

SULPHUR SPRINGS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Governing Board

August 11, 2021

MINUTES

Meeting Location:

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

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Catherine Kawaguchi, Superintendent
Dr. Jezelle Fullwood, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Mrs. Ardella Hamilton, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel/Pupil Services
Dr. Josh Randall Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Ms. Courtney Lindemann, District Executive Secretary

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Mrs. Lori MacDonald, Member

**Call to Order,
Roll Call** Mr. Chase called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:02PM, noting the absence of Mrs. MacDonald,
Board Member.

Pledge of Allegiance Mrs. Mary Mercogliano, State Preschool Director, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda,
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
Jellings-Aye
MacDonald- Absent
Weinstein-Aye** The motion was made by Mr. DeFigueiredo, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein, and passed 4-0 by voice
vote to approve the Agenda with the request that Action Item C be moved to follow Action Item G.

**Approval of Regular
Minutes,
July 21, 2021
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
Jellings-Aye
MacDonald- Absent
Weinstein-Aye** The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mrs. Jellings, and passed 4-0 by voice vote to
approve the Minutes of the July 21, 2021 Regular Meeting.

**Hearing,
Requests to Address,
Comments, Questions** Mr. Chase asked if any advanced requests or comments had been received.
There were 5 requests to address the Board to share concerns regarding child mask requirements in
school.
There were no comments or questions regarding agenda items.

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

Mr. DeFigueiredo requested removal of Item G, Retirement Resolutions R-21-56 through R-21-58, for separate consideration. Item K was removed from the agenda with no action taken.

The motion was made by Mr. DeFigueiredo, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein, and passed 4-0 by voice vote to approve the Consent Calendar, as follows:

- Conference Action Report #21-15
- Field Trip Action Report N/A
- Gift Action Report #21-06
- Personnel Action Report #21-15
- Establish Dates, Hours, and Place(s) for the Board Meetings of the Governing Board, 2021-2022
- Approval of Contract with NV5 for Materials Testing and Inspection Services for the Pinetree Community School Student Support Building & School Office Repurpose Project No. 2021-01-PT
- Therapy in Action NPA Master Contract & Student ISAs for 21-22
- Ascend Rehab NPA Master Contract 21-22
- Ed Theory NPA Master Contract 21-22
- LRA Interpreters Agreement 21-22
- William S. Hart Counseling Agreement 21-22
- STAR Academy ISA for Student #111301

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

The Board of Trustees congratulated all retirees and thanked them for their many years of service. The motion was made by Mr. DeFigueiredo, seconded by Mrs. Jellings, and passed 4-0 by voice vote to approve Consent Item G: Retirement Resolutions R-21-56 through R-21-58.

Conference,
Summer Academy and
Extended School Year
Review and Presentation

Dr. Fullwood and Mr. Frisina shared a PowerPoint presentation outlining the outcomes of this year's Summer Academy and Extended School Year. Details such as the number of participants, grades served, types of academics/enrichment offered and feedback from students and teachers in each program was shared.

Action,
2021-22 Revised State
Preschool Handbook,
SDC Integrated State
Preschool Handbook,
Admission and
Attendance Policies
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
Jellings-Aye
MacDonald- Absent
Weinstein-Aye

The motion was made by Mr. DeFigueiredo, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein, and passed 4-0 by voice vote to approve the 2021-22 Revised State Preschool Handbook, SDC Integrated State Preschool Handbook, Admission and Attendance Policies.

Action,
Board Policy and
Administrative Regulation
6158
Chase-Aye

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mrs. Jellings, and passed 4-0 by voice vote to approve revisions to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6158.

*DeFigueiredo-Aye
Jellings-Aye
MacDonald- Absent
Weinstein-Aye*

Action,
*Arts Advancement Grant
– Los Angeles County
Arts Ed Collective
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
Jellings-Aye
MacDonald- Absent
Weinstein-Aye*

The motion was made by Mr. DeFigueiredo, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein, and passed 4-0 by voice vote to approve acceptance of the Arts Advancement Grant from the Los Angeles County Arts Ed Collective.

Action,
*Variable Term Waiver for
Katlyn Ann Grams
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
Jellings-Aye
MacDonald- Absent
Weinstein-Aye*

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mrs. Jellings, and passed 4-0 by voice vote to approve the Variable Term Waiver for Katlyn Ann Grams.

