

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
GAYLORD A. NELSON ADMINISTRATION CENTER / BOARD ROOM
2922 TRANSWORLD DRIVE, STOCKTON, CA
JUNE 21, 2023 / 12:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

PRESENT: Vernon Gebhardt, President; Ken Vogel, Board member; Greg Clark, Board member; Janet Dyk, Board member, Troy Brown, Secretary.

ABSENT: Doug Vigil, Vice President.

OTHERS PRESENT: Scott Anderson, Deputy Superintendent; Terrell Martinez, Deputy Superintendent; Janine Kaeslin, Associate Superintendent; Peter Foggiato, Assistant Superintendent; Jane Steinkamp, Assistant Superintendent; Connor Sloan, Rachele Tyler, Lonnie Cox, Lauren Dietrich, Nou Hendricks, Stephanie Hitchcock, Christina Lewis, Brandy Thurman, Marlene Flau, Shanna Hurtado, Zachary Johnson, Austin Nogueira, Kristie Rose, Melissa Chavez-Verduzco, Kelly Siegel, Megan Balanza-Rocha, Grace Luke, Davina Diebner, Kailyn Hill, Deidre Brauns, Samantha Ohm, Liza Servito Leal, SJCOE staff; Aiydan Bague and family, Venture Academy Family of Schools; Lisa Bryant, Recorder.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

President Gebhardt called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Board member Dyk 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.

IV. RECOGNITION: Superintendent Brown and the San Joaquin County Board of Education presented Venture Academy Family of Schools student-athlete Aiydan Bague with a certificate recognizing his advancement to the 103rd California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) State Track and Field Championships.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. **2023 – 2024 Local Control and Accountability Plan:** President Gebhardt opened the public hearing at 12:08 p.m. to discuss and receive input from the public regarding the proposed 2023 – 2024 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) for schools and programs operated by the San Joaquin County Office of Education (SJCOE). Deputy Superintendent Scott Anderson reviewed in detail the 2023 – 2024 Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) Budget Overview for Parents Data Input sheets.

Associate Superintendent of Student Programs and Services Janine Kaeslin presented information regarding the SJCOE LCAP and annual update indicating it continues to be developed with input and recommendations from students, parents, teachers, stakeholders, bargaining unit members, and community members. Ms. Kaeslin explained the four goals based on results from stakeholder input through specific and strategic survey questions were to improve student engagement and attendance by decreasing truancy; increase student learning through challenging academic programs and consistent instructional practices across all school sites;

cultivate positive relationships and engagement between schools, students, parents, and the community; and improve integrated student supports by creating additional school site support options, including intervention teachers, and strengthening restorative practices professional learning which will lead to a decrease in the suspension rate and an increase in the graduation rate.

Ms. Kaeslin informed the Board that the "Contributed to Increased or Improved Services?" column on pages 64, 65, and 66 would be amended and brought before the Board on Friday, June 23, 2023.

There were no comments from the public and the hearing was closed at 12:25 p.m.

2. 2023 – 2024 Budget: President Gebhardt opened the public hearing at 12:25 p.m. to discuss and receive input from the public regarding the proposed 2023 – 2024 budget for the San Joaquin County Office of Education (SJCOE). Deputy Superintendent Scott Anderson explained that the budget built on the May Revise continues to reflect that the SJCOE is financially sound and is expected to remain so as indicated by multi-year projections. The budget contains the increase for the employer-funded pension rate for classified employees (PERS) of 1.31 percent and has peaked at 19.1 percent and will remain unchanged for certificated employees (STRS). This year, the May Revise includes an 8.22 percent Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA), which was driven by inflation and is the largest in over 40 years.

Mr. Anderson reviewed the Ending Balance Analysis 2023 – 2024 Budget Financial Report which details all funds operated at the SJCOE and indicates healthy projected balances on both the restricted and unrestricted sides of the general fund. One-time deferred maintenance expenses are included, as well as a one-time transfer from the general fund into fund 67 to access mutual fund investments to address an increase in post-employment medical benefits. Also included, is the distribution of regional funds to our San Joaquin County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) members to start moderate programs that serve students closer to home and the spend-down of the student behavioral grant that was received in 2022 – 2023. Mr. Anderson pointed out that there is a 16.2 percent general fund reserve, adding that program budgets have reserves as well for added protection.

