

SULPHUR SPRINGS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Governing Board

April 26, 2023

MINUTES

Meeting Location:

Mitchell Community School
25201 Via Princessa
Santa Clarita, CA 91351

STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Catherine Kawaguchi, Superintendent
Dr. Joshua 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 7:02 PM and noted the roll.

Pledge of Allegiance

Colin Shumsky, 6th Grade Mitchell 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. Jellings, seconded by Mr. Chase, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve the Agenda.

Approval of Regular Minutes, April 12, 2023

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

The motion was made by Mrs. MacDonald, seconded by Mrs. Jellings, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve the Minutes of the April 12, 2023, Regular Board Meeting.

Hearing Session, Site Presentation – Mitchell Community School

Mrs. Gretchen Lupica, Principal at Mitchell Community School, invited Mrs. Sheri Hanks, Mitchell Community School teacher, to showcase a student performance by her third-grade class.

Mrs. Gretchen Lupica and Mrs. Marisol Holcomb, Assistant Principal at Mitchell, welcomed everyone. They shared a presentation highlighting students, staff, and Mitchell Community School activities.

The Board of Trustees and Mrs. Gretchen Lupica presented certificates of recognition to the following people:

- Elvia Metz, Certificated Employee
- Elizabeth Waller, Certificated Employee
- Sheri Hanks, Certificated Employee
- Juana Catalan, Mitchell Community School Parent

The Board of Trustees acknowledged the passing of Mitchell Community School teacher, Mrs. Carrie Rocha, and extended their condolences to her family and the community.

Mrs. Weinstein announced a recess at 7:26 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 7:35 PM.

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

Mrs. Weinstein asked if any advanced requests or comments had been received. There were no requests or comments to address the Board.

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 Mrs. Jellings, seconded by Mr. Chase, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve the Consent Calendar, as follows:

- Conference Action Report #23-07
- Field Trip Action Report #23-07
- Gift Action Report #23-07
- Personnel Action Report #23-07
- The Flippen Group, L.L.C. DBA Capturing Kids Hearts Agreement
- Consultant Agreement - TNT Dunk Squad - Fair Oaks Ranch Community School
- Consultant Agreement - Playworks - Golden Oak Community School
- Consultant Agreement - Camfel Productions, Inc. - Leona Cox Community School
- Consultant Agreement - SODE School of Performing Arts (Sophie Olson) - Expanded Learning Opportunities Program at Leona Cox Community School, Mint Canyon Community School, and Mitchell Community School
- Consultant Agreement - Royale Management Group, LLC. - Pinetree Community School
- Consultant Agreement - Joseph Peck - Expanded Learning Opportunities Program
- Consultant Agreement - Sky High Enrichment DBA Academic Chess - Expanded Learning Opportunities Program at Canyon Springs Community School, Fair Oaks Ranch Community School, Leona Cox Community School, Mint Canyon Community School, Mitchell Community School, Pinetree Community School, and Valley View Community School
- Consultant Agreement - Playworks - Valley View Community School
- Consultant Agreement - Gretchen Van Pelt - Expanded Learning Opportunities Program at Mint Canyon Community School, Mitchell Community School, and Pinetree Community School
- Consultant Agreement - Balls and Whistles/dba Amazing Athletes - Expanded Learning Opportunities Program at Canyon Springs Community School, Fair Oaks Ranch Community School, Leona Cox Community School, Mint Canyon Community School, Pinetree Community School, and Valley View Community School
- Consultant Agreement - Discovery Cube of Orange County - Valley View Community School
- Consultant Agreement - New World Dance - Expanded Learning Opportunities Program - Canyon Springs Community School and Mitchell Community School
- Consultant Agreement - Code Read - Mint Canyon Community School
- LRA Interpreters Agreement 22-23
- Consultant Agreement - RISE Education
- Consultant Agreement - Museum Associates DBA, Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) - Sulphur Springs Community School
- Consultant Agreement - Playworks - Golden Oak Community School
- Approval of Eide Bailly Consulting Engagement

