

**SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
GAYLORD A. NELSON ADMINISTRATION CENTER / BOARD ROOM  
2922 TRANSWORLD DRIVE, STOCKTON, CA  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 / 12:00 P.M.  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Ken Vogel, President; Greg Clark, Vice President; Janet Dyk, Board member; Vern Gebhardt, Board member; Doug Vigil, Board member; Troy Brown, Secretary.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Terrell Martinez, Deputy Superintendent; Janine Kaeslin, Associate Superintendent; Brandie Brunni, Assistant Superintendent; Peter Foggiato, Assistant Superintendent; Melanie Greene, Assistant Superintendent; Jane Steinkamp, Assistant Superintendent; Juan Jauregui, Rachelle Tyler, Monica Vallerga, Kristie Rose, Brandy Thurman, Marlene Flau, Austin Nogueira, Elisa Bubak, Grace Luke, Benjamin Alarca, Brandon Azevedo, SJCOE Staff; Philip Hon, Joel Carignan, Unbound Stockton Community School; members of the community, Davina Harden, legal counsel; Lori Strauther, Alyssa Denney, Interpreters; Lisa Bryant, Recorder.

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

President Vogel 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 additional comments.

**IV. PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. Charter School Petition Appeal: President Vogel called the public hearing to order and requested public input relative to the Unbound Stockton Community School Charter petition appeal, which has been submitted to the San Joaquin County Board of Education for approval.

Associate Superintendent Janine Kaeslin reported that the San Joaquin County Board of Education (SJCBOE) received the Unbound Stockton Community School Charter petition appeal on September 1, 2023, and shared that she will lead the committee of San Joaquin County Office of Education (SJCOE) staff to review the petition appeal according to Assembly Bill 1505 and Education Code. The SJCOE will publish the recommendations 15 days prior to the November SJCBOE meeting. Ms. Kaeslin introduced the lead petitioner for Unbound Stockton Community School Phillip Hon, and Unbound Stockton Community School Board President Joel Carignan.

Together, Mr. Hon and Mr. Carignan shared a PowerPoint presentation before the Board. The presentation provided an overview of Unbound Stockton Community School and highlighted their collaborative years of development, community participation, hands-on learning opportunities with community partners, school model, teacher pay and benefits, cash flow revisions, demographics, facilities, expressed interest in a Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA), and revisions made to the October 2022 petition; increases in teacher's salaries and quality of work life and updated student demographic calculations. In closing, Mr. Hon shared a video.

Public comments were opened to those in support and those in opposition of the Unbound Stockton Community School Charter petition appeal, allowing three (3) minutes individually and 15 minutes collectively, to speak.

C. Horton: I am the Board president of Trinity Lutheran Church of Stockton. We have been providing educational programs and school facilities since 1910. I want to reiterate our partnership and support to provide a safe and highly effective education. We have been working with Unbound to create a long-term home. We are committed to their opening and have a tentative lease agreement addressing issues in the Williams Settlement report. We look forward to proactively working with them to create a conducive environment and invite you to come see our space.

Latonya Greene: I am a social worker and mother of six children, and I know that Unbound is the right school for me and my children. So many families are ready to jump at the opportunity for their kids to attend there. I believe in this school and its vision so much that I would be willing to leave my job and work at the school as the founding social worker. Families urge you to approve Unbound.

Ms. Balasco: I am a mother of six children, community leader, and recent partner and am here to share my overwhelming support of Unbound Stockton. I have already seen their impact in the community and know that Unbound students develop deep relational connections. It is great to see youth get involved in their community. There is a negative narrative on students but Unbound flips the script and is a platform for change. I hope you consider what we are sharing today.

Betty Wilson: I am with the Business Council and am here to express my support. Unbound has a commitment to high-quality education and provides opportunities for students to stay and participate in their community. Their leadership has shown a firm commitment to Stockton. We hope you will support and approve Unbound.

Joel Juarez: I grew up in Stockton and have been a classroom teacher for the past 10 years. Unbound has the potential to bring about positive changes. There are many teachers willing to sign on to create this reality for students. Unbound's commitment to personalized learning and focus on individualized learning plans aligns perfectly with the philosophy that fosters a love for learning. They serve all students, even those traditionally underserved and marginalized in the community. I stand as a teacher and dedicated member of this community and urge the San Joaquin County Board of Education to seriously consider the petition.

Corrie: I stand as a mother homeschooling both my children. Since the pandemic parents are regaining control of their children's education. Many have pulled their children from public education. At Unbound, students can have a personalized learning plan that grows beyond standardized testing. It has flexibility for creativity. There is nothing else locally like Unbound. I urge you to approve.

There being no further comments, President Vogel closed the public hearing.

## V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION:

2. Minutes: On a motion from Janet Dyk, second by Greg Clark, the Board approved the minutes from the August 16, 2023, regular meeting as presented.

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

3. 2023 – 2024 School Plans for Student Achievement: On a motion from Vern Gebhardt, second by Doug Vigil, the Board approved the School Plans for Student Achievement for the San Joaquin County Community schools, San Joaquin County Court schools, and San Joaquin County Special Education schools as presented.

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

4. SACS Unaudited Actuals Financial Report: On a motion from Greg Clark, second by Vern Gebhardt, the Board accepted the SACS unaudited actuals for the 2022 – 2023 fiscal year as presented.

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

5. Resolution #23-24-04 – Adopting 2022 – 2023 Actual Gann Expenditures Limit and 2023 – 2024 Estimated Gann Expenditures Limit: On a motion from Doug Vigil, second by Janet Dyk, the Board approved this resolution as presented.

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

6. Board Bylaws: The Board unanimously agreed to table Board Bylaw 9100 until the October 18, 2023, regular meeting.

AYES: None  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None

7. Board Member Absence: On a motion from Vern Gebhardt, second by Janet Dyk, the Board excused the absence of a Board member from the August 16, 2023, regular meeting as presented.

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

VI. CLOSING COMMENTS FOR BOARD MEMBERS:

VII. DATES:

- The next regular San Joaquin County Board of Education meeting will be held October 18, 2023, 12:00 p.m., 2922 Transworld Drive, Stockton, CA.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Troy A. Brown, Ed.D.

Secretary to the Board / County Superintendent of Schools