# San Juan Unified School District
## Curriculum and Standards Committee

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| ☐ Mariya Babiychuk* | ☒ Taylor Brown | ☐ Open |
| ☐ Maggie Cooper | ☒ Kathleen Gately | ☐ Open |
| ☒ Patsy McGavock** | ☐ Anmarie Medin | ☐ Open |
| ☒ Veronica Schwalbach | ☐ Roxanne Stellmacher | ☐ Open |
| ☒ Catrayel Wood | ☒ Susan Zimmer | |

*Chair, **Co-Chair

**Our Core Values:**

- **Belonging:** We create a community that cultivates welcoming and inclusive environments with genuine respect for our diversity of cultures, identities and abilities.
- **Relevance:** We design experiences and environments where each learner can explore and apply skills and knowledge that align with evolving careers and workplaces.
- **Voice:** We honor and affirm all voices of our school community and encourage them to share their perspectives to help improve and shape what we do and how we do it.
- **Social and Emotional Intelligence:** We build a culture that teaches, models and applies social and emotional intelligence in all interactions with each other.
- **Resilience:** We create nurturing schools and programs that inspire each learner to continue to persevere, gain strength and develop confidence to excel beyond challenges.
- **Championing:** We support and advocate for those in our San Juan Unified community who are disproportionately impacted or marginalized by circumstances beyond their control.
- **Innovation:** Embracing and encouraging creative thinking and learning environments that transform ideas into actionable solutions.

# Approved Minutes

**Wednesday, September 2, 2026**
**District Boardroom at 6:30 p.m.**

**I. Call to Order/Introductions**

The September 2 meeting was called to order by the co-chair, Patsy McGlavock at 6:59pm.

**II. Visitors' Comments**

The September 2 meeting did not have any visitors.

**III. Business Items:**

**Brown Act (R/D)**

The committee reviewed the first half of the Brown Act presentation video and provided feedback and questions for Legal Services. Follow-up by Legal Counsel is scheduled for October 7. A new member onboarding packet, including a video, is being created by Patsy McGavock, Mariya Babiychuk, and Nicole Kukral.

**Review C&S Bylaws (R/D)**

Staff Liaison, Nicole Kukral, reviewed the C&S Bylaws with the committee. Members identified several sections that may require revision, including Item VI (Voting and Quorum), pending consultation with legal counsel, and Item VII(D) regarding communication with the staff liaison. Nicole Kukral will work with Trent Allen to review and revise these sections as needed.

**Election of 2026-2027 Chair and Co-Chair (D/A)**

The committee nominated Mariya Babiychuk as chair for 2026-2027.
**Motion:** Ms. Zimmer made a motion.
**Second:** Ms. Brown seconded the motion.
**Vote:** The motion passed with 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstention.



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The committee nominated Patsy McGavock as co-chair for 2026-2027.
**Motion:** Ms. Schwalbach made a motion.
**Second:** Ms. Brown seconded the motion.
**Vote:** The motion passed with 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstention.

**IV. Approval of Minutes – June 3, 2026 (A)**

A motion was made to approve June 3, 2026 minutes.
**Motion:** Ms. Zimmer made a motion.
**Second:** Ms. Gately seconded the motion.
**Vote:** The motion passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays, 2 abstentions.

**V. Chairperson's Comments/Committee Business (R)**

Co-chair, Patsy McGavock, shared she is excited to continue as co-chair.

**Reports to be Heard (R)**

Board Liaison, Pam Costa, thanked committee members for their service to students and staff. She shared that a school board vacancy exists following Mr. Stanekzai's resignation, with discussion on filling the seat scheduled for the September 8 board meeting. Ben Avey and Tanya Kravchuk were re-elected unopposed, and the seats held by Manny Perez and Zima Creason will be open.

Staff Liaison, Nicole Kukral, reported a busy summer focused on the TK-8 math curriculum launch. Nearly 700 TK-8 teachers participated in summer professional development, and grades 6-8 teachers attended a pre-service day. She noted strong enthusiasm in classrooms as students and teachers engage with the new curriculum.

Cabinet Liaison, Amberlee Townsend-Snider, reported a positive start to the school year, with strong family involvement and enthusiastic students. Principals are actively supporting implementation of the new curriculum and collaborating with teachers. District priorities continue to focus on math achievement and early literacy.

**VI. Future Agenda Items (D)**

The committee requested updates on several topics, including the Personal Finance course pilot, as the graduation requirement takes effect in the 2027-28 school year. Members also requested updates on TK, literacy and math data, and the AI rollout, including information on teacher usage across schools. Additionally, the committee requested an update on the curriculum provided to families who opt out of Comprehensive Sexual Health Education, specifically regarding the quality of the instructional materials.

To help staff prepare meaningful reports, committee members have been asked to share what information they'd like the staff to present.

**VII. Adjournment**

At 8:49 p.m., there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Co-chair, Patsy McGavock.



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