

**SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**GAYLORD A. NELSON ADMINISTRATION CENTER / BOARD ROOM**  
**2922 TRANSWORLD DRIVE / STOCKTON, CA**  
**MAY 20, 2020 / 12:00 P.M.**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Kenneth Vogel, President; Janet Dyk, Vice-President; Vernon Gebhardt, Board member; Peter Ottesen, Board member; Greg Clark, Board member; James Mousalimas, Secretary.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Scott Anderson, Deputy Superintendent; Janine Kaeslin, Assistant Superintendent; Brandie Brunni, Assistant Superintendent; Terrell Martinez, Stephanie Hitchcock, Rachele Tyler, PJ Hamilton, Marlene Flau, Kelly Fry, SJCOE staff; Janai Stanton, Recorder.

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

President Vogel called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:** There were no additions to the agenda.

**III. COMMENTS:** There were no comments.

**IV. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION:**

1. Williams Uniform Complaints Quarterly Report: Superintendent Mousalimas presented the quarterly report that indicates there were no uniform complaints filed regarding the schools and programs operated by the San Joaquin County Office of Education (SJCOE) between mid-January and mid-April.
2. 2020 - 2021 Budget Assumptions: Deputy Superintendent Scott Anderson reviewed the details of the 2020 - 2021 budget development instructions and timelines that were distributed to all departments at SJCOE highlighting the key assumptions related to employee costs. Mr. Anderson explained that those costs include salary schedule adjustments and one-time payments to employees, part of a two-year agreement negotiated in Spring 2019, the health and welfare benefits cap that remains unchanged at \$1,000 per month, and the estimated cost of step and column and longevity salary increments. He indicated that the STRS and PERS employer rates are reduced by approximately 2% due to the Governor's May revise which includes redirected funds to improve the long-term funding status of the pension systems.

Next, Mr. Anderson, indicated that the Governor's May Revise contained a projected drop of \$13.6 billion next year compared to the January budget proposal. He explained that the adjustments to the K - 12 budgets include the elimination of the 2.31 percent statutory Cost of Living Adjustment and all other new program expansion that was proposed in January and an 8 percent reduction in the Local Control Funding Formula. He added that cash deferrals of \$5.3 billion are expected over the new two years, along with significant categorical program cuts. Mr. Anderson added that there were also budget enhancements, which include an increase in Special Education base funding rates by \$88 per ADA, and the STRS and PERS employer contribution rate relief.

Mr. Anderson reported that the financial impact on San Joaquin County school districts will be more severe and that he is meeting weekly with school district business leaders in order to provide support to them over the next couple of years. He added that SJCOE is in a strong position with significant reserves that allow time to strategize as financial changes develop.

The Board asked whether there is financial assistance that may be available for school districts. Mr. Anderson explained that there are a few options, which include interfund borrowing, obtaining tax revenue anticipation notes (TRAN), Education Code provisions that allow the county superintendent, with county board approval, to provide cash loans of up to 85 percent of cash expected to school districts, and the ability to borrow cash from the county treasury. Mr. Anderson explained that the County Board will see resolutions coming forward that provide these opportunities as options if needed.

Discussion continued regarding whether there would be a need for salary reductions, the game plan for reopening of school districts, whether a hiring freeze has been discussed, and whether job reclassifications would be available,

Superintendent Mousalimas explained that SJCOE has slowed its hiring action, that Teachers College of San Joaquin has moved to online learning for its students, and that plans are being developed to get students back in school. He shared that he is meeting weekly with the school district superintendents and he has initiated a COVID-19 Task Force to study the reopening of schools and administrative offices throughout the county.

The Board commended Mr. Anderson and his staff for their attention and maintenance of SJCOE's strong financial status and strong oversight assistance to school districts.

3. Classification of Counties: Superintendent Mousalimas provided information regarding the classification of counties throughout the State of California. He indicated that San Joaquin County had transitioned from a Class III to a Class II county office of education in 2018 - 2019 when ADA calculations exceeded 140,000.

He shared that Education Code sets the monthly compensation for board members by this classification and the transition to Class II can prompt an increase in monthly compensation. Following a brief discussion, there was consensus of all Board members to remain at the current compensation rate.

V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION: In accordance with Government Code § 54953(b)(2), all votes taken during this meeting were by roll call.

4. Minutes: On a motion from Janet Dyk, second by Vern Gebhardt, the Board approved the minutes from the March 18, 2020 meeting as presented.

AYES: Vogel, Dyk, Gebhardt, Ottesen  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: Clark

5. Resolution #19-20-17 – California Day of the Teacher: On a motion from Greg Clark, second by Vern Gebhardt, the Board approved this resolution proclaiming May 13, 2020 as California Day of the Teacher as presented.

AYES: Vogel, Dyk, Gebhardt, Ottesen, Clark  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None

6. Resolution #19-20-18 – Classified School Employee Week: On a motion from Janet Dyk, second by Vern Gebhardt, the Board approved this resolution proclaiming May 17 – 23, 2020 as Classified School Employee Week as presented.

AYES: Vogel, Dyk, Gebhardt, Ottesen, Clark  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None

7. Resolution #19-20-19 – Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month: On a motion from Vern Gebhardt, second by Janet Dyk, the Board approved this resolution proclaiming May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month as presented.

AYES: Vogel, Dyk, Gebhardt, Ottesen, Clark  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None

8. Board Member Absence: On a motion from Pete Ottesen, second by Vern Gebhardt, the Board deemed the absence of Board member Clark from the March 18, 2020 regular meeting as acceptable due to illness.

AYES: Vogel, Dyk, Gebhardt, Ottesen  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: Clark

## VI. CLOSING COMMENTS FOR BOARD MEMBERS:

- Superintendent Mousalimas reviewed the graduation dates and said that each site planned a ceremony that best suits their students; most are providing a drive-thru ceremony, along with a virtual presentation of speeches and diplomas, and the Discovery Challenge Academy ceremony will be presented via livestream. He said that the links will be shared with Board members to allow for virtual participation.
- Superintendent Mousalimas announced that the June Board meetings would be held in person with appropriate social distancing and public participation available via teleconference.
- The next regular San Joaquin County Board of Education meeting will be held June 24, 2020, 12:00 p.m., at 2922 Transworld Drive, Stockton, CA.
- The following regular San Joaquin County Board of Education meeting will be held June 26, 2020, 12:00 p.m., at 2922 Transworld Drive, Stockton, CA.
- Special Education Programs Drive-thru Commencement Ceremony, May 20, 2020, 6:00 p.m., Wentworth Education Center, 2707 Transworld Drive, Stockton, CA.
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- Venture Academy Drive-thru Commencement Ceremony, May 22, 2020, 10:00 a.m., Venture Academy Campus, 2829 Transworld Drive, Stockton, CA.
- Discovery Challenge Academy Virtual Commencement Ceremony, May 30, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

## VII. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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