

SULPHUR SPRINGS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Governing Board

September 27, 2023

MINUTES

Meeting Location:

Sulphur Springs Union School District
27000 Weyerhaeuser Way
Santa Clarita, CA 91351

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Catherine Kawaguchi, Superintendent
Dr. Joshua Randall, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services
Dr. Jezelle Fullwood, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Ms. Nancy Raygoza, District Executive Secretary

STAFF ABSENT:

Dr. Jay Greenlinger, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel/Pupil Services

Call to Order, Roll Call

Mrs. Weinstein called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:08 PM and noted the absence of District Staff Member Dr. Jay Greenlinger.

Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Dung McDowell, Mint Canyon Community School teacher, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Weinstein stated that there was a need to take action that arose after the agenda for the Regular Meeting was posted. Mrs. Weinstein moved that the following two related items be added to tonight's agenda:

Add Closed Session Item E. Consideration of Stipulated Suspended Expulsion Agreement for Student #107915 per Education Code Section 48918.

Add Action Item XV. Action on Stipulated Expulsion Agreement for Student#107915 after the Report of Closed Session.

Change Reconvene to Closed Session from Item XV. to Item XVI.

The motion was made by Mrs. Jellings, seconded by Mr. DeFigueiredo, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to add the agenda items, as stated by Trustee Weinstein, and change Reconvene to Closed Session from Item XV. to Item XVI.

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 revised Agenda.

Approval of Regular Minutes, September 13, 2023

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

The motion was made by Mrs. MacDonald, seconded by Mr. DeFigueiredo, and passed 4-0-1 by voice vote with one abstention to approve the Minutes of the September 13, 2023, Regular Board Meeting.

Hearing Session,
*Advance Request(s) to
Address the Board*

Mrs. Weinstein asked if any advanced requests to address the Board had been received. There was one advanced request to address the Board regarding Goal Setting Conferences and appreciating the time with families and various additional highlights in the District.

Hearing Session,
*Comments and/or
Questions Regarding
Agenda Items*

Mrs. Weinstein asked if there were any comments or questions regarding agenda items. 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. Chase, seconded by Mrs. Jellings, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve the Consent Calendar, as follows:

- Conference Action Report #23-16
- Field Trip Action Report #23-16
- Gift Action Report #23-16
- Personnel Action Report #23-16
- Consultant Agreement - Cornerstone Photography - Mint Canyon Community School
- Consultant Agreement - Treering Corp. - Mint Canyon Community School
- Consultant Agreement - Mobile Ed. Productions - Leona Cox Community School
- Professional Tutors of America ISA for Student #111936
- 360 Degree NPA Master 23-24 Contract

**Conference
Calendar,**
*2023 California
Assessment of Student
Performance and
Progress (CAASPP)
Data*

Dr. Fullwood, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services, presented the data from Spring 2023, California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) in English Language Arts, and Mathematics for students in 3rd - 6th grade and 5th Grade Science. Dr. Fullwood shared student group performance data as well as individual school site data. In addition, Dr. Fullwood presented information on next steps to increasing student performances in both English Language Arts and Mathematics. The Board of Trustees provided feedback and shared thoughts based on the information presented.

Action Calendar,
*Ukulele, Drum Bell Kit
Musical Instruments,
and Instrumental Music
Instructional Materials,
BID #23-08-14
Weinstein-Aye
Jellings-Aye
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Aye*

Dr. Randall, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services presented the Ukulele, Drum Bell Kit Musical Instruments, and Instrumental Music Instructional Materials, BID #23-08-14. Dr. Randall shared that the lowest responsive bid for the Ukulele, Drum Bell Kit Musical Instruments, and Music Instructional Materials was from Sweetwater Sound, LLC to the Board of Trustees.

The motion was made by Mr. DeFigueiredo, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0 by a voice vote, to award the bid to Sweetwater Sound, LLC for Ukulele, Drum Bell Kit Musical Instruments, and Music Instructional Materials.

Action Calendar,
*Resolution R-23-56
Approval of Piggyback
Bid: California
Department of General
Services for
Information,
Technology Goods and
Services - Contract #3-
20-70-3813A
Weinstein-Aye
Jellings-Aye
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye*

Dr. Randall, presented Resolution R-23-56 Approval of Piggyback Bid: California Department of General Services for Information, Technology Goods and Services - Contract #3-20-70-3813A to the Board of Trustees.

The motion was made by Mr. Chase, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0 by a voice vote, to approve Resolution R-23-56 Approval of Piggyback Bid: California Department of General Services for Information, Technology Goods and Services - Contract #3-20-70-3813A.

MacDonald-Aye

Action Calendar,
*Memorandum of
Understanding Between
Sulphur Springs Union
School District and
Central State University
Weinstein-Aye
Jellings-Aye
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Aye*

Dr. Randall presented the Memorandum of Understanding Between Sulphur Springs Union School District and Central State University to the Board of Trustees.

The motion was made by Mrs. MacDonald, seconded by Mrs. Jellings, and passed 5-0 by a voice vote, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding Between Sulphur Springs Union School District and Central State University.

