

SULPHUR SPRINGS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Governing Board

March 22, 2023

MINUTES

Meeting Location:

Fair Oaks Ranch Community School
26933 N. Silverbell Lane
Santa Clarita, CA 91387

STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Catherine Kawaguchi, Superintendent
Dr. Josh Randall, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services
Dr. Jezelle Fullwood, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Dr. Jay Greenlinger, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel/Pupil Services
Ms. Nancy Raygoza, District Executive Secretary

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Mrs. Shelley Weinstein, President
Mrs. Paola Jellings, Clerk
Mr. Ken Chase, Member
Mr. Denis DeFigueiredo, Member
Mrs. Lori MacDonald, Member

Call to Order, Roll Call

Mrs. Weinstein called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM and noted the roll.

Pledge of Allegiance

Linda Baez, 6th Grade Fair Oaks Ranch Community School student, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda,

*Weinstein-Aye
Jellings-Aye
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Aye*

The motion was made by Mrs. MacDonald, seconded by Mr. DeFigueiredo, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve the Agenda.

Approval of Regular Minutes, March 8, 2023

*Weinstein-Aye
Jellings-Aye
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Aye*

The motion was made by Mr. Chase, seconded by Mrs. Jellings, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve the Minutes of the March 8, 2023, Regular Board Meeting.

Approval of Special Minutes, March 14, 2023

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

The motion was made by Mr. Chase, seconded by Mr. DeFigueiredo, and passed 4-0-1 by voice vote with Mrs. Jellings abstaining to approve the Minutes of the March 14, 2023, Special Board Meeting.

Hearing Session,

*Site Presentation – Fair
Oaks Ranch Community
School*

Mrs. Julie McBride, Principal at Fair Oaks Ranch Community School, welcomed everyone and shared a presentation highlighting students, staff, and Fair Oaks Ranch Community School activities.

The Board of Trustees and Mrs. Julie McBride presented certificates of recognition to the following people:

- Anne Ameling, Certificated Employee
- Zvart Ekmekchyan, Certificated Employee
- Leigh Lancaster, Certificated Employee
- Courtney Schmitz, Classified Employee

Hearing Session,

*Jacob Zamora Memorial
Foundation*

Dr. Randall shared information about the Jacob Zamora Memorial Foundation. The Jacob Zamora Memorial Foundation supports young people with assistance and scholarships in the Santa Clarita Valley. The Foundation supports CHP Explorers Post 540 (Santa Clarita), scholarships to deserving seniors graduating from local high

schools, and outreach programs. Mrs. Diane Luna, preschool teacher at Leona Cox Community School, spoke about the Foundation's donation to her classroom. Mrs. Luna expressed her appreciation for the Foundation and their donation to her classroom. She presented Mr. and Mrs. Zamora with a class project created by her students. President Weinstein also presented Mr. and Mrs. Zamora a certificate of appreciation from the Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Weinstein announced a recess at 7:27 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 7:34 PM.

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

Mrs. Weinstein asked if any advanced requests or comments had been received. There was one request to address the Board regarding an outstanding construction invoice.

There were no comments or questions regarding agenda items.

Consent Calendar,
*Weinstein-Aye
Jellings-Aye
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Aye*

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

- Conference Action Report #23-05
- Field Trip Action Report #23-05
- Gift Action Report #23-05
- Personnel Action Report #23-05
- Orton Gillingham Summer Training
- Contract Agreement - Nick Rail Music, Inc. - Expanded Learning Opportunities Program
- HELP Group NPS Individual Services Agreement (ISA) student ID #114484 (22-23)
- Consultant Agreement - The Wildlife Learning Center - Sulphur Springs Community School
- Consultant Agreement - The International Printing Museum - Mitchell Community School
- Approval of Legal Services Agreement with Frantz Law Group
- Disposal of Surplus/Obsolete Materials
- Memorandum of Understanding - WestEd California Healthy Kids Survey - Sulphur Springs Union School District

Conference Calendar,
*Expanded Learning
Opportunities Program
Update*

Dr. Fullwood and Mrs. Vivian Fiss, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, presented an update to the Board of Trustees on the status and implementation of the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program that is being implemented at several school sites. Mrs. Fiss introduced Mrs. Cynthia Madera, Expanded Learning Opportunities Coordinator to the Board of Trustees.