Teachers College of San Joaquin (TCSJ) projected a decrease in their ending balance due to a deficit caused by lower student enrollment in the Intern Preliminary Teaching Credential (IMPACT) program, in combination with increasing operating costs. The TCSJ has sufficient reserves to withstand deficit spending in the short term. The SJCOE will continue to work with TCSJ to ensure the college is able to maintain the required reserves. There is a projected surplus for charter schools, which is one Charter and Venture Academy combined.

Mr. Anderson shared that the facilities fund has been dormant for a long time; however, renovations to Redwood School, starting with adding classrooms and new parking lots, were recently approved and funded in the amount of \$2.1 million and will be paid for with state hardship funding.

The Board thanked Mr. Anderson and his staff for their ongoing strong oversight and maintenance of the SJCOE budgets.

There were no comments from the public and the hearing was closed at 1:08 p.m.

President Gebhardt reopened the public hearing regarding the proposed 2023 – 2024 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) for further discussion at the request of Associate Superintendent of Student Programs and Services Janine Kaeslin at 1:08 p.m. Ms. Kaeslin provided an update to the previous need for an amendment to the "Contributed to Increased or Improved Services?" column on pages 64, 65, and 66 and clarified that the line items that indicate "no" are services provided to all students; therefore, the document cannot be amended.

There were no comments from the public and the reopened hearing was closed at 1:15 p.m.

VI. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION:

3. Universal Prekindergarten Mixed Delivery Planning Grant: Early Education and Support Division Director Connor Sloan and Director Brandie Harrold presented an overview of the Universal Prekindergarten Mixed Delivery Planning Grant. The purpose of the grant is to plan for the implementation of high-quality universal prekindergarten options for three- and four-year-old children through a mixed-delivery system collaborating with providers, partners, and families across the county. Planning began during the 2022 – 2023 school year and will continue through 2025.

VII. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION:

4. Minutes: On a motion from Ken Vogel, second by Greg Clark, the Board approved the minutes from the May 17, 2023, regular meeting as presented.

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

5. Resolution #22-23-16 – Approving Spending Determination for the Education Protection Account: On a motion from Greg Clark, second by Janet Dyk, the Board approved this resolution pertaining to the Education Protection Account funds and the spending determination of such funds for the 2023 – 2024 fiscal year as presented.

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

6. Resolution #22-23-17 – Establish Temporary Interfund Transfers: On a motion from Ken Vogel, second by Greg Clark, the Board approved this resolution authorizing temporary interfund transfers pursuant to Education Code Section 42603 as presented.

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

7. Resolution #22-23-18 – Authorizing Cash Flow Loans to School Districts: On a motion from Ken Vogel, second by Greg Clark, the Board approved this resolution authorizing cash flow loans to school districts pursuant to Education Code sections 42621 and 42622 as presented.

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

8. Board Member Absence: On a motion from Greg Clark, second by Ken Vogel, the board approved the absence of Board member Dyk from the May 17, 2023, regular meeting as presented.

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

VIII. CLOSED SESSION:

- Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #18-22-23
- one.Program Expulsion #22-23-02

IX. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION (cont.):

9. Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #18-22-23: On a motion from Greg Clark, second by Ken Vogel, the Board denied the appeal of the decision by the Governing Boards of the Manteca Unified School District and ordered the attendance of student #18-22-23 to the district of residence, Modesto City Unified School District.

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

10. ~~one~~.Program Expulsion #22-23-02: On a motion from Janet Dyk, second by Greg Clark, the Board concurred with the program director's recommendation and ordered the expulsion of student #22-23-02 from the ~~one~~.Program.

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

X. CLOSING COMMENTS FOR BOARD MEMBERS:

XI. DATES:

- The next regular San Joaquin County Board of Education meeting will be held June 23, 2023, 12:00 p.m., 2922 Transworld Drive, Stockton, CA.
- CodeStack Academy Graduation, September 16, 2023, 10:00 a.m., Wentworth Education Center, 2707 Transworld Drive, Stockton, CA.

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

REDACTED

Troy A. Brown, Ed.D.
Secretary to the Board / County Superintendent of Schools