

Minutes

**New Jerusalem School District
Regular Board of Trustees Meeting
January 14, 2025
31400 S. Koster Rd.
Tracy, CA 95304
6:00 p.m.**

I. OPENING

A. Present at the meeting was: Mrs. Reece, clerk, Mr. Koster, board member, Mrs. Reis, Superintendent and Secretary of the Board. Mr. Robertson, President was absent.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A. The agenda was unanimously approved (2-0). Motion by Mr. Koster and second by Mrs. Reece. 2 ayes

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

A. Conduct Public hearing regarding California Virtual Academy @ San Joaquin Charter Renewal), Deanna Vallerga said that the school is truly personalized learning, daily small groups; individualized support, attention and resource, flexibility, curriculum innovated and comprehensive. Dedicated teachers; counselors, nurturing environment; committed to college career readiness, dual enrollment.

Sharon Flemmer – Been with the school since 2009 as the Assistant Director of Special Education; by renewing the charter petition, we will continue to provide to the kids. I respectfully recommend that the board approve our charter.

The District's Charter Oversight Committee, conducted an in-depth review of the California Virtual Academy (CAVA) renewal petition in accordance with Education Code Section 47605, using the FCMAT Charter Petition Evaluation Matrix. The Committee found the petition met all statutory requirements, including compliance with updated legislative provisions, and demonstrated a forward-thinking approach to meeting student needs and improving outcomes.

Through their petition and dashboard results, CAVA has demonstrated a strong commitment to continuous improvement as a Local Educational Agency (LEA) and has consistently partnered effectively with the District. This partnership is evident in the District's recommendations to enhance the petition, all of which CAVA implemented, highlighting its dedication to transparency, collaboration, and exceeding compliance standards.

The District also investigated external allegations of inappropriate enrollment practices and determined them to be unfounded. The review confirmed CAVA's policies and procedures are robust, underscoring its commitment to ethical and compliant operations.

Based on the Committee's findings, I strongly endorse the renewal of the CAVA charter petition for a five-year term, reflecting its dedication to academic excellence and significant contributions to the educational community.

Part I...Matters pertaining to the New Jerusalem Elementary School District

IV. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE:

A. None.

B. **Superintendent** – Introduced David Busari – director of communications he is working on new website, purchasing equipment to take pictures of school events and staff, excited for the communication aspect to get our name out there. Make it clear who we are and what we stand for; went to networking furniture; would like to get all furniture across the board districtwide; lakeshore lifetime warranty; science room will start first at dk8; furniture on wheels to easily moved. A little more expensive; only use one vendor; two weeks out;

C. **Educational Services** – Mr. Patzer was absent.

D. **Student Services/Human Resource Report** – Steve have staff in a conference great team; will be back with great ideas for special ed and legal items; next week sped dept meeting 4 to 6 times a year we have a whole dept meeting; transition plans have changed; need to have plans 14 to 16 starting July 1st; not all need one; will work on a plan to get those plans done; getting 8th grader transition meetings set; whether they are going to our schools or back to their district school; making sure accommodations are set up for testing.

E. Delta Charter High School Principal's Report – Mrs. Ricketts presented along with Rhianna Valenzuela ASB Leadership and Alejandra Segura Ag Leadership. There are many positive things happening at DCHS -Booster Organization; new courses for 25-26; CTE Pathways is growing; PBIS Committee; PD opportunities for staff; Ethnic Studies Stakeholder Committee; CTE Incentive Grant; PLCS with data-driven instruction, common assessments and common curriculum; Daily WIN time; CTE and AG Projects. Projects for 24-25 CTE: Shade house; livestock structure for more pens; planter boxes; pruning orchard fruit trees; planting rose bushes for floral design; new flock of chickens; new cooler. Positive Things from ASB: Booster Club; Overall increased spirit; increase in fundraising; payment plans that aim to help seniors with school-related expenses; student government; different group involvement within ASB; frequently held executive meetings; monthly class meetings.

V. FINANCIAL SERVICES ACTION ITEMS FOR NEW JERUSALEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT:

- A. The Board unanimously approved (2-0) the **New Jerusalem Elementary School District December 2024 Commercial Warrants**. Motion by Mr. Koster; second by Mrs. Reece. 2 ayes
- B. The Salary/Benefit costs for December 2024. **Reviewed**
- C. The Personnel Action Updates for December 2024. **Reviewed.**

VI. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. The board unanimously approved (2-0) the **Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of December, 2024**. Motion by Mr. Koster; second by Mrs. Reece. 2 ayes
- B. The board unanimously approved (2-0) **California Virtual Academy @ San Joaquin Charter Petition Renewal. California Virtual Academy @ San Joaquin Charter Petition has been renewed for a 5-year term effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2030**. Motion by Mr. Koster; second by Mr. Koster. 2 ayes
- C. The board unanimously approved (2-0) **2025 IRS mileage rate of 70 cents per mile**. Motion by Mr. Koster; second by Mrs. Reece. 2 ayes
- C. The board unanimously approved (2-0) **Updated Board Policies 9/24 and 12/24**. Motion by Mr. Koster; second by Mrs. Reece. 2 ayes
- D. The board unanimously certified (2-0) the **23-24 Audit Financial Report for New Jerusalem Elementary School District and all Dependent Charter Schools**. Motion by Mr. Koster; second by Mrs. Reece. 2 ayes
- E. The board unanimously awarded (2-0) the **RFP for Network Electronics to SHI**. Motion by Mr. Koster; second by Mrs. Reece. 2 ayes
- F. The board unanimously awarded (2-0) the **District Logo**. Motion by Mr. Koster; second by Mrs. Reece. 2 ayes
- G. The board unanimously approved (2-0) the **Revised Arts, Music and Instructional Materials Block Grant Plan for Delta Charter Elementary**. Motion by Mr. Koster; second by Mrs. Reece. 2 ayes
- H. The board unanimously approved (2-0) the Appointment of William Koster to the San Joaquin County School Boards Association Chapter. Motion by Mr. Koster; second by Mrs. Reece. 2 ayes

Part II. Matters pertaining to New Jerusalem Charter School, Delta Charter School, and Delta Charter Online:
VII. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. The ASB Report – November 2024 **Reviewed**

Part III ...Matters pertaining to New Jerusalem Elementary School District:

VIII. MATTERS TOO LATE FOR THE AGENDA:

None

IX. CLOSED SESSION: None

X. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION- Nothing to Report

XI. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS
Reviewed

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kellyann Reis, Superintendent and Secretary of the Board