

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
GAYLORD A. NELSON ADMINISTRATION CENTER / BOARD ROOM
2922 TRANSWORLD DRIVE, STOCKTON, CA
NOVEMBER 16, 2022 / 12:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

PRESENT: Vernon Gebhardt, President; Doug Vigil, Vice President; Ken Vogel, Board member; Janet Dyk, Board member; Troy Brown, Secretary.

ABSENT: Greg Clark, Board member.

OTHERS PRESENT: Scott Anderson, Deputy Superintendent; Janine Kaeslin, Associate Superintendent; Sean Morrill, Assistant Superintendent; Jane Steinkamp, Assistant Superintendent; Joni Hellstrom, Marlene Flau, Lisa Neugebauer, Kailyn Hill, SJCOE staff; Phillip Hon, Unbound Stockton Community School Charter; members of the community; Alyssa Denney, Lori Strauther, Interpreters; Lisa Bryant, Recorder.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

President Gebhardt called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: There were no additions to the agenda.

III. COMMENTS:

Public comments were heard. Speakers were given three (3) minutes totaling 15 minutes collectively.

Phillip Merlo: I am the director of education at the San Joaquin Historical Society and Museum, and I am here to speak about the Unbound Stockton charter petition. I first heard about this project almost a year and a half ago when I met the director Philip Hon who wanted to leverage history to improve the social studies curriculum. Historically, I have been skeptical, but, it spoke to me that you had someone who wanted to engage with the community. We worked to flush out the history in our community. This particular project has shown and demonstrated, with a lot of non-profit community outreach programs, that they want to be accountable to the community and be a part of the community. I fully endorse and support the Unbound Stockton initiative being brought before you next month.

D. Tamargo: I am a parent and come as a community member advocating for Unbound Stockton. Diversity is unique to Unbound Stockton. They are taking the steps to show students how it applies to their life and their community through hands-on activities outside the classroom. By including our community, it is important and essential to inspire the students to become our leaders. I humbly ask for your support for Unbound to become a charter school.

Kara Backman: I come as an educator but as a mom first. I am not an advocate of charter, public, or private schools. I am an advocate of education. My professional experience is in the charter and district world, but I want to talk about my personal experience with Unbound. I am a mom of three and my kids are all different and part of different educational facilities. I live in Stanislaus County where we have a small agriculture business. My middle son comes to the world very differently. He had the opportunity to be at Unbound's small student exhibition and what he got out of that is that his mom is going to bring him to school in Stockton each day. It was the first time in his six-year school history that he felt accepted. In three days, he has a small business started and is asking his father to help him start a 501c3. I say this because this is a direct result of Philip Hon and his group. He has not

formerly been in a space to have his ideas heard. I am a huge advocate of Unbound.

Joel Juarez: I am a lifelong Stockton resident and graduate of Stockton Unified School District and former educator. I am currently the café coordinator at CPFSJ. I have gotten to know Unbound Stockton over the last three years through community events and their unique and free pilot programs. I have gotten to experience the school as a whole. As someone who works with parents, I am impressed with how well they work and include parents and want to hear their feedback. Through a slow growth model and building in time for students to outreach to families, it makes them a unique and thoughtfully designed charter school for our community. It is no wonder the community is falling in love with this model. I urge you to approve.

Dr. Ines Ruiz-Huston: I am a proud mom and community leader, and I am proud to serve this community. As a mom with sons, I think about my involvement with Unbound. We believe in diversity and equity and as a past professor, I really believe in equity and access. We can create this through a school that understands our backgrounds and encourage us to grow and change. It is crucial for us to have this school. It will be the only 4th-8th-grade school. The one school that will help us be proud of who we are and where we came from and be proud of all of our diverse backgrounds. That is what Unbound Stockton is all about. To learn about the rich history of our community so students can be proud of who they are and proud of their community. As community members, we believe this is the school to choose for our families and our children, and I ask that you give us an opportunity to do so.

IV. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION:

1. Williams Settlement Annual Report: Superintendent Brown presented the findings from the mandated Williams Settlement visits and review of Decile 1 – 3 schools in San Joaquin County reporting that each school district governing board also receives this information and reviews it at their individual governing board meetings. Williams Act, Accountability and College Readiness Coordinator Lisa Neugebauer reported that no major deficiencies were found and that after ten years of visiting the same schools, Governor Newsom approved AB 599 which directed the California Department of Education to develop a new list of schools to include charter schools, which went into effect this year. Schools were identified under the Every Student Succeeds Act.

V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION:

2. Minutes: On a motion from Janet Dyk, second by Ken Vogel, the Board approved the minutes from the October 19, 2022, meeting as presented.

AYES: Gebhardt, Vigil, Vogel, Dyk,
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

VI. CLOSED SESSION:

- Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #16-22-23

VII. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION (cont.):

3. Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #16-22-23: The hearing for student #16-22-23 was canceled at the request of the parents.
4. Resolution #22-23-06 – Terms of Compensation for the County Superintendent of Schools: On a motion from Doug Vigil, second Janet Dyk, the Board approved Resolution #22-23-06 as presented.

AYES: Gebhardt, Vigil, Vogel, Dyk,
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

VIII. CLOSING COMMENTS FOR BOARD MEMBERS:

- The Discovery Challenge Academy Class 12 Graduation Ceremony will be held December 10, 2022, 10:00 a.m., Bob Hope Theatre, Stockton, CA.
- Come Back Kids/Building Futures Academy Graduation Ceremony will be held December 20, 2022, 5:00 p.m., Wentworth Education Center, Stockton, CA.
- The next regular San Joaquin County Board of Education meeting will be held December 21, 2022, 12:00 p.m., 2922 Transworld Drive, Stockton, CA.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Troy A. Brown, Ed.D.
Secretary to the Board / County Superintendent of Schools