

**SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**VIDEOCONFERENCE / TELECONFERENCE**  
**JANUARY 20, 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; Teresa Oden, Stockton Unified School District.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Scott Anderson, Deputy Superintendent; Troy Brown, Associate Superintendent; Janine Kaeslin, Assistant Superintendent; Jane Steinkamp, Assistant Superintendent; Kathy Focacci, Annie Cunial, Janet Johnson, Silvia DeAlba, Josh Brigham, Megan Filice, Nancy Hopple, Ryan Flores, Lisa Bryant, Veronica Tova, SJCOE staff; Allen Dosty, Lodi Unified School District; interdistrict transfer appellants and families; Michelle Spurlock, Interpreter; 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. PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. Charter School Petition Renewal: Division Director Kathy Focacci reported that the Venture Academy Family of Schools (Venture) petition renewal is before the Board for consideration of renewal. She explained that the charter school first opened in January 2002 with 11 teachers, one support staff, and 235 students and has grown to over 100 staff, 76 teachers, and approximately 1,600 students. She added that renewal petitions are required every five years making this the fourth renewal petition for Venture. Ms. Focacci shared a video highlighting the different academies and educational opportunities geared toward the diverse student population. Ms. Focacci introduced Director Janet Johnson, who provided information about the charter school including the mission and vision, programs provided, and the various sections in the petition renewal.

Associate Superintendent Troy Brown reported that he will lead a committee of San Joaquin County Office of Education staff in the review of the renewal petition using an evaluation matrix in alignment with new requirements per Assembly Bill 1505. The committee will provide a recommendation 15 days prior to the March meeting.

Board member Vogel asked questions regarding changes put in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic that addressed technology accessibility for students and student outcomes.

President Dyk opened the public hearing. There were no comments from the audience and the public hearing was closed.

**V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION:**

2. 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-October and mid-January.
3. Sky Mountain Outdoor Education Center and Outdoor Education Update: Deputy Superintendent Scott Anderson reported that the acquisition of Sky Mountain Outdoor Education Center (Sky Mountain) was completed on December 22, 2020. He said that Sky Mountain is a 62-acre parcel on Lake Valley Reservoir located in the Sierra Nevada mountains that was donated as part of a 2003 settlement by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company. In addition to the land donation, Mr. Anderson noted that preexisting infrastructure, capital assets, and \$2.5 million to support compliance and infrastructure reinforcement were donated by the Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council.

Mr. Anderson introduced Assistant Superintendent Jane Steinkamp, who reported students in San Joaquin County will no longer attend science camp at the Jones Gulch location owned by the YMCA but will attend at Sky Mountain instead. Ms. Steinkamp shared the benefits of students attending at Sky Mountain include SJCOE maintaining the facilities and controlling pricing for schools, a reduced commute time, and flexible scheduling opportunities which include students attending during the summer months.

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

On a motion from Greg Clark, second by Doug Vigil, the Board approved:

- Minutes from the December 16, 2020 meeting as presented.

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

On a motion from Ken Vogel, second by Doug Vigil, the Board approved:

- Resolution #20-21-10 – African-American History Month: The Board is requested to consider approval of this resolution proclaiming February as African-American History Month as presented.

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

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

4. Board Member Absences: On a motion from Ken Vogel, second by Doug Vigil, the Board deemed the absences of Board members Dyk and Gebhardt from the December 16, 2020 regular meeting as acceptable due to hardships.

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

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

- Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #11-20-21
- Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #12-20-21
- Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #13-20-21
- Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #14-20-21

**IX. 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.

5. Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #11-20-21: On a motion from Vern Gebhardt, second by Ken Vogel, the Board granted the appeal of the decision by the Governing Board of the Lodi Unified School District and ordered that student #11-20-21 shall be permitted to attend school in the Lodi Unified School District instead of the school district of residence, Galt Joint Union Elementary School District.

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

6. Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #12-20-21: On a motion from Vern Gebhardt, second by Ken Vogel, the Board granted the appeal of the decision by the Governing Board of the Lodi Unified School District and ordered that student #12-20-21 shall be permitted to attend school in the Lodi Unified School District instead of the school district of residence, Galt Joint Union Elementary School District.

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

7. Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #13-20-21: On a motion from Vern Gebhardt, second by Ken Vogel, the Board granted the appeal of the decision by the Governing Board of the Lodi Unified School District and ordered that student #13-20-21 shall be permitted to attend school in the Lodi Unified School District instead of the school district of residence, Galt Joint Union Elementary School District.

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

8. Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #14-20-21: On a motion from Ken Vogel, second by Doug Vigil, the Board denied the appeal of the decision by the Governing Board of the Stockton Unified School District and ordered the attendance of student #14-20-21 to the school district of residence, Lodi Unified School District.

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

**X. CLOSING COMMENTS FOR BOARD MEMBERS:**

- At the request of President Dyk, agenda items will no longer be added on a consent agenda as it was found not to be efficient for the operations of the Board.
- The next regular San Joaquin County Board of Education meeting will be held February 17, 2021, 12:00 p.m., 2922 Transworld Drive, Stockton, CA and via teleconference.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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