

**SULPHUR SPRINGS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Regular Meeting of the Governing Board

May 26, 2021

**MINUTES**

Meeting Location:

Zoom and Live Streamed

For Public Access,

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wBpe\\_j9cFRw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wBpe_j9cFRw)

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Mr. Ken Chase, President

Mr. Denis DeFigueiredo, Clerk

Mrs. Lori MacDonald, Member

Mrs. Paola Jellings, Member

Mrs. Shelley Weinstein, Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Catherine Kawaguchi, Superintendent

Dr. Josh Randall Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

STAFF ABSENT:

Dr. Jezelle Fullwood, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

Due to the Executive Order from the Governor to stay home, the Board of Trustees met through Zoom at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wBpe\\_j9cFRw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wBpe_j9cFRw) as well as the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendents. The meeting was Live Streamed to provide public communication.

**Call to Order,  
Roll Call**

Mr. Chase called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:02PM and noted the roll.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mrs. Sheri Mowry-Forbes', Golden Oak Community School 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda,  
Chase-Aye  
DeFigueiredo-Aye  
MacDonald- Aye  
Jellings-Aye  
Weinstein-Aye**

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0 by a roll call vote to approve the Agenda.

**Approval of Regular  
Minutes,  
May 12, 2021  
Chase-Aye  
DeFigueiredo-Aye  
MacDonald- Aye  
Jellings-Aye  
Weinstein-Aye**

The motion was made by Mrs. MacDonald, seconded by Mrs. Jellings, and passed 5-0 by a roll call vote to approve the Minutes of the May 12, 2021 Regular Meeting.

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

Mr. Chase asked if any advanced requests or comments had been received.

Dr. Randall stated five letters were received concerning traffic, congestion, and safety concerns at Sulphur Springs Community School.

Mr. Chase thanked everyone that addressed the Board.

**Hearing,**  
*Public Hearing Regarding  
Resolution R-21-24 to  
Levy Alternative Fee  
(Level 2 Developer Fees)  
on Residential  
Construction*

Mr. Chase opened a Public Hearing Session for the purpose of hearing comments and responding to questions regarding Resolution R-21-24 to Levy Alternative Fee (Level 2 Developer Fees) on residential construction. The hearing regarding the Levy Alternative Fee was posted at school sites and the District Office. As there were no written comments or questions, the Public Hearing was closed.

**Hearing,**  
*Initial Proposal from  
SSUSD to CSEA Chapter  
#298*

Mr. Chase opened a Public Hearing Session for the purpose of hearing comments and responding to questions regarding the Initial Proposal from the Sulphur Springs Union School District to the California School Employees Association Chapter #298. The hearing regarding the proposal was posted at the District Office. As there were no written comments or questions, the Public Hearing was closed.

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

Mr. DeFigueiredo requested removal of item VII.F. Personnel Action Report #21-10, for separate consideration.

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

- Conference Action Report #21-10
- Field Trip Action Report N/A
- Gift Action Report #21-10
- LACOE PeopleSoft Contract 2021-2022
- LA County Public Safety and Security Services, LLC
- Contract with Parker & Covert, LLP
- Dannis Woliver Kelley – Agreement for Professional Services
- License Agreement – Santa Clarita Valley YMCA
- Approval of the 2021-22 Schedule of Rates for Facilities Use
- Approval of Revised Transportation Fees for the 2020-2021 School Year
- Agreement for Consultant Services – APEX Leadership Company – Mitchell Community School
- Agreement for Consultant Services – Capturing Kids' Hearts – The Flippen Group – Canyon Springs Community School
- Agreement for Consultant Services – Capturing Kids' Hearts – The Flippen Group – Sulphur Springs Community School
- Obsolete Houghton Mifflin California Science 2008 and Pearson Science 2008 Textbooks and Instructional Materials

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

Mr. DeFigueiredo welcomed and Dr. Kawaguchi introduced Ms. Diem Johnson and Ms. Paulette Volmer as new Principals and Ms. Courtney Lindemann, as the new District Executive Secretary.

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mrs. Jellings, and passed 5-0 by a roll call vote to approve Consent item VII.F Personnel Action Report #21-10.

**Conference,**  
*Measure CK Citizen's  
Bond Oversight  
Committee End of Year  
Report*

Dr. Kerry Clegg, CBOC Committee member, reported on current membership, their activities during the year, the financial and performance audits, and the progress of the projects.

**Conference,**  
*School Facilities Needs  
Analysis*

Mr. Ken Reynolds, from SchoolWorks, shared information with the Board regarding the school facilities needs analysis for the District and the establishment of the increased alternative Section 65995.5 and 65995.7 school facility level 2 developer fees on new residential developments.

