



San Juan Unified School District

Board of Education

3738 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael, California 95608

**Board of Education Minutes
October 26, 2021**

Regular Meeting

Board of Education

4:00 p.m.

Open Session/Call to Order (A)

The October 26 regular 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

Workshop: Open Enrollment (A-1)

Superintendent Kern and Deputy Superintendent of Schools and Student Support Melissa Bassanelli gave a detailed presentation regarding open enrollment. Ms. Bassanelli explained the need to review the district's open enrollment processes through an equity lens, she addressed common assumptions about open enrollment and she also discussed additional factors that impact enrollment. Superintendent Kern provided a historical perspective on open enrollment and the transfer process. Ms. Bassanelli spoke about the district's specialized instructional programs which are accessed through open enrollment or based on placement criteria. Ms. Bassanelli also discussed board policies and education codes related to open enrollment. Board members posed questions and made comments related to the transfer process, education code, wait lists, priority levels and non-boundary schools, which staff addressed. Board members also shared information about their own personal experiences with open enrollment. Ms. Bassanelli went on to present open enrollment and transfer data, noting that low income families participate in the open enrollment and transfer process at a disproportionately lower rate; however, the participation rates for the primary language and ethnicity groups is comparable to the district average. Board members commented on English language learners and transportation. After addressing questions from board members, Superintendent Kent reviewed the existing boundaries and the transfer out data for elementary, middle and high schools. Mr. Kern also provided specific examples about how open enrollment and transfers impact both boundary and non-boundary schools at each level. Ms. Bassanelli concluded by sharing the key findings. After the presentation, staff answered questions from the board. Ms. Creason asked about the timeline for further discussion and action. Dr. McKibbin made comments about equitable access to instructional programs. Ms. Villescaz inquired about transfer rates and possible outreach regarding why people transfer.

Public Comment: [in person]

Dick Cowan expressed his opinions about the open enrollment and transfer process.

Announcement of Closed Session Topics/Closed Session Visitor Comments (B)

There were no closed session visitor comments.

Closed Session (C)

The workshop was recessed at 5:10 p.m., with the board convening in closed session at 5:30 p.m. to consider student

expulsions in four cases (Education Code section 48918[f]) and to discuss with negotiator Daniel Thigpen, Senior Director of Labor Relations, 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).

Reconvene Open Session/Pledge of Allegiance (D)

At 6:30 p.m., the meeting was called back to order by Ms. Villescaz, and four members of the Del Campo High School Air Force Junior ROTC led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. After the pledge, Ms. Villescaz explained the two methods (in person or electronically) available to submit public comment for tonight's meeting.

Minutes Approved (E)

It was moved by Ms. Creason, seconded by Dr. McKibbin, that the minutes of the October 12 regular meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Recognition: School Psychology Awareness Week (F-1)

It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Ms. Creason, to adopt Resolution No. A-408 proclaiming the week of November 8-12 as School Psychology Awareness Week. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

High School Student Council Reports (F-2)

High School Student Council representatives Abigail Pearson and Emma Pham-Tran from Mira Loma High School and Justin Orozco Ramirez and Andy Vang from Encina Preparatory High School updated the board on the goals, activities and achievements at their respective schools.

Closed Session/Expulsion Actions (F-7)

Ms. Creason reported that the board voted unanimously to accept as written three stipulated expulsions in case numbers S-03, S-17 and S-18. Ms. Creason also reported that the board voted unanimously to accept a hearing panel's recommendation of one suspended expulsion in case number S-11.

Visitor Comments (G)

[in person]

Mrs. Noman Dates expressed her concerns regarding the vaccine mandate.

[via electronic comment form, and read aloud by Communication Director Raj Rai]

Rebecca Wilfley made comments about a staff member at Casa Roble Fundamental High School.

Allegra Stratton shared information about a resolution that was passed by the Western Placer Unified School District.

Consent Calendar Approved (H-1/H-10)

It was moved by Ms. Creason, seconded by Ms. Costa, that the consent calendar items H-1 through H-10 be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Personnel (H-1)

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

Purchasing Report (H-2)

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

Business/Financial Report (H-3)

Warrants and payroll – approved as submitted.

Gifts (H-4)

Acceptance of gifts to Bella Vista High School, El Camino Fundamental High School and Mesa Verde High School.

Disposal of Surplus Property (H-5)

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

School Plan for Student Achievement: Starr King K-8 (H-6)

Approval of the School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) and corresponding budget for Starr King K-8.

Donation or Disposal of Surplus/Obsolete Instructional Materials (H-7)

Approval of the donation or disposal of surplus/obsolete instructional materials by any economical means for the 2021-2022 school year pursuant to Board Policy 3270.

