



BOARD PREVIEW

Board Preview provides information for the Aromas-San Juan Unified School District board meetings.

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The following is a preview of agenda items thought to be of greatest interest. To review the entire agenda for December 14, 2022, [please access it here at this link](#).

Site Reports and Special Recognitions

At each board meeting, school principals give a report on the events at their school. We are continuing our new tradition of taking time at board meetings to recognize specific students and staff. Special student recognition this evening will be given to our students from Aromas and San Juan Elementary Schools who participated in the Algebra Academy! We will also recognize classified staff who are the unsung heroes of our Food Service department!

Committees that have recently met (brief reports will be made at the board meeting)

Facilities Committee (a committee of the superintendent) met on Dec. 7, 2022.

We identified a few dates to meet in the future: Jan 11, Feb 8.

Here are the highlights from that committee meeting.

- 1) We are STILL waiting on the State of California's decision on whether we are remodeling or replacing San Juan Elementary. I am hoping the State Decision is made in the next few weeks.
- 2) We reviewed existing completed projects using Measure M funds and identified that we have approximately 2.8M of the initial 4.2M budget left to allocate. Interestingly, the 1.4M spent to date was at all three sites in amounts that roughly align proportionately with the size of each site's population. For example, 27% of the 1.4M was spent at Anzar whose population is roughly 27% of the total district population. We didn't plan it this way, but that's the way the numbers broke!
- 3) We identified that each site still has needs totalling about 4.5M which is significantly more than the 2.8M we have left to spend from Measure M. For discussion purposes only, we proposed some different possible plans that included heat mitigation efforts. After discussion from participants, we have added some additional possible plans which will be shared at the Dec. 14 Board meeting. We need the Board to make some decisions about how much money will be allocated to each site so we can get started on securing bids, ordering equipment, getting permits, etc.
- 4) We also reviewed the upcoming engagement week that will be directed by David Jakes during the week of January 9. Various adult and student groups that include employee and community members will meet to help us articulate more clearly what we believe about teaching and learning. The resulting report will be given to the architects to guide their design of learning spaces at particular sites.

Items of Interest

Reorganization of the Board of Trustees

This meeting is the time when the Board elects its President, Clerk, Secretary and Committee appointments. The Board will also approve their Calendar of Dates for board meetings to be held in 2023. The first January meeting likely will be on January 11, 2023 and we are moving locations of meetings to the Anzar High School Library. Regular Board Meetings have their CLOSED sessions begin at 6pm and their OPEN sessions at 7PM.

Recognition of Oren Beske and Kristin Schaefer

We will pay tribute to retiring Board Member Oren Beske and welcome new Board member Kristin Schaefer who will be representing Trustee Area 3.

SPSAs

You can find each school's SPSA attached to the agenda which outlines specific school improvement initiatives and related data. Also attached to the agenda is an FAQ that may help you understand more deeply some of the detail in these reports. Board members will ask questions of site principals.

Director of Curriculum and Instruction

The Board will be asked to approve the hiring of Jivan Dhiwali as our new Director of Curriculum and Instruction. Jivan currently serves in a similar role at the San Benito County Office of Education and has an impressive resume of responsibilities and experiences in multiple adjacent counties both at a site, district, and county level. More information about her and the process we used to arrive at this decision can be [found at this link](#). Adding her to the team will help us tackle our student achievement issues and support teachers with high quality professional development that enhances their ability to deliver quality instruction. We are making great strides at rebuilding our team!

Superintendent Search Process

A brief update will be given on the Superintendent Search Process led by search firm Leadership Associates. Much more information will be coming out that invites you to participate in the process either in person or via a survey of stakeholders that will be sent out.

David Jakes Consulting - Educational specifications process

The Board will learn more about the activities being planned for the week of January 9, 2023 during which consultant David Jakes will visit classrooms, meet with teachers and all stakeholder groups, including community members and parents in order to help distill our district beliefs about teaching and learning. The resulting report will guide the architects in the work to come regarding the remodeling or replacement of San Juan Elementary School and other projects at other sites.

HVAC and construction project discussion and some decision making

Our architectural firm will present an update on Measure M projects and offer ideas for projects to spend the rest of Measure M dollars, including ideas for heat mitigation at each site. We have identified 4.5M of needs but only have 2.8M left to spend from this fund. It is important to make some decisions now so equipment can be ordered and design processes begun.