

**SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
GAYLORD A. NELSON EDUCATION CENTER / BOARD ROOM  
2901 ARCH-AIRPORT ROAD / STOCKTON, CA  
JULY 16, 2014 / 12:00 P.M.  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** David Sorgent, President; Mark Thiel, Board member; Janet Dyk, Board member; Vernon Gebhardt, Board member; Peter Ottesen, Board member; Mick Founts, Secretary.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jim Thomas, Deputy Superintendent; James Mousalimas, Deputy Superintendent; Jane Steinkamp, Assistant Superintendent; Randy Gibbs, Ellen Hancock, Chris Kleinert, Kelly Grossman, Nancy Hopple, Susie Gardner, Nou Hendricks, Sarah Almquist, SJCOE staff; Lisa Boje, John Schallberger, Linden Unified School District; Interdistrict transfer appellants; Steve Reed; Yvette Powell; Jeff Tilton; Roxane Bernhard; Janai Stanton, Recorder.

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

President Sorgent called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

**II. OATH OF OFFICE:**

Dr. Founts administered the Oath of Office to new Board members Vernon Gebhardt and Peter Ottesen.

**III. COMMENTS:**

- Roxane Bernhard, the parent of a student whose interdistrict transfer appeal was granted on May 28, 2014, presented information regarding the actions of the Manteca Unified School District. She indicated that the district had enrolled her son at Lathrop High School and then dis-enrolled him based on enrollment projections. Ms. Bernhard said the district wanted to wait until August to place her son at a high school within the district and she said that the district staff and superintendent had not returned her calls or emails regarding this issue. She said that she had attended a Manteca Unified Governing Board meeting and got no response at that level either. Ms. Bernhard requested that the County Board amend the order of action letter to the school district to indicate that the decision was made with the intent that her son be enrolled at Lathrop High School.

Board member Thiel explained that during an interdistrict transfer appeal hearing the County Board could order attendance to a school district but not to a specific school. He added that any change to the order or minutes would require action by the County Board.

Board member Thiel indicated Ms. Bernhard would be better served by going to the Manteca Unified School District Office and request a hearing before that Governing Board so that she could provide her medical testimony to support the request.

The Board agreed to follow up with a letter to the district indicating that during the hearing Lathrop High School was discussed as the school of choice.

- Board member Dyk presented a handmade quilt to Nou Hendricks in thanks for her work that provided funding for the annual AgVenture events.

#### IV. ANNUAL ORGANIZATION MEETING:

1. Election of Officers and Appointments: On a motion from Janet Dyk, second by Vern Gebhardt, the Board elected the following officers – Mark Thiel, President; Janet Dyk, Vice-President; and Mick Founts, Secretary for the 2014 - 2015 school year.

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

On a motion from Mark Thiel, second by Janet Dyk, the Board appointed Janet Dyk as the representative on the Venture Academy Charter School Board; Vern Gebhardt as the representative on the ~~one~~ Charter Academy of Visual and Performing Arts Board; and, Pete Ottesen as the representative on the San Joaquin County Building Futures Academy Board.

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

Outgoing President Sorgent was presented with a pen in honor of his year of dedicated service as President of the San Joaquin County Board of Education.

#### V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION:

2. Minutes: On a motion from Janet Dyk, second by Dave Sorgent, the Board approved the minutes from the June 25, 2014 meeting as amended. The change was to indicate that Board member Gutierrez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

3. Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #01-14-15: On a motion from Vern Gebhardt, second by Pete Ottesen, the Board upheld the decision by the Governing Board of the Linden Unified School District and denied transfer of attendance of student #01-14-15 from the Stockton Unified School District.

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

4. San Joaquin County Career and Technical Education Annual Course Recertification: On a motion from Dave Sorgent, second by Vern Gebhardt, the Board approved the annual recertification of the Career and Technical Education course matrix as presented. Board member Dyk requested clarification regarding the Manteca Unified courses and Mr. Kleinert indicated he would get that information to her.

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

5. Carl D. Perkins Funding for Career Technical Education Programs: On a motion from Pete Ottesen, second by Dave Sorgent, the Board approved the Vocational Education Act grant funding, Section 131 and Section 132, as presented.

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

6. 2014 - 2015 San Joaquin County Board of Education Regular Meeting Calendar: Dave Sorgent moved that the Board approve the proposed regular board meeting calendar for the remainder of the 2014 - 2015 fiscal year changing the October date to October 8, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. and change the location and time of January 21, 2015 meeting to Manteca Unified School District at 6:00 p.m. There was no second; the motion failed.

