



San Juan Unified School District
Board of Education
3738 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael, California 95608

Board of Education Minutes
November 18, 2014

Regular Meeting
Board of Education
5:15 p.m.

Call to Order
The November 18 regular meeting was called to order by the president, Lucinda Luttgen.

Roll Call
Present:
Lucinda Luttgen, President
Pam Costa, Vice President
Saul Hernandez, Clerk
Greg Paulo, Member
Absent:
Larry Masuoka, Member

Recess: Closed Session
The meeting was immediately recessed with the Board convening in closed session to consider student expulsions in five cases (Education Code §48918[f]); one personnel matter; and discussion with Negotiator Jim Shoemake regarding CSEA Chapter 127 general/operations support, Chauffeurs/Teamsters Local No. 150 transportation, Supervisors, SJTA, and SJPEC (Government Code §54957.6).

Pledge of Allegiance
At 6:30 p.m., four members of the Casa Roble Fundamental High School Air Force Jr. ROTC led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes Approved
It was moved by Mr. Paulo, seconded by Ms. Costa, that the minutes of the October 28 regular meeting be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Luttgen, Costa, Hernandez, Paulo].

Recognition (E-1 a)
Mr. Kern read resolution A-337 honoring Dr. Larry Masuoka for serving two terms on the Board of Education and his many contributions to San Juan Unified School District. Dr. Masuoka has also received a resolution from the California State Senate and a Certificate of Recognition from California State Assembly. It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Ms. Costa, that the adoption of Resolution A-337, honoring Larry Masuoka, for his two terms of service to the San Juan Unified School District Board of Education be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Luttgen, Costa, Hernandez, Paulo].

Board/Staff Reports (E-2)
Mr. Paulo reported that he visited Golden Valley Charter School campus. Ms. Costa attended the Measure N High School Signature Project forums, and the Barrett Middle School production of Motown. Ms. Costa also attended a presentation by Myron Dueck at Mesa Verde High School on Saturday November 15. Mr. Dueck spoke on using sound assessment strategies to implement Common Core. Mr. Dueck will be speaking in the Sacramento area again in May, 2015, and Ms. Costa encouraged board members to attend.

District High School Student Council (E-3)
High School Student Council representatives William Mendoza and Stevie Brown from Encina Preparatory High School, and Jazlyn Diaz and Eric Tassev from San Juan High School updated the Board on the goals, activities, and achievements at their respective schools.

Board-appointed/District Committees (E-4)

Mr. Yniguez, Chairman, of the Facilities Transportation and Finance Committee, reported that the Committee met on November 4. Mr. Yniguez stated that a presentation detailing the Sylvan Middle School facility needs was presented by the Community Architecture firm. The committee unanimously agreed to support the recommendation of the Superintendent, but had two additional recommendations: 1) The District utilize the Strategic Plan to guide the planning process and that the Division of Teaching and Learning become involved immediately, and 2) all Sylvan Middle School students remain at the existing Sylvan Campus until all renovations are complete at the Citrus Heights Elementary campus. The Facilities, Transportation & Finance Committee feels that the Superintendent's recommendation is the best of many unenviable alternatives. Mr. Yniguez stated that with the anticipation of new members being appointed, the committee feels it is time to revisit the Brown Act, and rules and regulations that govern collective bargaining. The Committee will look to district staff to educate them on these matters.

Mr. Eric Bakke, Chairman of the Citizens Oversight Committee, reported the activities from the Committee's meetings on July 22, September 16, and November 6. The committee has worked with Brett Mitchell, Bond Manager, to develop a system of reviewing "Project Scope Statements" prior to Board approval. This will allow the Citizens Oversight Committee to have an opportunity to review the expenditure of bond funds in advance of any contract being signed. Mr. Bakke stated that the purpose and function of the Citizens Oversight Committee is to ensure that bond funds are spent in compliance with the bond language authorized by the voters and are spent in accordance with the Proposition 39 statutes. The Committee believes the proposed recommendation is an eligible use of Measure N bond funds and reflects a prudent use of bond funds. Mr. Bakke reported that the Committee has added new member, David Wolfe. Mr. Kip Skidmore has been re-elected to serve as vice-chair for another one-year term, and Mr. Eric Bakke was re-elected to serve another one-year term as chair in July.

Closed Session: Expulsions (E-7)

It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Mr. Paulo, that the hearing panels' recommendation be accepted as written, that the stipulated agreements be accepted as written, expelling students in case nos. S-08 and S-11; and that the stipulated agreements be accepted as written, suspending the expulsion of students in case nos. S-09 and S-16; and enrolling a student in case no. OS-14. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Luttgen, Costa, Hernandez, Paulo].