Conference Calendar,
*Visual And Performing
Arts Program*

Dr. Fullwood presented to the Board of Trustees the Visual And Performing Arts Program Plan for the District. The Visual And Performing Arts program for all students TK-6 began through CalArts in the Fall of 2022. The instrumental program is set to begin in the Spring of 2023 for unduplicated students after school and expand to an in-school program for the 2023-2024 school year.

Action Calendar,
*Santa Clarita Education
Foundation Teacher
Tribute Sponsorship
Weinstein-Aye
Jellings-Aye
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Aye*

The motion was made by Mr. Chase, seconded by Mrs. Jellings, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve Mr. Chases' recommendation of Star Sponsor level at \$500.00 for Santa Clarita Valley Education Foundation Teacher Tribute Sponsorship.

Action Calendar,
*Memorandum of
Understanding Between
SSUSD and CSEA Chapter
#298- Additional Hours
Weinstein-Aye
Jellings-Aye
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Aye*

Dr. Greenlinger presented the Memorandum of Understanding between the Sulphur Springs Union School District and its CSEA Chapter #298 concerning compensation for employees who work in substitute or short-term assignments to the Board of Trustees. The motion was made by Mrs. Jellings, seconded by Mr. Chase, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve the Memorandum of Understanding Between SSUSD and CSEA Chapter #298- Additional Hours.

Action Calendar,
*VOIP Phone System:
District Office*

Dr. Randall and Mr. Dean Elliott, Instructional Technology Manager, presented the VOIP Phone System agreement to the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees had questions regarding the terms of the agreement. The Board of Trustees asked staff to bring this item back to a later Board Meeting. There was no action taken on the contract for VOIP Phone System: District Office.

Action Calendar,
*Job Description for Music
Teacher*

Dr. Greenlinger presented the Job Description for Music Teacher to the Board of Trustees. The job description was created in anticipation of expanding music programs at all school sites. The position was reviewed by SSDTA. The Board of Trustees asked that revisions be made to the job description and for staff to bring back the job description at a later Board Meeting. There was no action taken on the Job Description for Music Teacher.

Action Calendar,
*Director of Facilities and
Projects Job Description
Weinstein-Aye
Jellings-Aye
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Aye*

Dr. Greenlinger presented the Director of Facilities and Projects Job Description to the Board of Trustees. The job description has been updated to account for the current position's responsibilities and requirements. The motion was made by Mr. DeFigueiredo, seconded by Mrs. Jellings, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve the job description with the stipulation that an Engineering degree be added as a preference.

Action Calendar,
*Business Services Report
#23-05
Weinstein-Aye
Jellings-Aye
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Aye*

The motion was made by Mr. Chase, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve the Business Services Report #23-05.

**Correspondence and
Board Information**

The Sulphur Springs Union School District will participate in the Santa Clarita Valley Youth Arts Showcase to be held on March 25, 2023 from 11:00 - 3:00 pm at the Newhall Community Center. Members of the Sulphur Springs Union School District Chorus will sing at the event.

Mrs. MacDonald shared that there has been a lot of rain.

Mr. DeFigueiredo recognized that the Valley View Inclusive Playground was named one of the top ten in the nation. He said that for being the first in Santa Clarita it was done really well. The city has moved towards inclusive playgrounds and came to Valley View as an example. He looks forward to what the next great project will be for the District. He attended the LACSTA meeting and shared that he was disappointed with the meeting in general. He said that Victor Rios has good experiences, but that did not come out in his presentation, it was short, and there was no time for questions. He said he is grateful for LACSTA, but was disappointed with the meeting. He thanked District staff for their patience as the Board comments and collaborates through agenda

items. He acknowledged, Mrs. Julie McBride for the wonderful Thank You Notes written for the Board by students, and read one of the notes, "Thank you for taking care of us."

Mr. Chase acknowledged the Valley View playground and shared that it was so good to be included in a catalog and they had a very nice write up. He shared that the Board Tour went very well, and he appreciated the enthusiasm Mrs. Katie Palacios, Interim Principal at Sulphur Springs Community School had. He said that Mrs. Palacios did a great job, and really knew her school. He thanked principals, Mrs. Cruz, Mrs. Lupica, and Mrs. Palacios. He said it was nice to see the CalArts program, and it was great to tour Pinetree construction. It is really coming together. He suggested to the Board that they consider doing an after-school Board Tour to see the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program taking place. He also wanted to acknowledge the "Thank You Notes" given by Fair Oaks Ranch Principal, Mrs. Julie McBride. The notes were written for the Board of Trustees by students, and he read a few of the notes, "Thank you for the music I really like the drums.", "Thank you for the field trips.", and "Thank you for the playground."

