

MEETING MINUTES

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Ms. Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo, President

Ms. Teresa Castellanos, Vice President

Mr. José Magaña, Member

Ms. Carla Collins, Member

Mr. Brian Wheatley, Member

Ms. Nancy Albarrán, Superintendent

Sanvi Manik, Student Board Member [Willow Glen High School]

Grace Hirai, Alternate Student Board Member [Gunderson High School]

The Regular Session Meeting of the Board of Education will be called to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room. The Board President will adjourn the Regular Session Meeting to a Closed Session to consider those items that are specifically exempt under the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act. Closed Sessions are not open to the general public.

The Closed Session will adjourn at 6:00 p.m. The Regular Session Meeting will be reconvened at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room. The Superintendent will report all actions taken by the Board of Education in Closed Session prior to the conclusion of the Regular Session Meeting [Pursuant to Government Code 54957.1].

Current Board of Education information can be found at sjusd.org.

Attendees

Voting Members

Carla Collins, Board Member

Jose Magana, Board Member

Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo, Board President

A. Call to Order in Open Session - 5:00 PM

Board President Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

B. Adoption of Closed Session Agenda

There were no changes to the closed session agenda.

C. Public Comments Regarding Closed Session Agenda Items

There were no public comments regarding closed session agenda items.

D. Adjourn to Closed Session

Motion made by: Carla Collins

Motion seconded by: Jose Magana

Voting:

Carla Collins - Yes

Jose Magana - Yes

Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo - Yes

The Board adjourned to closed session at 5:01 pm. Board President Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo announced that Trustee Teresa Castellanos and Trustee Brian Wheatley were absent.

E. Closed Session Agenda

1. Personnel [Pursuant To Government Code Section 54957 (b) (1)]

2. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation [Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) or (3) or (4)]

3. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation [Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]

4. Liability Claims [Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.95]

5. Conference with Labor Negotiator [Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 (a)]

6. Public Employee Performance Evaluation

F. Reconvene in Open Session - 6:00 PM

Board President Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo reconvened the meeting in open session at 6:02 pm. Trustee José Magaña announced that equipment for Spanish interpretation was available on the tables near the doors. Board President Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo announced the absence of Trustee Teresa Castellanos and Trustee Brian Wheatley.

G. Pledge of Allegiance

Student Board Member Sanvi Manik led the Pledge of Allegiance.

H. Adoption of Open Session Agenda

Superintendent Nancy Albarrán announced one amendment to the open session agenda. Pull Item N.1 Overview of Board Bylaws.

Motion made by: Jose Magana
Motion seconded by: Carla Collins
Voting:
Carla Collins - Yes
Jose Magana - Yes
Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo - Yes

The open session agenda was adopted as amended by a vote of 3-0 with Trustees Teresa Castellanos and Brian Wheatley absent.

Adoption of the open session agenda is located at 1:44 - 2:23 on the 04.04.2024 Regular Session Board Meeting Recording. <https://sjusd.app.box.com/v/boardmeetingaudio>

I. Public Comments

Public comments opened at 6:04 pm. Each speaker was allowed two (2) minutes to address the Board.

Speaker: Jess Friedman
Topic: Access to gender-neutral changing rooms

Speaker: Howard Friedman
Topic: Gender-neutral changing areas

Speaker: Eli Dinh
Topic: San José High

Speaker: Chris Webb
Topic: Support drama at Leland High School

Speaker: Jeffie Khalsa
Topic: Concern about meeting at San José High School

Public comments closed at 6:15 pm.

Public comments are located at 2:27 - 13:30 on the 04.04.2024 Regular Session Board Meeting Recording. <https://sjusd.app.box.com/v/boardmeetingaudio>

J. Special Order of Business - None

K. Announcements and Reports

1. Board of Education and Student Board Member

Trustee Carla Collins announced that she had met with Willow Glen High School's School Site Council Safety Coordinator and that she had participated in a training session on administering Narcan. She gave a brief report on the recent VIP meeting. She also reported on her meeting with a former San José Unified School District parent who teaches a course on storytelling at Lincoln High School and shared information about a special grant that autistic students can apply for. She addressed public comments regarding people reading other people's statements. She extended thanks to the speakers who came to show support and provided clarification. She wished everyone a happy spring break.

Trustee José Magaña thanked Trustee Brian Wheatley and the staff that participated in the Superintendent's Board Policy Committee meeting. He announced that he had presided as Co-chair of the first joint commission meeting in the city's history, specifically the Library and Education Commission with the Youth Commission where they reviewed the city's master plan for children and families. He thanked Board President Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo for her participation in the meeting. He announced that there are currently three open positions on the commission. He wished everyone a well-earned spring break.

