

CAPISTRANO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 15, 2020
EDUCATION CENTER – BOARD ROOM

Due to the nature of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20, issued on March 17, 2020, the Board members will have the option to attend the meeting and take action on any item telephonically.

President Reardon called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

**Call to Order/
Adjourn to Closed
Session**

ROLL CALL:

Present: Trustees Bullockus, Castellanos, Hanacek, Holloway, Jones, McNicholas, and Reardon

Absent: None

The Board recessed to closed session to discuss: Public Health Emergency; Conference with Labor Negotiators; Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release.

**Closed Session
Comments**

The Special meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by President Reardon at 6:46 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Trustees Bullockus, Castellanos, Hanacek, Holloway, Jones, McNicholas, and Reardon

Absent: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jim Reardon, President, Board of Trustees.

**Pledge of
Allegiance**

The Board meeting discussion related to each of the items on the public agenda is on file in the Superintendent's office as a matter of the permanent record. An audio recording of the meeting is available on the District website: www.capousd.org

Permanent Record

It was moved by Trustee McNicholas and seconded by Trustee Holloway motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote to adopt the Special Board Meeting agenda.

**Adoption of the
Board Agenda**

AYES: Trustees Bullockus, Castellanos, Hanacek, Holloway, Jones, McNicholas and Reardon

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

President Reardon asked Colleen Hayes, Manager II - Board Operations/ Superintendent's Office to read the report out of closed session:

**President's Report
from Closed
Session Meeting**

Agenda Item #3A – Public Health Emergency

Trustees gave direction to staff.

Agenda Item #3B – Conference with Labor Negotiators

Trustees gave direction to staff.

Agenda Item #3C – Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

Trustees gave direction to staff.

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Consent Calendar

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered by the Board to be routine and will be enacted by the Board in one motion in the form listed below. There will be no discussion of these items prior to the time the Board votes on the motion unless members of the Board, staff, or the public request specific items to be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar. The Superintendent and the staff recommend approval of all Consent Calendar items.

President Reardon asked Trustees if they wished to limit the speakers time on agenda items 1 through 4 to one (1) minute. It was moved by Trustee McNicholas and seconded by Trustee Jones. Motion carried 7-0 by a roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Bullockus, Castellanos, Hanacek, Holloway, Jones,
McNicholas and Reardon
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

The following speakers addressed the Board:

- *Michelle Ploessel-Campbell spoke regarding the school calendar*
- *Pearl Rothman spoke requesting seniors coming back to school on May 4*
- *Trina Nguyen-Lee spoke regarding ESY and Distant Learning*
- *Ellen Lamb thanked the Board for extending the school closure*
- *Dana Marchant thanked the Board, parent of senior twins*

President Reardon moved to table agenda item #1, *Ratification of the 2019-2020 School Calendar*, to the next Board meeting on April 29, 2020, Trustee McNicholas seconded. The motion failed 4-3 by a roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Bullockus, McNicholas and Reardon
NOES: Castellanos, Hanacek, Holloway, and Jones
ABSENT: None

President Reardon asked Trustees for items they wished to pull from the Consent Calendar. No items were pulled.

It was moved by Trustee Jones and seconded by Trustee Holloway, motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote to approve the following Consent Calendar.

AYES: Trustees Bullockus, Castellanos, Hanacek, Holloway, Jones,
McNicholas and Reardon
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Approval of the ratification of the 2019-2020 school calendar with Distance Learning through June 4, 2020.

Approval of the March 18, 2020 Special Board Meeting Minutes.

Approval of the March 18, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

**Ratification of the
2019-2020 School
Calendar
Agenda Item 1
School Board
Minutes
Agenda Item 2
School Board
Minutes
Agenda Item 3**

Approval of the March 25, 2020 Special Board Meeting Minutes.

School Board
Minutes
Agenda Item 4

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

President Reardon recognized Susan Holliday, Associate Superintendent, Education Services and Greg Merwin, Associate Superintendent, Student Support Services, to present the item.

**Distance Learning
Program and
Support for
Families
Agenda Item 5**

The following speakers addressed the Board:

- *Kimberly Suda spoke regarding the Distance Learning Program*
- *Devon Costello spoke regarding seniors and grading*
- *Catherine Pearlman spoke regarding juniors and grading*
- *Michelle Ploessel-Campbell spoke regarding homework and IEP's*
- *Ellen Lamb spoke regarding virtual peer connections*
- *Tim Doane spoke regarding distance learning homework*

This is an information item only and no Board action is necessary.

President Reardon recognized Susan Holliday, Associate Superintendent, Education Services, to present the item.

**First Reading –
Emergency Board
Policy E5121.2,
Grades/
Evaluation of
Student
Achievement
Agenda Item 6**

The following speakers addressed the Board:

- *Kimberly Suda spoke regarding site assessments*
- *Sheila Welk spoke regarding students testing*
- *Devon Costello spoke regarding two-way immersion programs, Seal of Biliteracy, grading and graduation*
- *Catherine Pearlman spoke regarding grading*

Trustees tabled this item.

President Reardon recognized Susan Holliday, Associate Superintendent, Education Services and Greg Merwin, Associate Superintendent, Student Support Services, to present the item.

**Waiver of Board
Policy 5121.1,
Grades/
Evaluation of
Student
Achievement
Agenda Item 7**

The following speakers addressed the Board:

- *Molly Reynolds spoke regarding math placement*
- *Nora Muhsin spoke regarding students with IEP's*

It was moved by Trustee Reardon and seconded by Trustee McNicholas to table Waiver of Board Policy 5121.1, *Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement*, motion carried 7-0 by a roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Bullockus, Castellanos, Hanacek, Holloway, Jones,
McNicholas and Reardon
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

It was moved by Trustee McNicholas and seconded by Trustee Bullockus to adjourn the meeting, motion carried 7-0 by a roll call vote.

Adjournment

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NOES: None
ABSENT: None

President Reardon announced the meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.


Board Clerk


Secretary, Board of Trustees

Minutes submitted by Colleen Hayes, Manager II, Board Operations/Superintendent's Office