

**SULPHUR SPRINGS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Regular Meeting of the Governing Board  
March 25, 2020  
**MINUTES**

Meeting Location:

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

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Mrs. Shelley Weinstein, President  
Mr. Ken Chase, Clerk  
Mrs. Brenda Martinez Gerson, Member  
Mrs. Lori MacDonald, Member  
Mr. Denis DeFigueiredo, Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Catherine Kawaguchi, Superintendent  
Dr. Jezelle Fullwood, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services  
Dr. Josh Randall, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel/Pupil Services  
Ms. Marie Carrillo, District Executive Secretary

Due to the emergency mandate COVID-19, and Executive Order from the Governor to stay home, the Board of Trustees phone called into the meeting as well as Assistant Superintendents. Dr. Kawaguchi was at the District office to allow public to view and listen as well as provide public communication if needed.

**Call to Order,  
Roll Call**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mrs. Weinstein dispensed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda,  
Weinstein- Aye  
Chase-Aye  
Martinez Gerson-Aye  
MacDonald- Aye  
DeFigueiredo-Aye**

The motion was made by Mr. DeFigueiredo, seconded by Mr. Chase, and passed 5-0 by a roll call vote to approve the Agenda.

**Approval of Regular  
Minutes,  
March 11, 2020  
Weinstein- Aye  
Chase-Aye  
Martinez Gerson-Aye  
MacDonald- Aye  
DeFigueiredo-Aye**

The motion was made by Mr. DeFigueiredo, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0 by a roll call vote, to approve the Minutes of the March 11, 2020 Regular Meeting.

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

There were no requests to address the Board, nor any comments or questions regarding agenda items.

**Consent,  
Weinstein- Aye  
Chase-Aye  
Martinez Gerson-Aye  
MacDonald- Aye  
DeFigueiredo-Aye**

The motion was made by Mr. DeFigueiredo, seconded by Mrs. Martinez Gerson, and passed 5-0 by a roll call vote, to approve Consent Calendar, as follows:

- Conference Action Report N/A
- Field Trip Action Report #20-05
- Gift Action Report #20-05
- Personnel Action Report #20-05

- Establish Dates, Hours, and Place(s) for the Regular Board Meetings of the Governing Board
- Resolution R-20-06: Declaration of Indefinite Salaries
- Local Agency Agreement
- 2019-2020 Certificated Substitute Salary Schedule

**Action,**  
*Project No.*  
*20200101-SS*  
*Weinstein- Aye*  
*Chase-Aye*  
*Martinez Gerson-Aye*  
*MacDonald- Aye*  
*DeFigueiredo-Aye*

The motion was made by Mr. Chase, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0 by a roll call vote, to reject all bids for the Sulphur Springs Community School Improvements Project No. 20200101-SS (Phase 1 – Hardcourt).

**Action,**  
*Declaration of Need*  
*Weinstein- Aye*  
*Chase-Aye*  
*Martinez Gerson-Aye*  
*MacDonald- Aye*  
*DeFigueiredo-Aye*

The motion was made by Mr. DeFigueiredo, seconded by Mrs. Martinez Gerson, and passed 5-0 by a roll call vote, to approve the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators with date corrections from May 25 and May 26 to March 25 and March 26.

**Action,**  
*Comprehensive School*  
*Safety Plans*  
*Weinstein- Aye*  
*Chase-Aye*  
*Martinez Gerson-Aye*  
*MacDonald- Aye*  
*DeFigueiredo-Aye*

The motion was made by Mr. DeFigueiredo, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0 by a roll call vote, to approve the Comprehensive School Safety Plans for all 9 schools.

**Conference,**  
*R-20-06: Declaration of*  
*Indefinite Salaries*  
*Weinstein- Aye*  
*Chase-Aye*  
*Martinez Gerson-Aye*  
*MacDonald- Aye*  
*DeFigueiredo-Aye*

Motion to reconsider made by Mr. Chase, seconded by Mr. DeFigueiredo, and passed 5-0 by a roll call vote, to approve Resolution R-20-06: Declaration of Indefinite Salaries with date corrections from May 25 to March 25.

**Action,**  
*Director of Fiscal*  
*Services*  
*Weinstein- Aye*  
*Chase-Aye*  
*Martinez Gerson-Aye*  
*MacDonald- Aye*  
*DeFigueiredo-Aye*

The motion was made by Mr. Chase, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0 by a roll call vote, to approve the Appointment of Mrs. Cristina Fiock as Director of Fiscal Services, and Approval of Mrs. Fiock's Employment Contract as presented.