Mrs. Jellings shared that she got to attend the Fair Oaks Ranch Accelerated Reading assemblies, and they were wonderful. She expressed how grateful she was for the assemblies. She said the assemblies were incredible and it was emotional for her to watch. There were harp, guitar, and Spanish singing performances. Dr. Fullwood was given a shout out during the assemblies.

Mrs. Weinstein thanked Fair Oaks Ranch Community School for hosting the Board Meeting, and for the wonderful notes. She read one of the "Thank You Notes" written by students, "Our school rocks!", and she said it really means a lot to read those messages from the students. She shared that music really makes a difference, and she is glad the District is able to offer it to our students.

**Items for the April 12,
22, 2023, Regular
Meeting**

Educational Services will provide an update on students' academic progress toward grade level standards in grades 4 through 6. The Interim Assessments have been given to all students in grades 4 through 6 to support teachers in targeting their instructional practices to meet student needs.

Closed Session

*Weinstein-Aye
Jellings-Aye
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Aye*

The motion was made by Mrs. Jellings, seconded by Mr. Chase, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to adjourn to Closed Session at 9:12 PM for discussion regarding:

With respect to every item of business to be discussed in Closed Session pursuant to Section 54956.9 (i.e., potential litigation).

- Potential Litigation:

Application for Leave to Present Late Claim on Behalf of Claimant L.B., a minor, through his GAL J.B., against SSUSD (Government Code section 54956.95)

Government Claim of Claimant L.B., a minor through his GAL, J.B., against SSUSD (Government Code section 54956.95)

**Reconvene to Open
Session**

*Weinstein-Aye
Jellings-Aye
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Aye*

The motion was made by Mrs. Jellings, seconded by Mr. Chase, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to reconvene to Open Session at 9:29 PM.

Report of Closed Session

Grant Application for Leave to Present Late Claim on Behalf of Claimant L.B., a minor, through his GAL, J.B. against SSUSD, Claim for personal injury.

Motion: Mr. Chase

2nd : Mrs. Jellings

The roll-call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Chase, Mrs. Jellings, Mrs. MacDonald, Mr. DeFigueiredo, Mrs. Weinstein

Reject Government Claim of Claimant L.B., a minor, through his GAL, J.B., against SSUSD, Claim for personal injury.

Motion: Mrs. MacDonald

2nd : Mr. Chase

The roll-call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Chase, Mrs. Jellings, Mrs. MacDonald, Mr. DeFigueiredo, Mrs. Weinstein

Reconvene to Closed Session,

Weinstein-Aye

Jellings-Aye

Chase-Aye

DeFigueiredo-Aye

MacDonald-Aye

The motion was made by Mrs. MacDonald, seconded by Mr. Chase, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to reconvene to Closed Session at 9:32 PM for discussion regarding:

With respect to every item of business to be discussed in Closed Session pursuant to Section 54957.8 (i.e., property negotiations).

- Property Negotiations:

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Section 54956.8 of the Government Code:

Property: Proposed Skyline Ranch school site as identified by Tri Pointe, Developer

Agency negotiator: Dr. Catherine Kawaguchi, Superintendent; Yuri Calderon, MillerCalderon, Inc.; Michael Toy, Parker & Covert, LLP; Anthony J. Barron, Nixon Peabody LLP.

Negotiating parties: Skyline Ranch Developer, TriPointe

Under negotiation: Conditions, price and Terms of Payment

With respect to every item of business to be discussed in Closed Session pursuant to Section 54956.9 (i.e., potential litigation).

- Potential Litigation

With respect to every item of business to be discussed in Closed Session pursuant to Section 54957.6 (i.e., labor negotiations)

- Labor Negotiations

With respect to every item of business to be discussed in Closed Session pursuant to Section 54957 (i.e., Personnel).

- Personnel: Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release: Government Code Section 54957

Adjournment

Weinstein-Aye

Jellings-Aye

Chase-Aye

DeFigueiredo-Aye

MacDonald-Aye

The motion was made by Mrs. Jellings, seconded by Mr. Chase, and passed 5-0 by voice vote adjourn the Board Meeting at 11:52 PM.

April 12, 2023


Mrs. Shelley Weinstein, President


Mrs. Paola Jellings, Clerk