

**SULPHUR SPRINGS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Regular Meeting of the Governing Board

May 12, 2021

**MINUTES**

Meeting Location:

Zoom and Live Streamed  
For Public Access,  
<https://youtu.be/AcpUHqJRIZU>

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

Due to the Executive Order from the Governor to stay home, the Board of Trustees met through Zoom at <https://youtu.be/DgboVqa8W0> 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**

Mrs. Jeanine Michel's, Sulphur Springs Community School 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. MacDonald, seconded by Mr. DeFigueiredo, and passed 5-0 by a roll call vote to approve the Agenda.

**Approval of Regular  
Minutes,  
April 28, 2021  
Chase-Aye  
DeFigueiredo-Aye  
MacDonald- Aye  
Jellings-Aye  
Weinstein-Aye**

The motion was made by Mr. DeFigueiredo, seconded by Mrs. Jellings, and passed 5-0 by a roll call vote to approve the Minutes of the April 28, 2021 Regular Meeting.

**Hearing,  
Teacher Tribute Honoree  
Recognition**

Dr. Kawaguchi thanked Dr. Fullwood for working with the Santa Clarita Education Foundation to celebrate the teacher honorees. The Board of Trustees read statements recognizing the amazing 9 Teacher Tribute Honorees at each site. Teachers were given flowers and a certificate by the Board of Trustees.

**Hearing,  
Initial Proposal from CSEA  
Chapter #298 to SSUSD**

Mr. Chase opened a Public Hearing Session for the purpose of hearing comments and responding to questions regarding the Initial Proposal from the California School Employees Association Chapter #298 to the Sulphur Springs Union School District. The hearing regarding the proposal was posted at the District Office. As there were no written comments or questions, the Public Hearing was closed.

**Hearing,**

*Leona Cox Community  
School-Capturing Kids'  
Hearts National Showcase  
School*

Leona Cox was recognized as a National Showcase School for Capturing Kids' Hearts. There were 325 schools that submitted an application to be a showcase school in the nation, and Leona Cox Community School was one of the schools selected for the 20-21 school year. Mrs. Drew, Leona Cox Community School principal, shared her excitement and stated it is a huge honor for her site and it is all due to her staff, students and parents.

**Consent,**

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

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

- Conference Action Report #21-09
- Field Trip Action Report #21-09
- Gift Action Report N/A
- Personnel Action Report #21-09
- Renewal Contract – Illuminate Education – District
- Agreement for Consultant Services – The Flippen Group – Mitchell
- Renaissance Renewal Contract – District
- Agreement with Fagen Friedman & Fulfroost, LLP
- License Agreement – Sunshine Day Camp, Inc. at Fair Oaks Ranch Community School
- License Agreement – Sunshine Day Camp, Inc. at Mitchell Community School
- License Agreement – Sunshine Day Camp, Inc. at Pinetree Community School
- Updated 20-21 and 21-22 School Year Calendar
- Copier Services Proposals, Rejection of Bids
- Disposal of Surplus/Obsolete Materials

**Conference,**

*Expanded Learning  
Opportunities Grant Plan*

Dr. Fullwood presented a draft of the Expanded Opportunities Grant Plan and explained that the state has provided funds for districts to support students who were impacted by the pandemic. This plan has been shared at various stakeholder meetings to elicit feedback. The Plan will be taken to the next board meeting for approval.

**Conference,**

*Summer Programs  
Update*

Dr. Fullwood and Mr. Frisina, presented the Summer Program Update presentation, which shows the programs being offered during the summer. The programs being offered are Extended School Year for Special Education students and Summer Intervention and Enrichment Academy, as well as, Summer Curriculum Correspondence for students in grades TK-5 can request paper and pencil materials and grades K-5 have the option of online assignments.

**Action,**

*Approval of Employment  
Contract for Mrs. Ardrella  
Hamilton, Assistant  
Superintendent  
Chase-Aye  
DeFigueiredo-Aye  
MacDonald- Aye  
Jellings-Aye  
Weinstein-Aye*

The motion was made by Mr. Denis DeFigueiredo, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein, and passed 5-0 by a roll call vote to approve the Employment Contract for Mrs. Ardrella Hamilton, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel/Pupil Services. The contract for Mrs. Hamilton commences on July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024. The salary is Range M095, Step D, \$138,998.

**Action,**  
*Next Generation Science  
Standards Materials  
Adoption  
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 Next Generation Science Standards Materials Adoption.

**Action,**  
*Resolution R-21-22 of  
the Board of Trustees of  
the Sulphur Springs Union  
School District  
Authorizing the  
Acquisition of School  
Buses and Equipment  
through a Public Agency  
Chase-Aye  
DeFigueiredo-Aye  
MacDonald- Aye  
Jellings-Aye  
Weinstein-Aye*

The motion was made by Mr. DeFigueiredo, seconded by Mrs. Jellings, and passed 5-0 by a roll call vote, to approve the Resolution R-21-22, Board of Trustees of the Sulphur Springs Union School District authorizing the acquisition of school buses and equipment through a public agency.

