

SULPHUR SPRINGS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Governing Board

May 10, 2023

MINUTES

Meeting Location:

Golden Oak 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 7:05 PM and noted the roll.

Pledge of Allegiance

Felicia McLaughlin, Secretary of Maintenance & Operations and California School Employees Association Union President, 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 Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve the Agenda.

Approval of Regular Minutes, April 26, 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 April 26, 2023, Regular Board Meeting.

Hearing Session, 2023 Teacher Tribute Honorees

The Board of Trustees recognized the 2023 Teacher Tribute Honorees for the Sulphur Springs Union School District. Dr. Kawaguchi, Deputy Superintendent, and Assistant Superintendents read comments to celebrate the Honorees.

The following 2023 Sulphur Springs Union School District Teacher Tribute Honorees were:

- Canyon Springs Community School - Anne Marie McKinley
- Fair Oaks Ranch Community School - Penny McRea
- Golden Oak Community School - Susan Adachi
- Leona Cox Community School - Debbie Gilkey
- Mint Canyon Community School - Kris Rightmyer
- Mitchell Community School- Sheri Hanks
- Pinetree Community School - Tracy Ahart
- Sulphur Springs Community School - Jada Dunn
- Valley View Community School - Mary Giacometto

Mrs. Weinstein announced a recess at 7:17 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 7:27 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 #23-08
- Field Trip Action Report #23-08
- Gift Action Report #23-08
- Retainer Agreement with the Law Offices of Margaret A. Chidester & Associates
- Contract with Parker & Covert, LLP
- SCEG, Inc. Proposal
- Transportation Rates 2023-2024
- Consultant Agreement - SODE School of Performing Arts - Expanded Learning Opportunities Program - Fair Oaks Ranch Community School, Leona Cox Community School and Valley View Community School
- Consultant Agreement - Mad Science of Central Los Angeles - Expanded Learning Opportunities Program - Fair Oaks Ranch Community School, Leona Cox Community School and Valley View Community School
- Consultant Agreement - StuntMasters, Inc. - Mint Canyon Community School
- Consultant Agreement - Velocity Fundraising Resources, Inc. - Mitchell Community School
- Consultant Agreement - What A Play - Fair Oaks Ranch Community School
- LACOE BEST Advantage System Contract 2023-2024
- Establish Dates, Hours, and Place(s) for the Board Meetings of the Governing Board, 2022-2023
- Alimart Transportation Agreement 2023

Conference Calendar,
*Los Angeles County
School Trustees
Association (LACSTA),
Executive Board Election*

Mrs. Weinstein shared information with the Board of Trustees regarding the Los Angeles County School Trustees Association (LACSTA), Executive Board Election list of candidates. The Board of Trustees reviewed the list of candidates, and provided direction to Trustee DeFigueiredo on which candidates to vote for regarding the LACSTA Executive Board.

Conference Calendar,
*Board Policy and
Administrative Regulation
5116.1 Intradistrict Open
Enrollment*

Dr. Greenlinger presented to the Board of Trustees an update to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5116.1, which aligns the Board Policy and Administrative Regulation with updated legislation regarding Intradistrict Transfers. Trustees reviewed Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5116.1 and gave direction to staff to bring the policies to a future meeting under Action.

Action Calendar,
*Resolution 23-11
Declaring May 21-27,
2023, as "Classified
School Employee Week"
Weinstein-Aye*

The Board of Trustees recognized Classified Staff with Resolution 23-11 and the importance of their positions in the District. Dr. Kawaguchi and the Board of Trustees invited the California School Employees Association Union President, Felicia McLaughlin to accept the recognition on behalf of all Classified Employees. Mrs. Felicia McLaughlin gratefully accepted the recognition. The motion was made by Mr. Chase, seconded by Mrs. Jellings,

Jellings-Aye
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Aye

and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve Resolution 23-11 Declaring May 21-27, 2023, as "Classified School Employee Week."

Action Calendar,
*Personnel Action Report
#23-08
Weinstein-Aye
Jellings-Aye
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Aye*

Dr. Kawaguchi recommended to the Board of Trustees to appoint Ms. Katie Palacios as Principal of Sulphur Springs Community School starting July 1, 2023. Dr. Kawaguchi then recommended to the Board of Trustees to approve the Personnel Action Report #23-08 as submitted.

The motion was made by Mr. DeFigueiredo, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve the Personnel Action Report #23-08.

Following approval of the Personnel Action Report, Ms. Katie Palacios addressed the Board of Trustees and shared that she is honored to serve as Principal.

Dr. Kawaguchi had Ms. Nicole Packer come forward to be recognized as Assistant Principal starting July 1, 2023.