**Conference,**  
*State Preschool 2020-21  
End of Year Report –  
Preschool Self Evaluation*

Mrs. Mary Mercogliano, State Preschool Director, shared the end of year report, which included the State Preschool Self Evaluation and highlighted the work that has been conducted by the State Preschool during the 2020-2021 school year.

**Conference,**  
*Construction Update:  
Sulphur Springs and  
Pinetree Community  
Schools*

Staff provided a construction update for both Sulphur Springs and Pinetree Community Schools. Both projects are building a new 12-classroom wing to house students.

**Conference,**  
*CSBA Annual Education  
Conference and Trade  
Show*

Dr. Kawaguchi stated that the CSBA Annual Education Conference and Trade Show will be held December 1st through the 3rd either virtually and/or in-person in San Diego. The Board of Trustees gave direction to Dr. Kawaguchi to move forward with registering them after consulting with each Trustee individually as to what method of attendance would be preferred.

**Action,**  
*Resolution R-21-24 to  
Levy Alternative Fee  
(Level 2 Developer Fees)  
on Residential  
Construction  
Chase-Aye  
DeFigueiredo-Aye  
MacDonald- Aye  
Jellings-Aye  
Weinstein-Aye*

The motion was made by Mr. DeFigueiredo, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein, and passed 5-0 by a roll call vote, to approve Resolution R-21-24 to Levy Alternative Fee (Level 2 Developer Fees) on Residential Construction.

**Action,**  
*Consideration of  
Resolution R-21-25 of  
the Board of Trustees of  
the Sulphur Springs Union  
School District acting as  
the Legislative Body of  
Sulphur Springs School  
District Community  
Facilities District No.  
2002-1  
Chase-Aye  
DeFigueiredo-Aye  
MacDonald- Aye  
Jellings-Aye  
Weinstein-Aye*

The motion was made by Mrs. Jellings, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0 by a roll call vote, to approve the Consideration of Resolution R-21-25 of the Board of Trustees of the Sulphur Springs Union School District acting as the Legislative Body of the Sulphur Springs Union School District Community Facilities District No. 2002-1, authorizing the issuance of its Special Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2021A in a principal amount not to exceed \$5,000,000, and Special Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2021B (federally taxable) in a principal amount not to exceed \$21,000,000, and approving certain documents and taking certain other actions in connection therewith.

**Action,**  
*Consideration of  
Resolution R-21-26 of  
the Sulphur Springs Union  
School District  
Chase-Aye  
DeFigueiredo-Aye  
MacDonald- Aye  
Jellings-Aye  
Weinstein-Aye*

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0 by a roll call vote, to approve the Consideration of Resolution R-21-26 of the Sulphur Springs Union School District making required findings authorizing the execution and delivery of documents relating to the sale and delivery of not to exceed \$16,000,000, 2021 refunding certificates of participation, to finance the acquisition of certain real property, and authorizing and directing certain actions in connection therewith.

**Action,**  
*Approval of the Expanded Learning Opportunity Grant Plan*  
Chase-Aye  
DeFigueiredo-Aye  
MacDonald- Aye  
Jellings-Aye  
Weinstein-Aye

The motion was made by Mrs. MacDonald, seconded by Mrs. DeFigueiredo, and passed by 5-0 by a roll call vote, to approve the Expanded Learning Opportunity Grant Plan.

**Action,**  
*Variable Term Waiver for Fabiany Almendarez*  
Chase-Aye  
DeFigueiredo-Aye  
MacDonald- Aye  
Jellings-Aye  
Weinstein-Aye

The motion was made by Mrs. MacDonald, seconded by Mrs. Jellings, and passed 5-0 by a roll call vote, to approve the Variable Term Waiver for Fabiany Almendarez.

**Action,**  
*Variable Term Waiver for Nicole Covarrubias*  
Chase-Aye  
DeFigueiredo-Aye  
MacDonald- Aye  
Jellings-Aye  
Weinstein-Aye

The motion was made by Mrs. MacDonald, seconded by Mrs. Jellings, and passed 5-0 by a roll call vote, to approve the Variable Term Waiver for Nicole Covarrubias.

**Action,**  
*Initial Proposal from the Sulphur Springs Union School District to the California School Employees Association Chapter #298*  
Chase-Aye  
DeFigueiredo-Aye  
MacDonald- Aye  
Jellings-Aye  
Weinstein-Aye

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0 by a roll call vote, to accept the initial proposal from the Sulphur Springs Union School District to the California School Employees Association Chapter #298.

**Action,**  
*MOU Between SSUSD and SSDTA*  
Chase-Aye  
DeFigueiredo-Aye  
MacDonald- Aye  
Jellings-Aye  
Weinstein-Aye

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0 by a roll call vote, to approve the MOU between the Sulphur Springs Union School District and the Sulphur Springs District Teacher Association.

