

**SULPHUR SPRINGS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Regular Meeting of the Governing Board

August 25, 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. Lori MacDonald, Member  
Mrs. Shelley Weinstein, Member

STAFF PRESENT:

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

STAFF ABSENT:

Dr. Jezelle Fullwood, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

**Call to Order,  
Roll Call**

Mr. Chase called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:01PM, noting the absence of Dr. Fullwood, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Dean Elliott, District IT Manager, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mrs. Jellings, and passed 5-0 by roll call vote to approve the Agenda with the request that Action Item A be moved to follow Conference Item A.

**Approval of Regular  
Minutes,  
August 11, 2021  
Chase-Aye  
DeFigueiredo-Aye  
Jellings-Aye  
MacDonald- Abstain  
Weinstein-Aye**

The motion was made by Mrs. Jellings, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein, and passed 4-0-1 by roll call vote to approve the Minutes of the August 11, 2021 Regular Meeting.

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

Mr. Chase asked if any advanced requests or comments had been received. There were none. There were no comments or questions regarding agenda items.

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

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

- Conference Action Report #21-16
- Field Trip Action Report N/A
- Gift Action Report N/A
- Personnel Action Report #21-16
- Arcadia Audiometrics Agreement (2021-22)
- Casa Pacifica NPS Master Contract and ISA 21-22
- ProCare NPA Master Contract 21-22
- Child360 Quality Start Los Angeles (QSLA) Grant Award Agreement – State Preschool
- Agreement with American Fidelity for 125 Flexible Spending Plan Administration

**Conference,**  
*Cooperative Strategies –*  
*Demographic Services*

Mr. Justin Rich shared a presentation outlining the Demographic Services that Cooperative Strategies can provide the District.

**Action,**  
*Cooperative Strategies*  
*Demographic Agreement*  
*Chase-Aye*  
*DeFigueiredo-Aye*  
*Jellings-Aye*  
*MacDonald- Aye*  
*Weinstein-Aye*

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mrs. Jellings, and passed 5-0 by roll call vote to approve the Cooperative Strategies Demographic Agreement.

**Conference,**  
*Start of School Year*  
*2021-22 Update*

Dr. Kawaguchi shared a PowerPoint presentation highlighting each of the school sites during the first week of school.

**Action,**  
*Contract Agreement:*  
*County of Los Angeles*  
*Department of Public*  
*Health, LACOE and*  
*Sulphur Springs Union*  
*School District*

No action was taken on the Contract Agreement: County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health, LACOE and Sulphur Springs Union School District.

**Action,**  
*Resolution R-21-59:*  
*Board Member*  
*Compensation*  
*Chase-Aye*  
*DeFigueiredo-Aye*  
*Jellings-Aye*  
*MacDonald- Abstain*  
*Weinstein-Aye*

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mr. DeFigueiredo, and passed 4-0-1 by roll call vote to approve Resolution R-21-59 Board Member Compensation.

**Action,**  
*Business Services Report  
#22-03  
Chase-Aye  
DeFigueiredo-Aye  
Jellings-Aye  
MacDonald- Aye  
Weinstein-Aye*

The motion was made by Mr. DeFigueiredo, seconded by Mrs. Jellings, and passed 5-0 by roll vote to approve the Business Services Report #22-03.

**Correspondence and Board Information**

Mrs. Weinstein shared that she attended the Los Angeles County Trustees zoom meeting where Dr. Barbara Ferrer, Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, and Mr. Kevin Gordon, President of Capitol Advisors, gave an update on the pandemic. Mr. Gordon stated they are waiting on more clarity regarding Independent Study.

Mrs. MacDonald apologized for her absence at the last meeting. She welcomed teachers and students back and commented on how awesome it was to see students back on campus.

Mrs. Jellings commented that her own children are very excited to be back in school. They love being able to play outside without their masks on. She had a conversation with her children about how they felt about mask-wearing and learned that they felt great about being back on campus.

Mr. DeFigueiredo agreed that once kids are on campus and in an environment with their friends, masks seem to become a secondary focus for them. He didn't want to minimize the importance of wearing a mask, but there are still great things happening on our campuses. Mr. DeFigueiredo also mentioned a recent meeting with Congressman Mike Garcia, Councilmember Jason Gibbs and the Goldmans, owners of the local broadcasting station KHTS, who were interested in learning about how our teachers are doing. They were very complimentary about how our District, specifically, has been handling things. He was glad to have Mrs. MacDonald back as well.

Mr. Chase echoed sentiments that it is great to be back in person and great to have kids back in school.

**Items for the September 8, 2021 Regular Meeting**

Staff will present the Unaudited Actuals Financial Report.

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

The motion was made by Mrs. MacDonald, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein, and passed 5-0 by roll call vote to adjourn to Closed Session at 8:00pm 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).
- 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

**Report of Closed Session**

There was no report of Closed Session.

**Adjournment**

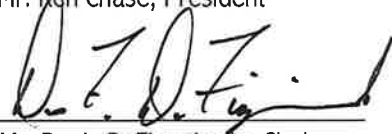
*Chase-Aye*  
*DeFigueiredo-Aye*  
*Jellings-Aye*  
*MacDonald- Aye*  
*Weinstein-Aye*

The motion was made by Mrs. Jellings, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0 by roll call vote to adjourn the Board Meeting at 11:01PM.

September 8, 2021



Mr. Ken Chase, President



Mr. Denis DeFigueiredo, Clerk