

**SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
GAYLORD A. NELSON EDUCATION CENTER / BOARD ROOM  
2901 ARCH-AIRPORT ROAD / STOCKTON, CA  
JUNE 23, 2014 / 6:30 P.M.  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MINUTES**

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

**ABSENT:** Mark Thiel, Board member; Mick Founts, Secretary.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** James Mousalimas, Deputy Superintendent; Jim Thomas, Deputy Superintendent; Jane Steinkamp, Assistant Superintendent; Janine Cuaresma, Assistant Superintendent; Wendy Frink, Deb Nickols, Kristen Condit, Kelly Grossman, Terrell Martinez, Beth Coit, Rachele Tyler, Nicole Lorenz, Greg Clark, SJCOE staff; Vernon Gebhardt, County Board member-elect; Janai Stanton, Recorder.

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

President Sorgent called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Board member Fritchen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. COMMENTS:** There were no comments from the audience.

**III. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

1. San Joaquin County Office of Education 2014 - 2015 Budget: The public hearing was opened in order to discuss and receive input from the public regarding the proposed 2014 - 2015 budget for the San Joaquin County Office of Education. Deputy Superintendent Jim Thomas made some general remarks prior to the budget detail presentation. Mr. Thomas described the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) implementation process indicating that while school districts are receiving millions of dollars in that area, San Joaquin County Office of Education (SJCOE) will see no funding increases. He said this is known as hold harmless, which presents a challenge for SJCOE in terms of continuing great programs and offering competitive salaries. However, he explained, LCFF does afford some flexibility in the use of funds so SJCOE can take advantage of that opportunity because 15 percent of the student population are English Language Learners.

Mr. Thomas noted that the plan to eradicate deferrals was changed at the last minute in the Governor's budget, although planned deferrals have been reduced statewide. He shared information about the stunning increases in CalSTRS and CalPERS rates but said that the increases will occur over a period of time rather than all at once. He reminded the Board that plans had been implemented for the recession that did not include massive layoffs but rather reductions came through attrition and maintaining prudent reserves. Mr. Thomas said there had been legislative discussions regarding caps on school district reserves but he hopes there is no change in reserve cap percentages. Finally, he announced that the budget is solid and SJCOE will be able to continue doing the good work that it does in a solvent capacity. Board members asked clarifying questions regarding the budget reserve cap.

Next Terrell Martinez, presented the budget details explaining to the Board how to use the table of contents to find the appropriate management codes and other information they may want to see. Ms. Martinez described the annual budget process and the timeline associated with that process. The Board asked questions regarding the subsidies and Mr. Thomas pointed out that some of them had been reduced. Ms. Martinez returned to the presentation and reviewed the estimated actuals, pointing out the details regarding restricted (54%), unrestricted (7.82%), and designated restricted (34.7%) funds. Funding information regarding the different types of students was discussed, along with LCFF calculations, the notion that SJCOE may emerge from its hold harmless status by 2015 - 2016, although it was explained that it is just speculative at this point.

Ms. Martinez discussed the general fund contributions and the Board asked many questions about positions and new programs that appeared, i.e. the Public Information Office budget, the Next Program, the building budget, the reduced contribution to student academic events, and the increase to the Superintendent/Board budget.

Next was a review of the COLA and costs associated with step and class increments. The Board asked questions about the salary and health and welfare benefit increases and whether there had been discussions with staff regarding the placement of the increases. There was a brief discussion about the prescription drug changes to the employee policies. Ms. Martinez pointed out the projected CalSTRS and CalPERS increases and said that those changes would show in the first interim report since the final totals came after the budget was completed. She noted that the state approved indirect rate for 2014 - 2015 would be 9.63%.

Expenditures were the next topic of discussion. Ms. Martinez pointed out the different categories of general fund expenditures and talked about the Lottery funds and the approved use of those funds. The Board asked questions about enrollment figures presented for County Operated Schools and Programs (COSP).

Ms. Martinez went on to discuss the Workforce Development Programs, the Special Education Programs, Education Services Programs, and she reviewed administrative services costs. The Board asked questions about how Special Education students are served, how little money is identified for History programs, how the Migrant Education Program is going, whether Excel Academy would become part of Venture Academy, and whether neighboring school districts were involved with the use of the gym facility. The Board suggested that there is increased outreach to the community to use the gym. Ms. Martinez reviewed the budget details regarding contracted services over \$25,000, compensation increases over \$10,000, and the interfund transfers.

Ms. Martinez referred to the pages that gave an overview of the budget as a whole, referring to the estimated beginning balances, the ending balance, and the breakdown between categories. She reviewed the budget development calendar and the miscellaneous reimbursement and benefit rates, as well as the page of acronyms. Finally, the ending balance analysis summary sheet was discussed, along with the fund summary. Terrell noted that the Board could call with questions at any time.

The Board commented on the decreased expenses and increased revenues for Teachers College of San Joaquin, asked questions about the fundraising accounts, and whether anyone was being paid lifetime benefits.

