ms. Kravchuk, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. A-441 proclaiming May 19-25 as Classified School Employee Week. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [AYES: Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Kravchuk, Perez; NOES: None; ABSENT: Villescay, Creason]. CSEA President Adara Clark-Gunn accepted the resolution, and she spoke about some of the challenges the group has faced this school year.

High School Student Council Reports (E-2)

High School Student Council representatives Claire Contreras and Dimah Adnan from Mira Loma High School and Keira Chandler and Jayden Stanton from Casa Roble Fundamental High School updated the board on the goals, activities and achievements at their respective schools.

Board-Appointed/District Committees (E-4)

Ryan Digman, chair of the Special Education Community Advisory Committee (CAC), provided a report on the committee's work and presented concerns and recommendations. Luc Taylor, CAC student representative, spoke about the need for supportive staff and safe spaces.

Employee Organizations (E-5)

Barry Roth, president of the San Juan Teachers Association (SJTA), spoke about the tentative agreement between San Juan Unified and SJTA.

Closed Session/Expulsion Actions (E-7)

Mr. Avey reported that the board voted unanimously to accept as written one stipulated suspended expulsion in case number M-36.

Visitor Comments (F)

Monique Moraga shared information about her experiences as a parent at Ralph Richardson Center.

James Moraga encouraged more training for teachers related to the Individualized Education Program (IEP) process.

Sarah Medal shared her experiences and expressed support for change within the district's special education program.

Kirsten Fanning expressed her concerns about systemic issues within the special education program.

Ben Hesch shared his experiences as a student with disabilities.

Marsha Hesch shared her experiences as a parent of students in the special education program.

Aria Walker shared her experiences about the IEP process.

Heather Taylor shared her experiences with the IEP process, encouraging collaboration.

Dina Gray shared her experiences as a parent of a student in the special education program, encouraging more staff training.

Caroline Digman spoke about reading difficulties and the need for early screening.

Jennifer Morgan made comments about the proposed strategic plan and the special education program.

Glaiyol Sahba expressed support for banning the use of Roundup® at district facilities.

Martin Ross spoke about the district's recent Most Valued Partners Awards Celebration.

Bernadette Smith shared information about the disposal of Native American curriculum and artifacts.

Ona Alminas expressed support for the CAC recommendations that were presented earlier in the meeting.

Nicole Harrigan shared her experiences with the IEP process.

After 30 minutes of public comment, the board agreed to extend time for the remainder of visitor comments.

David Pegos shared his experiences as a parent of a student in the special education program.

Consent Calendar Approved (G-1/G-17)

It was moved by Mr. Avey, seconded by Mr. Perez, that the consent calendar items G-1 through G-17 be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [AYES: Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Kravchuk, Perez; NOES: None; ABSENT: Villescaz, Creason].

Personnel (G-1)

Appointments, leaves of absence, separations, pre-retirement reduced workload, reassignments/change in work year and job description/salary range change – approved as submitted.

Purchasing Report (G-2)

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

Business/Financial Report (G-3)

Warrants and payroll – approved as submitted.

Gifts (G-4)

Acceptance of gifts to Bella Vista High School, Deterding Elementary School, Mesa Verde High School and San Juan 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.

New High School Courses (G-6)

Approval of the following new high school courses for 2024-2025: Science: Advanced Placement (AP) Physics C: Mechanics; Mathematics: AP Pre-Calculus, Data Science; Art: Art and Ethnic Studies; and English: English 3: Ethnic Studies. (Discussed: 04/23/2024)

Instructional Materials Adoptions (G-7)

Approval of Report IIs related to the new instructional materials adoptions for World Languages: International Baccalaureate (IB) Spanish I-II, Advanced Placement (AP) Spanish; Science: AP Physics C: Mechanics; History-Social Science: Psychology, Sociology. (Discussed: 04/23/2024).

Resolution No. 4133: Head Start and Early Head Start SETA Grant Resolution 2024-2025 (G-8)

Adoption of Resolution No. 4133 approving the Head Start and Early Head Start grant resolution with Sacramento Employment and Training Agency (SETA) for 2024-2025.

2022-2023 Audit Reports for Measures J, N, P and S (G-9)

Acceptance of the 2022-2023 audit reports for Measures J, N, P and S as prepared by Gilbert Associates Inc.

