

**SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
GAYLORD A. NELSON EDUCATION CENTER / BOARD ROOM
2901 ARCH-AIRPORT ROAD / STOCKTON, CA
FEBRUARY 15, 2017 / 12:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Vernon Gebhardt, President; David Sorgent, Vice-President; Janet Dyk, Board member; Peter Ottesen, Board member; James Mousalimas, Secretary.

ABSENT: Mark Thiel, Board member.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Thomas, Deputy Superintendent; Janine Kaeslin, Assistant Superintendent; Wendy Frink, Chris Kleinert, Margaret St. George, Judy Casetta, Tanya Shepherd, Sharon Gaines, Kelly Fry, SJCOE staff; Brig Summers, First Student Transportation; Janai Stanton, Recorder.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

President Gebhardt 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 comments from the audience.

IV. RECOGNITION: Venture Academy students who are part of the Venture Outstanding Leadership Team introduced themselves and talked about the activities that the group plans and organizes for the school, focusing on the recent fundraising effort that provided \$1,500 to the local Women's Center. The Board commended the group for their good work.

Career Technical Education Director Chris Kleinert and Career Technical Educator John Herger described the Third Annual Welding Showdown that students participated in recently. They reported it is a collaborative effort between Delta Community College and local school districts and serves as a precursor to the regional competition called Skills USA. The students who qualified for state competition were introduced and recognized for their efforts.

V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION:

1. WorkAbility I Program: Education Specialist Margaret St. George of the San Joaquin County SELPA provided background information regarding the WorkAbility I Program. She reported that this is a state-funded grant program that SELPA has been a part of for the last 20 years. During that time, the program has provided career vocation services to 11,345 high school and young adult students and to nearly 3,000 middle school students. Those students were placed in job training programs and over 200 of them were hired by local community businesses to continue to work and earn prevailing wages. Ms. St. George introduced local business owner, Steve Jessup of Manteca Trailer, and Joshua Bogetti, a former Workability I student who was placed at that work site in 2011 and has been there ever since. The two described the assistance Joshua provides to the organization and highlighted the benefits of the partnership. Mr. Jessup and Joshua were both presented with a certificate and commended for their efforts.

VI. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION:

2. Minutes: On a motion from Janet Dyk, second by Dave Sorgent, the Board approved the minutes from the January 18, 2017 meeting as presented.

AYES: Gebhardt, Sorgent, Dyk, Ottesen
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

3. 2016 – 2017 College Readiness Block Grant Funding Plan: On a motion from Pete Ottesen, second by Janet Dyk, the Board approved the College Readiness Block Grant Funding Plan for San Joaquin County Community Schools and Court Schools as presented.

AYES: Gebhardt, Sorgent, Dyk, Ottesen
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

4. Resolution #16-17-13 – Arts Education Month in California/Youth Art Month: On a motion from Dave Sorgent, second by Janet Dyk, the Board approved this resolution proclaiming March as Arts Education Month in California/Youth Art Month as presented.

AYES: Gebhardt, Sorgent, Dyk, Ottesen
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

5. Resolution #16-17-14 – Women's History Month: On a motion from Janet Dyk, second by Dave Sorgent, the Board approved this resolution proclaiming March as Women's History Month as presented.

AYES: Gebhardt, Sorgent, Dyk, Ottesen
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

6. Board Member Absence: On a motion from Dave Sorgent, second by Janet Dyk, the Board deemed the absence of Board member Ottesen from the January 18, 2017 regular meeting as acceptable due to hardship.

AYES: Gebhardt, Sorgent, Dyk
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Ottesen

VII. CLOSED SESSION: Action taken in Closed Session was reported in Open Session.

- Lease Agreement #161702 1199 Thomsen Road
 Lathrop, CA 95330
 City of Lathrop, Property Owner

VIII. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION (continued):

7. Lease Agreement #161702: On a motion from Pete Ottesen, second by Dave Sorgent, the Board approved the lease agreement as presented. The property is located at 1199 Thomsen Road, Lathrop, CA 95330 and owned by City of Lathrop.

AYES: Gebhardt, Sorgent, Dyk, Ottesen
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

IX. CLOSING COMMENTS FOR BOARD MEMBERS:

- Board member Dyk reported that the water level of the river beside the Durham Ferry school site has risen and commended SJCOE staff for monitoring the water levels and protecting the students, livestock, buildings, and equipment before the water reaches flood stage.
- Board member Sorgent asked about the status of the Facility Naming Committee. Superintendent Mousalimas let him know that the committee has been meeting and will come to the Board in April with a presentation.
- Superintendent Mousalimas reported that he recently visited the Escalon, Lammersville, Linden, and Lodi unified school districts and has been consistently impressed with what he is observing in San Joaquin County school district classrooms.

- Superintendent Mousalimas reminded the Board of the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Discovery Challenge Academy on February 24, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at Sharpe Army Depot.
- The next regular San Joaquin County Board of Education meeting will be held March 15, 2017, 12:00 p.m., at 2901 Arch-Airport Road, Stockton, CA.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



James A. Mousalimas
Secretary to the Board /
County Superintendent of Schools