There were no further comments and the public hearing was closed at 8:15 p.m.

2. Local Control and Accountability Plan: The public hearing was opened in order to discuss and receive input from the public regarding the proposed 2014 - 2015 Local Control and Accountability Plan for schools and programs operated by the San Joaquin County Office of Education.

Jane Steinkamp, and the LCAP team of Janine Cuaresma, Wendy Frink, and Kristen Condit, presented information regarding the LCAP process. Ms. Steinkamp shared that Ms. Condit has reviewed all LCAP's submitted by school districts, did a draft review of them, and had begun the process of presenting the information to the district governing boards for approval. She indicated that KT Yorba and Jeri Blote from Business Services had reviewed the budget pieces of the LCAP and had provided feedback to the school districts as well. In addition, she said that Ms. Condit, Ms. Cuaresma, and Ms. Frink had been responsible for writing a LCAP for COSP, which is what is presented tonight.

Ms. Steinkamp said that LCAP included eight goals, five of which were countywide program goals. Two of those goals encompassed the work of other SJCOE departments because LCAP funds are used to support school districts. Ms. Steinkamp reviewed the goals and indicated that 2014 - 2015 would serve as a transition phase and the 2015 - 2016 would be considered the implementation phase.

Next, Ms. Steinkamp reviewed the areas of need in COSP and the subsequent goals that were developed to meet those needs. Those goals included improvement of student attendance by decreasing truancy, improving student rigor and consistency across student programs, and improvement of relationships between the program, students, parents, and the community. The Board asked questions regarding academic testing, how the program will go about decreasing truancy, whether the countywide goals were based on programs that are already in place, and also noted their appreciation for the efforts to grow the relationship with the community, especially with foster families. There was a brief discussion about mental health funding and the necessity presented to keep working on improving that system. Ms. Frink provided information regarding this area. The Board commended the team for their good work.

There being no further comments, the public hearing was closed at 8:40 p.m.

3. Common Core State Standards Implementation Funding: The public hearing was opened to discuss and receive input regarding the proposed use of state allocated funds for the implementation of Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in the areas of professional development, supplemental materials, and technology support for Smarter Balanced Assessments.

Ms. Steinkamp reviewed the summary of funding sources provided to the Board. She noted that the California Department of Education issued the first apportionment in August 2013, and a second apportionment in October 2013. She reported that the implementation funds could be used to support the implementation of the California CCSS, the Next Generation Science Standards, and the California English Language Development standards and that funds can be expended for any of the following purposes:

- Professional development for teachers, administrators, and paraprofessional educators or other classified employees involved in the direct instruction of pupils;
- Instructional materials aligned to the academic content standards, or;
- Integration of the academic content standards through technology-based instruction for purposes of improving the academic performance of pupils, including, but not necessarily limited to, expenditures to support the administration of computer-based assessments and provide high-speed, high-bandwidth Internet connectivity for the purpose of administration of computer-based assessments.

Ms. Steinkamp said that COSP had an allocation of \$231,737 and that the funding would be used on technology. Specifically, for purchasing cloud print servers, adaptors to support testing, and to upgrade the technological infrastructure. She said that Special Education would be using the \$108,894 allocation for instructional materials to meet the individual needs of students and to update and increase technological access. Funds will also be used on professional development activities.

The Board asked questions regarding the type of equipment to be purchased and whether the funding would continue into the next fiscal year.

There were no further comments from the audience, and the public hearing was closed at 8:55 p.m.

#### IV. CLOSING COMMENTS FOR BOARD MEMBERS:

- Board member Dyk noted her appreciation for the materials received for these hearings, adding that she wondered if it could be presented by program and that the person responsible for that particular area could be present to discuss and review the information. Board member Fritchen agreed, noting that Teachers College of San Joaquin is separate and it made it easier to digest the information in small bites. Board member Gutierrez agreed that without the oral presentation it would be very difficult to figure out what all the material really meant.

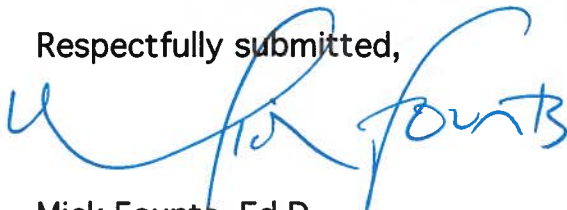
Jim Thomas responded that it is all about what the Board needs to see and it is not their intent to bury them with paper. The hard part is knowing what not to include and by providing the information this way anyone can find out what they want to know about every SJCOE program. He added that there are over 600 programs within the \$249 million budget and that each program has a separate cost center. He added that he is open to conversation about a different way to present the information and that if anyone ever has a question about the budget they should feel free to call him or come in and talk about what the information they would like to know more about.

- Board member Sorgent noted his appreciation for the presentations and Board member Dyk thanked staff for coming at this time of the evening.
- The next regular meeting of the San Joaquin County Board of Education will be held June 25, 2014, 12:00 p.m., at 2901 Arch-Airport Road, Stockton, CA.

#### V. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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