

**SULPHUR SPRINGS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Regular Meeting of the Governing Board

March 10, 2021

**MINUTES**

Meeting Location:

Zoom and Live Streamed  
for Public Access,  
<https://youtu.be/vedzfpnNis>

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. Jezelle Fullwood, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services  
Dr. Josh Randall, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services  
Ms. Marie Carrillo, District Executive Secretary

Due to the Executive Order from the Governor to stay home, the Board of Trustees met through Zoom at <https://youtu.be/vedzfpnNis> 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**

Ms. Ekmekchyan's, Fair Oaks Ranch Community School's 3<sup>rd</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. Jellings, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0 by a roll call vote to approve the Agenda.

**Approval of Minutes,  
February 24, 2021  
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 approve the Minutes of the February 24, 2021 Regular Meeting.

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

Mr. Chase announced that Trustees had received one request to address the Board. Dr. Randall proceeded to read the letter. A concerned Sulphur Springs Union School District teacher, addressed the Board of Trustees regarding issues with the work load due to the pandemic.

**Hearing,**  
*Initial Proposal SSUSD to  
SSDTA*

Mr.Chase opened a Public Hearing Session for the purpose of hearing comments and responding to questions regarding the Initial Proposal from Sulphur Springs Union School District to the Sulphur Springs District Teachers' Association.

**Hearing,**  
*Initial Proposal SSDTA to  
SSUSD*

Mr.Chase opened a Public Hearing Session for the purpose of hearing comments and responding to questions regarding the Initial Proposal from Sulphur Springs District Teachers Association to the Sulphur Springs Union School District.

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

Mr. DeFigueiredo requested removal of item VII.N. Retirement Resolutions R-21-06 through R-21-08 for individual consideration.

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

- Conference Action Report #21-05
- Field Trip Action Report #21-05
- Gift Action Report N/A
- Personnel Action Report #21-05
- Agreement for Consultant Services – Cornerstone Photography – Mitchell
- Agreement for Consultant Services – Cornerstone Photography – Leona Cox
- Agreement for Consultant Services – Cornerstone Photography – Pinetree
- Memorandum of Understanding – WestED California Healthy Kids Survey – District Wide
- Dominguez Hills Nursing Agreement
- 2021-2022 Establish Dates, Hours, and Place(s) for the Board Meetings of the Governing Board
- Arts Advancement Grant – Los Angeles County Arts Ed Collective

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

Trustees recognized the retirement of several staff members (listed below).

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0 by a roll call vote, to approve Consent item VII.N. Retirement Resolutions.

- R-21-06: Jean Nichols
- R-21-07: Lisa Matulich
- R-21-08: Marie Carrillo

**Conference Calendar,**  
*NGSS Curriculum  
Adoption*

Dr. Fullwood presented the Board of Trustees with an update regarding the Next Generation Science Standards Curriculum Adoption for grades TK-6.

**Conference Calendar,**  
*LCAP*

Dr. Kawaguchi and Dr. Fullwood shared the results from the 2020-2021 LCAP Survey that was completed by students, families and staff.

**Action,**  
*R-21-12: CFD No.  
2006-1  
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 approve the Consideration of a "Resolution R-21-12 of the Board of Trustees of the Sulphur Springs Union School District Acting as the Legislative Body of Community Facilities District No. 2006-1 of the Sulphur Springs Union School District Authorizing the Offering and Sale of its Special Tax Bonds, Series 2021, and Approving Certain Documents and Taking Certain Other Actions in Connection Therewith."

**Action,**  
*R-21-11: CMAS  
Chase-Aye  
DeFigueiredo-Aye  
MacDonald- Aye  
Jellings-Aye  
Weinstein- Aye*

The motion was made by Mr. DeFigueiredo, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0 by a roll call vote, to approve Resolution R-21-11: Approval of Resolution Authorizing the Acquisition of Playground Equipment and Other Equipment through a CMAS Public Agency Contract.

**Action,**  
*R-21-09 Golden  
Handshake  
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 Golden Handshake Resolution R-21-09.

**Action,**  
*Initial Proposal SSUSD  
to SSDTA  
Chase-Aye  
DeFigueiredo-Aye  
MacDonald- Aye  
Jellings-Aye  
Weinstein- Aye*

The motion was made by Mr. DeFigueiredo, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0 by a roll call vote, to approve the Initial Proposal from Sulphur Springs Union School District to the Sulphur Springs District Teachers' Association.

**Action,**  
*Initial Proposal SSDTA  
to SSUSD  
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 acknowledge receipt of the Initial Proposal from Sulphur Springs District Teachers' Association to the Sulphur Springs Union School District.

**Action,**  
*MOU Learning Support  
Teachers  
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 Memorandum of Understanding Between Sulphur Springs Union School District and Sulphur Springs District Teachers Association Regarding Learning Support Teachers During the 2021-2022 School Year.

