

SULPHUR SPRINGS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Governing Board

August 14, 2024

MINUTES

Meeting Location:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Catherine Kawaguchi, Superintendent
Dr. Joshua Randall, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services
Dr. Jay Greenlinger, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel/Pupil Services
Mrs. Julie McBride, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Ms. Nancy Raygoza, District Executive Secretary

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

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

Call to Order, Roll Call

Mr. Chase called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:05 PM and noted the roll.

Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Darlene Shochet, Resource Specialist Program, at Leona Cox Community School led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda,

*Chase-Aye
Jellings-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Aye
Weinstein-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 MINUTES of the July 17, 2024 REGULAR MEETING

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

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mr. DeFigueiredo, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve the Minutes of the July 17, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

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

Mr. Chase asked if any advanced requests to address the Board had been received. There was one request to address the Board.

Hearing Session, Comments and/or Questions Regarding Agenda Items

Mr. Chase asked if there were any comments or questions regarding agenda items. There were no comments or questions regarding agenda items.

Consent Calendar,

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

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

- Conference Action Report #24-13
- Field Trip Action Report N/A
- Gift Action Report #24-13

- Personnel Action Report #24-13
- Approval of Change Order No. 1 to Contract for Project No. 2023-12-20 VV between Sulphur Springs Union School District and NV5 for Materials Testing and Inspection Services for the Valley View Community School Hillside Erosion Repair
- Approval Notice of Completion for Project No. 21-02-SS Sulphur Springs Community School Exterior Painting
- LACOE- Storm Water Compliance Contract
- Amendment to Contract for Professional Consultant Services - Adoption of Facilities Implementation Plan
- Approval of Proposal from Impact Sciences for Additional Services for the Skyline Ranch Community School Project - Phase 3
- Service Agreement for Professional Services - Woolpert Strategic Consulting
- Dannis Woliver Kelley - Agreement for Professional Services
- Teaching Strategies L.L.C.: Creative Curriculum Cloud
- Acceptance of the Quality Start Los Angeles (QSLA) Grant Award Agreement - State Preschool
- Consultant Agreement - School Portraits by Adams Photography - Golden Oak Community School
- Consultant Agreement - School Portraits by Adams Photography - Valley View Community School
- Consultant Agreement - School Portraits by Adams Photography - Mint Canyon Community School
- Consultant Agreement - The Flippen Group dba Capturing Kids' Hearts - Mint Canyon Community School
- Consultant Agreement - Flippen Group dba Capturing Kids' Hearts - Fair Oaks Ranch Community School
- Consultant Agreement - Rosemont Lane Design Studio, LLC - Fair Oaks Ranch Community School
- Consultant Agreement - Velocity Fundraising Resource, Inc. - Valley View Community School
- Consultant Agreement - Velocity Fundraising Resources, Inc. - Fair Oaks Ranch Community School
- Consultant Agreement - Apex Leadership Co. - Leona Cox Community School
- Consultant Agreement - Balls and Whistles/dba Amazing Athletes - Expanded Learning Opportunities Program at Fair Oaks Ranch Community School, Golden Oak Community School, Leona Cox Community School, Mitchell Community School, Sulphur Springs Community School, Pinetree Community School and Valley View Community School
- Consultant Agreement - Sky High Enrichment - Expanded Learning Opportunities Program at Golden Oak Community School, Fair Oaks Ranch Community School, Leona Cox Community School, Mitchell Community School, Pinetree Community School, Sulphur Springs Community School, and Valley View Community School
- Consultant Agreement - Sky High Enrichment - After School Education and Safety Program at Canyon Springs Community School and Mint Canyon Community School
- Therapy In Action NPA Master Contract 24-25 and ISAs
- Dynamic Therapy Solutions 24-25 Master contract
- SpeechCom 24-25 NPA Master Contract
- Pediatric Therapy 24-25 NPA Master Contract
- Request for a Home Teacher #112841
- Consultant Agreement - Balls and Whistles/dba Amazing Athletes - After-School Education and Safety Program at Canyon Springs Community School and Mint Canyon Community School
- Memorandum of Understanding between the Sulphur Springs Union School District and The Master's University: Student Teaching
- Memorandum of Understanding between the Sulphur Springs Union School District and UMASS Global: Social Worker Field Placement

construction management services, and relevant project experience that TELACU Construction Management offers, and an update to the Board of Trustees on their work thus far with the Sulphur Springs Union School District construction projects.