STC Five LLC Site Lease Agreement Amendment No. 1 (G-10)

Approval of amendment no. 1 to the site lease agreement between STC Five LLC and San Juan Unified for the cell site located on a portion of San Juan High School at 7551 Greenback Lane, Citrus Heights.

Architectural/Engineering Services Master Contract Agreement and Qualified Vendors List (G-11)

Approval of master contract agreement for architectural/engineering services along with the short list of qualified vendors.

Resolution No. 4129: Encina Preparatory High School Notice of Award Contract (G-12)

Adoption of Resolution No. 4129 awarding the lease-leaseback contract for the Encina Preparatory High School full renovation project to Core West Inc. dba Core Construction, pursuant to Education Code section 17406.

Resolution No. 4130: Starr King K-8 School New Construction Project Lease Amendment No. 3 (G-13)

Adoption of Resolution No. 4130 approving the third amendment to the lease agreement for Starr King TK/Kindergarten new construction project no. 147-9512-P1 between San Juan Unified School District and Otto Construction.

Resolution No. 4131: Barrett Middle School Modernization Project Lease Amendment No. 6 (G-14)

Adoption of Resolution No. 4131 approving the sixth amendment to the lease agreement for the Barrett Middle School modernization project no. 004-9495-P1 between San Juan Unified School District and Landmark Modernization Contractors dba Landmark Construction.

Resolution No. 4132: Barrett Middle School New Construction Project Lease Amendment No. 6 (G-15)

Adoption of Resolution No. 4132 approving the sixth amendment to the lease agreement for the Barrett Middle School new construction project no. 004-9512-P1 between San Juan Unified School District and Landmark Modernization Contractors dba Landmark Construction.

Short-Term Personnel Technician Position (G-16)

Approval of a short-term personnel technician position effective 5/15/2024 until 10/23/2024.

Curriculum, Standards, Instructional and Student Services Committee Membership (G-17)

Ratification of Patricia McGavock to the Curriculum, Standards, Instructional and Student Services (C&S) Committee.

Prior to addressing the business items, the board took a brief recess from 8:15 p.m. - 8:25 p.m.

Proposed Strategic Plan (I-1)

Chief of Staff Trent Allen introduced the topic and Director of Family Engagement and Partnership Development Amy Rovai Gregory and Center for Effective School Operations (CESO) Senior Communications Strategist Susan Brott who gave a presentation on the proposed strategic plan, which was developed through extensive input and feedback from students, families, staff and community members. Ms. Brott thanked the Core Planning and Design teams for their work and reviewed the elements and the overall process involved in the developing the strategic plan. Ms. Rovai Gregory shared details about the extensive engagement processes and activities that took place in the fall and spring, highlighting the identified themes. Ms. Brott then discussed the work of the core planning and design teams, which informed the draft strategic framework, resulting in an overarching statement and four strategic directions. Students and staff presented the four strategic directions:

- Del Campo High School Student Karin Nicholson and Cameron Ranch Elementary School Principal Aliceon Sloss presented Strategic Direction 1: Advance and Support Student Success.
- Encina Preparatory High School Student Dons Hicks and Family and Community Engagement Facilitator Kimber Rice presented Strategic Direction 2: Prioritize Equitable Practices.
- Casa Roble Fundamental High School Student Trinity Solano-Hale and Special Education Data Technician and CSEA President Adara Gunn presented Strategic Direction 3: Enhance Employee Systems and Supports.
- Bella Vista High School Student Sarah Silagi and Deterding Elementary School Principal Melanie Allen presented Strategic Direction 4: Engage Students, Families and Community as Valued Educational Partners.

Lastly, Ms. Brott presented additional elements of the plan, including the core values, the mission statement and the vision statement, and she explained next steps. Board members made comments. Ms. Kravchuk thanked everyone who participated and uplifted several areas of the plan. Mr. Avey expressed appreciation for the plan and offered some suggested edits for consideration. Ms. Costa said she appreciated seeing the evolution of the plan and thanked everyone involved in the process. Mr. Allen thanked Ms. Rovai Gregory, the students and the staff for their participation. Action was scheduled for May 28.