**Action,**  
*Asst. Supt.*  
*Business Services*  
*Weinstein- Aye*  
*Chase-Aye*  
*Martinez Gerson-Aye*  
*MacDonald- Aye*  
*DeFigueiredo-Aye*

The motion was made by Mr. DeFigueiredo, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0 by a roll call vote, to approve the Appointment of Dr. Joshua Randall as Assistant Superintendent Business Services, Hereby Designated as a Classified Senior Management Position Pursuant of EC 45100.5 and EC 45108.5, and Approval of Dr. Joshua Randall's Employment Contract as presented.

Motion to amend was made by Mr. DeFigueiredo, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0 by a roll call vote, to approve the Appointment of Dr. Joshua Randall as Assistant Superintendent Business Services with the correction of the most current Management Compensation Schedule, Range 395, Step E.

**Action,**  
*R-20-07 COVID-19*  
*Weinstein- Aye*  
*Chase-Aye*  
*Martinez Gerson-Aye*  
*MacDonald- Aye*  
*DeFigueiredo-Aye*

The motion was made by Mr. DeFigueiredo, seconded by Mrs. Martinez Gerson, and passed 5-0 by a roll call vote, to approve Resolution: R-20-07 Authorization Needed to Take Any and All Necessary Actions to Prepare and Respond Effectively to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Declaring Emergency Conditions Exist at Sulphur Springs Union School District.

**Action,**  
*Business Services*  
*Report #20-15*  
*Weinstein- Aye*  
*Chase-Aye*  
*Martinez Gerson-Aye*  
*MacDonald- Aye*  
*DeFigueiredo-Aye*

The motion was made by Mr. Chase, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0 by a roll call vote, to approve the Business Services Report #20-15.

**Correspondence and Board Information**

Mr. Chase thanked all staff for their service.

Mrs. Martinez Gerson thanked all the District teachers for all they are doing. She also thanked the Santa Clarita Food Services Program for continuing to provide free meals.

Mrs. MacDonald stated that as a teacher, she is aware that the work is more than a 6-hour day. With that said, she appreciates all that the teachers, office managers and staff are doing. Mrs. MacDonald noted that because our District is tech savvy, this has helped us service our children during this crisis. We are doing a great job toward our children.

Mr. DeFigueiredo mentioned that we have things going on that have not happened for a century. It is nice to see the response as a community as well as the cooperation internationally. He appreciates everyone who has stepped up in the District. He also was amazed to see how many numbers of free meals is being provided to our children.

Mrs. Weinstein thanked Dr. Kawaguchi and Dr. Fullwood for deploying student work on the very first day, and for all they do every day. Mrs. Weinstein noted that the next Board Meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2020 and it will be done through Google Meet and live streamed for public access.

**Closed Session,**  
*Weinstein- Aye*  
*Chase-Aye*  
*Martinez Gerson-Aye*  
*MacDonald- Aye*  
*DeFigueiredo-Aye*

The motion was made by Mr. Chase, seconded by Mr. DeFigueiredo, and passed 5-0 by a roll call vote, to adjourn to Closed Session at 7:42PM for discussion regarding:

- Potential Litigation
  - Government Code sections 54954.5 (c) and 54956.9 (d)(1): OAH Case No. 2019120779
- Personnel
  - Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release: Government Code Section 54957
- Labor Negotiations
- Property Negotiations

**Reconvene**  
*Weinstein- Aye*  
*Chase-Aye*  
*Martinez Gerson-Aye*  
*MacDonald- Aye*  
*DeFigueiredo-Aye*

The motion was made by Mr. Chase, seconded by Mr. DeFigueiredo, and passed 5-0 by a roll call vote, to reconvene the meeting at 9:15PM.

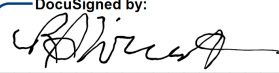
**Report of Closed Session,**  
*Weinstein- Aye*  
*Chase-Aye*  
*Martinez Gerson-Aye*  
*MacDonald- Aye*  
*DeFigueiredo-Aye*


In closed session by a vote of 5 to 0 with 0 abstentions, the Board took action to enter approval of a settlement agreement arising out of a special education dispute. The agreement resolves all issues, and includes funds for special education in exchange for a waiver of all IDEA claims against the District. The total monetary value of the agreement is \$9,125.00.

**Adjournment**  
*Weinstein- Aye*  
*Chase-Aye*  
*Martinez Gerson-Aye*  
*MacDonald- Aye*  
*DeFigueiredo-Aye*

The motion was made by Mrs. MacDonald, seconded by Mrs. Martinez Gerson, and passed 5-0 by a roll call vote, to adjourn the meeting at 9:17PM.

April 8, 2020

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Mrs. Shelley Weinstein, President

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Mr. Ken Chase, Clerk