

**SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
GAYLORD A. NELSON EDUCATION CENTER / BOARD ROOM
2901 ARCH-AIRPORT ROAD / STOCKTON, CA
DECEMBER 17, 2014 / 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; Mick Founts, Secretary.

OTHERS PRESENT: James Mousalimas, Deputy Superintendent; Jim Thomas, Deputy Superintendent; Janine Cuaresma, Assistant Superintendent; Kathy Skeels, Assistant Superintendent; Jane Steinkamp, Assistant Superintendent; Karyn Dexter, Wendy Frink, Karen DePrater, Annie Cunial, Terrell Martinez, Rachele Tyler, Veronica McInturf, Terah Studges-Owens, Kelly Fry, SJCOE staff; Janai Stanton, Recorder.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

President Thiel called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. Board member Ottesen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

On a motion from Vern Gebhardt, second by Dave Sorgent, the Board approved the addition of a closed session pertinent to potential litigation, one case, to the agenda.

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

III. COMMENTS:

- Annie Cunial, Coordinator of Student Events and Activities, introduced herself to the Board and provided a rundown of countywide academic competitions and activities. She noted that over 3,000 students from around the county participate in these academic events. She made a comparison to athletic teams in that these activities include the same type of work for teachers, coaches, and students. Ms. Cunial said that these competitive opportunities allow more students to feel connected to the schools they attend building an even broader school community.

She distributed volunteer forms, adding that the next competition would be the Academic Decathlon, which begins January 31 and ends on February 7, 2015. Annie modeled the fancy umbrellas that all volunteers receive in recognition of their efforts and let the Board know that after service to an academic event they would have renewed hope in the future due to the high level of achievement they would see and feel after the event.

- Dr. Founts noted his appreciation of the Board for their good work and partnership during the last four years, with kind and grateful words for each Board member. He said that he would exit the meeting during the new county superintendents salary placement discussion and he invited Board members to tour the Next; the last construction project that will wind up his term in office.
- Board member Dyk noted that she had attended the CSBA conference during the weekend and that she had received some great information during an all day Board President Workshop. She said the workshop included a review of the Brown Act and also highlighted issues surrounding electronic communication between board members and administrators. She reported that she had attended LCAP and LCFF workshops, district and county office of education relationship workshops, as well as workshops about schools and communities working together. Ms. Dyk thanked Dr. Founts for allowing her to attend.

IV. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION:

1. Minutes: On a motion from Vern Gebhardt, second by Janet Dyk, the Board approved the minutes from the November 19, 2014 meeting as presented.

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

2. 2014 - 2015 First Interim Financial Statement: On a motion from Dave Sorgent, second by Vern Gebhardt, the Board approved the 2014 - 2015 First Interim Financial Statements and authorized the President of the Board to sign a positive certification. During his presentation, Mr. Thomas assured the Board that reserve projections are within a comfortable level, adding that additional allocations are expected to eradicate what remains of statewide cash deferrals.

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

3. Resolution #14-15-07 Establishing Extension of Contract Through End of Term of Office for the Superintendent of Schools: On a motion from Janet Dyk, second by Vern Gebhardt, the Board approved an extension of the term of compensation from December 31, 2014 to January 4, 2015 for Dr. Founts.

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

4. Resolution #14-15-08 Terms of Compensation for the County Superintendent of Schools: On a motion from Pete Ottesen, second by Dave Sorgent, the Board approved the terms of compensation for Mr. Mouaslimas as presented.

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

V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION:

5. Annual Assessment Update: Kristen Condit provided the high school exit examination results for County Operated Schools and Programs. The results presented ranged from the year 2009 - 2014. She pointed out the steady progression of the passing rate for 10th grade students in both English Language Arts and Mathematics.

Ms. Condit also reviewed the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) assessments that the program uses to assess students. She explained that this assessment is given twice a year to establish baseline data for both Reading and Mathematics and pointed out that the number of students tested is low because students must be enrolled in the program an entire year to take the test both times and student transiency becomes an issue. Ms. Condit explained that this assessment provides a baseline for grade level performance and then shows what would be an appropriate measure of growth from fall to spring. She said that the charts give an average but it is difficult to compare. Although the same concepts and skills are tested, each student has a different range and projection of growth because of where they stand on the sliding scale.

Janine Cuaresma described how this information is used, indicating that teachers guide their instruction based on the test results. She explained that as students test and start missing questions, there is an algorithm that adjusts the questions to the students' level of understanding. After testing, she said that students are assigned a goal that will help them improve. Teachers then use the diagnostic information to breakdown into standards and put instruction together for each individual student.

6. Program Improvement Evidence Report: Kristen Condit presented the program improvement year 3 LEA plan that must be submitted to the California Department of Education as a condition of being a program improvement district. She pointed out the two questions that must be answered based on information in the LEA plan, and described the actions and strategies that are the focus to improve overall student achievement.

VI. CLOSED SESSION:

There was no action taken in Closed Session.


VII. CLOSING COMMENTS FOR BOARD MEMBERS:

- The next regular meeting of the San Joaquin County Board of Education will be held January 21, 2015, 6:00 p.m., at the Manteca Unified School District office located at 2271 W. Louise Avenue, Manteca, CA.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



James Mousalimas,
County Superintendent of Schools-Elect