

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
GAYLORD A. NELSON ADMINISTRATION CENTER / TELECONFERENCE
2922 TRANSWORLD DRIVE / STOCKTON, CA
JUNE 24, 2020 / 12:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

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

PRESENT VIA PHONE: Greg Clark, Board member; Davina Harden, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud, Romo; Sean Morrill, Melanie Greene, Stephanie Hitchcock, Chrissy Lewis, Rachele Tyler, PJ Hamilton, Lisa Bryant, SJCOE staff; Douglas Vigil.

OTHERS PRESENT: Scott Anderson, Deputy Superintendent; Troy Brown, Associate Superintendent; Janine Kaeslin, Assistant Superintendent; Terrell Martinez, Annie Cunial, Nancy Hopple, Marlene Flau, Kelly Fry, SJCOE staff; Rob Pecot, Tracy Unified School District; Thor Harrison, Lammersville Unified School District; interdistrict transfer appellants and families; Janai Stanton, Recorder.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

President Vogel called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and verified attendance via roll call. Board member Ottesen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

III. COMMENTS: There were no comments from the audience, via email, or via telephone.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. **2020 – 2021 Budget:** President Vogel opened the public hearing to discuss and receive input from the public regarding the proposed 2020 – 2021 budget for the San Joaquin County Office of Education (SJCOE). Deputy Superintendent Scott Anderson explained that the budget is built on the May revise, which proposes dramatic cuts, but SJCOE continues to maintain a sound financial position and the multi-year projections, which assume 0 percent COLA's in 2021 – 2022 and 2022 – 2023, indicate SJCOE will remain financially healthy throughout that period of time.

Mr. Anderson reviewed the ending balance analysis of all funds, which indicate healthy projected balances on both the restricted and unrestricted sides of the general fund with minor deficit spending attributed to one-time expenses for budgeted construction projects, deferred maintenance projects, and contracted services awaiting payment. Mr. Anderson pointed out the 12.1 percent general fund reserves, adding that program budgets have reserves as well for added protection.

Mr. Anderson reported that it is anticipated that the Governor will adopt and sign the budget later this week, and details are still emerging, but for now there will be no COLA but also no cuts to LCFF, which amounts to 8 percent more than the amounts used to build this budget. He indicated this will provide short term relief to SJCOE and school districts in the county. He said the cash deferrals is the next big change with funding from February – June being pushed into the 2021 – 2022 year.

Mr. Anderson described two areas requiring attention; one is Teachers College of San Joaquin that shows a decreased ending balance due to 30 percent less enrollment in 2020 – 2021 and deficit spending. He said if these numbers truly materialize, there is time to work through the issue thoughtfully and improve the numbers. Venture Academy is also experiencing deficit spending due to LCFF projections. Mr. Anderson, along with Assistant Superintendent Janine Kaeslin, will work with Venture to monitor and revise the budget as necessary.

In terms of Special Education, Mr. Anderson reported an increase in the base funding of \$68 per ADA ongoing and also \$5 million for low incidence cases. Another helpful measure is Federal funding through the CARE Act, which will be allocated to schools proportionate to their Title I funds. Additional CARE Act funding for learning loss mitigation is also available with some flexibility for its utilization.

Mr. Anderson explained that schools and county offices of education ADA will be held harmless at 2019 – 2020 levels, which is important as attendance for the next school year may be erratic.

Board members asked questions regarding Venture Academy's enrollment, whether ADA will be reported even though the funding will be paid at the 2019 - 2020 rate, the plans for reopening SJCOE schools and local school districts, transportation of students when schools reopen, and whether reductions in staff were on the horizon.

The Board commended Mr. Anderson and his staff for their efforts and attention to the finances of SJCOE, as well as the school districts in the county. There were no further comments. The public hearing was closed.

V. CLOSED SESSION: Action taken in Closed Session was reported in Open Session.

- Conference with Real Property Negotiators – Sky Mountain Camp and Conference Center – 45600 Lake Valley Road, Emigrant Gap, California. Negotiating parties – San Joaquin County Superintendent of Schools; San Joaquin County Board of Education; Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council, Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Wildlife Heritage Foundation. Under negotiation – terms of property transfer.
- Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #36-19-20
- Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #37-19-20
- Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #38-19-20

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

2. Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #36-19-20: On a motion from Pete Ottesen, second by Greg Clark, the Board denied the appeal of the decision by the Governing Board of the Tracy Unified School District and ordered the attendance of student #36-19-20 to the school district of residence, Tracy Unified School District.

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

3. Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #37-19-20: On a motion from Vern Gebhardt, second by Janet Dyk, the Board granted the appeal of the decision by the Governing Board of the Tracy Unified School District and ordered that student #37-19-20 shall be permitted to attend school in the Ripon Unified School District instead of the school district of residence, Tracy Unified School district.

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

4. Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #38-19-20: On a motion from Janet Dyk, second by Vern Gebhardt, the Board granted the appeal of the decision by the Governing Board of the Tracy Unified School District and ordered that student #38-19-20 shall be permitted to attend school in the Lammersville Unified School District instead of the school district of residence, Tracy Unified School District.

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

5. COVID-19 Operations Written Report: On a motion from Janet Dyk, second by Vern Gebhardt, the Board adopted the COVID-19 Operations Written Report for County Operated Schools and Programs as presented.

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

6. 2020 – 2021 Budget: On a motion from Vern Gebhardt, second by Pete Ottesen, the Board adopted the 2020 -2021 budget for the San Joaquin County Office of Education as presented.

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

7. Resolution #19-20-20 – Approving Spending Determination for the Education Protection Account: On a motion from Pete Ottesen, second by Vern Gebhardt, the Board approved this resolution pertaining to the Education Protection Account funds and the spending determination of such funds for the 2020 – 2021 fiscal year as presented.

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

8. Resolution #19-20-21 – Establish Temporary Interfund Transfers: On a motion from Vern Gebhardt, second by Janet Dyk, the Board approved this resolution authorizing temporary interfund transfers pursuant to Education Code § 42603 as presented.

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

9. Resolution #19-20-22 – Authorizing Cash Flow Loans to School Districts: On a motion from Greg Clark, second by Pete Ottesen, the Board approved this resolution authorizing cash flow loans to school districts pursuant to Education Code §'s 42621 and 42622 as presented.

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

10. Resolution #19-20-23 – Approving the Transaction Agreement to Acquire Property, Finding the Acquisition Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, and Approving the Filing and Recordation of a Notice of Exemption: On a motion from Pete Ottesen, second by Vern Gebhardt, the Board approved this resolution to transfer the ownership of the property located at 45600 Lake Valley Road, Emigrant Gap, California as presented.

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

11. Board Bylaw Revision: On a motion from Vern Gebhardt, second by Janet Dyk, the Board approved the proposed revision to Board Bylaw 9340 as presented.

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

12. Minutes: On a motion from Greg Clark, second by Pete Ottesen, the Board approved the minutes from the May 20, 2020 meeting as presented.

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

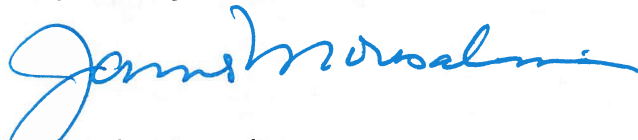
VII. CLOSING COMMENTS FOR BOARD MEMBERS:

- The next regular meeting of the San Joaquin County Board of Education will be held June 26, 2020, 12:00 p.m., at 2922 Transworld Drive, Stockton, CA and telephonically.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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