Janet Dyk moved that the October meeting date change to October 8, 2014 at 12:00 p.m., the January 21, 2015 meeting at Manteca Unified School District at 6:00 p.m., the March 18, 2015 meeting at Lodi Unified School District at 6:00 p.m., and all other meetings following the proposed calendar. Vern Gebhardt seconded this motion.

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

On a motion from Vern Gebhardt, second by Pete Ottesen, the Board approved the proposed regular board meeting calendar for the remainder of the 2014 – 2015 fiscal year changing the October date to October 8, 2014 and the start time for all meetings at 12:00 p.m., with the exception of the August 20, 2014 meeting. Board members Sorgent and Thiel recommended changing the location of at least one meeting. Board member Gebhardt withdrew his motion.

On a motion from Vern Gebhardt, second by Dave Sorgent, the Board approved the proposed regular board meeting calendar for the remainder of the 2014 – 2015 fiscal year changing the October date to October 8, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. and the January 21, 2015 meeting at the Manteca Unified School District at 6:00 p.m.

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

President Thiel asked Vice-President Dyk to consider changing the Manteca location to the Lodi Unified School District in January to help with perception of SJCOE's affiliation with the neighboring community of Manteca. Vice-President Dyk indicated she would be leaving that meeting at the Manteca Unified School District.

7. Board Bylaw Revisions: On a motion from Pete Ottesen, second by Dave Sorgent, the Board approved the proposed revisions to Board Bylaw 9270 and 9320 as presented.

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

8. Board Member Absence: On a motion from Janet Dyk, second by Dave Sorgent, the Board deemed the absence of former Board member Fritchen from the June 25, 2014 regular meeting as acceptable due to a hardship.

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

9. 2013 – 2014 School Calendar Revisions: On a motion from Pete Ottsen, second by Dave Sorgent, the Board approved the revised general calendar for the San Joaquin County Office of Education programs, the revised calendar for County Operated Schools and Programs, and the revised calendar for the Special Education programs as presented.

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

## VI. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION:

10. San Joaquin County Regional Occupational Center and Programs Annual Report: Chris Kleinert, Director of Career and Technical Education, presented the 2012 - 2013 Annual Report for ROC/P. He shared that the follow-up study began six months after graduation at which time course completers were contacted for information. He said it has been discovered that email is the best way to stay in touch with the graduates and that post cards are also mailed that have a link that allows students to report their status online. Mr. Kleinert said that the program staff is proud that a high percentage of the program completers are gainfully employed. He added that the school districts are doing their own follow-up study for their ROC/P programs.
11. Williams Uniform Complaints Quarterly Report: Dr. Founts presented this quarterly report that indicates there were no complaints received regarding the schools and programs operated by the San Joaquin County Office of Education during the time between mid-April and mid-July.

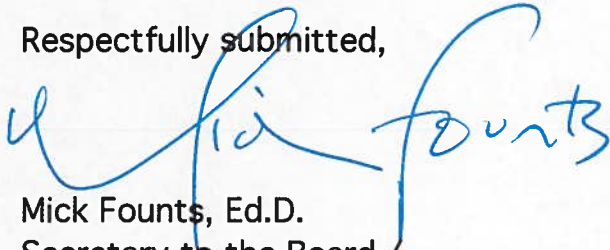
## VII. CLOSING COMMENTS FOR BOARD MEMBERS:

- President Thiel welcomed the two new Board members and said it would be good to have fresh faces and fresh ideas at the table. He quickly added that this was not meant as a disparaging remark to the Board members who have been replaced indicating that both Mr. Guterrez and Ms. Fritchen had made a significant impact on this community and that they both will be missed. He noted that Board member Dyk's idea to change the venue of a few of the Board meetings is one that has not been considered in the past but he considers it a worthy idea to try.
- Board member Gebhardt said that he looks forward to working with the Board and the professional staff at SJCOE.
- Board member Ottesen said it feels like he has come full circle after working for the office for 35 years, being away for 10 years, and now back as a Board member.
- The next regular meeting of the San Joaquin County Board of Education will be held August 20, 2014, 5:00 p.m., at 2901 Arch-Airport Road, Stockton, CA.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mick Founts", is written over the typed name.

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