

**SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
GAYLORD A. NELSON EDUCATION CENTER / BOARD ROOM
2901 ARCH-AIRPORT ROAD / STOCKTON, CA
NOVEMBER 20, 2013 / 12:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

PRESENT: David Sorgent, President; Jill Fritchen, Vice-President; Anthony Gutierrez, Board member; Mark Thiel, Board member; Janet Dyk, Board member; Mick Founts, Secretary.

OTHERS PRESENT: James Mousalimas, Deputy Superintendent; Wendy Frink, Bill Engelhardt, Kim Mans, Nancy Hopple, Laura Chavarria, Jason Heimbeck, SJCOE staff; YouthBuild students; Bill Toledo, Lodi Unified School District; IDA appellants and families; Jeff Tilton; Janai Stanton, Recorder.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

President Sorgent called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Dr. Founts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. COMMENTS:

- Board member Fritchen introduced Kim Mans, who in turn introduced several YouthBuild students, as part of the team who helped complete the painting of the United States and World maps at the third school site in this project. Ms. Fritchen noted her appreciation for their assistance. Ms. Mans noted that it was a fun project for the students that turned into a refresher geography lesson by the end of the job.

Board member Dyk added that this team of YouthBuild students also provided assistance with the set up of the AgVenture event held recently for south county students. She noted that the event would not have been successful without the students' assistance and thanked the students for their professionalism, good behavior, and ability to withstand the organized chaos that comes with that event.

III. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION:

1. Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #14-13-14: On a motion from Jill Fritchen, second by Anthony Gutierrez, the Board upheld the decision by the Governing Board of the Lodi Unified School District and denied the transfer of attendance of student #14-13-14 from the Stockton Unified School District.

AYES: Sorgent, Fritchen, Gutierrez, Thiel, Dyk
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

2. Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #15-13-14: On a motion from Janet Dyk, second by Mark Thiel, the Board reversed the decision by the Governing Board of the Lodi Unified School District and ordered the transfer of attendance of student #15-13-14 from the Stockton Unified School District, specifically back to the Ansel Adams Elementary School. There was a brief discussion regarding the legality of assigning placement at a specific site.

AYES: Sorgent, Gutierrez, Thiel, Dyk
NOES: Fritchen
ABSTAIN: None

3. Minutes: On a motion from Anthony Gutierrez, second by Mark Thiel, the Board approved the minutes from the October 16, 2013 meeting as amended. The amended included a change of the Lodi AgVenture date from March 5, 2014 to March 13, 2014.

AYES: Sorgent, Fritchen, Gutierrez, Thiel, Dyk
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

IV. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION:

4. Williams Settlement Annual Report: Dr. Founts and the Board reviewed the findings from the mandated Williams Settlement visits of Decile 1 – 3 schools in San Joaquin County. The Board noted appreciation for a clear report that indicated the findings and also the corrective action. Dr. Founts commended Ms. Cicolani, the program leader, and her team of retired administrators who assist with the school site visits.
5. Annual Assessment Update: Kristen Condit presented assessment information for County Operated Schools and Programs (COSP). She reviewed the 2012 – 2013 tenth grade results indicating there were consistent results that showed a 34 percent English Language Arts pass rate and a 41 percent pass rate in math. The next document that was distributed illustrated the CST English Language Arts and math results and indicated there was growth in both areas.

The next document reviewed local assessments. Ms. Condit explained that the ideal situation for this assessment would be that the students take the test upon entry into the school and then again at the end of the year in order to determine growth. She said this data is not available for all students because many leave mid-year. However, there was a 3.4 percent growth indication, represented more so in reading than math.

Ms. Condit also distributed information regarding the new statewide assessment system. She explained this comes as a result of the passage of SB 484 and that this spring the new test would be field-tested throughout the state. The new test is called CalMAP and is part of the smarter balance tests tied to the common core curriculum. Kristen indicated there will not be a report of school test scores this spring but high schools will still get an API and APY score because those numbers are based on the California High School Exit Exam, although the conversation continues at the California Department of Education because most school districts include more than just high schools. Students will receive test score reports next year for the CST science test that will be given to fifth, eighth, and tenth grade students, which will stay in place until the new test has been administered. There were no questions from Board members.

6. Program Improvement Evidence Report: Kristen Condit provided background information regarding this report, which started 3-1/2 years ago as part of the accountability for corrective action in program improvement school districts. She said that when SJCOE was identified as a program improvement site, it was required to write an addendum to the plan for improvement in order to determine whether there was progress toward reaching the improvement goals. Each fall the plan must be updated regarding this progress.

