

**SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
VIDEOCONFERENCE / TELECONFERENCE
GAYLORD A. NELSON ADMINISTRATION CENTER
2922 TRANSWORLD DRIVE, STOCKTON, CA
APRIL 21, 2021 / 12:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

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

PRESENT VIA PHONE: Greg Clark, Board member.

OTHERS PRESENT: Scott Anderson, Deputy Superintendent; Troy Brown, Associate Superintendent; Janine Kaeslin, Assistant Superintendent; Jane Steinkamp, Assistant Superintendent; Peter Foggiato, Terrell Martinez, Sean Morrill, Nancy Hopple, Lisa Bryant, Lucy Greaney, SJCOE staff; Debbie Vallejo, Angela Phillips, Elisa Carter, Daniel Lee, TEAM Charter Schools; Mary Petty, Tracy Unified School District; interdistrict transfer appellants and families; Armando Orozco, 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 Vogel 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. Williams Uniform Complaints Quarterly Report: Superintendent Mousalimas presented the quarterly report that indicates there were no uniform complaints filed regarding the schools and programs operated by the San Joaquin County Office of Education between mid-January and mid-April.

V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION: In accordance with Government Code 54953(b)(2), all votes taken during a teleconferenced meeting shall be by roll call.

2. Minutes: On a motion from Doug Vigil, second by Vern Gebhardt, the Board approved the minutes from the March 17, 2021 meeting as presented.

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

3. TEAM Charter School Renewal Charter Petition and Resolution #20-21-15 – Resolution Conditionally Approving the TEAM 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 appeal 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 conditionally approve the TEAM Charter School Renewal Charter Petition on April 6, 2021. Ms. Kaeslin introduced Executive Director and Co-Founder of TEAM Charter, Debbie Vallejo.

Ms. Vallejo shared a PowerPoint presentation before the Board. The presentation provided an overview of TEAM Charter, enrollment, grade levels, locations, and student populations. Ms. Vallejo also stated that TEAM Charter's audits have remained clear from findings by three different auditors and that budgets are managed effectively with a strong cash reserve that enables investment in solid academic programs. She indicated that TEAM Charter has reviewed and understands the staff recommendations and findings to conditionally approve the charter renewal and stated this is an opportunity to improve and strengthen their program.

Public comments submitted electronically were read into the minutes:

"Dear Trustee and Superintendent Mousalimas: I am writing you in regards to an item that is on today's agenda under section V. Item 3. for your consideration. I am very concerned with the recommendation to approve TEAM Charters 5-year renewal. During my short tenure at SUSD, I have found many inconsistencies as they related to Charter schools and the processes that has been used for their approval. The fact that your staff has also pointed out the concerns with the schools progress should be enough for you to deny their renewal. Furthermore, assuming oversight of a Charter school that is under our jurisdiction is bad practice and sets the wrong precedent. On behalf of the SUSD Board, we ask that you support their decision and vote no. Sincerely, John Ramirez, Jr., Interim Superintendent, Stockton Unified School District."

"Grand Risings Trustee Vigil, As a community member and constituent I have some serious concerns with regard to your vote on the Team Charter School agenda item today. I know that you all are aware of the SUSD Board of Trustees vote on this matter and have addressed some of the concerns that we had with our staff recommendation. As a New Board member I am still learning Process but the acceptance of Team Charter as is represents an inconsistency with our values and needs in supporting our community. The lack of planning, implementation and statistical achievements does not reflect the culture that we are hoping to build and implore the board as a whole to take additional time to review the application in order to ensure that this does not pass a politically motivated agenda item in reaction to rhetoric that has been lobbied in public. Now more than ever we as a community expect decisions based in sound reasoning and with our community's best interest in mind. I hope that you all take the time to review and bring this item back if necessary with additional information and transparency. The decision affects over 500 of our San Joaquin County Students and families. Thank you for your time and due diligence in this matter. -Ray Zulueta Jr"

