

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
GAYLORD A. NELSON ADMINISTRATION CENTER
2922 TRANSWORLD DRIVE, STOCKTON, CA
MAY 19, 2021 / 12:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

PRESENT: Janet Dyk, President; Vernon Gebhardt, Vice-President; Douglas Vigil, Board member; Greg Clark, Board member; Ken Vogel, Board member; James Mousalimas, Secretary.

OTHERS PRESENT: Scott Anderson, Deputy Superintendent; Troy Brown, Associate Superintendent; Brandie Brunni, Assistant Superintendent; Janine Kaeslin, Assistant Superintendent; Jane Steinkamp, Assistant Superintendent; Peter Foggiato, Terrell Martinez, Sean Morrill, Melanie Greene, Lisa Neugebauer, Nancy Hoppole, Lisa Bryant, Brandie Moore, Lucy Greaney, SJCOE staff; Kathleen Focacci, Janet Johnson, Joshua Brigham, Megan Felice, Ryan Flores, Venture Academy staff; Venture Academy students; Irene Busuttill, Lammersville Unified School District; Teresa Oden, Stockton Unified School District; Mary Petty, Tracy Unified School District; interdistrict transfer appellants and families; Cindy Noble, Cherie Robinson, Interpreters; Davina Hardin, Legal Counsel; Marlene Flau, Recorder.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

President Dyk called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Board member Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: There were no additions to the agenda.

III. COMMENTS: There were no comments from the audience, via email, or via telephone.

IV. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION:

1. **2021 – 2022 Budget Assumptions:** Deputy Superintendent Scott Anderson reviewed the details of the 2021 – 2022 budget development instructions and timelines that were distributed to all departments at the SJCOE, highlighting the key assumptions related to employee costs. Mr. Anderson explained that any employee salary adjustments, one-time payments or changes to the health and welfare benefits cap that may result from ongoing collective bargaining will not be included in the adopted budget. These adjustments will be included in First Interim Report as necessary and brought before the Board in December. He indicated that the STRS rate is expected to increase to 22.91 percent and the PERS rate is expected to increase to 15.92 percent. The unemployment insurance rate is unusually high next year due to the pandemic but is expected to decline as employment recuperates.

Mr. Anderson reported that Governor Newsom's final budget last year projected a deficit of \$54 billion and the current May revise is projecting a \$75 billion surplus. The May revise also includes a Local Control Funding Formula Cost of Living Adjustment (super COLA) of 5.07 percent and an increase in Special Education base funding of 4.05 percent. He added that next year cash deferrals are expected to be nearly paid off and ADA hold harmless protection would not be provided.

The Board commended Mr. Anderson and his staff for their attention and maintenance of SJCOE's strong financial status and strong oversight assistance to school districts.

2. Williams Settlement Annual Report Update: Assistant Superintendent Jane Steinkamp reported that due to the pandemic, teacher misassignments and vacancies that are usually reported annually in November were not available until Spring 2021. As such, information was reported through a new online process and shared. She also reported that annual visits were waived per Education Code § 1241(b)(3) for the time schools were not providing in-person instruction. The SJCOE was not able to conduct in-person reviews due to school districts following public health guidance limiting access to campus for nonessential visitors and will schedule in-person visits accordingly during the 2021 – 2022 school year.

V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION:

3. Minutes: On a motion from Doug Vigil, second by Ken Vogel, the Board approved the minutes from the April 21, 2021 meeting as presented.

AYES: Dyk, Gebhardt, Vigil, Clark, Vogel
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

4. Venture Academy Family of Schools Charter School Renewal Charter Petition: Assistant Superintendent Janine Kaeslin reported that a committee of San Joaquin County Office of Education (SJCOE) staff reviewed the petition renewal according to Assembly Bill 1505 and Education Code. In accordance with Education Code § 47605(b), the San Joaquin County Office of Education posted the staff recommendation to approve the Venture Academy Family of Schools Charter School Renewal Charter Petition on May 4, 2021. Ms. Kaeslin introduced Division Director of Venture Academy, Kathy Focacci.

Ms. Focacci stated that this was Venture Academy's fourth petition renewal and shared the overview provided at the Public Hearing in January detailed the 19-year history of philosophy, staff, students, and programs. Four student speakers shared their experience at Venture Academy detailing how attending helped overcome barriers that shaped their futures.

On a motion from Greg Clark, second by Vern Gebhardt, the Board approved the Venture Academy Family of Schools Charter School Renewal Charter Petition for a five-year term effective from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2026, as presented.

AYES: Dyk, Gebhardt, Vigil, Clark, Vogel
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

5. Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant: On a motion from Vern Gebhardt, second by Doug Vigil, the Board approved the Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan for the San Joaquin County Office of Education Court and Community Schools and Special Education Programs as presented.

