

**SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
GAYLORD A. NELSON ADMINISTRATION CENTER / BOARD ROOM
2922 TRANSWORLD DRIVE, STOCKTON, CA
JUNE 18, 2024 / 12:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Ken Vogel, President; Greg Clark, Vice President; Vern Gebhardt, Board member; Troy Brown, Secretary.

ABSENT: Janet Dyk, Board member; Doug Vigil, Board member.

OTHERS PRESENT: Terrell Martinez, Deputy Superintendent; Jane Chamberlain, Assistant Superintendent; Peter Foggiato, Assistant Superintendent; Melanie Greene, Assistant Superintendent; Juan Jauregui, Rachele Tyler, Monica Vallerga, Lauren Dietrich, Lisa Neugebauer, Kristie Rose, Marlene Acosta, Stephanie Bailey, Sharon Oberman, Kelly Siegel, Joseph Samson, Rebecca Mullen, Nancy Hopple, Grace Luke, SJCOE Staff; members of the public; Dr. Jim Bridges, Superintendent, Jefferson Elementary School District; Ben Fobert, Lammersville Unified School District; Frank Gonzalez, Manteca Unified School District; Jason Noll, Tracy Unified School District; interdistrict transfer families; Nicole Merolla, Lincoln Unified School District; expulsion appeal families; Lori Strauther, Interpreter; Lisa Bryant, Recorder.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

President Vogel called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. President 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.

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. 2024 – 2025 Local Control and Accountability Plan: President Vogel opened the public hearing at 12:05 p.m. to discuss and receive input from the public regarding the proposed 2024 – 2025 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) for schools and programs operated by the San Joaquin County Office of Education (SJCOE).

Division Director Juan Jauregui 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. Mr. Jauregui explained the four goals based on results from stakeholder input through specific and strategic survey questions are 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; 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. This goal was developed in response to supporting the needs of the following student groups: Black/African American (AA), English Learners (ELs), Foster

Youth (FL), Hispanic, Homeless, two or more races, Socioeconomically Disadvantaged (SED), Students with Disabilities (SWD), and White. The student groups were consistently low performing, which led to SJCOE's eligibility for differentiated assistance.

There were no comments from the public and the hearing was closed at 12:10 p.m.

2. 2024 – 2025 Budget: President Vogel opened the public hearing at 12:10 p.m. to discuss and receive input from the public regarding the proposed 2024 – 2025 budget for the San Joaquin County Office of Education (SJCOE). Deputy Superintendent Terrell Martinez explained that the budget built on the May Revise continues to reflect that the SJCOE is fiscally sound and is expected to remain so as indicated by multi-year projections. The collective bargaining process is nearing completion. Once ratified, the budget will be updated to reflect the employer-funded pension rate increase for classified employees (PERS) and certificated employees (STRS), which will be reflected at First Interim. Despite the dramatic state general fund revenues over the last two years, the May Revise includes a 1.07 percent Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA).

Ms. Martinez reviewed the Ending Balance Analysis 2024 – 2025 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. Ms. Martinez pointed out that there is a 13.8 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 and an increase in 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 structural budget deficit is addressed. Although enrollment has increased, there is a projected deficit in charter schools, which is one. Charter and Venture Academy combined, due to Venture Academy's spending one-time money, ESSER dollars in 2024 – 2025.

Ms. Martinez shared that the county schools facilities fund is being used to renovate McFall School which was approved and funded in the amount of 2.1 million and will increase as state funds become available.

The Board thanked Ms. Martinez and her 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 12:26 p.m.

V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION:

3. Minutes: On a motion from Greg Clark, second by Vern Gebhardt, the Board approved the minutes from the May 15, 2024, regular meeting after amending the minutes to reflect Board member Vigil's absence during closed session.

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

4. Resolution #23-24-18 – Approving Spending Determination for the Education Protection Account: On a motion from Vern Gebhardt, second by Greg Clark, the Board approved this resolution pertaining to the Education Protection Account funds and the spending determination of such funds for the 2024 – 2025 fiscal year as presented.

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

5. Resolution #23-24-19 – Establish Temporary Interfund Transfers: On a motion from Greg Clark, second by Vern Gebhardt, the Board approved this resolution authorizing temporary interfund transfers pursuant to Education Code Section 42603 as presented.

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

6. Resolution #23-24-20 – Authorizing Cash Flow Loans to School Districts: On a motion from Vern Gebhardt, 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: Vogel, Clark, Gebhardt
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

7. 2024 – 2025 School Plans for Student Achievement: On a motion from Vern Gebhardt, second by Greg Clark, the Board approved the 2024 – 2025 School Plans for Student Achievement as presented.

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

8. 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: Vogel, Clark, Gebhardt
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

VI. **CLOSED SESSION:** Action taken in Closed Session on Interdistrict Transfer Appeals must be reported in Open Session. Action taken on Expulsion Hearings must be made in Open Session.

- Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #16-23-24
- Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #17-23-24
- Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #18-23-24
- Expulsion #23-24/03

VII. **ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION (cont.):**

9. Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #16-23-24: On a motion from Greg Clark, second by Vern Gebhardt, the Board denied the appeal of the decision by the Governing Board of the Lammersville Unified School District and ordered the attendance of student #16-23-24 to the district of residence, Manteca Unified School District.

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

10. Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #17-23-24: On a motion from Greg Clark, second by Vern Gebhardt, the Board denied the appeal of the decision by the Governing Board of the

Lammersville Unified School District and ordered the attendance of student #17-23-24 to the district of residence, Manteca Unified School District.

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

11. Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #18-23-24: On a motion from Vern Gebhardt, second by Greg Clark, the Board denied the appeal of the decision by the Governing Board of the Jefferson Elementary School District and ordered the attendance of student #18-23-24 to the district of residence, Jefferson Elementary School District.

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

12. Expulsion Appeal Hearing #23-24/03: On a motion from Vern Gebhardt, second by Greg Clark, the Board denied the appeal of the decision to expel student #23-24/03 from the Lincoln Unified School District.

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

VIII. CLOSING COMMENTS FOR BOARD MEMBERS:

- Next regular San Joaquin County Board of Education meeting, June 20, 2024, 12:00 p.m., 2922 Transworld Drive, Stockton, CA.
- CodeStack Academy Graduation, September 7, 2024, 9:00 a.m., Wentworth Education Center, 2707 Transworld Drive, Stockton, CA.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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