

**SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
GAYLORD A. NELSON EDUCATION CENTER / BOARD ROOM
2901 ARCH-AIRPORT ROAD / STOCKTON, CA
FEBRUARY 19, 2014 / 12:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

PRESENT: David Sorgent, President; Jill Fritchen, Vice-President; Anthony Gutierrez, Board member; Janet Dyk, Board member; Mick Founts, Secretary.

ABSENT: Mark Thiel, Board member.

OTHERS PRESENT: James Mousalimas, Deputy Superintendent; Jim Thomas, Deputy Superintendent; Jane Steinkamp, Assistant Superintendent; Wendy Frink, Kent Hinton, Christine Mott, Dawn Speaks, SJCOE staff; Steve Lowder, Michele Huntoon, Stockton Unified School District; Keith Reid, The Record; Carol Barkley, Bill Redford, Brigdon Summers, Jeff & Shalice Tilton; Janai Stanton, Recorder.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

President Sorgent called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Board member Dyk led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. COMMENTS:

- Jeff Tilton introduced his wife, Shalice, and soon to be Dr. Bill Redford, Regional Director of Northern California Academy of Arts and Sciences charter school. Dr. Redford, together with Dr. Tilton and Sean McManus, formally submitted a petition to open a county-wide, dual language immersion International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme. Dr. Tilton thanked the Board for their acceptance of the petition.

III. RECOGNITION: Kent Hinton, Director of Assessment Projects, introduced Dionne McDonald, a teacher from Venture Academy, and several of her students, who volunteered to put together a video presentation that outlined the process for field testing the smarter balanced testing procedures from a student's perspective. Mr. Hinton explained that upon short notice, the students and their teacher worked out a script, got it approved by the California Department of Education, and began taping. The video was shared with the Board and audience, and the students were recognized with certificates of appreciation from Superintendent Torlakson, Assemblymember Olsen, and Dr. Founts. The Board added their appreciation for the efforts of the students, noting that the video gave them a better idea of what was to come for students throughout the state.

IV. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION:

1. Minutes: On a motion from Jill Fritchen, second by Anthony Gutierrez, the Board approved the minutes from the January 15, 2014 meeting as presented.

AYES: Sorgent, Fritchen, Gutierrez, Dyk

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

2. Single Plans for Student Achievement: On a motion from Janet Dyk, second by Anthony Gutierrez, the Board approved the single plan of action for the San Joaquin County Community Schools as presented. The Board noted that the single plan for San Joaquin County Court Schools will be presented next month.

AYES: Sorgent, Fritchen, Gutierrez, Dyk

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

3. Resolution #13-14-09 – Revising the Observance of Lincoln Day Holiday 2013 – 2014: On a motion from Anthony Gutierrez, second by Janet Dyk, the Board approved this resolution that revises the date that the San Joaquin County Office of Education observed Lincoln Day in 2014.

AYES: Sorgent, Fritchen, Gutierrez, Dyk

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

4. Resolution #13-14-10 – Revising the Observance of Lincoln Day Holiday 2014 – 2015: On a motion from Jill Fritchen, second by Janet Dyk, the Board approved this resolution that revises the date that the San Joaquin County Office of Education will observe Lincoln Day in 2015.

AYES: Sorgent, Fritchen, Gutierrez, Dyk

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

5. 2014 – 2015 School Calendars: On a motion from Anthony Gutierrez, second by Jill Fritchen, the Board approved the general calendar for the San Joaquin County Office of Education programs, the calendar for the County Operated Schools and Programs, and the calendar for the Special Education programs as presented.

AYES: Sorgent, Fritchen, Gutierrez, Dyk

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

6. Resolution #13-14-11: On a motion from Jill Fritchen, second by Janet Dyk, the Board adopted this resolution proclaiming March 2014 as Arts Education month.

AYES: Sorgent, Fritchen, Gutierrez, Dyk
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

7. Resolution #13-14-12: On a motion from Jill Fritchen, second by Anthony Gutierrez, the Board adopted this resolution proclaiming March 2014 as Women's History Month.

AYES: Sorgent, Fritchen, Gutierrez, Dyk
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

8. Board Member Absence: On a motion from Anthony Gutierrez, second by Jill Fritchen, the Board deemed the absence of Janet Dyk from the January 15, 2014 regular meeting as acceptable due to a hardship.

AYES: Sorgent, Fritchen, Gutierrez
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Dyk

9. Special Board Meeting: On a motion from Jill Fritchen, second by Janet Dyk, the Board tabled the decision to set the date for a special meeting in June 2014 until after the presentation of information item #10.

AYES: Sorgent, Fritchen, Gutierrez, Dyk
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION:

10. Local Control and Accountability Plan: Jane Steinkamp provided the Board with information regarding the implementation of California's Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP). She indicated that the funding model for LCAP encourages school districts to act differently and to think differently. Rather than the old system the followed a compliance model, the new system follows an empowerment model. Ms. Steinkamp explained that this model is expected to give school districts and county offices of education the ability to take the funding and do what is best for children and communities. Jane reviewed the LCAP elements, the LCAP timeline, the LCAP priorities, and the guiding questions that have been provided from the LCAP template. She also distributed the Education Code sections pertinent to LCAP.