**Action,**  
*Initial Proposal from CSEA  
Chapter #298 to SSUSD  
Chase-Aye  
DeFigueiredo-Aye  
MacDonald- Aye  
Jellings-Aye  
Weinstein-Aye*

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed by 5-0 by a roll call vote, to accept the initial proposal from the California School Employees Association Chapter #298 to the Sulphur Springs Union School District.

**Action,**  
*MOU Between CSEA and  
SSUSD Concerning the  
Effects of Layoffs for the  
20-21 School Year  
Chase-Aye  
DeFigueiredo-Aye  
MacDonald- Aye  
Jellings-Aye  
Weinstein-Aye*

The motion was made by Mrs. Jellings, seconded by Mr. DeFigueiredo, and passed 5-0 by a roll call vote, to approve the MOU between the California School Employees Association and Sulphur Springs Union School District Concerning the Effects of Layoffs for the 20-21 School Year.

**Action,**  
*Resolution R-21-23 of  
Authorization to Issue  
Request for Proposal  
(RFP) for Copier Services  
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 Resolution R-21-23 of Authorization to Issue Request for Proposal (RFP) for Copier Services.

**Action,**  
*Approve Construction  
Contract with AMG &  
Associates, Inc. for  
Sulphur Springs Union  
School District Project No.  
2021-01-PT  
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 construction contract with AMG & Associates, Inc. for Sulphur Springs Union School District Project No. 2021-01-PT, Construction of Student Support Center, Repurposing of the School Office as Primary Grade Classrooms and Related Site Improvements at Pinetree Community School.

**Action,**  
*Business Services Report  
21-21  
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 Business Service Report 21-21.

**Correspondence and  
Board Information**

Mrs. MacDonald congratulated all the teacher tribute honorees and is happy this is a celebration that can continue to be done year after year to recognize the amazing teachers in the valley.

Mrs. Weinstein echoed Mrs. MacDonald's sentiments. Teachers are chosen by their peers, which is more special. It's an honor to honor our teachers. She attended a meeting with Jack O'Connell, former State Superintendent, and they talked about innovation with the special funding and incorporating academics and enrichment. It is great to see from Dr. Fullwood's presentation that the model is being followed and to see support being given to those who had challenges during distance learning. Also, the CSBA Annual Conference will be held in December. The registration starts in June. This will take place virtually and in person. This can be brought back at the next meeting for discussion.

Mrs. Jellings stated that last week was Teacher Appreciation Week and Classified Appreciation Week. It was wonderful to see that teachers received drawings and gifts, and it was so wonderful to see that they were showered with love and gifts. Mrs. Jellings hopes that we finish the school year strong.

Mr. DeFigueiredo joined his colleagues in expressing gratitude for the wonderful staff that we have working with our children.

Mr. Chase agrees with his colleagues. He attended the Santa Clarita Valley Trustees Association Meeting and Derek Taylor presented to the Trustees. He is with the Citizen Redistricting Commission and the Representative in our area. Also, Congressman Mike Garcia spoke about COVID funding, Educational programs and Special Education. The June 21<sup>st</sup> SCV Trustees Association Meeting will be cancelled. President Chase mentioned that Chris Trunkey was selected to be the CSBA Region 22 representative and congratulated him.

**Items for the May 26,  
2021 Virtual Meeting**

A member from the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee will provide a report to the Board regarding the activity from the 20-21 school year.

**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 by 5-0 by a roll call vote, to adjourn to Closed Session at 8:37PM for discussion regarding:

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

**Reconvene**

The motion was made by Mrs. Jellings, seconded by Mr. DeFigueiredo, and passed 5-0 by roll call vote, to reconvene the meeting at 8:45PM.

**Report of Closed Session,**

Two reports were given from Closed Session. The Board voted by a vote of 5-0 to direct the Superintendent/Designee to notify the following Temporary Employees, identified by their employee numbers EA2932213 and AX0772684 of non-reemployment with ending their temporary contract at the conclusion of the school year pursuant to Education Code Section 44954.

The Board, also, voted 5-0 to direct the Superintendent/Designee to notify the following probationary certificated employees identified by their employee numbers DD8029040 and PH3341006 of decision to release the probationary employees at the conclusion of the school year pursuant to Education Code Section 44929.

**Reconvene to Closed**

The motion was made by Mrs. Jellings, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein, and passed 5-0 by a roll call vote, to adjourn to Closed Session at 8:50PM for discussion regarding:

- Potential Litigation
- Personnel
- Labor Negotiations
- 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

Property: Proposed school site within Spring Canyon development.

Agency negotiator: Dr. Catherine Kawaguchi, Superintendent and Yuri Calderon, Miller Calderon, Inc.

Negotiating parties: Raintree Investment Corporation

Under negotiation: Location of property, 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. MacDonald, and passed 5-0 by a roll call vote to Adjourn the Board Meeting at 10:15PM.

May 26, 2021

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*Ken Chase*

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Mr. Ken Chase, President

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Mr. Denis DeFigueiredo, Clerk