Student Board Member Sanvi Manik gave a brief report on an assembly on mental health support called Katie's Save that was held at Willow Glen High School on Wednesday. She highlighted prom attire drives held in the past two weeks by Pioneer and Willow Glen High School, Lincoln High School's March Madness Dodgeball tournament, and Leland High School's Holi Celebration, which is a festival of colors mainly celebrated in India. She wished everyone a happy spring break.

Board President Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo briefly reported on the meetings and events in which she participated since the last Board meeting, including the selection of next year's Student Board Member, the city's joint Library and Education Commission and Youth Commission meeting, the Joint Venture Silicon Valley symposium on childcare, and the Women's Leadership & Policy Committee Summit where Board Vice President Teresa Castellanos was awarded a special honor. She also attended Leland High School's Mr. GQ Awards show.

Announcements and Reports by the Board of Education and Student Board Member are located at 13:57 - 29:40 on the 04.04.2024 Regular Session Board Meeting Recording.
<https://sjusd.app.box.com/v/boardmeetingaudio>

2. Superintendent and Executive Staff

Chief Business Officer Seth Reddy gave a brief update on the work that is happening to consolidate the multiple Northwest Special Education Local Plan Areas (SELPAs) into a single SELPA. He acknowledged the work of the Executive Director of the Northwest SELPA, Leo Mapagu. He highlighted his check-in meetings with the administrators in the Division of Business.

Assistant Superintendent J. Dominic Bejarano reported on the work of Human Resources Director Peter Park and members of the HR team, along with Director Rachel Powell and Director Melitta Nerhood at the Teacher Recruitment Fair that was held at the Santa Clara County Office of Education on Saturday, March 23.

Associate Superintendent Jodi Lax gave a brief report on her review of the data on fifth year seniors.

Superintendent Nancy Albarrán reported on her visits to Canoas Elementary School, Liberty High School and Terrell Elementary School. She acknowledged the high school activities directors, principals and site administrators for recruiting the strong pool of students who participated in interviews for student board members. She extended congratulations to Student Board Member Sanvi Manik on her acceptance to UC Berkeley. She also expressed appreciation to staff, students, and families for all the work they have been doing and wished everyone a great spring recess.

Announcements and Reports by the Superintendent and Executive Staff are located at 29:45 - 36:42 on the 04.04.2024 Regular Session Board Meeting Recording.
<https://sjusd.app.box.com/v/boardmeetingaudio>

L. Minutes

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Session Meeting held March 21, 2024

Motion made by: Jose Magana

Motion seconded by: Carla Collins

Voting:

Carla Collins - Yes

Jose Magana - Yes

Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo - Yes

The minutes of the Regular Session Meeting held March 21, 2024, were approved as submitted by a vote of 3-0 with Trustees Teresa Castellanos and Brian Wheatley absent.

Approval of the minutes is located at 36:45 - 37:00 on the 04.04.2024 Regular Session Board Meeting Recording. <https://sjusd.app.box.com/v/boardmeetingaudio>

M. Approval of Consent Calendar

Motion to approve the consent calendar.

Motion made by: Jose Magana

Motion seconded by: Carla Collins

Voting:

Carla Collins - Yes

Jose Magana - Yes

Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo - Yes

The consent calendar was approved by a vote of 3-0 with Trustees Teresa Castellanos and Brian Wheatley absent.

Approval of the consent calendar is located at 37:03 - 37:42 on the 04.04.2024 Regular Session Board Meeting Recording. <https://sjusd.app.box.com/v/boardmeetingaudio>

1. Management Personnel Actions (ACTION)

2. Certificated Personnel Actions (ACTION)

3. Classified Personnel Actions (ACTION)

4. Short-term Limited Services Agreements (ACTION)

5. Sunshining of Initial Proposals between San José Unified School District (SJUSD) and American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Local 101 (ACTION)

6. Approval of School-Sponsored Field Trips (ACTION)

7. Amendment No. 1 to Agreement with Villa Ragusa (ACTION)

8. Adoption and Purchase of Instructional Materials for Grades 6-12 – Carnegie Learning En voz alta 1, 2, and 3, 2023 (ACTION)

9. Adoption and Purchase of Instructional Materials for Grades 6-12 – Vista Higher Learning Senderos 1, 2 and 3, 2023 and D'accord! 1, 2, and 3, 2024 (ACTION)

10. Purchase of New Furniture from Virco, Inc. (ACTION)

11. Bid 4040FA - Guerra Construction Group, Inc. (ACTION)

12. Bid 4039FA - Silicon Valley Paving, Inc. (ACTION)

N. Action, Information, and Discussion Items

1. Overview of Board Bylaws (INFORMATIONAL)

This informational item was pulled from the agenda during the adoption of the agenda.