Action Calendar,
*Board Policy 6154:
Homework/Makeup
Work
Weinstein-Aye
Jellings-Aye
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Aye*

Dr. Fullwood presented Board Policy 6154: Homework/Makeup Work to the Board of Trustees. She highlighted the suggested changes in wording to reflect current practices.

The motion was made by Mrs. MacDonald, seconded by Mr. Chase, and passed 5-0 by a voice vote, to approve Board Policy 6154: Homework/Makeup Work.

Action Calendar,
*Hazel Health Data
Sharing Agreement
2023-24
Weinstein-Aye
Jellings-Aye
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Aye*

Mr. Paul Frisina, Executive Director of Special Education/Student Support Services presented the Hazel Health Data Sharing Agreement 2023-24 to the Board of Trustees.

The motion was made by Mr. Chase, seconded by Mrs. Jellings, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve the Hazel Health Data Sharing Agreement 2023-24.

Action Calendar,
*Transportation
Memorandum of
Understanding between
Sulphur Springs Union
School District and
William S. Hart Union
High School District
Weinstein-Aye
Jellings-Aye
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Aye*

Dr. Randall presented the Transportation Memorandum of Understanding between Sulphur Springs Union School District and William S. Hart Union High School District 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 Transportation Memorandum of Understanding between Sulphur Springs Union School District and William S. Hart Union High School District.

Action Calendar,
*Approval of Amendment
No 2 to the
Architectural
Agreement with
Flewelling & Moody for
Additional Architectural
and Engineering
Services Related to
Sulphur Springs Union
School District Project
No. 2021-01-PT,
Construction of Student
Support Center,
Repurposing of the*

Dr. Kawaguchi presented Amendment No 2 to the Architectural Agreement with Flewelling & Moody for Additional Architectural and Engineering Services Related to Sulphur Springs Union School District Project No. 2021-01-PT, Construction of Student Support Center, Repurposing of the School Office as Primary Grade Classrooms and Related Site Improvements ("Project") to the Board of Trustees. Dr. Kawaguchi shared that many of the changes were District directed to further support students and staff.

The motion was made by Mr. Chase, seconded by Mrs. Jellings, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve Amendment No. 2 to the Architectural Agreement with Flewelling & Moody for Additional Architectural and Engineering Services Related to Sulphur Springs Union School District Project No. 2021-01-PT, Construction of Student Support Center, Repurposing of the School Office as Primary Grade Classrooms and Related Site Improvements ("Project").

*School Office as
Primary Grade
Classrooms and
Related Site
Improvements
("Project")
Weinstein-Aye
Jellings-Aye
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Aye*

Action Calendar,
*Acceptance of the
California National
Board-Certified Teacher
Incentive Program
Grant Award - Dena
Smith
Weinstein-Aye
Jellings-Aye
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Aye*

Dr. Randall presented the acceptance of the California National Board-Certified Teacher Incentive Program Grant Award - Dena Smith to the Board of Trustees. Teacher Dena Smith has been awarded \$5,000.00 a year for the next five years due to being awarded a National Board-Certified Teacher.

The motion was made by Mrs. Jellings, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve the acceptance of the California National Board-Certified Teacher Incentive Program Grant Award - Dena Smith.

Action Calendar,
*Update of Confidential
Salary Schedule
Weinstein-Aye
Jellings-Aye
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Aye*

Dr. Randall presented an Update of Confidential Salary Schedule to the Board of Trustees. This update reflects changes to a tiered health benefits package effective October 1, 2023, in alignment with Management's Benefit Package.

The motion was made by Mr. DeFigueiredo, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve the Update of Confidential Salary Schedule.

Action Calendar,
*Update of
Unrepresented Salary
Schedule
Weinstein-Aye
Jellings-Aye
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Aye*

Dr. Randall presented an Update of Unrepresented Salary Schedule to the Board of Trustees. This update reflects changes to a tiered health benefits package effective October 1, 2023.

The motion was made by Mr. Chase, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve the Update of Unrepresented Salary Schedule.

Action Calendar,
*Update of Supervisory
Salary Schedule
Weinstein-Aye
Jellings-Aye
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Aye*

Dr. Randall presented an Update of Supervisory Salary Schedule to the Board of Trustees. This update reflects changes to a tiered health benefits package effective October 1, 2023.

The motion was made by Mr. DeFigueiredo, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve the Update of Supervisory Salary Schedule.

Action Calendar,
*Update of Management
Salary Schedule
Weinstein-Aye
Jellings-Aye
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Aye*

Dr. Randall presented an Update of Management Salary Schedule to the Board of Trustees. He noted that the Update of Management Salary Schedule includes the positions of Assistant Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent. This update reflects changes to a tiered health benefits package effective October 1, 2023.

The motion was made by Mr. DeFigueiredo, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve the Update of Management Salary Schedule.

Action Calendar,
*Update of
Superintendent's Salary
Schedule
Weinstein-Aye
Jellings-Aye
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Aye*

Dr. Randall presented an Update of Superintendent's Salary Schedule to the Board of Trustees. This update reflects changes to a tiered health benefits package effective October 1, 2023.

