

**SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
GAYLORD A. NELSON EDUCATION CENTER / BOARD ROOM
2901 ARCH-AIRPORT ROAD / STOCKTON, CA
MARCH 18, 2015 / 12:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Mark Thiel, President; Janet Dyk, Vice-President; Dave Sorgent, Board member; Vernon Gebhardt, Board member; Peter Ottesen, Board member; James Mousalimas, Secretary.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Thomas, Deputy Superintendent; Kathy Skeels, Assistant Superintendent; Janine Cuaresma, Assistant Superintendent; Jane Steinkamp, Assistant Superintendent; Karyn Dexter, Kelly Grossman, Sheilah Goulart, Terrell Martinez, Rachele Tyler, Veronica McInturf, Nancy Hopple, Kelly Fry, SJCOE staff; Janai Stanton, Recorder.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

President Thiel 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:

Sheilah Goulart, San Joaquin County Building Futures Academy Director, presented a charter school petition renewal for the San Joaquin County Building Futures Academy. Mr. Mousalimas noted that this would be coming to the Board for review at the April 15, 2015 meeting.

IV. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION:

1. Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Handbook: Mr. Mousalimas reported that the plan to develop a handbook for use by school districts and parents when filing an interdistrict attendance appeal began several months ago. He explained that the intent of the project was to develop guidelines regarding the process. He noted that Dave Sorgent, Mark Thiel, Nancy Hopple, and Janine Cuaresma comprised the group who reviewed the content and put the information together.

Nancy Hopple provided the background of the project indicating it was a good exercise that realigned current policies and procedures using updates in Education Code and case law. Ms. Hopple said that the group considered policies written by similar sized county offices of education, synthesized that information, reviewed with legal counsel, and developed many drafts before bringing the document forward for final review.

Ms. Hopple said she will post the handbook on the website so that it can be accessed by parents and school district staff and share the document at an upcoming meeting with child welfare and attendance staff from school districts. The Board commended the group on their productive efforts.

V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION:

2. Minutes: On a motion from Janet Dyk, second by Vern Gebhardt, the Board approved the minutes from the February 18, 2015 meeting as presented.

AYES: Thiel, Dyk, Sorgent, Gebhardt, Ottesen
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

3. 2014 - 2015 Second Interim Financial Report: On a motion from Vern Gebhardt, second by Dave Sorgent, the Board approved the 2014 - 2015 Second Interim Financial Report as presented.

AYES: Thiel, Dyk, Sorgent, Gebhardt, Ottesen
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

4. 2015 - 2016 Board Meeting Calendar: On a motion from Janet Dyk, second by Vern Gebhardt, the Board approved the calendar of board meeting dates for the 2015 - 2016 school year as presented.

AYES: Thiel, Dyk, Sorgent, Gebhardt, Ottesen
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

VI. CLOSING COMMENTS FOR BOARD MEMBERS:

- Board member Dyk reported that she had attended a recent dinner hosted by the local chapter of California Teachers Association and Mr. Mousalimas was also in attendance. She said it was quite interesting to hear their perspective.

- Mr. Mousalimas shared information with the Board on the following topics:
 - * A recent article in The Record regarding the good work of the San Joaquin Regional Conservation Corps.
 - * Superintendent searches led by San Joaquin County Office of Education (SJCOE) staff for the Ripon Unified School District and the New Hope Elementary School District.
 - * Revisions to the website that make it easier to find information regarding the County Board and other programs.
 - * Teacher Recruitment Fair was held on March 7, 2015; hosted by SJCOE.
 - * National Guard Youth Challenge program presentation to the Board of Supervisors.
 - * Cabinet visits to every school district in San Joaquin County.
- The next regular San Joaquin County Board of Education meeting will be held April 15, 2015, 12:00 p.m., at 2901 Arch-Airport Road, Stockton, CA.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



James Mousalimas
County Superintendent of Schools