2. San José Unified School District Plan for Expelled Students 2024-2027 (1st Reading) (INFORMATIONAL)

This item is informational.

Board President Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo announced that a request to make public comments had been received, but the individual that requested to speak was not present.

Associate Superintendent Jodi Lax provided information about the San José Unified School District Plan for Expelled Students for 2024 through 2027.

Discussion is located at 38:03 - 39:35 on the 04.04.2024 Regular Session Board Meeting Recording. <https://sjusd.app.box.com/v/boardmeetingaudio>

3. Amendment to Board Policy 1150 and Deletion of Administrative Regulation 1150: Commendations And Awards (1st Reading) (INFORMATIONAL)

This item is informational.

Associate Superintendent Jodi Lax provided information about the changes to the policy and the deletion of the regulation. Superintendent Nancy Albarrán provided additional clarification.

Discussion is located at 39:37 - 43:47 on the 04.04.2024 Regular Session Board Meeting Recording. <https://sjusd.app.box.com/v/boardmeetingaudio>

4. Amendment to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 4030: Nondiscrimination In Employment (1st Reading) (INFORMATIONAL)

This item is informational.

Associate Superintendent Jodi Lax provided information about the changes to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 4030 and the deletion of Administrative Regulation 4031.

Discussion is located at 43:48 - 45:18 on the 04.04.2024 Regular Session Board Meeting Recording. <https://sjusd.app.box.com/v/boardmeetingaudio>

5. Deletion of Administrative Regulation 4031: ^Complaints Concerning Discrimination In Employment (1st Reading) (INFORMATIONAL)

This item is informational.

Discussion was included with item N.4.

6. Deletion of Administrative Regulation 5111.11: Residency Of Students With Caregiver (1st Reading) (INFORMATIONAL)

This item is informational.

Associate Superintendent Jodi Lax provided information about the deletion of Administrative Regulations 5111.11: Residency of Students with Caregiver, 5111.12: Residency Based on Parent or Guardian Employment, and 5111.13 Residency for Homeless Children.

Discussion is located at 45:20 - 46:19 on the 04.04.2024 Regular Session Board Meeting Recording. <https://sjuds.app.box.com/v/boardmeetingaudio>

7. Deletion of Administrative Regulation 5111.12: Residency Based On Parent or Guardian Employment (1st Reading) (INFORMATIONAL)

This item is informational.

Discussion was included with item N.6.

8. Deletion of Administrative Regulation 5111.13: Residency for Homeless Children (1st Reading) (INFORMATIONAL)

This item is informational.

Discussion was included with item N.6.

O. Closed Session Report

Superintendent Nancy Albarrán announced that Trustees Brian Wheatley and Teresa Castellanos were absent from Closed Session due to illness. She gave the closed session report.

The Board of Education discussed personnel items and authorized proceeding with them by a vote of 3-0.

Vote:

Carla Collins - Yes

José Magaña - Yes

Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo - Yes

The Board held a conference with legal counsel and approved settling one case of anticipated litigation in the amount not to exceed \$348,000 by a vote of 3-0.

Vote:

Carla Collins - Yes

José Magaña - Yes

Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo - Yes

The Board discussed existing litigation, United States District Court, Northern District of California, Case No. 5:20-CV-2798 with no reportable action.

The Board also discussed Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, Case No. 18CV330233.

The Board discussed and denied a liability claim by Socorro Luna by a vote of 3-0.

Vote:

Carla Collins - Yes
José Magaña - Yes
Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo - Yes

The Board also held a conference with labor negotiators with no reportable action.

The Board discussed the Superintendent's evaluation.

The closed session report is located at 46:25 - 47:32 on the 04.04.2024 Regular Session Board Meeting Recording. <https://sjusd.app.box.com/v/boardmeetingaudio>

P. Adjourn

Board President Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo wished everyone a happy spring break. She announced the date of the next meeting.

Motion made by: Jose Magana

Motion seconded by: Carla Collins

Voting:

Carla Collins - Yes

Jose Magana - Yes

Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo - Yes

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm.

1. Next Board Meeting - April 25, 2024