

**SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
GAYLORD A. NELSON EDUCATION CENTER / BOARD ROOM
2922 TRANSWORLD DRIVE / STOCKTON, CA
JUNE 26, 2017 / 12:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Vernon Gebhardt, President; David Sorgent, Vice-President; Janet Dyk, Board member; James Mousalimas, Secretary.

ABSENT: Mark Thiel, Board member; Peter Ottesen, Board member.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Thomas, Deputy Superintendent; Scott Anderson, Deputy Superintendent; Janine Kaeslin, Assistant Superintendent; Jane Steinkamp, Assistant Superintendent; Wendy Frink, Terrell Martinez, Aaron Heinz, Chrissy Lewis, Rachele Tyler, Stephanie Bailey, Pam Gomes, Katrina Kocheri, Natalie Nunes, Marissa Peralta, Kristie Rose, Maya Singh, Terah Studges-Owens, Stephanie Hitchcock, Nou Hendricks, Kelly Fry, SJCOE staff; Janai Stanton, Recorder.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

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

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. **2017 - 2018 Budget:** President Gebhardt opened the public hearing at 12:05 p.m. to discuss and receive input from the public regarding the proposed 2017 - 2018 budget for the San Joaquin County Office of Education (SJCOE).

Deputy Superintendent Jim Thomas reported, in his 26th and final budget presentation, that SJCOE maintains a solid financial position. He said that the management of LCFF flexibility has allowed SJCOE to be able to finance ongoing and increasing costs and also develop a budget stabilization reserve.

He reported that although LCFF has held SJCOE in a hold harmless situation with no COLA's since 2013, resulting in expenses increasing faster than income, plans are in place to provide time to make budgetary adjustments with minimal disruption to educational programs if it becomes necessary.

Mr. Thomas provided information regarding the uncertainty of LCAP oversight funding, whether SJCOE would emerge from the LCFF hold harmless formula and begin receiving COLA's in the future, and the increasing CalPERS and CalSTRS projections. He reported that collective bargaining agreements had been settled for the current year and 2018 – 2019, with salary reopeners for the 2019 – 2020 fiscal year. His final comments were that he felt good about the budget and that the Business Services department would continue to thrive in the hands of the new Deputy Superintendent, Scott Anderson.

The Board asked questions about the status of the Migrant Education budget, the funding provided to Teachers College of San Joaquin, and the plan for monitoring increased costs and decreased income. The Board commended the Business Services staff for their continuous efforts and monitoring that provide continued solvency, congratulated Mr. Thomas on his retirement, and welcomed Mr. Anderson to SJCOE. There were no comments from the public and the hearing was closed at 12:20 p.m.

2. 2017 – 2018 Local Control and Accountability Plan: President Gebhardt opened the public hearing at 12:20 p.m. to discuss and receive input from the public regarding the proposed 2017 – 2018 Local Control and Accountability Plan for schools and programs operated by the San Joaquin County Office of Education.

LCAP Director Stephanie Hitchcock described the support provided to school districts and COSP in the development of their LCAP's in the form of support meetings, review and development of the new template, which makes it easier for the public to understand the LCAP and improves stakeholder engagement, and improving services to unduplicated students. She reported that a draft plan was submitted to the California Department of Education (CDE) for feedback and the suggestions were incorporated into the plan.

COSP Division Director Wendy Frink provided information about the goals for COSP, which are consistent with WASC goals, and the planned services to students. She said that all documents were translated for the English-learner population. Ms. Frink distributed the LCAP timeline and described the efforts to engage parents in the process. Stakeholder meetings were held at SJCOE, Manteca, Lodi, Stockton, and Tracy school sites. The plan was submitted to CDE for feedback and the suggestions were incorporated into the plan.

The Board commented on the increase in attendance, the decrease in chronic truancy, and the increase in the number of graduates. The Board commended staff on their good work. There were no comments from the public and the hearing was closed at 12:35 p.m.

V. CLOSING COMMENTS FOR BOARD MEMBERS:

- The next San Joaquin County Board of Education regular meeting will be held June 28, 2017, 12:00 p.m., at 2922 Transworld Drive, Stockton, CA.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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