English Learner Update (I-2)

Interim Deputy Superintendent of Schools and Student Support Amy Slavensky, Ph.D., introduced Director of the Office of Student Learning Assistance Gwyn Dellinger and English Learner Program Manager Genoveva Mendoza Navarrete who gave a presentation on the programs, data and supports provided to English learner and refugee students. Ms. Dellinger provided an update on the data regarding English learner demographics and language proficiency levels, as well as information about the programs and services offered. Ms. Navarrete shared information about curriculum and academic supports, including an overview of the E.L. Achieve Systematic English Language Development (ELD) Program, which is currently used at over 17 school sites. Del Paso Manor Elementary School ELD Teacher Stephanie Wagner shared her experiences with and provided information about E.L. Achieve. Ms. Navarrete also spoke about the California Dashboard English Learner Progress Indicator (ELPI) indicator data and the current reclassification rate. Board members made comments and posed questions, which staff addressed.

Land Acknowledgements (I-3)

Dr. Slavensky introduced the item and Ms. Dellinger who gave a presentation on the practice of incorporating Land Acknowledgements into San Juan Unified formal occasions and ceremonies. Ms. Dellinger provided background information, presented recommendations and shared next steps.

Visitor Comments:

Angela Luna expressed support for the consideration of land acknowledgements.

Kaylee Mize spoke about the importance of land acknowledgement statements.

Josh Mize expressed support for the district having a land acknowledgement.

Calvin Hedrick spoke about the challenges that Native students face and expressed support for land acknowledgements.

Hattie Coleman expressed support for having a land acknowledgement in the district.

Sequoia Coleman expressed support for having a district land acknowledgement.

Chrystal Bernasconi spoke about the disposal of Native American artifacts being thrown away and land acknowledgements.

Board members made comments and thanked everyone who spoke.

Choices Charter School Arts, Music & Instructional Media Discretionary Block Grant Plan (I-4)

Director of Admissions and Family Services Brian Ginter presented the item. It was moved by Mr. Perez, seconded by Ms. Kravchuk, to approve the Choices Charter School Arts, Music & Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant plan. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [AYES: Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Kravchuk, Perez; NOES: None; ABSENT: Villescaz, Creason].

Public Hearing: Conveyance of Easement at Katherine Johnson Middle School (I-5)

Chief Operations Officer Frank Camarda presented the item. Ms. Costa declared the topic of conveying a permanent easement at Katherine Johnson 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 Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Mr. Avey, to adopt Resolution No. 4128, conveying one permanent easement at Katherine Johnson Middle School to the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [AYES: Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Kravchuk, Perez; NOES: None; ABSENT: Villescaz, Creason].

Public Hearing: Temporary Interfund Borrowing of Cash (I-6)

Chief Financial Officer Joel Ryan presented the item. Ms. Costa declared the topic of permitting temporary interfund borrowing of cash 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. Kravchuk, seconded by Mr. Perez, to adopt Resolution No. 4134, to permit temporary interfund borrowing of cash. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [AYES: Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Kravchuk, Perez; NOES: None; ABSENT: Villescaz, Creason].

Tentative Agreement: San Juan Teachers Association (I-7)

Executive Director of Labor Relations and Government Affairs Daniel Thigpen presented the item. Board members expressed appreciation for the work of the bargaining teams. It was moved by Mr. Avey, seconded by Ms. Kravchuk, to approve the tentative agreement between the San Juan Teachers Association (SJTA) and the San Juan Unified School District. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [AYES: Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Kravchuk, Perez; NOES: None; ABSENT: Villescaz, Creason].

Presentation of the Teamsters Union Local No. 150 Initial Proposal for Successor Contract 2024-2027 (I-8)

Mr. Thigpen presented the bargaining interests of the Teamsters Union Local No. 150 for public comment. There were no requests for public comment.

Board Reports (J)

Mr. Avey reported that he attended the SELPA Directors Legislative Sharing Day, which was a wonderful event where special education experiences were shared with legislators.

Ms. Costa shared that she attended the AVID celebration and the Spirit of San Juan Awards, and she recognized two staff members who recently passed away.

Future Agenda (K)

Ms. Kravchuk requested exploration of a policy to limit the use of student cell phones, to which the majority of the board agreed.

Adjournment (L)

At 10:10 p.m., there being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned in memory of the two staff members who

recently passed away.



Pam Costa, Board President

Approved: 05/28/2024

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Melissa Bassanelli, Secretary