Trustee Weinstein informed the Board that the following items would be rearranged:

1. Conference Calendar Item A. SRETrade Presentation
2. Action Calendar Item A. SRETrade Agreement
3. Action Calendar Item B. Resolution R-23-10 Declaring May 10, 2023, "California Day of the Teacher"
4. Action Calendar Item C. Resolution R-23-12 School Lunch Hero Day
5. Conference Calendar Item B. Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Survey Results

Conference Calendar,
SRECTrade Presentation

Dr. Randall introduced, Mr. Pablo Dresie, SRECTrade Regional Sales Manager to the Board of Trustees to provide an overview of the energy credit program and how SRECTrade can support the District in selling energy credits produced by our electric buses to provide additional income for our schools.

Action Calendar,
SRECTrade Agreement

Dr. Kawaguchi recommended to the Board of Trustees that staff bring other companies and references at a later meeting to allow the Board more time to decide which company to work with. The Board of Trustees agreed and no action was taken on Action Item A. SRECTrade Agreement.

Action Calendar,
*Resolution R-23-10
Declaring May 10, 2023,
"California Day of the
Teacher"*
Weinstein-Aye
Jellings-Aye
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Aye

The Board of Trustees shared the importance of recognizing our teachers and commended teachers for their dedication, perseverance and flexibility. Dr. Kawaguchi and the Board of Trustees invited the SSDTA Presidents, Mrs. Janay Callahan and Mrs. Paula Torgeson, to accept the recognition on behalf of all District teachers. Mrs. Janay Callahan and Mrs. Paula Torgeson gratefully accepted the recognition. The motion was made by Mr. Chase, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve Resolution R-23-10 Declaring May 10, 2023, "California Day of the Teacher."

Action Calendar,
*Resolution R-23-12
School Lunch Hero Day*
Weinstein-Aye
Jellings-Aye
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Aye

The Board of Trustees recognized Dr. Robert Lewis, Chief Executive Officer of School Day Cafe, and the important role he and his team play in feeding the students in the District. Dr. Robert Lewis, gratefully accepted the recognition. The motion was made by Mrs. MacDonald seconded by Mr. Chase, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve Resolution R-23-12 School Lunch Hero Day."

Conference Calendar,
*Local Control
Accountability Plan
(LCAP) Survey Results*

The staff want to ensure that all educational partners have the opportunity to provide input on the goals and actions of the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) for the 2023-2024 school year. An LCAP survey was sent to students, parents, and staff for feedback regarding implementing the LCAP goals and actions. Dr. Fullwood and Dr. Kawaguchi presented the survey results to the Board of Trustees and reviewed feedback and input from the Board of Trustees.

Action Calendar,
*Memorandum of
Understanding Between
SSUSD and SSDTA -
Speech & Language*
Weinstein-Aye
Jellings-Aye
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Aye

Dr. Greenlinger presented to the Board of Trustees the Memorandum of Understanding Between SSUSD and SSDTA - Speech & Language, a renewal of an agreement that provides incentives for Speech and Language Pathologists. The motion was made by Mrs. Jellings, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve the Memorandum of Understanding Between SSUSD and SSDTA - Speech & Language.

Action Calendar,
*Memorandum of
Understanding Between
SSUSD & SSDTA -
Scholars@Home*
Weinstein-Aye
Jellings-Aye
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Aye

Dr. Greenlinger presented to the Board of Trustees the Memorandum of Understanding Between SSUSD & SSDTA - Scholars@Home, regarding teachers supporting the Scholars@Home program at Mint Canyon Community School. This is a renewal of a previously approved agreement. The motion was made by Mr. Chase, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve the Memorandum of Understanding Between SSUSD & SSDTA - Scholars@Home.

