

CAPISTRANO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 24, 2021
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.

Vice President Castellanos called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: Trustees Braunstein, Castellanos, Davis, Hanacek, and McNicholas

Absent: Trustees Bullockus and Jones

Trustee Bullockus joined the Board meeting at 4:35 p.m.

Trustee Jones joined the Board meeting at 4:36 p.m.

The following speakers addressed the Board:

- *Darcy Ure spoke on behalf of the Parent Association regarding the new guidelines from the CDC for 3' distancing and getting the students back to school in person and engaged*
- *Greg Young spoke representing CUEA and the need for collaboration with employee groups, and a survey needed for the reopening plans*
- *Jennifer Vega spoke regarding on the hybrid model and that it is working and students are thriving, changes that would need to take place in order to reopen full time, schedule changes, master schedules, teacher changes and collaboration with employee groups*
- *Joy Schnapper spoke representing CUEA and the MOU with the District*
- *Michelle Proctor spoke regarding changes in the classroom if the District reopens fully, advantage of keeping elementary 1:16 students, students are thriving*
- *Ann Berger spoke regarding elementary classrooms and disadvantage of more students being added in the classrooms if the District reopens at full capacity*
- *Coleen Bryan spoke regarding in-person instruction for all students and the legal responsibility of the Board to give students the option of a fulltime education, and spoke representing the Parent Association*
- *Elizabeth Silverthorne spoke on behalf of the newly formed Parent Association regarding schools reopening full time immediately at 3' spacing*
- *Liz Lightner spoke regarding restructuring elementary school days and reopening schools full time*
- *Stephanie Smith spoke regarding reopening schools and the learning loss due to online learning this past year especially for middle and high schoolers*
- *Katie Parker spoke representing the Parent Association and regarding the need to reopen schools full time, 3' spacing, and advocating for the students*
- *Lindsay Matthews spoke on behalf of the Parent Association and regarding getting the students back to a five day week in-person school*
- *Aimee Hada spoke on behalf of the Parent Association and regarding resuming in-person school and returning to full time, restructuring difficulties*
- *Ian Silverthorne spoke regarding teachers returning to the classroom*

The Board recessed to closed session to discuss: Public Health Emergency; and Conference with Labor Negotiators

**Closed Session
Comments**

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The Special Board meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by President Bullockus at 7:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Trustees Braunstein, Bullockus, Castellanos, Davis, Hanacek, Jones, and McNicholas
Absent: Student Adviser Bhaskar

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lisa Davis, Board of Trustees.

**Pledge of
Allegiance
Permanent Record**

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

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

**Adoption of the
Board Agenda**

AYES: Trustees Braunstein, Bullockus, Castellanos, Davis, Hanacek, Jones, and McNicholas
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

President Bullockus read the report out of closed session:

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

Agenda Item #3A – Public Health Emergency and Agenda Item #3B – Conference with Labor Negotiators

In response to the newly revised California Department of Public Health guidelines, under Closed Session items Public Health Emergency and Conference with Labor Negotiators, the Board gave direction to staff to explore all options with urgency, working with the employee groups reopening CAPE Team to create, develop, and implement a phased-in plan to increase in-person learning for all students during the current 2020-2021 school year.

It was moved by Trustee McNicholas and seconded by Trustee Davis to adjourn the meeting, motion carried 7-0.

Adjournment


AYES: Trustees Braunstein, Bullockus, Castellanos, Davis, Hanacek, Jones, and McNicholas
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

President Bullockus announced the meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

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Board Clerk
Gila Jones, Trustee



Secretary, Board of Trustees
Kirsten M. Vital Brulte, Superintendent

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