Visitor Comments (F)

Amanda Bersamin, parent, spoke of a concern regarding the security of the San Juan student portal system and the potential for being hacked by other students. Carl Fahle, Senior Director of Technology Services will follow up with Ms. Bersamin.

Consent Calendar Approved (G-1/G-6)

After pulling item G-1, it was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Mr. Paulo, that the consent calendar items G-2/G-6 be approved. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Luttgen, Costa, Hernandez, Paulo].

Purchasing Contracts Report (G-2) – purchase orders, service agreements, change orders, and construction bids, – approved as submitted.

Business/Financial Report (G-3) – notices of completion – approved as submitted.

Gifts (G-4)

Acceptance of gifts to the following schools: Cambridge Heights K-5, Encina Preparatory High School, Mission Avenue Open School, San Juan High School.

Student Body Donations (G-5)

Approval of the following student body donations: Casa Roble Fundamental High School – Student Body Dance Team - \$140.88 to the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Association.

2014-2015 Single Plan for Student Achievement (G-6)

Approval of the 2014-15 San Juan Unified School District school sites' Single Plan for Student Achievement.

Consent Calendar (continued) (H)

Personnel (G-1) - appointments, leaves, separations, and job descriptions – all approved as submitted.

Ms. Costa recused herself, due to conflict of interest, from the vote. It was then moved by Mr. Paulo, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, that consent calendar item G-1 be approved. MOTION CARRIED.

AYES: Luttgen, Paulo, Hernandez NOES: None ABSTAINED: Costa

Sylvan Middle School Facility Recommendation (I-1)

Public Comment:

Two people spoke in support of the Superintendent's recommendation and one person spoke against the Superintendent's recommendation.

Mr. Kern presented an overview of the Sylvan Middle School facilities analysis and the recommendation that the Board approve the following recommendation: (1) Consolidate Citrus Heights Elementary School with Carriage Drive Elementary K-5 School beginning with the 2015-16 school year and assign the current Citrus Heights Elementary boundary area to the new combined school. (2) Authorize modernization of the Citrus Heights Elementary School campus to provide the community of Citrus Heights with a quality middle school facility. (3) Move Sylvan Middle School to the modernized Citrus Heights Elementary School facility beginning with the 2016-17 school year.

Mr. Hernandez stated that he and Ms. Costa met with two Citrus Heights Elementary autism preschool teachers. The teachers indicated that it is important that the autism program have separate bathrooms. Staff addressed this concern and affirmed that there will be a separate bathroom exclusive to that program. Restrooms will be inside the classroom for the preschool and autism program that will move to Arlington Heights Elementary School.

Mr. Paulo stated that the Board has had numerous opportunities to hear many points of view and evaluate the information collected. Mr. Paulo stated that he favored another option. He stated that by maintaining underutilized facilities, the District is depleting general funds and unable to support many programs. Mr. Paulo recommended a zero cost option: move Sylvan Middle School students to Mesa Verde High School, and move Mesa Verde High School students to San Juan High School. This option would take two under-enrolled high schools and utilize the facility more efficiently, while allowing the District to support programs in the arts, sports, and academics, and improve enrollment. Mr. Paulo stated that he will support the Superintendent's proposal, but it is not his first choice. Putting off this decision for another year puts the Sylvan students in a grossly substandard facility. This is a compromised solution that will make some people happy and displease others.

Ms. Luttgen stated that she spent a great deal of time evaluating why she will be voting the way that she will be voting this evening. The Board is responsible for the entire district balancing the needs of all 45,000 students against the needs of each of the smaller communities. Board members are elected to hear the voices of not only individual taxpayer and parents, but the collective voice of each community and the interest of the San Juan District at-large. The Board has spent a year of thoughtfully discuss and evaluating what the most prudent use of money, resources, and people will be regarding the children at Citrus Heights Elementary School, Sylvan Middle School, and Carriage Drive Elementary School. Ms. Luttgen stated that she does not contemplate closing Sylvan, but moving the school 100 feet to a modernized, up-to-date campus that will promote 21st century learning for all students. Ms. Luttgen noted that the school name and staff will not change. The staff and students deserve a facility that is safe and will allow for academic programs that will prepare students for success. Citrus Heights Elementary and Carriage Drive Elementary seem compatible for a merger. The two schools are similar in their enrollment capacity and their API scores show a similar pattern of achievement. The state considers an API of 800 the achievement benchmark for all schools; Citrus Heights Elementary and Carriage Drive are close to reaching that level of achievement. Moving the Carriage sixth graders to a middle school or a K-8 will put Carriage Elementary more in-line with the rest of San Juan elementary K-5 schools. Running too many different versions of the elementary system makes for a difficult alignment of resources. Special education classrooms will be kept intact with teachers and students moving together. Ms. Luttgen stated she will be voting to support the Superintendents recommendation.