She explained that COSP decided to focus on professional development in order to bump up rigor, relevance, and relationships. The plan included using consultants to help with curriculum development and writing, and to focus on attendance of students. The data from the local assessment test would be the measurement indicator because the program feels it shows an accurate measurement of student progression. Special Education programs wanted to use evidence based on processes for their student by implementing lessons into classrooms that was proven to be effective. The progress data is based on whether students are able to meet goals that have been established. There were no questions from Board members.

7. Local Educational Agency Plan Addendum: Kristen Condit explained that this addendum was written as a result of SJCOE reaching year three in program improvement status. She indicated that the format of the plan had not been changed since 2002 and would not change until the California Department of Education is authorized to change the format and requirements of the plan. As such, SJCOE is required to answer the same seven questions that are part of the plan. Kristen noted that many of the identified areas had been completed and some are ongoing. She added that the true indicator of growth was the reports she had just reviewed. Board member Dyk asked about the funding of these projects. James Mousalimas answered that it comes from a combination of instructional materials funding, Title 2 funding, and restricted funds meant to be used for instructional materials. The Board thanked Ms. Condit for her thorough presentations.

8. Program Update: Bill Engelhardt, Director of the Da Vinci Center for Innovative Learning, provided the Board with information regarding the focus of the program. Mr. Engelhardt indicated that the majority of the work involves engineering but also the creativity of the students because it enables the learner to take an idea and make something out of it. He said the program has the potential to become a community resource. Bill also mentioned that funding avenues are being researched so that the work can be tied to curriculum and the students can earn credits. This program will help provide multiple pathways by helping student become both career-ready and college-ready.

Bill brought along some of the items that students have been able to build using 3D printers, laser cutters, and CNC routers. Jason Heimbuck, also of the Da Vinci Center, brought a stool he had made from a single piece of plywood.

Dr. Founts added that the Da Vinci Center would be expanding to another site in order to support a membership program in which children and adults can come and learn about new innovations. He provided documents that illustrate what the new area will look like, photos of the equipment that will be used, and he reviewed the different types of equipment and software that would be housed and used at the new facility. He added that this expansion site will be in a leased facility and that the lease is before the Board today for approval.

V. CLOSED SESSION:

- Expulsion Hearing #13-14-01
 - Lease Agreement #131402
- 2619 Lycoming Way, Unit 100
Stockton, CA 95205
Northwood Industrial Partners, LLC, property owner

VI. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION (continued):

9. Expulsion Hearing #13-14-01: On a motion from Mark Thiel, second by Jill Fritchen, the Board concurred with the decision of the Disciplinary Review Board and expelled student #13-14-01 from the **one**. Program.

AYES: Sorgent, Fritchen, Gutierrez, Thiel, Dyk
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

10. Lease Agreement #131402: On a motion from Mark Thiel, second by Jill Fritchen, the Board approved lease agreement #131402 pertinent to property located at 2619 Lycoming Way, Unit 100 in Stockton, California. The property owner is Northwood Industrial Partners, LLC.

AYES: Sorgent, Fritchen, Gutierrez, Thiel, Dyk
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

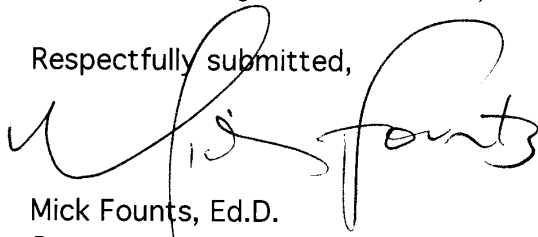
VII. CLOSING COMMENTS FOR BOARD MEMBERS:

- Board member Sorgent asked whether the county-wide student enrollment figure had grown to 140,000. Dr. Founts let him know that it was close but had not reached that point yet.
- Dr. Founts distributed information to the Board regarding county superintendent salaries, years of experience, average bonuses, and the size of neighboring county offices. Also included was information regarding the salary for the San Joaquin County Office of Education deputy and assistant superintendents. Board member Fritchen indicated she had asked for this information because the June 2014 election will bring about negotiations for salary placement of a new county superintendent.
- Board member Dyk asked whether Board member Fritchen had received the information she needed pertinent to Resolution #09-10-13 that was approved in 2010. Board member Fritchen said that after further discussions with SJCOE staff it had been determined that the amount of money in question would be tracked by an accounts receivable line item in the budget and she now believes that employees in future years will be able to collect the money when the time comes.
- The next regular meeting of the San Joaquin County Board of Education will be held December 18, 2013, 12:00 p.m., at 2901 Arch-Airport Road, Stockton, CA.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mick Founts', written over the typed name.

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