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San Juan Unified School District

Board of Education

3738 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael, California 95608

**Board of Education Minutes
May 23, 2023**

Regular Meeting

Board of Education

5:30 p.m.

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

The May 23 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

Pam Costa, vice president

Saul Hernandez, clerk

Ben Avey, member

Paula Villescaz, member

Tanya Kravchuk, member

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 a student expulsion in one case and a student enrollment in one case (Education Code section 48918[f]); to discuss with negotiator Paul Oropallo, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, regarding unrepresented employee: general counsel (Government Code section 54957.6); and to consider 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, Zima Creason. Four members of the Del Campo 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 May 9 regular meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Creason, Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk].

Recognition: Mira Loma High School National Science Bowl (E-1a)

Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education and Programs Kristan Schnepf recognized the Mira Loma High School Science Bowl teams for their first, second and third place finishes at the 2023 U.S. Department of Energy's Northern California Science Bowl competition and its fifth-place finish at the 2023 U.S. Department of Energy's National Science Bowl competition.

Recognition: Retiring Superintendent Kent Kern (E-1b)

It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Ms. Villescaz, to adopt Resolution No. A-428 recognizing retiring superintendent Kent Kern. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Creason, Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk].

Closed Session/Expulsion Actions (E-6)

Mr. Hernandez reported that the board voted unanimously to accept as written one stipulated expulsion in case number M-57 and to accept a hearing panel's recommendation of one enrollment in case number OS-45.

Visitor Comments (F)

Taylor Vang spoke about her daughter's experiences at Churchill Middle School.

Consent Calendar Approved (G-1/G-11)

It was moved by Mr. Avey, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, that the consent calendar items G-1 through G-11 be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Creason, Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk].

Personnel (G-1)

Appointments, leaves of absence, separations and job description/salary range change – approved as submitted.

Purchasing Report (G-2)

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

Business/Financial Report (G-3)

Warrants and payroll – approved as submitted.

Gifts (G-4)

Acceptance of gifts to Choices Charter School and Northridge Elementary School.

Surplus Property Report (G-5)

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

Resolution No. 4080: Arcade Middle School Lease Amendment No. 4 (G-6)

Adoption of Resolution No. 4080, approving the fourth amendment to the lease agreement for the Arcade Fundamental Middle School Project No. 001-9512-P1 between San Juan Unified and Clark & Sullivan Builders Inc. dba Clark/Sullivan Construction.

CEQA Notice of Exemption Coleman Elementary School (California Montessori Project) Modernization Project (G-7)

Approval of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notice of Exemption for the Coleman Elementary School (California Montessori Project Charter) modernization project.

CEQA Notice of Exemption Rio Americano High School Parking Lot Expansion Project (G-8)

Approval of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notice of Exemption for the Rio Americano High School parking lot expansion project.

Resolution No. 4081: Head Start and Early Head Start Grant Resolution (G-9)

Adoption of Resolution No. 4081 approving the Head Start and Early Head Start grant resolution with Sacramento Employment and Training Agency (SETA) for 2023-2024.

Choices Charter School High School Scholarship Awards (G-10)

Approval of the Choices Charter School 2023 High School Scholarship Awards.

Ratification of Curriculum, Standards, Instructional and Student Services Committee Member (G-11)

Ratification of John Kane as a member of the Curriculum, Standards, Instructional and Student Services Committee.

Expanded Learning Opportunities Program Plan (I-1)

Associate Superintendent of Educational Services Debra Calvin, Ed.D., presented the topic and introduced Director of Student Support Services Dominic Covello and Manager of Expanded Learning and Prevention Programs Debbie Middleton who gave an update on the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P). Mr. Covello discussed the requirements of the program and reviewed the district's progress in implementing the ELO-P plan, which included

information regarding additional staffing, program expansion, district collaboration and community partnerships. Ms. Middleton presented data about two key measures – average daily attendance and student engagement. Mr. Covello discussed next steps. Mr. Avey inquired about the difference between Bridges, Discovery Club and YMCA, which Mr. Covello addressed. Ms. Kravchuk asked for clarification about why some schools have two programs, which Ms. Middleton addressed. Ms. Costa expressed appreciation for the before/after school programs in the district.

Public Comment:

Brandi Iyun spoke about the challenges of enrolling her child in the district's after school programs.