Local Control and Accountability Plan Parent Advisory Committee (LCAP PAC) Membership (H-8)

Approval of two student members to the LCAP PAC.

Resolution No. 3087: Lease-Leaseback Contract Award for Rio Americano High School (H-9)

Adoption of Resolution No. 3087 awarding the lease-leaseback contract for Rio Americano High School to Core Construction, pursuant to Education Code section 17406.

Warehouse Lease Agreement (H-10)

Approval of the warehouse lease agreement between San Juan Unified and DHB Sacramento Plaza LLC effective 1/1/2022-12/31/2024 for additional storage space for surplus furniture due to construction projects.

School Start Times 2022-2023 (J-1)

Superintendent Kern gave a presentation on school start times for the 2022-2023 school year in response to Senate Bill 328, which requires the school day for high schools to begin no earlier than 8:30 a.m. and the school day for middle schools to begin no earlier than 8:00 a.m., noting that the new law will impact school start times districtwide. Superintendent Kern provided historical background on the item and the effect to the district's transportation system, which includes a shortage of school bus drivers, equipment challenges and other factors for consideration. Superintendent Kern then reviewed the district's current bell schedules and the three proposed options for change to the bell schedules, along with the associated costs for each option. Board members made comments and posed questions, which staff addressed. Mr. Hernandez inquired about the feasibility of the three options and expressed his support for Option B. Ms. Costa stated she supports Option B since it is the least disruptive to the system as a whole, and she noted that start/end times are important to parents and the sooner a decision can be made the better. Ms. Creason asked questions and made comments about the three options and the timeline for deciding. Dr. McKibbin posed questions about before/after school supervision, bus attendants and mandated cost reimbursement, stating that Option B appears to be the best option. Ms. Villescaz acknowledged that each option has its own challenges and she stated that she prefers Option B right now. Superintendent Kern said that staff would make a recommendation based on feedback from tonight's board discussion and bring the item back to the board for action at a future date.

ESSER III Expenditure Plan (J-2)

Deputy Superintendent of Schools and Student Support Melissa Bassanelli presented the item. It was moved by Dr. McKibbin, seconded by Ms. Costa, to approve the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III Expenditure Plan. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Public Hearing: Conveyance of Permanent Easement at Mesa Verde High School (J-3)

Chief Operations Officer Frank Camarda presented the topic. Ms. Villescaz declared the topic of conveying one permanent easement at Mesa Verde High School to the Citrus Heights Water District a public hearing and invited the public to speak. There being no questions or comments from the public, Ms. Villescaz declared the public hearing closed. It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Ms. Creason, to adopt Resolution No. 3083 conveying one permanent easement at Mesa Verde High School to the Citrus Heights Water District. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Public Hearing: Conveyance of Temporary Easement at Mesa Verde High School (J-4)

Chief Operations Officer Frank Camarda presented the topic. Ms. Villescaz declared the topic of conveying one temporary easement at Mesa Verde High School to the Citrus Heights Water District a public hearing and invited the public to speak. There being no questions or comments from the public, Ms. Villescaz declared the public hearing closed. It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Dr. McKibbin, to adopt Resolution No. 3085 conveying one temporary easement at Mesa Verde High School to the Citrus Heights Water District. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Variable Term Waivers (J-5)

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Paul Oropallo presented the topic. It was moved by Ms. Creason, seconded by Dr. McKibbin, to approve the submission of seven Variable Term Waivers to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Assignment of Teachers Outside Regular Base Credential (J-6)

Mr. Oropallo presented the topic. It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 3088 authorizing the assignment of certificated employees to areas outside their authorized credential during the 2021-2022 school year per Education Code sections 44256(b), 44258.2, 44263 and 44865. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Provisional Internship Permit (J-7)

Mr. Oropallo presented the topic. It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Dr. McKibbin, to approve the submission of one Provisional Internship Permit to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing for Michelle Nott effective August 10, 2021 through June 30, 2022 to teach in an assignment that requires an authorization for single subject mathematics. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Villescaz, McKibbin, Creason, Costa, Hernandez].

Board Reports (K)

Dr. McKibbin reported that he attended the Early Academic Outreach Program at Mira Loma High School, noting appreciation for the partnership with the University of California, Davis.

Ms. Villescaz shared that she was a presenter at the conference for the County Welfare Directors Association of California, that the recent petitions to recall school board members failed, and that she and Ms. Creason are planning an upcoming town hall meeting.

Future Agenda (L)

There were no items added to the future agenda.

Visitor Comments (M)

There were no visitor comments.

Adjournment (N)

At 8:14 p.m., there being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned.



Paula Villescaz, President



Kent Kern, Executive Secretary

Approved: 11/16/2021

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