

SULPHUR SPRINGS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Governing Board

October 13, 2021

MINUTES

Meeting Location:

Mitchell Community School
16821 Goodvale Road
Canyon Country, CA 91387

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

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

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Mrs. Paola Jellings, Member

Call to Order, Roll Call

Mr. Chase called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:04PM, noting that Mrs. Paola Jellings was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Zachary Goodrick, 6th grader in Ms. Aschacher's class, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda,

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

The motion was made by Mr. DeFigueiredo, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein, and passed 4-0 by voice vote to approve the Agenda.

Approval of Regular Minutes, September 22, 2021

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

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 4-0 by voice vote to approve the Minutes of the September 22, 2021 Regular Meeting with a correction made to the spelling of Mrs. MacDonald's name on page 2, under the first Action item.

Hearing,

*Requests to Address,
Comments, Questions*

Mr. Chase asked if any advanced requests or comments had been received. There were two requests to address the Board to share concerns regarding mask requirements and the proposed vaccine mandate in schools.

There were no questions regarding agenda items.

Hearing,

*School Site Presentation
– Mitchell Community
School*

Mrs. Lupica, Principal at Mitchell Community School, and Mrs. Klahs-Camara, Assistant Principal at Mitchell Community School, welcomed everyone in attendance, and shared a presentation highlighting students, staff and activities at Mitchell Community School.

The Board of Trustees, Mrs. Lupica, and Mrs. Klahs-Camara presented certificates of recognition to the following people:

- Shelley Spray, Classified Employee
- Gilbert Bernal, Classified Employee
- Abby Hughes – Certificated Employee

- Kristine Shaw, Certificated Employee

Mr. Chase announced a five-minute recess at 7:29PM.

The Hearing Session recommenced at 7:34PM.

Hearing,
*Public Hearing
 Respecting the
 Distribution of Special
 Taxes Collected within
 Sulphur Springs Union
 School District Community
 Facilities District No.
 2019-1*

Mr. Chase opened a Public Hearing Session at 7:34PM for the purpose of hearing comments and responding to questions regarding the Distribution of Special Taxes Collected within Sulphur Springs Union School District Community Facilities District No. 2019-1. As there were no questions or comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:36PM.

Mr. Chase asked Mr. DeFigueiredo if there were any written protests to the action described in the written notice. Mr. DeFigueiredo stated that there were no written protests received. The change to CFD No. 2019-1 is approved.

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

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

- Conference Action Report #21-19
- Field Trip Action Report N/A
- Gift Action Report #21-12
- Personnel Action Report #21-19
- Agreement for Consultant Services – Shutterfly Lifetouch, LLC
- Approval of Change Order No. 1 to Construction Contract between Sulphur Springs Union School District and AMG & Associates, Inc., to Address Underground Conditions, Including Building Pad Re-Compaction, and Owner Directed Playground Reconfiguration on Project No. 2021-01-PT, Student Support Building at Pinetree Community School
- Agreement for Consultant Services – Cornerstone Photography – Mint Canyon Community School
- Agreement for Consultant Services – Companion Corporation
- AMN Healthcare NPA Master Contract 21-22
- USC School/School District Placement Agreement
- Inter-District Attendance Agreement
- Affliction Agreement Widener University

Conference,
*2020-2021 California
 Dashboard Local
 Indicators*

Dr. Kawaguchi and Dr. Fullwood shared information on the 2020-21 Local Indicators 1,2,3,6, and 7 on the California Dashboard. State law suspended reporting of state and local academic data due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Conference,
*Williams Quarterly Report
 – July 1, 2021 to
 September 30, 2021*

Mrs. Hamilton announced that there have been no reported Williams complaints this quarter.

Conference,
*Fair Oaks Ranch
 Community School New
 Primary Inclusive
 Playground*

Dr. Kawaguchi shared a presentation highlighting the new primary, inclusive playground at Fair Oaks Ranch Community School.

Action,

*Approval of Elementary
and Secondary School
Emergency Relief Fund
(ESSER III) Plan
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
Jellings-Absent
MacDonald- Aye
Weinstein-Aye*

The motion was made by Mrs. MacDonald, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein, and passed 4-0 by voice vote to approve the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER III) Plan.