**Action,**  
*MOU Between CSEA and SSUSD Concerning the Effects of Layoffs for June 10, 2020*  
Chase-Aye  
DeFigueiredo-Aye  
MacDonald- Aye  
Jellings-Aye  
Weinstein-Aye

The motion was made by Mrs. Jellings, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0 by a roll call vote, to approve the MOU between the California School Employee Association Chapter #298 and the Sulphur Springs Union School District concerning the Effects of Layoffs for June 10, 2020.

**Action,**

*Approval of Change Order  
No. 5 to Construction  
Contract between Sulphur  
Springs Union School  
District and Kemcorp  
Construction, Inc., to  
improve the  
Softball/Baseball diamond  
Chase-Aye  
DeFigueiredo-Aye  
MacDonald- Aye  
Jellings-Aye  
Weinstein-Aye*

The motion was made by Mrs. MacDonald, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein, and passed 5-0 by a roll call vote, to approve Change Order No. 5 to the construction contract between the Sulphur Springs Union School District and Kemcorp Construction, Inc. to improve the softball/baseball diamond and improve outdoor play areas adjacent to the blacktop playground.

**Action,**

*Business Services Report  
21-22  
Chase-Aye  
DeFigueiredo-Aye  
MacDonald- Aye  
Jellings-Aye  
Weinstein-Aye*

The motion was made by Mrs. MacDonald, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein, and passed 5-0 by a roll call vote, to approve the Business Service Report 21-22.

**Correspondence and  
Board Information**

Mrs. MacDonald had no reports. She did, however, want to recognize Memorial Day coming up and wished all a nice holiday and thanked all the families who have family members who have served and given a lot for our country. She congratulated all 6th grade students who will be moving to the Hart School District. She, also, thanked the teachers.

Mrs. Weinstein shared about a budget perspective workshop by Capital Advisors she attended through Zoom. It was presented by Capital Advisors and very informative. She will share the slide deck with the Board once she receives it. She stated that Districts may be receiving money to support students. She, also, shared that she participated in a panel at College of the Canyons for their Leadership Program that included representatives from different organizations and discussed transformational leadership and challenges that they had over the last year. Also, wished everyone a nice Memorial Day, and thanked everyone that has served, she also, congratulated 6th graders.

Mrs. Jellings shared that her daughter's classroom had done the Pledge of Allegiance tonight and now she will have two pins. Her daughter was super excited. Her brother is jealous because he has not received a pin yet.

Mr. DeFigueiredo stated that he is very excited to have new principals taking command of their schools, and looking forward to having Courtney working with the Board, and the support she will provide Dr. Kawaguchi and her office.

Mr. Chase reminded Dr. Kawaguchi about June 8th being the date to sign-up for the CSBA Conference. Mr. Chase thanked those who have sacrificed and given their lives for our country.

**Items for the June 9,  
2021 Virtual Meeting**

The DRAFT Local Control Accountability Plan will be presented at the June 9th Board Meeting.

The District will be honoring its Retirees at the June 9th Board Meeting.

**Closed Session**

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

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mrs. Jellings, and passed by 5-0 by a roll call vote, to adjourn to Closed Session at 9:24PM for discussion regarding:

- Personnel
  - Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release: Government Code Section 54957

**Reconvene**

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mr. DeFigueiredo, and passed **5-0** by roll call vote, to reconvene the meeting at 9:33PM.

**Report of Closed Session,**

In closed session, on motion of Mrs. Jellings, seconded by Mr. DeFigueiredo, the Board took unanimous action to approve the termination of classified employee #SK1903713, effective this date pursuant to Education Code section 45113.

**Reconvene to Closed**

The motion was made by Mrs. MacDonald, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein, and passed 5-0 by a roll call vote, to adjourn to Closed Session at 9:35PM for discussion regarding:

- Potential Litigation
- Personnel
- Labor 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 Pardee Homes, Developer  
Agency negotiator: Dr. Catherine Kawaguchi, Superintendent; Yuri Calderon, MillerCalderon, Inc.; Michael Toy, Parker & Covert, LLP.

Negotiating parties: Skyline Ranch Developer Pardee Homes


Under negotiation: Conditions, Price and Terms of Payment

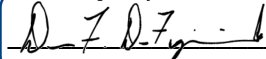
**Adjournment**

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

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mrs. Jellings, and passed 5-0 by a roll call vote to Adjourn the Board Meeting at 11:07PM.

June 9, 2021

DocuSigned by:  
  
Mr. Ken Chase, President

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Mr. Denis DeFigueiredo, Clerk