

SULPHUR SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Governing Board  
April 8, 2015

MINUTES

District Administrative Office  
27000 Weyerhaeuser Way  
Canyon Country, CA 91351

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Dr. Kerry Clegg, President  
Mrs. Shelley Weinstein, Clerk  
Mr. Ken Chase, Member  
Mr. Denis DeFigueiredo, Member  
Mrs. Lori MacDonald, Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Catherine Kawaguchi, Superintendent  
Mrs. Kathy Harris, Assistant Superintendent-Instructional Services  
Ms. Lynn David, Assistant Superintendent-Business Services  
Mrs. Kim Lytle, Assistant Superintendent-Personnel/Pupil Services  
Mrs. Selina Hurst, District Executive Secretary

***Call to Order,  
Roll Call***

Dr. Clegg called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:31 PM and noted the roll.

***Pledge of Allegiance***

Mrs. Celeste Gardina, teacher at Pinetree Community School, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

***Approval of Agenda,***

*Weinstein-Aye  
Chase-Aye  
DeFigueiredo-Aye  
MacDonald-Aye  
Clegg-Aye*

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mr. DeFigueiredo, and passed 5-0 to approve the Agenda as presented.

***Approval of Minutes,  
3-23-15 Meeting***

*Weinstein-Aye  
Chase-Aye  
DeFigueiredo-Abstain  
MacDonald-Aye  
Clegg-Aye*

The motion was made by Mr. Chase, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 4-0-1, with Mr. DeFigueiredo abstaining, to approve the Minutes of the March 23, 2015 Special Meeting.

***Approval of Minutes,  
3-25-15 Meeting***

*Weinstein-Aye  
Chase-Aye  
DeFigueiredo-Aye  
MacDonald-Aye  
Clegg-Aye*

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0 to approve the Minutes of the March 25, 2015 Regular Meeting.

**Approval of Minutes,**  
3-27-15 Meeting  
Weinstein-Aye  
Chase-Aye  
DeFigueiredo-Aye  
MacDonald-Aye  
Clegg-Aye

The motion was made by Mr. Chase, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein, and passed 5-0 to approve the Minutes of the March 27, 2015 Special Meeting.

**Hearing,**  
Requests to Address,  
Comments, Questions

There were no requests to address the Board, nor were there any comments or questions regarding agenda items.

**Consent,**  
Weinstein-Aye  
Chase-Aye  
DeFigueiredo-Aye  
MacDonald-Aye  
Clegg-Aye

The motion was made by Mr. DeFigueiredo, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0, to approve the Consent Calendar as follows:

- Conference Action Report #15-07
- Field Trip Action Report #15-02
- Gift Action Report #15-06
- Personnel Action Report #15-07
- Call for Special Board Meeting: April 13, 2015 – 6:00 PM

**Conference,**  
Davis Demographics  
Report

Ms. David introduced Mr. David Kaitz of Davis Demographics and Planning, Inc. (DDP), who presented Trustees with an annual report on projected growth, housing, mobility factors, birth and population information, and projected new housing. An overview of DDP services included: updated student data, research of area development projects and plans, analysis of relevant demographic data, 7-year student projections, findings, and the District's SchoolSite Locator.

Mr. Kaitz summarized the report noting DDP projects very stable enrollment for the next two years with a possible upswing in enrollment due to an anticipated rise in new housing sales. The District could see a 9.7% increase in TK-6 grade enrollment by Fall 2021. Based on these projections, no new schools should be needed over the next seven years, but slight boundary adjustments may be necessary.

**Conference,**  
Williams Quarterly Report

Mrs. Lytle presented the Williams Quarterly Report for January 1 to March 31, 2015, noting no complaints were received during this time period.

**Conference,**  
2014-15 LCAP Actions &  
Evidence

Mrs. Harris presented Trustees with a review the areas of State priority in the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP).

- Basic Services (Williams) Priority 1: goal met except for increase in custodial staff
- Implementation of State Standards Priority 2: goal met
- Student Achievement Priority 4: goals met expect for ELD Professional Development
- Other Student Outcomes Priority 8 (focus on technology for staff/students): goal met
- Parental Involvement Priority 3 (district/site websites and mobile app): goal met
- Student Engagement Priority 5 (focus on attendance): goal met
- School Climate Priority 6 (suspension and expulsion rates): goal met
- Course Access Priority 7 (focus on Science and the Arts): goal met

This information will be shared with District stakeholders (parents, staff, students) over the next several weeks through meetings and surveys. Staff will be writing the draft 2015-16 LCAP goals and actions and will report back to Trustees with the results.

**Conference,**  
*Solar Provider Update*

Ms. David provided a status report regarding solar providers and options for the District. Psomas FMG and Siemens Solar brought information regarding solar options to the Board in 2012. The Board requested they return with updated information. Psomas provided an update to the Board in March. Siemens felt that could not provide a cost savings to the District. They requested a guarantee of payment for their proposal and when the District declined, they withdrew their proposal.