Action,

*Memorandum of
Understanding SSDTA –
Scholars@Home
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
Jellings-Absent
MacDonald- Aye
Weinstein-Aye*

The motion was made by Mrs. MacDonald, seconded by Mr. DeFigueiredo, and passed 4-0 by voice vote to approve the Memorandum of Understanding SSDTA – Scholars@Home.

Action,

*Sulphur Springs
Community School
Improvements Project No.
2021-03-SS; Sulphur
Springs Community
School Southern Field Re-
Grading and
Improvements*

No action was taken on the Sulphur Springs Community School Improvements Project No. 2021-03-SS; Sulphur Springs Community School Southern Field Re-Grading and Improvements.

Action,

*Business Services Report
#22-06
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
Jellings-Absent
MacDonald- Aye
Weinstein-Aye*

The motion was made by Mrs. MacDonald, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein, and passed 4-0 by voice vote to approve the Business Services Report #22-06.

**Correspondence and
Board Information**

Mrs. Weinstein attended the SCV Trustees meeting with Mrs. Jellings. Mr. Kevin Gordon from Capitol Advisors was there. He shared information about what is occurring in Sacramento. Mrs. Weinstein directed the Superintendent to look into the comment made during the public hearing regarding 'mask breaks.' Mrs. Weinstein also commented on how great the stage looked at Mitchell Community School.

Mrs. MacDonald stated that it was great to be here at Mitchell Community School.

Mr. DeFigueiredo shared that he gets the opportunity to chat with people from all over the Santa Clarita Valley in his new position, and when he shares that he is a member of the Board at Sulphur Springs, he gets really positive feedback about our District and the things we are doing. He mentioned how gratifying it is to know that our families are really pleased to be in our District. With everything going on, it is refreshing to get feedback that is honest without the undertone of COVID, because it is not just about COVID. It is about our kids and making them feel that they can succeed no matter what. Our teachers and staff are held in high regard by members of our community.

Mr. Chase agreed that it is great to be at Mitchell Community School, and able to interact with everyone again. He thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

Items for the October 27, 2021 Regular Meeting

Staff will follow up on the data discussion from the September 22nd Regular Board Meeting.

Closed Session
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
Jellings-Absent
MacDonald- Aye
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 8:25PM for discussion regarding:

With respect to every item of business to be discussed in Closed Session pursuant to Sections 35146 & 48918 (f) (i.e. Pupil Matters).

- Pupil Matters
 - o Board consideration of administrative panel's draft findings and recommendation on expulsion case #21-22-01; Education Code Sections 35146 & 48918 (f)

Reconvene to Open Session

The motion was made by Mrs. MacDonald, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein, and passed 4-0 by voice vote to reconvene to Open Session at 8:46PM.

Report of Closed Session

Dr. Kawaguchi recommended that the Board adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendations of the hearing panel in their entirety in 2021-2022 expulsion case #21-22-01, and that the student be expelled, that the enforcement of the expulsion be suspended, and the student be placed at Mint Canyon Community School. The motion was made by Mr. Chase with the addition that the student does not return to Mitchell Community School while the student attends school in the Sulphur Springs Union School District, seconded by Mr. DeFigueiredo, and passed 4-0 by roll call vote to approve Dr. Kawaguchi's recommendation and the addition by Mr. Chase regarding expulsion case #21-22-01. The names of Board members in favor: Mr. Chase, Mr. DeFigueiredo, Mrs. MacDonald, and Mrs. Weinstein. The names of Board members absent: Mrs. Paola Jellings.

Reconvene to Closed Session

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 4-0 by voice vote to reconvene to Closed Session at 8:51PM for discussion regarding:

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 54956.9 (i.e., potential litigation).

- Potential Litigation

With respect to every item of business to be discussed in Closed Session pursuant to Section 54957.6 (i.e., labor negotiations)

- Labor Negotiations

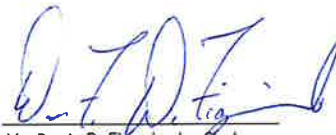
Adjournment
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
Jellings-Absent
MacDonald- Aye
Weinstein-Aye

The motion was made by Mrs. MacDonald, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein, and passed 4-0 by voice vote adjourn the Board Meeting at 11:35PM.

October 27, 2021

Handwritten signature of Ken Chase in blue ink, consisting of stylized initials and a surname.

Mr. Ken Chase, President

Handwritten signature of Denis DeFigueiredo in blue ink, featuring large, bold initials and a full surname.

Mr. Denis DeFigueiredo, Clerk