Conference Calendar,
Nominations for Membership on the Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization

Mr. Chase shared with the Board of Trustees that the governing board of each school district may submit nominations for membership on the County Committee to fill these three seats, and may submit more than one nomination and may nominate an individual who resides outside their district. The four-year terms of office on the County Committee will be filled by election, and the candidates will serve through the end of 2028. The Board discussed incumbent Dr. Cherise Moore, 5th Supervisorial District and if William S. Hart Union High School District will be nominating her. The Board shared that they will monitor nominations.

Action Calendar,
*2023-2024
Proposition 28 Annual Report
Chase-Aye
Jellings-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Aye
Weinstein-Aye*

Mrs. Julie McBride, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, shared with the Board of Trustees that on November 8, 2022, California voters approved Proposition 28: The Arts and Music in Schools (AMS) Funding Guarantee and Accountability Act. The measure required the state to establish a new, ongoing program supporting arts instruction in schools beginning 2023-2024. The Annual Report for Proposition 28 requires approval from the Board of Trustees, submission to the California Department of Education, and publication on the District website. Mrs. McBride recommended that the Board of Trustees approve Proposition 28: The Arts and Music in Schools (AMS) Funding Annual Report as presented.

The motion was made by Mr. DeFigueiredo, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve the 2023-2024 Proposition 28 Annual Report.

Conference Calendar,
Update to California Dashboard Local Indicators 2023-2024

Dr. Jay Greenlinger, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel/Pupil Services, presented an update to California Dashboard Local Indicators 2023-2024 with updated data on 2022-2023 Local Indicator 1 on the California Dashboard to the Board of Trustees. The California School Dashboard is the accountability system that includes state and local performance standards for all Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) priorities. The California Department of Education recently released updated data for Local Indicator 1 for the 2022-2023 school year.

Action Calendar,
*Board Policy 4119.22 Dress and Grooming
Chase-Aye
Jellings-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Aye
Weinstein-Aye*

Dr. Greenlinger recommended that the Board of Trustees approve Board Policy 4119.22 Dress and Grooming with updated language from CSBA as presented. Dr. Greenlinger shared that the subsequent policies are identical, with this Board Policy 4119.22 referring to Classified employees. Board Policy 4219.22 is for Certificated employees, and Board Policy 4319.22 is for Management in that order.

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve Board Policy 4119.22 Dress and Grooming as presented.

Action Calendar,
*Board Policy 4219.22 Dress and Grooming
Chase-Aye
Jellings-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Aye
Weinstein-Aye*

The motion was made by Mr. DeFigueiredo, seconded by Mrs. Jellings, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve Board Policy 4219.22 Dress and Grooming for Certificated staff as presented.

Action Calendar,
*Board Policy 4319.22 Dress and Grooming
Chase-Aye
Jellings-Aye*

The motion was made by Mrs. MacDonald, seconded by Mrs. Jellings, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve Board Policy 4319.22 Dress and Grooming for Management as presented.

*DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Aye
Weinstein-Aye*

Action Calendar,
*Administrative
Regulation 6183:
Home and Hospital
Instruction
Chase-Aye
Jellings-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Aye
Weinstein-Aye*

Dr. Greenlinger presented Administrative Regulation 6183: Home and Hospital Instruction to the Board of Trustees with updated language from CSBA. Dr. Greenlinger shared that the updates to the Policy will lead to improved tracking of Home Hospital agreements.