Trustees requested staff solicit a proposal from another solar company and to continue to look for ways to reduce District operating costs.

**Conference,**  
*Board Meeting Start Times*

Trustees discussed the possibility of changing the start time of District Governing Board meetings. Meeting days and times can be changed at the Board's discretion. Some school sites have mentioned the late start time is hard for families. Trustees agreed to change the start of the Regular Governing Board meetings from 7:30 PM to 6:30 PM starting with the April 22, 2015 Regular Meeting.

**Action,**  
*Business Services Report,  
Weinstein-Aye  
Chase-Aye  
DeFigueiredo-Aye  
MacDonald-Aye  
Clegg-Aye*

The motion was made by Mr. Chase, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0 to approve the Business Services Report #15-16 as presented.

**Action,**  
*R-15-07-Golden Handshake,  
Weinstein-Aye  
Chase-Aye  
DeFigueiredo-Aye  
MacDonald-Aye  
Clegg-Aye*

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0 to approve the Resolution R-15-07 -Golden Handshake/Retirement Incentive Program as presented.

**Action,**  
*New Telephone System,  
Weinstein-Aye  
Chase-Aye  
DeFigueiredo-Aye  
MacDonald-Aye  
Clegg-No*

Trustees discussed possible telephone system options and requested further research on a phone system for Pinetree Community School.

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein and seconded by Mrs. MacDonald to table the New Telephone System at Pinetree until the April 22 meeting and passed 4-1, with Dr. Clegg voting no.

**Action,**  
*PA System,  
Weinstein-Aye  
Chase-Aye  
DeFigueiredo-Aye  
MacDonald-Aye  
Clegg-No*

Trustees decided the same for the P.A. System at Pinetree.

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein and seconded by Mrs. MacDonald to table the P.A. System at Pinetree until the April 22 meeting and passed 4-1, with Dr. Clegg voting no.

**Board  
Correspondence  
& Information**

Mrs. Harris shared an invitation to the District's Young Authors Conferences. Student writings have been made into a hardbound book and will be presented to the students at the event.

Mrs. Harris also shared an invitation to the Partners In Education Art Colloquium. This end of year event includes presentations from District teachers, Kamily Sunde, Gayle Berentsen, and Michael Lee.

Trustees discussed holding a groundbreaking ceremony for the Valley View construction project and decided to hold the event Friday, May 1, 2015 at 1:45 PM.

Mrs. MacDonald reported her attendance at the District Estrella Awards events.

Mr. DeFigueiredo appreciated the opportunity to participate in the recent Board/Management Retreat by teleconference and especially enjoyed the focus and team building activities.

Mrs. Weinstein commented that the Board/Management Retreat was very beneficial to Board Members. She reported the City of Santa Clarita would be holding a community meeting regarding the High Speed Rail Project on April 27, 7:00 PM at Canyon High School and encouraged everyone to attend. She also reminded Trustees of the next Los Angeles County School Trustees Association meeting in May.

Mr. Chase also enjoyed the Board/Management Retreat. He reported his attendance at the Estrella Awards, the SCV Trustees Association meeting, and the Canyon Country Advisory Committee meeting.

Dr. Clegg noted the Board/Management Retreat was great and especially appreciated the focus on the LCAP to keep the District centered on what is best for students.

Dr. Clegg reminded Trustees that they would be recognizing the District's Teacher Tribute Honorees at the April 22 meeting.

**Closed Session,**  
Weinstein-Aye  
Chase-Aye  
DeFigueiredo-Aye  
MacDonald-Aye  
Clegg-Aye

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mr. Chase, and passed 5-0 to adjourn to Closed Session at 9:37 PM for discussion regarding potential litigation, personnel, labor negotiations, property negotiations, and student expulsion. Dr. Michael Escalante was invited to stay for Closed Session.

**Reconvene,**  
Weinstein-Aye  
Chase-Aye  
DeFigueiredo-Aye  
MacDonald-Aye  
Clegg-Aye

The motion was made by Mrs. MacDonald, seconded by Mr. Chase, and passed 5-0 to reconvene the meeting at 11:26 PM.

**Report from  
Closed Session,  
Student Expulsion,**  
Weinstein-Aye  
Chase-Aye  
DeFigueiredo-Aye  
MacDonald-Aye  
Clegg-Aye

Dr. Clegg reported that during Closed Session, the motion was made by Mrs. MacDonald, seconded by Mr. Chase, and passed 5-0, to suspend the expulsion of Student #98281 and recommended the student return to the home school.

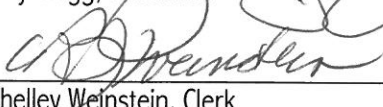
**Adjournment,**  
Weinstein-Aye  
Chase-Aye  
DeFigueiredo-Aye  
MacDonald-Aye  
Clegg-Aye

The motion was made by Mr. Chase, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein, and passed 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 11:28 PM.

April 22, 2015

Date

  
Dr. Kerry Clegg, President

  
Mrs. Shelley Weinstein, Clerk