Action Calendar,
*Revision to the Speech
and Language
Pathologist Assistant
Salary Schedule
Weinstein-Aye
Jellings-Aye
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Aye*

Dr. Greenlinger presented to the Board of Trustees the Revision to the Speech and Language Pathologist Assistant Salary Schedule, which reflects an increase to the Speech and Language Pathologist Assistant (SLPA) position. The increase was approved at the April 12, 2023 Board Meeting, as part of the Memorandum of Understanding Between SSUSD and CSEA Chapter #298- Regarding Contracting Out Services. The motion was made by Mrs. Jellings, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve the Revision to the Speech and Language Pathologist Assistant Salary Schedule.

Action Calendar,
*Provisional Internship
Permit for Christina Sweat
Weinstein-Aye
Jellings-Aye
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Aye*

Dr. Greenlinger presented to the Board of Trustees the Provisional Internship Permit for Christina Sweat, who will be assigned to teach the MUL 4-6 class at Valley View Community School. The motion was made by Mrs. Jellings, seconded by Mr. Chase, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve the Provisional Internship Permit for Christina Sweat.

Action Calendar,
*Business Services Report
#23-07
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 Business Services Report #23-07.

**Correspondence and
Board Information**

Mrs. MacDonald shared that she had to miss the Many Families One Community Family Resource Fair because she drove out of town for a soccer game two hours away.

Mr. DeFigueiredo shared that the Many Families One Community Family Resource Fair was a great event and well supported. He extended his gratitude to the community resources, the staff, and all the hours of preparation that went into making the event possible.

Mr. Chase reiterated that the Many Families One Community Family Resource Fair was a great event adding that he spoke to his wife about the event. His wife gave him a wonderful idea to include in the program next year presentation and resources around trade school and certifications. He added that College of the Canyons and William S. Hart Union High School District have strong programs. He shared that he attended the SCV Trustees meeting that was held on Monday, April 17, 2023. He said there was a good speaker and interesting dialogue.

Mrs. Jellings shared that she went to Open House and it was wonderful, magical, and bless the teachers for all their hard work. She said that she attended the Pinetree Spring Carnival and it was an amazing event with a great turn out.

Mrs. Weinstein shared that the Many Families One Community Family Resource Fair was a great success. She hosted the CLASS Education Foundation booth, and she was able to speak to parents. She shared that she spoke with parents who receive Special Education resources, and they were grateful and had wonderful things to share. She shared that the CLASS Education Foundation will be having their Heroes' Event at College of the Canyons, September 29, 2023. She also attended the SCV Trustees meeting.

**Items for the May 10,
2023, Regular Meeting**

Celebration of the 2023 Teacher Tribute Honorees

Classified staff in the Sulphur Springs Union School District will be recognized at the May 10th Board meeting to prepare for celebrating "Classified School Employee Week," which is formally celebrated on May 21-27, 2023.

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 9:17 PM for discussion regarding:

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

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

- Potential Litigation:

LIABILITY CLAIMS: Government Code section 54954.5(d). Name of claimant unspecified pursuant to Government Code section 54964 (b). Agency claimed against: Sulphur Springs Union School District.

Reconvene to Open Session

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

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

Report of Closed Session

In Closed Session, the Board took action by a UNANIMOUS VOTE of 5 to 0 to release the following administrator from their position as a Principal at the conclusion of the current school year pursuant to Education Code section 44951:

- WX8602651

The Board has directed the Superintendent or her designee to provide all appropriate legal notices and otherwise effectuate this process.

The roll-call vote was as follows:

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

On a motion by Mr. DeFigueiredo, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, the Governing Board took action by a vote of 5-0 to deny Claim Number #620708.

The roll-call vote was as follows:

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

Reconvene to Closed Session,

*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 reconvene to Open Session at 9:32 PM.

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

- Potential Litigation:

Conference with Legal Counsel-potential litigation per Government Code section 54956.9(e)(1). One case

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 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 Mr. Chase, seconded by Mrs. Jellings, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to adjourn the Board Meeting at 11:00 PM.

May 10, 2023


Mrs. Shelley Weinstein, President


Mrs. Paola Jellings, Clerk