The motion was made by Mrs. Jellings, seconded by Mr. DeFigueiredo, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve Administrative Regulation 6183: Home and Hospital Instruction as presented.

Action Calendar,
*Board Policy and
Administrative
Regulation 6158:
Independent Study
Chase-Aye
Jellings-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Aye
Weinstein-Aye*

Dr. Greenlinger presented Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6158: Independent Study to the Board of Trustees with updated language based on the latest CSBA sample policy and recent legislative changes.

The motion was made by Mrs. Jellings, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6158: Independent Study as presented.

Action Calendar,
*Board Policy 6163.4
Student Use of
Technology
Chase-Aye
Jellings-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Aye
Weinstein-Aye*

Dr. Randall presented Board Policy 6163.4 Student Use of Technology to the Board of Trustees with the updated language based on the latest CSBA Sample policy.

The motion was made by Mr. DeFigueiredo, seconded by Mrs. Jellings, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve Board Policy 6163.4 Student Use of Technology as presented.

Action Calendar,
*Board Bylaw 9100:
Organization
Chase-Aye
Jellings-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Aye
Weinstein-Aye*

Dr. Kawaguchi presented Board Bylaw 9100: Organization to the Board of Trustees with updated language to reflect current practice.

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mr. DeFigueiredo, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve Board Bylaw 9100: Organization as presented.

Action Calendar,
*Election of Delegate
and Alternate to the
Los Angeles County
School Trustees
Association
Chase-Aye
Jellings-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Aye
Weinstein-Aye*

Dr. Kawaguchi recommended that the Board of Trustees nominate and elect a Delegate and Alternate to the Los Angeles County School Trustees Association for the 2024-2025 school year. At the August 9, 2023, Board Meeting, Trustee Denis DeFigueiredo was elected as the Delegate, and Trustee Lori MacDonald as the Alternate.

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded Mrs. Jellings, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to elect Trustee Denis DeFigueiredo as Delegate, and Trustee Lori MacDonald as the Alternate for the 2024-2025 school year.

Action Calendar,
*Approve Resolution
No. R-24-49
Declaring The Futility*

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve Resolution No. R-24-49 Declaring The Futility Of Public Bidding For Certain Additional Work For Bid # 2023-12-20 VV Valley View Community School Hillside Erosion Repair Project And Approving A Change Order For That Work.

*Of Public Bidding For
Certain Additional
Work For Bid # 2023-
12-20 VV Valley View
Community School
Hillside Erosion Repair
Project And Approving
A Change Order For
That Work
Chase-Aye
Jellings-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Aye
Weinstein-Aye*

Action Calendar,
*Approval Notice of
Completion for Project
No. 2023-12-20 VV
Hillside Erosion Repair
Chase-Aye
Jellings-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Aye
Weinstein-Aye*

The motion was made by Mr. DeFigueiredo, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve the Notice of Completion for Project No. 2023-12-20 VV Hillside Erosion Repair.

Action Calendar,
*Resolution R-24-48
Board Member Lori
MacDonald,
Compensation
Chase-Aye
Jellings-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Abstain
Weinstein-Aye*

Mrs. MacDonald noted a date change on the Resolution to reflect the board meeting she missed was on July 17, 2024.

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mrs. Jellings, and passed 4-0-1 with one abstention by Mrs. MacDonald by voice vote to approve Resolution R-24-48 Board Member Lori MacDonald, Compensation with the correction.

Action Calendar,
*Business Services
Report #24-13
Chase-Aye
Jellings-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Aye
Weinstein-Aye*

The motion was made by Mrs. Jellings, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve Business Services Report #24-13.

**Correspondence
and Board
Information**

Mr. Chase shared that Sulphur Springs Union School District Staff look forward to welcoming all new and returning families to school on Thursday, August 15th.