Next, Jane reviewed the information that requires the LCAP public hearing date to be separated by at least a day from the date the Board will consider approval of the LCAP. The Board requested there be monthly updates regarding this issue and that they are made aware of the stakeholders meeting schedule so that they may participate and know first hand that there is a concerted effort to involve parents, students, and community members. Dr. Founts and Ms. Steinkamp agreed to the request and invited Board members to attend the upcoming stakeholders meetings.

VI. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION (continued):

11. Special Board Meeting: On a motion from Jill Fritchen, second by Anthony Gutierrez, the Board set a special meeting date of June 23, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in order to hold a public hearing regarding the Local Control Accountability Plan and the 2014 – 2015 budget for the San Joaquin County Office of Education.

AYES: Sorgent, Fritchen, Gutierrez, Dyk
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

VII. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION (continued):

12. County-wide Charter School Petition Review Process: Dr. Founts introduced Carol Barkley and provided a brief description of her expertise in the area of the charter school petition review process while working at the California Department of Education. Ms. Barkley was present to provide an overview of the county-wide charter petition review process. Dr. Founts indicated that since the petition was submitted today the timeline begins with 30 days to hold a public hearing and another 30 days to make the decision to approve or not.

Ms. Barkley began by explaining that unlike charter appeal petitions and charter approval petitions that the County Board has seen in the past, this county-wide charter petition has no appeal process and the Board's decision regarding this petition is final. She noted that the purpose of a state-wide or county-wide petition is that it can be replicated quickly and/or meets an unmet need or supplies a special benefit that has been identified by the county or state. Ms. Barkley indicated that she would be using the evaluation matrix that is in Board Bylaws but that it would require revision in order to meet the new state priorities developed through the Local Control Funding Formula and the Local Control and Accountability Plan. She let the Board know that they should read the petition in preparation for the public hearing that will be held next month and said that staff will not be making a recommendation at that point. She noted that it is likely that the petitioners will describe the pertinent details of the petition and bring along supporters to make comments. She added there might be people in opposition of the petition who will also address the Board.

Next, Ms. Barkley explained that she will be coordinating with staff to look at different areas and she would also be doing a capacity interview. She will be talking to stakeholders to ascertain whether the school can be implemented, how well the budget has been developed, and evaluate the ability to govern and enroll students, along with addressing the items in the matrix. She said the law does permit for an additional 30-day review period if both parties agree but it is more than likely that the Board will be making a final decision at the April Board meeting. At that meeting, she explained the petitioners can do a final presentation based on what they read, they might want to respond to any considerations or concerns expressed, and that members of the public might want to talk. She indicated that the Board should ask questions of anyone who presents information. The next step would be deliberations as a Board and a vote. If the petition is approved, the County Office can collect up to one percent of the cost to run the school and that will be it in terms of process. She added that the Board can approve the petition completely, deny it completely if the report comes back that the charter is not ready to be operational, or place conditions on the opening of the charter school. Ms. Barkley said that in charter law, if the Board approves the charter and something unforeseen happens, the Board may take action to revoke the petition. Upon a question from Board member Gutierrez, Ms. Barkley said that she would have the matrix and report to the Board two weeks prior to the April meeting date. She added that she would be in constant dialog with the petitioner in order to determine their ability to open and manage this charter school.

President Sorgent asked who might the opposition be to such a charter school petition. Ms. Barkley replied that she wouldn't know that, but when asked who she saw oppose petitions in her work with the state she said that it could be school districts who do not want to have the charter school in their district, people who may be fiscally impacted, or those with a general philosophical opposition to charter schools.

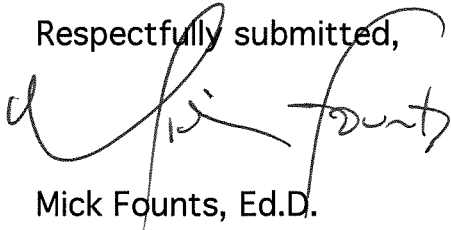
VIII. CLOSING COMMENTS FOR BOARD MEMBERS:

- President Sorgent announced that he, Dr. Dei Rossi, and Teachers College staff would be going to Berkeley tomorrow to meet with the WASC accreditation team. He noted that the concerns to be addressed had to do with governance and the President's time spent in the position.
- Board member Dyk noted concern about the partnership between the AgFest San Joaquin group and the San Joaquin County Office of Education Educational Foundation. Dr. Founts indicated that the Foundation would be holding their money and that the expectation is that the group will be able to collect enough to fully fund the event.
- The next regular San Joaquin County Board of Education meeting will be held March 19, 2014, 12:00 p.m., at 2901 Arch-Airport Road, Stockton, CA.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mick Founts". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mick" and last name "Founts" clearly distinguishable.

Mick Founts, Ed.D.
Secretary to the Board /
Superintendent of Schools