Action,
*Provisional Internship
Permit for Sean
McNerney
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
Jellings-Aye
MacDonald- Absent
Weinstein-Aye*

The motion was made by Mrs. Jellings, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein, and passed 4-0 by voice vote to approve the Provisional Internship Permit for Sean McNerney.

Action,
*Business Services Report
#22-02
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
Jellings-Aye
MacDonald- Absent
Weinstein-Aye*

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mrs. Jellings, and passed 4-0 by voice vote to approve the Business Services Report #22-02.

Action,
*Safe Return to In-Person
Instruction and Continuity
of Services Plan and
COVID-19 Prevention
Program
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
Jellings-Aye
MacDonald- Absent
Weinstein-Aye*

The motion was made by Mr. DeFigueiredo, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein, and passed 4-0 by voice vote to approve the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan and COVID-19 Prevention Program.

**Correspondence and
Board Information**

Mrs. Weinstein suggested that those concerned about the mask mandates in schools should reach out to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health directly and participate in the regular Town Hall meetings held there. She mentioned joining the LACDPH Facebook page to received communication and stay informed. She also commented on how great it was to see all the new staff at the New Teacher Orientation on Friday and wished we could have all been together in person.

Mrs. Jellings commented that, although she is feeling a little unready for the new school year, she is excited for the first day of school. It is her oldest child's last year in elementary school.

Mr. DeFigueiredo agreed that it was wonderful seeing all of our new teachers and staff during New Teacher Orientation. He echoed Mrs. Weinstein's comments about masks and the Department of Public Health. He understands that we are in a very difficult position, but appreciates the time and effort that the parents put into their presentations at the meeting this evening.

Mr. Chase commented that it was neat to see so many new and eager people just starting out in their careers. During New Teacher Orientation, it was nice to see teachers as excited as our students are. He also mentioned that the best governance is at the local level to better serve our families.

**Items for the August
25, 2021 Regular
Meeting**

Dr. Kawaguchi will share an update on the Opening of Schools.

Closed Session
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
Jellings-Aye
MacDonald- Absent
Weinstein-Aye

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mr. DeFigueiredo, and passed 4-0 by voice vote to adjourn to Closed Session at 8:34pm 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- ANTICIPATED LTIGATION - Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2) 1 Case No. 9512905037
- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL CONSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION – Initiation of litigation pursuant to Paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code 54956.9: Consideration of One (1) Potential Case

**Reconvene to Open
Session**
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
Jellings-Aye
MacDonald- Absent
Weinstein-Aye

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mr. DeFigueiredo, and passed by 4-0 by voice vote to reconvene to Open Session at 9:26pm.

Report of Closed Session

The Board voted by a vote of 4-0 to accept a settlement offer in pending litigation, under Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2), involving a dispute under the IDEA. The District will pay a total of \$3,250 to settle this case. The names of members in favor: Mrs. Weinstein, Mr. Chase, Mr. DeFigueiredo, and Mrs. Jellings. Names of members absent: Mrs. MacDonald. The motion was made by Mr. DeFigueiredo, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein, and passed 4-0 by voice vote to accept the settlement offer in pending litigation.

The Board directed legal counsel to initiate or intervene in a legal action by a 4-0 majority vote. The action, the defendants, and the other particulars shall, once formally commenced, be disclosed to any

person upon inquiry, unless to do so would jeopardize the District's ability to effectuate service of process on one or more unserved parties, or that to do so would jeopardize the District's ability to conclude existing settlement negotiations to its advantage. The members voted as follows: President Ken Chase (Aye), Clerk Denis DeFigueiredo (Aye), Member Paola Jellings (Aye), Member Lori MacDonald (Absent), Member Shelley Weinstein (Aye).

Reconvene to Closed

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mr. DeFigueiredo, and passed 4-0 by voice vote to adjourn to Closed Session at 9:28 for discussion regarding:


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

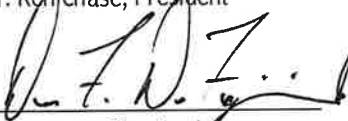
*Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
Jellings-Aye
MacDonald- Absent
Weinstein-Aye*

The motion was made by Mrs. Jellings, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein, and passed 4-0 by voice vote to adjourn the Board Meeting at 11:05PM.

August 25, 2021



Mr. Ken Chase, President



Mr. Denis DeFigueiredo, Clerk