Mrs. Weinstein suggested that the District consider moving Professional Development Days further into the school year and having Back to School Night when school begins when working on the calendar. She also asked what teachers and staff thought about the date change when the District did this in the past. She shared that from a parent's perspective, she felt the date change worked after experiencing this with her grandchildren.

Mrs. Weinstein shared that The CLASS Education Foundation sponsored a Remo drum circle on Zoom. She attended the Remo's drum circle Zoom meeting with her grandchildren, and she shared that it was great. She shared that she had wished it was better attended and would like to see that hosted again. Mrs. Weinstein thanked Dr. Randall and Mrs. McBride for their support in arranging the Zoom meeting.

Mrs. Weinstein shared that she attended the Board Management Retreat, where she received her twenty-year service pin. She said it was great to see the returning management staff and meet the new management staff. Mrs. Weinstein appreciated Dr. Kawaguchi's presentation and congratulated Mr. Chase and Mrs. MacDonald on receiving their ten-year pins for ten years of service.

Mrs. Weinstein shared that she attended the New Teacher Orientation and that there were a lot of new teachers, and it was great to see everyone. She shared that the Personnel Department has been very busy hiring, and it looks like it will be an excellent start to the school year. Mrs. Weinstein announced that Mr. DeFigueiredo was unanimously elected and that he ran unopposed.

Mr. DeFigueiredo echoed Mrs. Weinstein's announcement, adding that Mrs. Weinstein had also been unanimously elected and ran unopposed. He shared that it is excellent news that the District will not have to hold an election, allowing the money it would have spent to return to students.

Mrs. MacDonald congratulated Mr. DeFigueiredo and Mrs. Weinstein on another four years on the Board. Mrs. MacDonald shared that she did not attend the last Board Meeting, so she congratulated and welcomed Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, Mrs. Julie McBride, and Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Mrs. Stephanie Cruz, to the District. Mrs. MacDonald shared that she attended the Board Management Retreat, which was great. She shared that she missed the Management Retreat last year, so it was great to have been able to attend this year. She shared that it was nice to hear that the new teachers and staff have so much experience, and that having a lovely, seasoned new person offers a new perspective, which is nice. Mrs. McDonald shared that she has taught at her school for 25 years and she likes hearing the different teachers' perspectives. She shared that the new school year feels a lot different. She shared that the year feels refreshed and feels good. She welcomed everyone back to school.

Mr. DeFigueiredo shared that he wished he had been able to attend the Board Management Retreat, but due to his work, he could not. He shared that he was thrilled to have participated in the New Teacher Orientation. He shared that it was nice to see so many fresh new faces, a wall of support, and everyone united, introducing themselves and offering mentorship. To him, that was thrilling. Mr. DeFigueiredo shared that he appreciated the New Teacher Orientation.

Mrs. Jellings shared that her daughter started sixth grade this school year. She shared that she went to Golden Oak Community School a day early as her daughter went to help with announcements, and the school was so busy. Mrs. Jellings shared that she loved seeing the staff so busy at Golden Oak Community School and across the District. She shared that she could see they are so busy and looking forward to the school year, gearing up before the kids attend school. Mrs. Jellings shared that she is excited about the new school year.

Mr. Chase shared that he attended the Board Management Retreat, and it was great to see everyone. The New Teacher Orientation was also a great event. He wished everyone a Happy New School Year and congratulated Mr. DeFigueiredo on twenty years of service by recognizing him with his twenty-year service pin. Mr. Chase thanked and congratulated Mr. DeFigueiredo and Mrs. Weinstein on another four years on the Board and shared that he looks forward to serving with them.

Closed Session

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

The motion was made by Mrs. Jellings, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to adjourn to Closed Session at 8:16 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/Potential Litigation (Government Code § 54956.9)

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 (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 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:
Superintendent Evaluation: Government Code Section 54957

Adjournment

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

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to adjourn the Board Meeting at 10:45 PM.

August 28, 2024


Mr. Ken Chase, President


Mrs. Paola Jellings, Clerk