"Honorable San Joaquin County Office of Education Trustees; Today you are voting on Team Charter. Your current County Superintendent is reluctantly recommending approval with strict conditions. The Stockton Unified School Board voted to deny approval; although the previous administration recommended approval. There is obviously a reason for the denial. Attached is the comprehensive report produced by City of Stockton Vice Mayor Christina Fugazi. It is very well written. This organization is failing their students and yet their administration salaries are way too high. We realize that County School Board Trustees often vote with the recommendations of their staff; however you are probably not aware that there is a current Grand Jury investigating Charter Schools previously approved by SUSD and their financial relationship between Reinvent Stockton, Former Mayor Michael Tubbs, Lange Luntao, and some charter schools illegal involvement with local politics and elections. Many former SUSD trustees were employed by some of these same local Charter Schools. Your outgoing Superintendent and your Interim Superintendent does not have this information. Approval of Charter Schools has become extremely political and \$480,000 was raised by the "City Fund" and spent by political henchmen and "families for a better school board" to recall and overthrow the current SUSD Board and replace them with individuals who will do what they are told and approve new and existing charters. You can check the 460's for yourself. If you have to "pull this item" today as you do more research then please do it or just vote it down and let the state deal with it. Please send a

message that you wan the "Politics" out of our children's education and schools. It's a HUGE MISTAKE if you approve this even with conditions and probation. It would also be a slap in the face to the SUSD Board. Ask yourself this.....who spends nearly \$500,00 on local school board races? What would they want? Why would Team Charter be so important to them? Do they care about the students or the money? Don't be fooled by some of the letters of support. Some of the elected leaders just signed the letter their staff typed up without even knowing the issues. If you approve this today and something happens controversial with Team Charter then who is left holding the bag with responsibility? Not your superintendent by you the Trustees are responsible. We are sure that the Record and 209 times is about to do a story. Don't get caught up in this mess. You are the boss! Please make the right decision. -Stacey Arroyo"

There were no additional comments from the public. TEAM Charter staff will report back to the Board one year from now to provide an update on how TEAM Charter is doing in relationship to the areas of improvement.

On a motion from Greg Clark, second by Vern Gebhardt, the Board approved the TEAM Charter School Renewal Charter Petition for a five-year term effective from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2026, and Resolution #20-21-15 outlining conditions to the renewal charter petition as presented.

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

4. Resolution #20-21-16 – California Day of the Teacher: On a motion from Vern Gebhardt, second by Ken Vogel, the Board approved this resolution proclaiming May 12, 2021 as California Day of the Teacher as presented.

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

5. Resolution #20-21-17 – Classified School Employee Week: On a motion from Doug Vigil, second by Ken Vogel, the Board approved this resolution proclaiming May 16 – 22, 2021 as Classified School Employee Week as presented.

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

6. Resolution #20-21-18 – Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month: On a motion from Vern Gebhardt, second by Greg Clark, the Board approved this resolution proclaiming May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Month as presented.

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

7. Board Member Absence: On a motion from Doug Vigil, second by Vern Gebhardt, the Board excused the absence of Board member Dyk from the March 17, 2021 regular meeting due to a hardship deemed acceptable by the Board.

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

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

- Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #17-20-21
- Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #18-20-21
- Conference With Real Property Negotiators

Kendall Building – 430 E. Weber Avenue, Stockton, California. Negotiating parties – San Joaquin County Superintendent of Schools; San Joaquin County Board of Education; OWP Phase II, L.P. Under negotiation – potential contract addendum.

VII. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION (cont.): In accordance with Government Code 54953(b)(2), all votes taken during a teleconferenced meeting shall be by roll call.

8. Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #17-20-21: On a motion from Ken Vogel, 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 #17-20-21 to the Manteca Unified School District.

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

9. Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #18-20-21: On a motion from Ken Vogel, 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 #18-20-21 to the Manteca Unified School District.

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

VIII. CLOSING COMMENTS FOR BOARD MEMBERS:

- The next regular San Joaquin County Board of Education meeting will be held May 19, 2021, 12:00 p.m., 2922 Transworld Drive, Stockton, CA and via teleconference.
- Special Education Programs Drive-thru Commencement Ceremony, May 19, 2021, 6:00 p.m., Wentworth Education Center, 2707 Transworld Drive, Stockton, CA.
- Venture 8th Grade Promotion, May 21, 2021, 10:00 a.m., 2829 Transworld Drive, Stockton, CA.
- Venture Academy Graduation, May 21, 2021, 4:00 and 6:30 p.m., 2829 Transworld Drive, Stockton, CA.
- Building Futures Academy / Come Back Kids Drive-thru Commencement Ceremony, May 24, 2021, 5:00 p.m., Wentworth Education Center, 2707 Transworld Drive, Stockton, CA.
- one.Program Drive-thru Commencement Ceremony, May 25, 2021, 5:00 p.m., Wentworth Education Center, 2707 Transworld Drive, Stockton, CA.
- Discovery ChalleNGe Academy Class 8 Virtual Commencement Ceremony, May 29, 2021, 10:00 a.m., Wentworth Education Center, 2707 Transworld Drive, Stockton, CA.
- Teachers College of San Joaquin Graduation, June 13, 2021, time TBD, 2721 Transworld Drive, Stockton, CA.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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