Action Calendar,
*Program Specialist Job
Description
Weinstein-Aye
Jellings-Aye
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Aye*

Dr. Greenlinger presented to the Board of Trustees an update to the Program Specialist Job Description. The motion was made by Mr. Chase, seconded by Mrs. Jellings, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve the Program Specialist Job Description.

Action Calendar,
*Inclusive Preschool
Playground - Pinetree
Community School
Weinstein-Aye
Jellings-Aye
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Aye*

Dr. Kawaguchi presented to the Board of Trustees information regarding the new preschool inclusive playground at Pinetree Community School. The new playground incorporates the principles of inclusive play and addresses the whole child. Every child, regardless of their ability, has access to the playground and is able to play side-by-side with other children. The motion was made by Mrs. Jellings, seconded by Mr. Chase, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve the Inclusive Preschool Playground - Pinetree Community School and the contract with Sun Country Systems, INC.

Action Calendar,
*Business Services Report
#23-08
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 voice vote to approve the Business Services Report #23-08.

**Correspondence and
Board Information**

Mrs. MacDonald shared that she had a great Teacher Appreciation Week.

Mr. DeFigueiredo shared that he felt bad that he was not able to attend the Teacher Tribute event at College of the Canyons. He was glad to be able to celebrate them at the Board Meeting. He congratulated the honorees, and said that we are blessed to have great teachers. He recognized the services for teacher, Mrs. Carrie Rocha. He shared that the services were a beautiful tribute to a wonderful life and a wonderful teacher.

Mr. Chase congratulated the Teacher Tribute Honorees.

Mrs. Jellings shared that she was able to attend the Teacher Tribute event at College of the Canyons and she appreciated it. She shared that she ran into her First-Grade teacher at the event. She said that she is looking forward to Classified Staff Appreciation Week, and she would like to recognize: Mrs. Felicia McLaughlin, Sharon Murray, Guadalupe Moran, and Krisit Simpronio for always attending and staying for the Board Meetings on behalf of the Classified staff. She said is speaks volumes.

Mrs. Weinstein shared that she is looking forward to the job shadowing and is excited to see what she is assigned to.

**Items for the May 24,
2023, Regular Meeting**

SchoolWorks staff will provide the District a presentation on the School Facilities Needs Analysis Level 2 Developer Fees Study.

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 8:03 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 2022-2023 # 104828

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL: EXISTING LITIGATION Government Code section 54954.5 (c) and (d)(1): Student Expulsion case 2022-2023 # 104813

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL: EXISTING LITIGATION Government Code section 54954.5 (c) and (d)(1): Student Expulsion case 2022-2023 # 105331

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. Jellings, seconded by Mr. Chase, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to reconvene to Open Session at 8:35 PM.

Report of Closed Session

The motion was made by Mr. Chase, seconded by Mrs. Jellings, and passed 5-0 by roll call vote to approve the Stipulated Agreement to Expel and Suspend Expulsion for expulsion case #22-23-104828 and the student be placed on Independent Study.

The roll-call vote was as follows:

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

The motion was made by Mrs. MacDonald, seconded by Mrs. Jellings, and passed 5-0 by roll call vote to approve the Stipulated Agreement to Expel and Suspend Expulsion for expulsion case #22-23-105331 and the student be placed on Independent Study.

The roll-call vote was as follows:

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

The motion was made by Mrs. Jellings, seconded by Mr. Chase, and passed 5-0 by roll call vote to approve the Stipulated Agreement to Expel and Suspend Expulsion for expulsion case #22-23-104813 and the student be placed at Scholars @ Home.

The roll-call vote was as follows:

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

In Closed Session, the Board took action by a UNANIMOUS VOTE of 5 to 0 to non-reelect the following probationary certificated employee from their position at the conclusion of the current school year pursuant to Education Code section 44929.21(b):

- EH4266899

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. Weinstein

On a motion by Mrs. MacDonald, seconded by Mrs. Jellings, the Governing Board took action by a vote of 5-0 to deny Claim Number #618527.

The roll-call vote was as follows:

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

On a motion by Mr. Chase, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, the Governing Board took action by a vote of 5-0 to deny Claim Number #620819.

The roll-call vote was as follows:

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

Reconvene to Closed Session,

*Weinstein-Aye
Jellings-Aye*

The motion was made by Mr. DeFigueiredo, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to reconvene to Closed Session at 8:40 PM.

Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Aye

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 Mr. DeFigueiredo, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to adjourn the Board Meeting at 10:15 PM.

May 24, 2023


Mrs. Shelley Weinstein, President


Mrs. Paola Jellings, Clerk