AYES: Dyk, Gebhardt, Vigil, Clark, Vogel
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

6. San Joaquin County-Wide Plan for Providing Educational Services to Expelled Students: On a motion from Ken Vogel, second by Vern Gebhardt, the Board approved the San Joaquin County-Wide Plan for Providing Educational Services to Expelled Students as presented.

AYES: Dyk, Gebhardt, Vigil, Clark, Vogel
NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

VI. CLOSED SESSION: Action taken in Closed Session will be reported in Open Session.

- Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #19-20-21
- Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #20-20-21
- Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #21-20-21
- Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #22-20-21
- Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #23-20-21

VII. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION (cont.):

7. Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #19-20-21: On a motion from Greg Clark, seconded by Vern Gebhardt, the Board denied the appeal of the decision by the Governing Board of the Tracy Unified School District to deny transfer of attendance of student #19-20-21 to the Lammersville Unified School District.

AYES: Dyk, Gebhardt, Vigil, Clark
NOES: Vogel
ABSTAIN: None

8. Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #20-20-21: On a motion from Vern Gebhardt, second by Greg Clark, the Board denied the appeal of the decision by the Governing Board of the Tracy Unified School District to deny transfer of attendance of student #20-20-21 to the Jefferson Elementary School District.

AYES: Dyk, Gebhardt, Vigil, Clark, Vogel
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

9. Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #21-20-21: On a motion from Vern Gebhardt, second by Greg Clark, the Board denied the appeal of the decision by the Governing Board of the Tracy Unified School District to deny transfer of attendance of student #21-20-21 to the Jefferson Elementary School District.

AYES: Dyk, Gebhardt, Vigil, Clark, Vogel
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

10. Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #22-20-21: On a motion from Vern Gebhardt, second by Greg Clark, the Board denied the appeal of the decision by the Governing Board of the Tracy Unified School District to deny transfer of attendance of student #22-20-21 to the Jefferson Elementary School District.

AYES: Dyk, Gebhardt, Vigil, Clark, Vogel
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

11. Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #23-20-21: On a motion from Vern Gebhardt, second by Doug Vigil, the Board denied the appeal of the decision by the Governing Board of the Stockton Unified School District to deny transfer of attendance of student #23-20-21 to the Lodi Unified School District.

AYES: Dyk, Gebhardt, Vigil, Clark, Vogel
NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

12. Resolution #20-21-19 – Terms of Compensation for the County Superintendent of Schools: On a motion from Doug Vigil, second by Ken Vogel, the Board approved this resolution as presented.

AYES: Dyk, Gebhardt, Vigil, Clark, Vogel

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

VIII. CLOSING COMMENTS FOR BOARD MEMBERS:

- The next regular San Joaquin County Board of Education meeting will be held June 23, 2021, 12:00 p.m., 2922 Transworld Drive, Stockton, CA.
- May 19, 2021, 6:00 p.m., Special Education Programs Drive-thru Commencement Ceremony, Wentworth Education Center, 2707 Transworld Drive, Stockton, CA. Board member Vigil will attend.
- May 21, 2021, 10:00 a.m., Venture 8th Grade Promotion, 2829 Transworld Drive, Stockton, CA.
- May 21, 2021, 4:00 p.m., Venture Academy Graduation, 2829 Transworld Drive, Stockton, CA. Board member Dyk will attend.
- May 21, 2021, 6:30 p.m., Venture Academy Graduation, 2829 Transworld Drive, Stockton, CA. Board member Vogel will attend.
- May 24, 2021, 4:30 p.m., Building Futures Academy / Come Back Kids Drive-thru Commencement Ceremony, Wentworth Education Center, 2707 Transworld Drive, Stockton, CA. Board member Vigil will attend.
- May 25, 2021, 4:30 p.m., one.Program Drive-thru Commencement Ceremony, Wentworth Education Center, 2707 Transworld Drive, Stockton, CA. Board member Vogel will attend.
- May 29, 2021, 10:00 a.m., Discovery ChalleNGe Academy Class 8 Virtual Commencement Ceremony, Wentworth Education Center, 2707 Transworld Drive, Stockton, CA.
- June 13, 2021, 9:00 a.m., Teachers College of San Joaquin Graduation, 2721 Transworld Drive, Stockton, CA. Board member Gebhardt will attend.
- June 13, 2021, 1:00 p.m., Teachers College of San Joaquin Graduation, 2721 Transworld Drive, Stockton, CA. Board member Gebhardt will attend.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



James A. Mousalimas
Secretary to the Board / County Superintendent of Schools