

**SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
GAYLORD A. NELSON ADMINISTRATION CENTER / BOARD ROOM
2922 TRANSWORLD DRIVE, STOCKTON, CA
FEBRUARY 19, 2025, MEETING
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Ken Vogel, President; Vern Gebhardt, Vice President; Jordan Giannoni, Board member; Chuck Winn, Board member; Jesus Andrade, Board member; Troy Brown, Secretary.

OTHERS PRESENT: Terrell Martinez, Deputy Superintendent; Jane Chamberlain, Deputy Superintendent; Janine Kaeslin, Deputy Superintendent; Peter Foggiato, Assistant Superintendent; Melanie Greene, Assistant Superintendent; Ed Babakhan, Janell Morris, Rachele Tyler, Jacalyn Davis, Erika Chapman, Marlene Acosta, Chrissy Lewis, Doug Silva, Stephanie Bailey, Elisa Bubak, Zack Johnson, Pamela Gomes, Bradi Kooyman, Austin Nogueira, Megan Balanza-Rocha, Grace Luke, Dana Nance, Nancy Hopple, SJCOE Staff; Frank Ferral, Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce; Dr. Rechelle Pearlman, Superintendent, Banta Unified School District; Nicole Merolla, Lincoln Unified School District; Eva Ballestrasse, Lincoln Unified School District; interdistrict transfer appellant family; Lisa Bryant, Recorder.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** President Vogel called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

1.1 Board member Gebhardt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **COMMENTS:**

Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce Chief Policy Officer Frank Ferral shared that the Board of Supervisors is honoring the Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce for the Stockton Takes Action Against Retail Theft (STAART) app at the Board of Supervisors meeting on February 25. STAART was created to optimize the community's efforts in combating retail theft in Stockton and San Joaquin County.

3. **ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION:**

3.1 **Business Services Overview:** Deputy Superintendent of Business Services Terrell Martinez and Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Peter Foggiato shared a PowerPoint presentation that highlighted the services provided by the San Joaquin County Office of Education Business Services Department: County Business, District Business, Human Resources, Information Technology, Operations and Support Services, and Payroll.

3.2 **2024 – 2025 Mid-Year Local Control and Accountability Plan Update:** County Operated Schools and Programs Director Doug Silva shared a mid-year update for the 2024 – 2025 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) for the Court and Community school operated by the San Joaquin County Office of Education. Mr. Silva shared an update on each of the four goals which were to increase student learning through challenging academics, CTE programs, and consistent instructional practices across all school sites; cultivate positive relationships between staff, students, families, and the community; by 2026-27, the graduation rate will improve by 10%, as a result of expanded tiered interventions that address the academic, behavioral, social-emotional, health and well-being needs of English learners, Homeless, Socioeconomically Disadvantaged, Students with Disabilities, African American, Hispanic, and White students; by 2026-27, the suspension rate for African American students and English learners will decrease by 10% as a result of creating a

therapeutic and restorative community at John F. Cruikshank Jr. court school, that fosters positive behavior reinforcement, restorative practices, and trauma-informed support for students.

4. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION:

- 4.1 Minutes: On a motion from Vern Gebhardt, second by Chuck Winn, the Board approved the minutes from the January 15, 2025, regular meeting as presented.

AYES: Vogel, Gebhardt, Giannoni, Winn, Andrade
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

- 4.2 Resolution #24-25-07 – Women's History Month: On a motion from Jordan Giannoni, second by Jesus Andrade, the Board approved this resolution proclaiming March as Women's History Month as presented.

AYES: Vogel, Gebhardt, Giannoni, Winn, Andrade
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

- 4.3 Resolution #24-25-08 – Arts Education Month in California/Youth Art Month: On a motion from Chuck Winn, second by Jesus Andrade, the Board approved this resolution proclaiming March as Arts Education Month in California/Youth Art Month as presented.

AYES: Vogel, Gebhardt, Giannoni, Winn, Andrade
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

5. 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.

- 5.1 Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #24-24-25
5.2 Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #25-24-25
5.3 Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #26-24-25
5.4 Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #27-24-25

6. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION (cont.):

- 6.1 Closed Session Item 5.1: On a motion from Vern Gebhardt, second by Jesus Andrade, the Board approved the appeal of the decision by the Governing Board of the Banta Unified School District and granted the attendance of student #24-24-25 to the Jefferson Elementary School District, instead of the district of residence.

AYES: Gebhardt, Giannoni, Winn, Andrade
NOES: Vogel
ABSTAIN: None

- 6.2 Closed Session Item 5.2: On a motion from Vern Gebhardt, second by Jesus Andrade, the Board approved the appeal of the decision by the Governing Board of the Banta Unified School District and granted the attendance of student #25-24-25 to the Jefferson Elementary School District, instead of the district of residence.

AYES: Gebhardt, Giannoni, Winn, Andrade
NOES: Vogel
ABSTAIN: None

- 6.3 Closed Session Item 5.3: On a motion from Vern Gebhardt, second by Jesus Andrade, the Board approved the appeal of the decision by the Governing Board of the Banta Unified School District and granted the attendance of student #26-24-25 to the Jefferson Elementary School District, instead of the district of residence.

AYES: Gebhardt, Giannoni, Winn, Andrade
NOES: Vogel
ABSTAIN: None

- 6.4 Closed Session Item 5.4: On a motion from Chuck Winn, second by Vern Gebhardt, the Board denied the appeal of the decision by the Governing Board of the Lincoln Unified School District and ordered the attendance of student #27-24-25 to the district of residence, Lodi Unified School District.

AYES: Vogel, Gebhardt, Giannoni, Winn, Andrade
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

7. CLOSING COMMENTS FOR BOARD MEMBERS:

8. DATES:

- 8.1 Next regular San Joaquin County Board of Education meeting, March 19, 2025, 12:00 p.m., 2922 Transworld Drive, Stockton, CA.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Troy A. Brown, Ed.D.

Secretary to the Board / County Superintendent of Schools