

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]

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Attendees

Voting Members

Teresa Castellanos, Board Vice President
Carla Collins, Board Member
Jose Magana, Board Member
Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo, Board President
Brian Wheatley, Board Member

A. Call the Meeting to Order - 5:00 PM

Board President Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo called the special session meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Student Board Member Sanvi Manik led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Adoption of Special Session Agenda

Motion made by: Brian Wheatley

Motion seconded by: Jose Magana

Voting:

Teresa Castellanos - Not Present

Carla Collins - Yes

Jose Magana - Yes

Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo - Yes

Brian Wheatley - Yes

The special session agenda was adopted by a vote of 4-0 with Board Vice President Teresa Castellanos not present.

Adoption of the special session agenda is located at 0:59 - 1:15 on the 05.23.2024 Special Session Recording. <https://sjusd.app.box.com/v/boardmeetingaudio>

D. Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items

Trustee José Magaña announced that equipment for Spanish interpretation was available on the tables near the doors.

There were no public comments regarding the special session agenda items.

E. Recognitions per Board Policy 1150: Commendations and Awards

Board President Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo opened the recognitions and provided information on the order of events.

1. Recognition of CSEA Scholarship Recipients: Jake Caltagirone, Angelina Frangides, Marianna Frangides, Marco Lozano, Ben Rosa, Taha Shaikh, Anisha Sharma

CSEA Scholarship Chairperson Terry Gregersen made opening remarks. She announced the names of the scholarship award winners and read a brief statement about the community service, achievements, and college plans of each of the recipients.

Board President Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo announced that Superintendent Nancy Albarrán was not able to attend the meeting this evening due to a family commitment. She extended congratulations to the scholarship recipients.

The recognition of CSEA scholarship recipients is located at 2:05 - 10:45 on the 05.23.2024 Special Session Board Meeting Recording. <https://sjusd.app.box.com/v/boardmeetingaudio>

2. Recognition of ACE Program Student Employees of the Year: Robert Elemen, Luis Garcia, Julian Rodriguez, Brandon Long Quan Tran

Liberty Alternative High School Principal Mary Ann Sy made opening remarks about the ACE Workability Program. She introduced each of the student honorees individually and read a brief statement about their work ethics and achievements. She awarded each of the students with a certificate from the Board of Education in recognition of their selection as ACE Program Student Employees of the Year.

The recognition of the ACE Program Student Employees of the Year is located at 10:57 - 14:28 on the 05.23.2024 Special Session Board Meeting Recording. <https://sjusd.app.box.com/v/boardmeetingaudio>

3. Recognition of The Tech Interactive MVP, Anson Lam as a TECH-Cellent Partner in Education

The Tech Interactive's President and CEO, Katrina Stevens, thanked the Board for the opportunity to recognize Anson Lam, Instructional Coach at both Carson and Galarza Elementary Schools, as a TECH-Cellent Partner in Education. She remarked on The Tech Interactive's long partnership with San José Unified and read a brief statement about the skills Anson gained as a graduate of the tech academies program and how he had become an integral part of their summer institute coaching team. Assistant Superintendent Jodi Lax joined The Tech Interactive's President in presenting the award to Instructional Coach Anson Lam.

The recognition of The Tech Interactive MVP is located at 14:31 - 17:17 on the 05.23.2024 Special Session Board Meeting Recording. <https://sjusd.app.box.com/v/boardmeetingaudio>

4. Recognition of Outgoing Student Board Member Sanvi Manik and Alternate Student Board Member Grace Hirai - Board President Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo

Board President Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo addressed outgoing Student Board members, Sanvi Manik and Grace Hirai, expressing gratitude for their service and acknowledging their dedication and contributions throughout the school year. She commended them for their resilience during tough times and their insightful questions during board meetings. The Board members acknowledged the significance of their role on the Board, expressing appreciation and encouragement and offered support for their future endeavors.

The recognition of the outgoing student board members is located at 17:25 - 20:35 on the 05.23.2024 Special Session Board Meeting Recording. <https://sjusd.app.box.com/v/boardmeetingaudio>

5. Recognition of SJUSD Employees of the Year: Classified, Certificated, and Administrator

Director of Human Resources Peter Park made opening remarks about the process for selecting the San José Unified employees of the year. He introduced the 2023-2024 classified employee of the year Mark Dooley, who is a paraprofessional at Muwekma Ohlone Middle School, and read a brief statement about his dedication and his supportive work with students, staff and families. He introduced the 2023-2024 certificated employee of the year Kara Thayer, who is a teacher at Hoover Middle School. He read a brief statement about her spirit of compassion, her advocacy for the most vulnerable students and her collaboration with students, colleagues and families. He introduced the 2023-2024 administrator of the year Director of Student Services, Darbi O'Connell, and read a brief statement about her dedication to serving students in San José Unified.

At 5:28 pm, Board President Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo paused the meeting and asked the honorees to step out into the lobby with the Board members for photos.

The recognition of SJUSD Employees of the Year is located at 20:44 - 25:18 on the 05.23.2024 Special Session Board Meeting Recording. <https://sjusd.app.box.com/v/boardmeetingaudio>

F. Presentation: Recognizing Abraham Lincoln Latino Literature students for advancing SJUSD Ethnic Studies (INFORMATIONAL)

Lincoln High School English Teacher Jackie Cohen made opening remarks about the Latino Literature class project and the work the students created, which was a yearlong process that taught them a lot about themselves. She introduced her co-teacher Tricia Creason-Valencia, who taught the students to be visual creators. Two of the four student presenters spoke about the project and about what the process was like for them. A nine-minute excerpt of the film created by the students was viewed. Two

other student presenters spoke about the process of creating the film project and what it was like for them as Latino students exposing their vulnerability.

Board Vice President Teresa Castellanos entered the room and joined the meeting at 5:55 pm.

Board President Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo and each of the Board members and Student Board Member Sanvi Manik acknowledged the students for expressing themselves and for sharing their stories. They asked the students to elaborate on their biggest takeaway from doing the project.

At 6:02 pm, the Board members and the students stepped out of the room into the lobby for photos.

The presentation and recognition is located at 25:45 - 54:20 on the 05.23.2024 Special Session Board Meeting Recording. <https://sjusd.app.box.com/v/boardmeetingaudio>

G. Adjourn Special Session

The Board members returned to the room at 6:05 pm. In order to adjourn the special session meeting, Board President Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo called the meeting back to order at 6:06 pm.

Motion made by: Teresa Castellanos

Motion seconded by: Carla Collins

Voting:

Teresa Castellanos - Yes

Carla Collins - Yes

Jose Magana - Yes

Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo - Yes

Brian Wheatley - Yes

The Special Session meeting adjourned at 6:07 pm.