Innovative School Program Update (I-2)

Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education and Programs Amberlee Townsend-Snider, San Juan Teachers Association President Barry Roth and Consultant Nina Mancina provided an update on the innovative school program. Ms. Townsend-Snider explained the selection process that identified Woodside K-8 as the chosen school, and she discussed the purpose of the innovative school. Mr. Roth provided background information on the role of each of the three established teams that are working together to support the design work: the design team, the school site team and the community and leadership team. Mr. Roth acknowledged the work of the innovative school design team. Ms. Mancina provided an overview of the community input process, the design process and the timeline. Ms. Townsend-Snider spoke about the indicators for selection and next steps. Board members made comments and posed questions, which staff addressed. Mr. Avey said he appreciated the community input process that took place. Ms. Kravchuk spoke about partnering with the City of Citrus Heights, supports for the Citrus Heights schools that were not selected and how success will be measured. Superintendent Bassanelli spoke about capacity and future opportunities for additional schools to take part in a similar process. Mr. Hernandez asked clarifying questions regarding the enrollment capacity at Woodside. Ms. Villescaz commented about the number of community input participants, the facilities master plan and future enrollment opportunities. Ms. Costa said she looks forward to more details in the future, and she asked about the staff opt-out process and expressed interest in having continued updates. Ms. Creason said she looks forward to seeing the implementation journey. Superintendent Bassanelli shared her appreciation for the volume of hours of work that the team has dedicated towards community input and professional learning.

Special Education Community Advisory Committee Bylaws (I-3)

Chief of Staff Trent Allen presented the proposed revisions to the Special Education Community Advisory Committee bylaws for discussion, which will realign the purpose of committee. Mr. Allen shared information about the significant revisions and committee feedback. Mr. Avey said he appreciates the proposed revisions and the establishment of the membership engagement officer to help recruit other committee members. Ms. Costa expressed support for having further discussion about the appointment process. Ms. Creason commented about the work of the committee. Action was scheduled for June 13.

District's Initial Bargaining Proposal with California School Employees Association Chapter 127 for Contract Reopeners 2023-2024 (I-4)

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Paul Oropallo presented the item. It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Ms. Villescaz, that the district's bargaining interests with the California School Employees Association Chapter 127 for contract reopeners 2023-2024 be adopted. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Creason, Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk].

District's Initial Bargaining Proposal with San Juan Supervisors Association for Contract Reopeners 2023-2024 (I-5)

Mr. Oropallo presented the item. It was moved by Ms. Kravchuk, seconded by Mr. Avey, that the district's bargaining interests with the San Juan Supervisors Association for contract reopeners 2023-2024 be adopted. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Creason, Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk].

District's Initial Bargaining Proposal with San Juan Professional Educators Coalition for Contract Reopeners 2023-2024 (I-6)

Mr. Oropallo presented the item. It was moved by Ms. Villescaz, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, that the district's bargaining interests with the San Juan Professional Educators Coalition for contract reopeners 2023-2024 be adopted. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Creason, Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk].

Amended Cabinet Contracts (I-7)

Mr. Oropallo presented the item. It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Ms. Villescaz, that the amended contracts for cabinet members be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Creason, Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk].

General Counsel Contract (I-8)

Mr. Oropallo presented the item. It was moved by Ms. Villescaz, seconded by Ms. Costa, that the employment contract for General Counsel Fhanysha Clark Gaddis be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Creason, Costa, Hernandez, Avey, Villescaz, Kravchuk].

Board Reports (J)

Ms. Costa reported that she attended the ABC10 Teacher of the Year ceremony where San Juan Unified teacher Jessica Campos was recognized as the 2022-2023 Esquire IMAX Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Avey shared that he and Assemblyman Josh Hoover will host a community meeting on June 22 at Bella Vista High School.

Mr. Hernandez reported that he, along with other board members, attended the Classified School Employee Week celebration and the American Indian Education Program senior celebration.

Ms. Kravchuk shared that she attended the Most Valued Partners reception, which she said was a gratifying event.

Ms. Creason congratulated Executive Director of Labor Relations and Government Affairs Daniel Thigpen and his wife on the recent arrival of their baby.

Future Agenda (K)

Mr. Avey expressed interest in establishing a process for board members to host after-hours community meetings at a district facility.

Closed Session Continued (B)

At 8:31 p.m., Ms. Creason announced that the board would return to closed session to continue item B-3 – one personnel matter: superintendent's evaluation (Government Code section 54957).

Adjournment (L)

At 8:50 p.m., Ms. Creason stated there were no closed session actions to report, and there being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned.



Zima Creason, Board President



Melissa Bassanelli, Secretary

Approved: 06/13/2023

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