The motion was made by Mr. Chase, seconded by Mr. DeFigueiredo, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve the Update of Superintendent's Salary Schedule.

Action Calendar,
*Resolution R-23-55
Board Member Ken
Chase, Compensation
Weinstein-Aye
Jellings-Aye
Chase-Abstain
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Aye*

The motion was made by Mr. DeFigueiredo, seconded by Mrs. Jellings, and passed 4-0-1 by voice vote with one abstention to approve the Resolution R-23-55 Board Member Ken Chase, Compensation.

Action Calendar,
*Recommendation to
Award Cafeteria MPR
Table Replacement Bid
#: SS-23-001 -
Sulphur Springs
Community School
Weinstein-Aye
Jellings-Aye
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Aye*

Dr. Randall presented to the Board of Trustees the recommendation to Award Cafeteria MPR Table Replacement Bid #: SS-23-001 - Sulphur Springs Community School to AVSAR Construction.

The motion was made by Mr. Chase, seconded by Mrs. Jellings, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve the recommendation to Award Cafeteria MPR Table Replacement Bid #: SS-23-001 - Sulphur Springs Community School to AVSAR Construction.

Action Calendar,
*Business Services
Report #23-16
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 Business Services Report #23-16.

**Correspondence
and
Board Information**

Mrs. Weinstein shared that the next Regular Board Meeting will be October 11th at Valley View Community School.

Mr. DeFigueiredo shared that he will not be at the October 11th Regular Board Meeting.

Mrs. MacDonald shared that she is also holding Parent Conferences for her students. She shared that this is an exciting time for parents with school in full swing.

Mr. DeFigueiredo shared that it has been very rewarding listening to his own kids' stories about sending his grandkids to school, and listening to his kids talk about how great their educational experiences were in our District. His children were students at Mitchell Community School, and they can name all their teachers by name. He shared that it has been very gratifying to see the influence our District has had on his family and his kids.

Mr. Chase shared that he attended the SCV Trustees meeting, and they held their election of SCV Trustees Association Officers. He shared that he was reelected as the Secretary and that Ms. Sue Solomon, from the Newhall District, is the President.

Mrs. Jellings shared that she had a great Parent Teacher Conference, and it is so nice to have Fall Break after conferences. She hopes that Teachers have nothing to do after Conferences and enjoy the Fall Break.

Mrs. Weinstein shared that she also attended the SCV Trustees meeting with Mr. Chase and it was a great meeting. She shared that they had a great speaker, Mr. Kevin Gordon from Capitol Advisors, who shared a lot of rich information about what is occurring in Sacramento. She shared that the next SCV Trustees meeting will be January 29th and Saugus will host. She thanked Mr. Chase for serving on the SCV Trustees Board.

Mrs. Weinstein shared that the CLASS Education Foundation will have their annual Everyday Heroes Celebration on Friday, October 13th at College of the Canyons at the Canyon Country Campus. They will be honoring Sulphur Springs Union School District staff, as well as the Firefighters, Sheriffs, and Healthcare Staff in the community. There will be food, student performances, raffle prizes, and amazing trips and other items to bid on. She asked that the Board please connect with Dr. Fullwood if they have any items, resources, or referrals for donations. She shared that Mayor, Jason Gibbs will be in attendance at the event, and he is auctioning a lunch for four with him.

Mrs. MacDonald shared that she will not be able to attend the CLASS Education Foundation event because her son is getting married that day, and she is gaining a new daughter.

Mr. Chase shared that the SCV Trustees meeting was about a two-hour long meeting, and it was well attended. He shared that Mr. Kevin Gordon from Capitol Advisors came down from Sacramento, and he had attendees engaged for the entirety of the meeting.

Mrs. Jellings shared that the SCV Trustees meetings are public and anyone can attend.

**Items For The
October 11, 2023
Meeting At Valley
View Community
School**

Staff and representatives from Attention 2 Attendance will share information with the Board of Trustees regarding the support that is in place to promote positive attendance at all nine schools.

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 9:06 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:
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL: EXISTING LITIGATION Government Code section 54954.5 (c) and (d)(1): Student Expulsion case 2023-2024 #107915.

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—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (1 case)

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:
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION- Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (one case)

Consideration of Stipulated Suspended Expulsion Agreement for Student #107915, per Education Code Section 48918.

Reconvene to Open 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 9:24 PM.

Report of Closed Session

The Board voted by a vote of 5-0 to accept the settlement agreement and release regarding student matter, ID#2422233. The District will pay a total of \$64,200.00 to resolve the matter.

Names of members in favor:

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

Action Calendar

Action on Stipulated Suspended Expulsion on Agreement for Student #107915

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

The motion was made by Mr. DeFigueiredo, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0 by a roll call vote to approve the Stipulated Suspended Expulsion Agreement for Student #107915 and the student be placed at Canyon Springs for the remainder of the 23/24 school year.

The roll-call vote was as follows:

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

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 Closed Session at 9:26 PM.

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

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

- Potential Litigation

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 to adjourn the Board Meeting at 10:45 PM.

October 11, 2023


Mrs. Shelley Weinstein, President


Mrs. Paola Jellings, Clerk