

SULPHUR SPRINGS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Governing Board

December 8, 2021

MINUTES

Meeting Location:

Sulphur Springs Union School District Office
27000 Weyerhauser 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
Dr. Jezelle Fullwood, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Mrs. Ardrella Hamilton, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel/Pupil Services
Dr. Joshua Randall Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

**Call to Order,
Roll Call** Mr. Chase called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:04PM.

Pledge of Allegiance Dr. Joshua Randall, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda,
*Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
Jellings-Aye
MacDonald- Aye
Weinstein-Aye*
The motion was made by Mrs. Jellings, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve the Agenda with the request that Action Item A be moved to follow Conference Calendar Item A. Following Action Item A will be Action Item D, then back to Conference Calendar Item B.

**Approval of Regular
Minutes,
November 17, 2021**
*Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
Jellings-Aye
MacDonald- Aye
Weinstein-Aye*
The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mr. DeFigueiredo, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve the Minutes of the November 17, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Hearing,
*Requests to Address,
Comments, Questions*
Mr. Chase asked if any advanced requests or comments had been received.
There were five requests to address the Board, and one request was not on the agenda.
There were no questions regarding agenda items.

Hearing,
*Regarding Resolution of
the Governing Board of
the Sulphur Springs Union
School District Approving
Energy Services Contracts
for CALSHAPE Projects,
Making Findings Required
Therefore, and
Authorizing Related
Actions*
Mr. Chase convened a Public Hearing to receive public testimony concerning the Resolution of the Governing Board of the Sulphur Springs Union School District Approving Energy Services Contracts for CALSHAPE Projects, Making Findings Required Therefore, and Authorizing Related Actions. No public comments were received regarding the Resolution of the Governing Board of the Sulphur Springs Union School District Approving Energy Services Contracts for CALSHAPE Projects, Making Findings Required Therefore, and Authorizing Related Actions.

Hearing,

*Tentative Agreement
between the Sulphur
Springs Union School
District and the Sulphur
Springs District Teachers'
Association*

Mr. Chase convened a Public Hearing to receive public testimony concerning the Tentative Agreement between the Sulphur Springs Union School District and the Sulphur Springs District Teachers' Association. No public comments were received regarding the Tentative Agreement between the Sulphur Springs Union School District and Sulphur Springs District Teachers' Association.

Consent,

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

Mr. DeFigueiredo requested removal of Item VII.G Retirement Resolutions #R-21-71, R-21-72, R-21-73, for separate consideration.

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

- Conference Action Report #21-22
- Field Trip Action Report N/A
- Gift Action Report #21-22
- Personnel Action Report #21-22
- Professional Consulting Contract by and between Sulphur Springs Union School District and MillerCalderon, Inc.
- Agreement for Consultant Services – Beth Sussman – District Office
- Agreement for Consultant Services – Cultivating Creative Minds – District Office
- Agreement for Consultant Services – Sharon Diskin – District Office
- Agreement for Consultant Services – Joseph Peck – District Office
- Agreement for Consultant Services – Brian Bon – District Office
- Nixon Peabody Contract
- Approval of Change Order No. 5 to Construction Contract between Sulphur Springs Union School District and AMG & Associates, Inc., to change 12 aluminum sliding doors to match the doors installed at the Sulphur Springs Classroom Building and make the AD System doors a District standard for future projects.
- Brenda Sparks Consultant Agreement (21-22)
- Hillside NPS Master Contract 21-22
- Approval of Piggyback of Bid Number 529977 Kern County Superintendent of Schools and Epson America, Inc.

Consent,

*Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
Jellings-Aye
MacDonald- Aye
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. Weinstein, and passed 5-0 by a voice vote to approve Consent Item VII.G Retirement Resolutions #R-21-71, R-21-72, R-21-73.