Ms. Costa stated that this decision is a no win situation. Some people will feel like their voice wasn't heard. The Board and staff have made every effort to look at any number of possible options. Ms. Costa stated that her decision became apparent after walking the campus at Sylvan Middle School, and hearing from staff that the conditions of the facility were not conducive to learning, and that this decision cannot be postponed any further. Ms. Costa stated that the Board has a responsibility to the Sylvan Middle School students to provide a facility that will allow 21st century learning. Ms. Costa noted that when the DRL Group graded the schools, it was clear that Citrus Heights Elementary and Arlington Elementary were in better repair, and for that reason, she will vote to support the Superintendent's recommendation.

It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, that the following recommendations by the Superintendent be approved: (1) Consolidate Citrus Heights Elementary School with Carriage Drive Elementary K-5 School beginning with the 2015-16 school year and assign the current Citrus Heights Elementary boundary area to the new combined school. (2) Authorize modernization of the Citrus Heights Elementary School campus to provide the community of Citrus Heights with a quality middle school facility. (3) Move Sylvan Middle School to the modernized Citrus Heights Elementary School facility beginning with the 2016-17 school year.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Luttgen, Costa, Hernandez, Paulo].

Paramount Collegiate Academy Charter School Petition (I-2)

Visitor comments:

Thirteen people spoke in favor of supporting the Paramount Collegiate Academy Charter School petition.

Donna O'Neil, Ed.D., Associate Superintendent of Schools and Student Support, reported that the Paramount Collegiate Academy Charter School has petitioned the District to approve its operation as a college preparatory STEM 6-12 independent charter school. A public hearing was held on September 23 and discussion by the Board on October 28. The Paramount Collegiate Academy Charter School petition has been reviewed by the District's charter review team. The District's charter review team is recommending that the petition be denied.

Mr. Hernandez asked Dr. O'Neil if the staff has considered any conditional opportunities for Paramount Collegiate Charter Academy. Staff responded to Mr. Hernandez's questions stating that the review of a charter petition is driven by state law; it requires that a team analyze each part of the educational program to assure that the program can show measureable student outcomes. Paramount Collegiate Academy Charter School did not meet the criteria to demonstrate a sound program.

Ms. Costa stated that she had read the charter petition, agreed with the District's charter review team findings and their recommendation to deny the petition.

Mr. Paulo stated that item three and four are contained by California Education Code and very descriptive. Mr. Paulo asked staff to discuss item 1 and 2. Staff stated that while the District's charter review team highly commends Paramount Collegiate Academy Charter for their vision, the review team had to send fifty-five clarifying questions, which indicates that the petition, across the board, had a number of areas that lacked sufficient detail to assure that the program would be successfully implemented. The review team did not get the responses back to provide assurance that these areas of deficiencies would be clarified. The review team had concerns in the following areas: financial, access of special education and English language learners to core curriculum, and measure of student outcomes. The review committee did not find that this program could be successful in the future.

It was moved by Mr. Paulo, seconded by Ms. Costa, to approve the Superintendent's recommendation that the petition of the Paramount Collegiate Academy Charter School be denied.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Luttgen, Costa, Hernandez, Paulo].

Golden Valley Charter School of Sacramento II (I-3)

Dr. O'Neil reported that, in compliance with California Education Code section 47605, the Board of Education formally received the Golden Valley Charter School II petition during the October 14, 2014 board meeting, at which time a public hearing was held. The District's charter school review team has evaluated the petition over the past two months. District staff recommends that the Board grant conditional approval of the Golden Valley Charter School II charter petition for a term of two years to begin on June 30, 2015 and end on June 29, 2017, which will allow time for the Golden Valley Charter School II staff to make corrections and improvements to the financial plan. The recommended start date of the charter will allow Golden Valley Charter School II to receive Public Charter Schools Grant Program (PCSGP) funding to assist in financing the new school.

A memorandum of Understanding will be developed between Golden Valley Charter School II Charter and the San Juan Unified School District, to define specific financial and operational relationships between the charter and the District, and resolve other matters of mutual interest not otherwise contained within the terms of the charter.

