



San Juan Unified School District

Board of Education

3738 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael, California 95608

**Board of Education Minutes
January 11, 2022**

Regular Meeting

Board of Education

5:45 p.m.

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

The January 11 regular meeting was called to order by the president, Michael McKibbin. In compliance with the Order issued by the Sacramento County Public Health Officer on January 6, 2022, directing all public meetings in the county to occur virtually until further notice, the January 11 regular meeting was conducted telephonically via the Zoom video conferencing platform and was also livestreamed on the district's YouTube channel.

Roll Call

Present: (via Zoom from separate locations)

Michael McKibbin, Ed.D., president

Zima Creason, vice president

Pam Costa, clerk

Saul Hernandez, member

Paula Villescaz, 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 Kent Kern, Superintendent of Schools, 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 (Government Code section 54957) – superintendent's mid-year evaluation.

Reconvene Open Session/Pledge of Allegiance (C)

At 6:30 p.m., the meeting was called back to order by the president Dr. Michael McKibbin. Four members of the Casa Roble Fundamental High School Air Force Jr. ROTC virtually led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Dr. McKibbin then explained the two methods (electronically or on Zoom) available to submit public comments for tonight's meeting.

Minutes Approved (D)

It was moved by Ms. Villescaz, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, that the minutes of the December 14 regular meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez, Villescaz].

Staff Reports (E-2)

Superintendent Kern provided an update on the current impacts of COVID-19 on the district, which included data on case rates, details on staffing shortages and recently revised guidance related to contact tracing, quarantine and attendance at athletic and other events. Board members made comments and Superintendent Kern answered questions from the board.

Other District Committees (E-5)

Surina Naran, student representative from the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council, provided an update on the work of the council. Board members made comments and Ms. Naran answered questions from the board.

Closed Session/Expulsion Actions (E-6)

There were no closed session actions to report.

Visitor Comments (F)

There were no general visitor comments.

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

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

Personnel (G-1)

Appointments, leaves of absence, separations and charter school personnel actions – approved as submitted.

Purchasing Report (G-2)

Purchase orders and service agreements and change orders – approved as submitted.

Business/Financial Report (G-3)

Notices of completion – approved as submitted.

Gifts (G-4)

Acceptance of gifts to Camp Winthers, Del Campo High School, Northridge Elementary School, Rio Americano High School, Skycrest Elementary School and White House Counseling Center.

Disposal of Surplus Property (G-5)

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

Resolution No. 3093: Power to Contract (G-6)

Adoption of Resolution No. 3093 authorizing power to contract on behalf of San Juan Unified School District.

Resolution No. 3094: Delegating Signature Authorization (G-7)

Adoption of Resolution No. 3094 delegating signature authorization to the superintendent.

SJUSD Use of Facilities and Grounds Handbook and Fees (G-8)

Approval of the revisions to the SJUSD Use of Facilities and Grounds Handbook and fees.

Social Emotional and Mental Wellness Supports (I-1)

Superintendent Kern pulled item I-1 due to staffing issues. The item will be presented at a future board meeting.

Family and Community Engagement Update (I-2)

Chief of Staff Trent Allen introduced Director of Family Engagement and Partnership Development Amy Rovai Gregory and Family Engagement Coordinator Luis Cruz Solache who provided an update on the district's current efforts to increase and expand family engagement and community partnerships at the school site and district levels. The report included the innovative ways the Family and Community Engagement department has reconnected, redefined and reimaged family and community engagement during the pandemic, and examples were featured of successful activities accomplished in the fall, as well as new and exciting upcoming family and community engagement opportunities. Board members made comments and staff answered questions from the board.

West Region Grades 6-8 School Planning (I-3)

Chief Operations Officer Frank Camarda provided a recap of the numerous discussions that have taken place regarding grades 6-8 school planning in the west region of the district. Superintendent Kern explained that support for this plan would allow the district to begin moving forward with the construction process while also providing ample time to engage in a thoughtful boundary adjustment process, which would include opportunities for community input, in preparation for the 2024-2025 school year.

Ms. Villescaz clarified that this vote is to start the process so there is no delay to the construction process and that boundary adjustments would be discussed at a future date. Ms. Villescaz also reiterated her support for any extra temporary supports at Katherine Johnson Middle School that would help in the interim. Mr. Hernandez shared that the Facilities Committee gave unanimous support for the proposal. Ms. Costa expressed support for the recommendation. Ms. Creason inquired about community support for the plan to move the Katherine Johnson Middle School campus and the implications on the adult education program, which Superintendent Kern and Mr. Camarda addressed.

It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Ms. Villescaz, to approve creating new boundaries for Katherine Johnson Middle School and Arcade Fundamental Middle School, as well as adjusting the existing grades 6-8 boundaries in the district's west region, as needed, and to approve the relocation of the newly established Katherine Johnson Middle School from the Encina campus to the Creekside adult school campus. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez, Villescaz].

Williams Complaint Report (I-4)

General Counsel Linda 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 October through December 2021, there were no Williams-type complaints filed.

Board Reports (J)

Ms. Villescaz reported that she recently met with county partners to discuss the high levels of lead in children who reside in the Arden-Arcade area. Ms. Villescaz also noted the recent passing of Arden Middle School Vice Principal Amadi Emeh and Technology Support Specialist Matt Huffmaster.

Ms. Creason echoed the comments made by Ms. Villescaz, and she shared that her thoughts go out to everyone who is struggling right now.

Ms. Costa acknowledged the passing of Vicki Tozier, a former employee who worked with the Safe Schools department.

Dr. McKibbin stated that he and other board members attended the redistricting community forums last week.

Future Agenda (K)

Ms. Creason requested that a standing COVID-19 agenda item be added to future agendas.

Visitor Comments (L)

There were no general visitor comments.

Adjournment (M)

At 8:27 p.m., there being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned in memory of Amadi Emeh and Matt Huffmaster.



Michael McKibbin, Ed.D., President



Kent Kern, Executive Secretary

Approved: 01/25/2022

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