Conference

*Discussion Regarding the
Governor's Proposed
Vaccine Mandate and
Resolution*

Public comments included a request for a resolution asking for the Governor to rescind the vaccine mandate. Board members discussed the proposed Resolution asking for the Governor to rescind the vaccine mandate. Mr. Chase proposed that a statement be added,

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that we urge all governmental entities not to generate legislation, administrative regulations or orders that would create a vaccine mandate as a condition of in-person instruction in grades K-12.

Mrs. Weinstein and Mr. Chase asked to include Tony Thurman, the Leader of the Assembly, the State Senator, each member of the Board of Supervisors, the CSBA CEO and Executive Director, CSBA President and LACOE

Superintendent among the recipients of the Resolution.

Mrs. Jellings acknowledged the loss of life related to COVID and her support of the Resolution. Mr. DeFigueiredo asked the Resolution be added to the upcoming Agenda.

Conference

*Educator Effectiveness
Block Grant*

Dr. Fullwood explained the Plan for the expenditures on the Educator Effectiveness Block Grant including induction for classroom teachers, professional development for Orton Gillingham along with other programs, additional staff to support social emotional needs, and support for the implementation of Universal TK. The Plan will be brought back for Board consideration to approve at the December 15th Board Meeting.

Conference

*ELLevation English
Leamer Monitoring Tool
Presentation*

Dr. Fullwood and Mrs. Fiss shared the data management system ELLevation, and the benefits of using a digital monitoring system to support teachers and administration with monitoring English learners.

Action,

*District's Trustee Area
Map Selection and
Resolution R-21-76 –
2020 Census
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
Jellings-Aye
MacDonald- Aye
Weinstein-Aye*

Mr. Milton Foster, from F3Law, was present at the Board Meeting to answer questions that the Board had regarding the three proposed maps for Trustee areas. The Board discussed the options. The motion was made by Mr. Chase, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve Option one District's Trustee Area Map Selection and approve Resolution R-21-76 – 2020 Census.

Action,

*Tentative Agreement
Between SSDTA and
SSUSD and AB1200
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
Jellings-Aye
MacDonald- Aye
Weinstein-Aye*

The motion was made by Mrs. McDonald, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve the Tentative Agreement Between the Sulphur Springs Teachers' Association and the Sulphur Springs Union School District and the AB 1200.

Action,

*Certificated and
Language Speech
Specialists Salary
Schedule
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 voice vote to approve the Certificated and Language Speech Specialists Salary Schedules.

Action,

*Sulphur Springs Union
School District Audit
Reports 2020-2021
Fiscal Year
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
Jellings-Aye
MacDonald- Aye
Weinstein-Aye*

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve the Sulphur Springs Union School District Audit Reports 2020-2021 Fiscal Year.

Action,
*2021-2022 First Interim
Financial Report
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 voice vote to approve the 2021-2022 First Interim Financial Report.

Action,
*Annual Reportable Fees
Report
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
Jellings-Aye
MacDonald- Aye
Weinstein-Aye*

The motion was made by Mrs. DeFigueiredo, seconded by Mrs. McDonald, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve the Annual Reportable Fees Report.

Action,
*Substitute Salary
Schedule
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
Jellings-Aye
MacDonald- Aye
Weinstein-Aye*

The motion was made by Mrs. Jellings, seconded by Mrs. McDonald, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve the Substitute Salary Schedule.

Action,
*Resolution R-21-75:
Resolution of the
Governing Board of the
Sulphur Springs Union
School District Approving
Energy Services Contracts
for CALSHAPE Projects,
Making Findings Required
Therefore, and
Authorizing Related
Actions
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
Jellings-Aye
MacDonald- Aye
Weinstein-Aye*

The motion was made by Mr. DeFigueiredo, seconded by Mr. Jellings, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve Resolution R-21-75: Resolution of the Governing Board of the Sulphur Springs Union School District Approving Energy Services Contracts for CALSHAPE Projects, Making Findings Required Therefore, and Authorizing Related Actions

Action,
*Budlong Contracts for
CALSHAPE Assessment of
Canyon Springs & Mint
Canyon Community
Schools
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
Jellings-Aye
MacDonald- Aye
Weinstein-Aye*

The motion was made by Mrs. Jellings, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve the Budlong Contracts for CALSHAPE Assessment of Canyon Springs & Mint Canyon Community Schools.