Visitor comments:

Debbie Lenny, CEO, of Golden Valley Charter School II, requested the Board approve the petition. Ms. Lenny stated that the increase in student enrollment at two schools will not affect San Juan, but allow Golden Valley Charter School access to \$375,000 in public school grants and allow \$450 per ADA for a total of \$77,000 this coming year. She assured the Board that she will work closely with the San Juan financial staff.

Mr. Kern stated that he had a discussion with Ms. Lenny regarding concerns about the Golden Valley Charter, and that there needs to be increased transparency and leadership in the financial area. Mr. Kern thanked the charter school review team for their hard work in reviewing the petitions of the charter schools. Action was scheduled for December 9, 2014.

State Charter School Funding: California Montessori Project Charter School Certification of Unhoused Pupils (I-4)

Mr. Camarda reported that there are no unhoused students in the San Juan Unified School District.

Following discussion, it was moved by, Ms. Costa, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, to approve the adoption of Resolution No. 2746 authorizing and approving the certification of unhoused pupils related to charter school applications for facilities funding in accordance with applicable law. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Luttgen, Costa, Hernandez, Paulo].

Tentative Agreements: SJTA, SJPEC, SJSA, and CSEA (I-5 a-d)

Jim Shoemake, Senior Director of Labor Relations explained that tentative agreements have been reached between San Juan Unified School District and the following bargaining groups: San Juan Teachers Association, California

School Employees Association, San Juan Professional Educators Coalition, and San Juan Supervisors Association. For the 2014-15 school year, salaries shall be increased by a total of 4.5 %. Three percent (3.0%) shall be retroactive effective July 1, 2014, and the remaining 1.5% shall begin February 1, 2015. The three percent (3.0%) increase shall be implemented no later than December 19, 2014. The retroactive payment to July 1, 2014 shall be received no later than January 20, 2015. A special board meeting will be held on December 4, 2014 for scheduled action.

Mr. Paulo commended Mr. Shoemake, the negotiating team, and those representing the employee groups for their work on negotiations. Mr. Paulo stated that the matter of total compensation is long overdue in terms of how we bargain, especially, when we are looking to future increases that the District will be responsible for in regards to employees with CalSTERS. Mr. Paulo asked the Board to consider joining him in moving in that direction in terms of bargaining.

Salary Schedule Adjustments: SJAA and the Confidential Group (I-6 a-b)

Jim Shoemake, Senior Director of Labor Relations explained that salary schedules totaling 4.5% are being proposed for the Confidential Group, and San Juan Administrators Association (SJAA). Three percent shall be retroactive effective July 1, 2014, and 1.5% remaining shall begin on February 1, 2015. A special board meeting will be held on December 4, 2014 for scheduled action.

Annual Organizational Meeting (I-7)

It was moved by Ms. Costa, seconded by Mr. Paulo that the date of the annual organizational meeting be set for December 9, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY [Luttgen, Costa, Hernandez, Paulo].

Board Advisory Committee Membership (I-8)

Mr. Paulo requested that the Board consider revising the number of seats on the board appointed committees for Curriculum, Standards, Instructional and Student Services; and Facilities, Transportation and Finance from fifteen (15) to ten (10). Additionally, it is requested that the newly elected board members be given the option to appoint their own committee members or continue with the current appointments.

Visitor comment:

Felicia Wimberly, chairwoman, Curriculum and Standards Committee, spoke against the proposal to reduce the number of members appointed to a committee.

Ms. Luttgen stated that she was in agreement of aligning the term of an appointed member with the term of the Board member. Ms. Luttgen is not in favor of reducing the number of members appointed to an advisory committee. Mr. Hernandez stated that he has a concern about reducing the number of appointments to ten. Ms. Costa stated that she supports the proposal that Board members appoint their own members.

There was discussion regarding establishing a formalized system for providing direction from the Board on issues to identify and agendaize board advisory committee topics. This item will be brought back for further discussion on December 9, 2014.

Allocation of Strategic Plan Funds for Marketing of Schools and Programs (I-9)

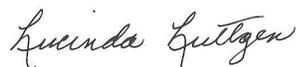
Ms. Luttgen requested that the Board consider the allocation of \$100,000 from the Strategic Plan fund to market schools and programs. Action was scheduled for December 9, 2014.

Future Agenda (J)

Mr. Paulo requested an eligibility report from the Division of Teaching and Learning. Mr. Kern stated that this will be sent in a Board Communication.

Adjournment

At 9:05 p.m., there being no further announcements or business, the regular meeting was adjourned.



Lucinda Luttgen, President



Kent Kern, Executive Secretary

Approved: 12/09/14
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