**Action,**  
*R-21-10: Regarding  
Reduction of  
Discontinuance*

No action was taken regarding Resolution R-21-10.

**Action,**  
*R-21-10: Exhibit A*

No action was taken regarding Resolution R-21-10 Exhibit A.

**Action,**  
*R-21-10: Exhibit B*

No action was taken regarding Resolution R-21-10 Exhibit B.

**Action,**  
*Second Interim  
Financial Report  
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 Second Interim Financial Report.

**Action,**  
*Business Services  
Report #21-17  
Chase-Aye  
DeFigueiredo-Aye  
MacDonald- Aye  
Jellings-Aye  
Weinstein- Aye*

The motion was made by Mrs. Jellings, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein, and passed 5-0 by a roll call vote, to approve the Business Service Report #21-17.

**Correspondence and  
Board Information**

Dr. Fullwood announced that our teachers will be honored at the Santa Clarita Valley Education Foundation Teacher Tribute on April 30, 2021 at 6:00PM.

Mrs. Weinstein enjoyed the Pinetree and Sulphur Springs Community Schools construction tours. She thought the building at Sulphur Springs Community School was amazing, and is excited to see it duplicated at Pinetree Community School. She noted attending two CSBA webinars – one on Redistricting school boundaries and the other on School Reopening and AB86. She also attended the first round of Assistant Superintendent of Personnel/Pupil Services interviews and is excited to see what happens.

Mrs. MacDonald thought it was nice to finally meet Mrs. Jellings in person, and she also agreed with Mrs. Weinstein’s excitement regarding the new Pinetree and Sulphur Springs Community School buildings. She is looking forward to seeing them finished.

Mrs. Jellings also thought it was exciting to meet the Board members in person. She mentioned graduating from Pinetree Community School. She is eager to see all the new changes especially the play structure. She also mentioned that she received her vaccine today for the Corona Virus, and how humbling it was to see how many people receiving it, and what it means for our nation. Her husband had mentioned there was a light at the end of tunnel, and this gave her hope.

Mr. DeFigueiredo also had a great time at the construction tour, and he thought it was very special seeing the fruits of all their discussions from the planning and talking with the architects. He said he could imagine our children walking up and down those halls and sitting in the collaboration spaces with different students and teachers. He also enjoyed seeing his colleagues after a year. He mentioned attending the Redistricting meeting webinar, and noted that we have a lot of work ahead of us.

Mr. Chase also thought it was great seeing his colleagues. He thought it surreal to see the buildings being completed. He is looking forward to seeing them open. He reminded his colleagues that there is a Santa Clarita Valley Trustees Association meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup> via zoom at 6:30PM.

**Closed Session,**  
*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 adjourn to Closed Session at 9:05PM for discussion regarding:

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

**Reconvene**  
*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 roll call vote, to reconvene to Open Session at 9:34PM.

**Report of Closed Session,**  
*Chase-Aye*  
*DeFigueiredo-Aye*  
*MacDonald- Aye*  
*Jellings-Aye*  
*Weinstein- Aye*

In closed session, on motion by Mrs. MacDonald, seconded by Mrs. Jellings, the Board took action by a vote of 5-0, Mr. Chase voted Aye, Mr. DeFigueiredo voted Aye, Mrs. MacDonald voted Aye, Mrs. Jellings voted Aye and Mrs. Weinstein voted Aye, to direct the Superintendent/designee to notify the following temporary certificated employees identified by their employee number: CY2906927 of non-reemployment with the ending of this temporary contract at the conclusion of the current school year, pursuant to Education Code section 44954.

In closed session, on motion by Mrs. MacDonald, seconded by Mrs. Jellings, the Board by a vote of 5-0, Mr. Chase voted Aye, Mr. DeFigueiredo voted Aye, Mrs. MacDonald voted Aye, Mrs. Jellings voted Aye and Mrs. Weinstein voted Aye, to direct the Superintendent/designee to notify a site administrator #AQ9949139, of possible release from the administrative position pursuant to Education Code section 44951.

**Reconvene to Closed**  
*Chase-Aye*  
*DeFigueiredo-Aye*  
*MacDonald- Aye*  
*Jellings-Aye*  
*Weinstein- Aye*

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mr. DeFigueiredo, and passed 5-0 by roll call vote, to reconvene to Closed Session at 9:36PM.

- Labor Negotiations
- Personnel
  - Superintendent Evaluation: Government Code section 54957
- Potential Litigation
- 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. Jellings, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein, and passed 5-0 by a roll call vote, to adjourn the meeting at 10:45PM.

March 24, 2021

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*Ken Chase*

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Mr. Ken Chase, President

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*D. F. DeFigueiredo*

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Mr. Denis DeFigueiredo, Clerk