Action,
*Resolution R-21-74:
State Preschool Contract
2022-2023
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
Jellings-Aye
MacDonald- Aye
Weinstein-Aye*

The motion was made by Mr. DeFigueiredo, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve Resolution R-71-74: State Preschool Contract 2022-2023.

Action,
*Business Services Report
#22-09
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
Jellings-Aye
MacDonald- Aye
Weinstein-Aye*

The motion was made by Mr. DeFigueiredo, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve Business Services Report #22-09.

Correspondence and Board Information

Mrs. Weinstein attended California School Boards Association (CSBA) Conference, and found it very informative. She was hoping that more information would have been shared about the masks mandate. She also shared that Hart School District Board meeting dates used to be on the first and third of the month, and our District is on the second and fourth.

Mrs. MacDonald also attended the CSBA Conference. She was looking forward to more answers about the mandate, but she did not receive them. She attended a session on Critical Race Theory and thought it was informative. She also liked getting to know each other better during the conference.

Mrs. Jellings attended the CSBA Conference and thanked everyone for attending.

Mr. DeFigueiredo shared that he was not able to attend CSBA this year. He enjoyed attending the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Fair Oaks Ranch. He especially enjoyed watching Principal McBride and Superintendent Kawaguchi sliding down the slides together.

Mr. Chase enjoyed the information from CSBA, and he shared some of the conference sessions that he attended. Mr. Chase also attended the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and shared that he enjoyed the celebration. He announced the openings on the CLASS Foundation and that the Board is seeking nominations for a three-year term. He shared if anyone is interested in submitting their name to please contact him and his email can be found on the website.

Items for the December 15, 2021 Annual Organizational and Regular Meeting

Annual Organizational Meeting

Closed Session
*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 voice vote to adjourn to Closed Session at 9:23PM 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-EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code sections 54954.5(c) and 54956.9 (d)(1): OAH Case No. 2021103941 and OAH Case No. 2021111515

Reconvene to Open Session

The motion was made by Mrs. MacDonald, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to reconvene to Open Session at 9:31PM.

Report of Closed Session

The motion was made by Mrs. MacDonald, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to Report of Closed Session at 9:33PM.

The Board voted by a roll call vote of 4 in favor, Mr. Chase, Mrs. Weinstein, Mrs. MacDonald and Mrs. Jellings and Board Member, Mr. DeFigueiredo, abstained to accept the settlement agreement and release of the students in the case named Student V. Sulphur Springs Union School District, OAH Case No 2021103941 and Student V. Sulphur Springs Union School District, OAH Case No 2021111515.

The District will pay a total of \$2,137.50 (\$1,068.75 per agreement) to settle both cases.

Reconvene to Closed Session

The motion was made by Mrs. MacDonald, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to reconvene to Closed Session at 9:33PM for discussion regarding:

With respect to every item of business to be discussed in Closed Session pursuant to Section 54957 (i.e., Personnel).

- Superintendent Evaluation: Government Coe Section 54957

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

- Labor Negotiations

With respect to every item of business to be discussed in Closed Session pursuant to Section 54957.8 (i.e., property negotiations).

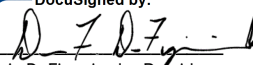
- Property Negotiations

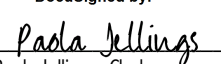
Adjournment

*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 voice vote adjourn the Board Meeting at 11:45PM.

December 15, 2021

DocuSigned by:

Mr. Denis DeFigueiredo, President

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Mrs. Paola Bellings, Clerk