

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
GAYLORD A. NELSON ADMINISTRATION CENTER / BOARD ROOM
2922 TRANSWORLD DRIVE / STOCKTON, CA
JUNE 26, 2019 / 12:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

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

ABSENT: Greg Clark, Board member.

OTHERS PRESENT: Scott Anderson, Deputy Superintendent; Janine Kaeslin, Assistant Superintendent; Jane Steinkamp, Assistant Superintendent; Brandie Brunni, Assistant Superintendent; Terrell Martinez, Sean Morrill, Melanie Greene, Stephanie Hitchcock, Rachele Tyler, Chrissy Lewis, Lisa Neugebauer, Nancy Hopple, Kelly Fry, SJCOE staff; Brian Stephens, Rob Pecot, Steve Abercrombie, Tracy Unified School District; interdistrict transfer appellants and families; Janai Stanton, Recorder.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

President Ottesen called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Executive Assistant to the County Superintendent Kelly Fry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

III. COMMENTS:

President Ottesen noted with honor and respect the recent passing of former San Joaquin County Board of Education member Beverly Foster.

IV. CLOSED SESSION: Action taken in Closed Session was announced in Open Session.

- Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #35-18-19
- Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #36-18-19
- Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #37-18-19
- Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #38-18-19

V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION:

1. Interdistrict Transfer Appeal #35-18-19: On a motion from Janet Dyk, second by Vern Gebhardt, the Board denied the appeal of the decisions by the Governing Boards of the Tracy Unified School District and the Jefferson Elementary School District and ordered the attendance of student #35-18-19 to the Tracy Unified School District.

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

2. Interdistrict Transfer Appeal #36-18-19: On a motion from Vern Gebhardt, second by Ken Vogel, the Board denied the appeal of the decision by the Governing Board of the Tracy Unified School District and ordered that student #36-18-19 remain in the Tracy Unified School District.

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

3. Interdistrict Transfer Appeal #37-18-19: On a motion from Ken Vogel, second by Janet Dyk, the Board denied the appeal of the decision by the Governing Board of the Tracy Unified School District and ordered that student #37-18-19 remain in the Tracy Unified School District.

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

4. Interdistrict Transfer Appeal #38-18-19: On a motion from Ken Vogel, second by Vern Gebhardt, the Board denied the appeal of the decision by the Governing Board of the Tracy Unified School District and ordered that student #38-18-19 remain in the Tracy Unified School District.

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

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

5. 2019 – 2020 Local Control and Accountability Plan: President Ottesen opened the public hearing at 1:00 p.m. to discuss and receive input from the public regarding the proposed 2019 – 2020 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) for schools and programs operated by the San Joaquin County Office of Education (SJCOE).

County Operated Schools and Programs Division Director Sean Morrill presented information regarding the SJCOE LCAP and annual update indicating it was developed with input and recommendations from students, parents, teachers, stakeholders, bargaining unit members, and community members. He reported that the LCAP goals and corresponding actions were intentionally aligned with WASC and the School Plan for Student Achievement in order to provide consistency and continuity throughout the program. He reviewed the goals that include to improve student attendance by decreasing truancy, to improve academic rigor and consistency across student programs, and to improve the capacity for building and growing relationships between the programs, students, parents, and the community.

Mr. Morrill explained that the professional development plans for the 2019 – 2020 school year will emphasize support for core academic programs, Positive Behavioral Interventions and Strategies, Restorative Practices, and Trauma Informed Care. A team of parent engagement specialists have developed workshops for parents regarding teenage drug use, alcohol abuse, cyberbullying, and gang prevention. He added that mental health clinicians have been added to the staff roster in order to provide a high level of support for the neediest students and also increased Career Technical Education options throughout the program.

The Board asked questions regarding the number of students served in the program, the identification of the consortium of county offices of education through the differentiated assistance aspect of the LCAP, and the level of participation in the parent-based workshops.

There were no comments from the public and the hearing was closed at 1:13 p.m.

6. 2019 – 2020 Budget: President Ottesen opened the public hearing at 1:14 p.m. to discuss and receive input from the public regarding the proposed 2019 – 2020 budget for the San Joaquin County Office of Education. Deputy Superintendent Scott Anderson reported that SJCOE continues to be in very sound financial condition and the budget continues to demonstrate a structural surplus demonstrated by ongoing revenues exceeding ongoing expenses.

Mr. Anderson reported that the 2019 – 2020 budget includes a LCFF statutory COLA of 3.26% that affects approximately 26% of the general revenues. He added that the state budget provides short-term, one-time relief in terms of CalPERS and CalSTRS employer contributions and also an increase in Special Education funding that brings all SELPA's up to the state-wide base funding rate, as well as an allocation for funding preschool aged students who will receive Special Education services. Mr. Anderson said that the budget includes funding for salary increases for SJCOE employees of 3% on the salary schedule, 3% one-time payment off the salary schedule, and an increase of \$50 to the health benefits cap.

Mr. Anderson went on to explain that the multi-year projections indicate SJCOE will remain in solid financial condition but increased costs are expected and that difficult financial times for education are inevitable. He reported that Business Services staff will remain diligent in keeping a watchful eye on the ability of school districts and SJCOE to remain financially solvent.

Division Director Terrell Martinez reviewed the budget narrative pages describing the production of the ending balance and how it relates to the budget-building process, the restricted, designated unrestricted, and unrestricted percentages, ADA estimates, general fund revenue contributions and subsidies, breakdown of revenues and expenditures, and she pointed out the pieces of the narrative that describe all the programs operated by SJCOE along with differentiated assistance information. Lastly, Ms. Martinez reviewed the estimated beginning balance, revenues, expenses, and the estimated ending balance.

Superintendent Mousalimas commended Mr. Anderson and Ms. Martinez for their conservative approach to building the annual budget and the successful two-year agreement with the collective bargaining unit. The Board echoed the commendation.

There were no comments from the public and the hearing was closed at 1:52 p.m.

VII. CLOSING COMMENTS FOR BOARD MEMBERS:

- Board member Gebhardt reported that his participation on the Teacher College of San Joaquin Board reveals good progress in terms of enrollment and excitement about the move into the newly remodeled building.
- Superintendent Mousalimas distributed information regarding the number of students who reside in the Tracy Unified School District and attend River Islands Technology Academy #2.
- Superintendent Mousalimas and the Board reviewed Government Code related to board members absences due to serious illness. He reported that Board member Clark is progressing, and it is encouraging in terms of his return to his seat on the County Board.
- The next regular meeting of the San Joaquin County Board of Education will be held June 28, 2019, 12:00 p.m., at 2922 Transworld Drive, Stockton, CA.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,



James A. Mousalimas

Secretary to the Board /County Superintendent of Schools