

SULPHUR SPRINGS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Governing Board

October 11, 2023

MINUTES

Meeting Location:

Valley View Community School
19414 West Sierra Estates Drive
Newhall, CA 91321

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Mrs. Shelley Weinstein, President
Mrs. Paola Jellings, Clerk
Mr. Ken Chase, Member

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Mr. Denis DeFigueiredo, Member
Mrs. Lori MacDonald, Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Catherine Kawaguchi, Superintendent
Dr. Joshua Randall, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services
Dr. Jezelle Fullwood, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Dr. Jay Greenlinger, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel/Pupil Services
Ms. Nancy Raygoza, District Executive Secretary

**Call to Order,
Roll Call** Mrs. Weinstein called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:04 PM and noted the absence of Board Members, Mr. Denis DeFigueiredo and Mrs. Lori MacDonald.

**Pledge of
Allegiance** Colin and Fion Ashe, Valley View Community School students, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda,
*Weinstein-Aye
Jellings-Aye
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Absent
MacDonald-Absent* The motion was made by Mrs. Jellings, seconded by Mr. Chase, and passed 3-0 by voice vote to approve the Agenda.

**Approval of Regular
Minutes,
September 27,
2023**
*Weinstein-Aye
Jellings-Aye
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Absent
MacDonald-Absent* The motion was made by Mr. Chase, seconded by Mrs. Jellings, and passed 3-0 by voice vote to approve the Minutes of the September 27, 2023, Regular Board Meeting.

Hearing Session,
*Site Presentation -
Valley View Community
School* Ms. Diem Johnson, Principal at Valley View Community School, welcomed everyone in attendance and shared a presentation highlighting students, staff, and activities taking place at Valley View Community School.

The Board of Trustees and Ms. Diem Johnson presented certificates of recognition to the following individuals:

- Kristen Vankirk-Branham - Certificated Employee
- Kathleen Zarlenga - Certificated Employee
- Tanya Catterson - Certificated Employee
- Luz Aguilar - Classified Employee

Hearing Session,
*Advance Request(s) to
Address the Board* Mrs. Weinstein asked if any advanced requests to address the Board had been received. There was one advanced request to address the Board.

Hearing Session,
*Comments and/or
Questions Regarding
Agenda Items*

Mrs. Weinstein asked if there were any comments or questions regarding agenda items. There were no comments or questions regarding agenda items.

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

The motion was made by Mrs. Jellings, seconded by Mr. Chase, and passed 3-0 by voice vote to approve the Consent Calendar, as follows:

- Conference Action Report #23-17
- Field Trip Action Report #23-17
- Gift Action Report N/A
- Personnel Action Report #23-17
- Consultant Agreement - Tricky Tim/Tim Jennings - Pinetree Community School
- Consultant Agreement - The American Heart Association - Golden Oak Community School
- Consultant Agreement - Dapemo and Olyness Productions, Inc. - Golden Oak Community School
- Consultant Agreement - Mark Griffiths - Mint Canyon Community School
- Professional Tutors of America ISA for Student #106571
- CHIME Institute NPA Master 23-24 Contract & ISA
- Ed Theory NPA Master 23-24 Contract
- Stepping Stones NPA Master 23-24 Contract
- Memorandum of Agreement Between Sulphur Springs Union School District and the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation for Vasquez Rocks

Conference Calendar,
*2022-23 Attendance
Review*

Dr. Greenlinger, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel/Pupil Services introduced Attention2Attendance (A2A) Customer Success Manager, Mr. Chad Townley to the Board of Trustees. Mr. Townley provided an update on student attendance data from 2022-23 and the start of the 2023-2024 school year, including chronic absenteeism and programs to improve student attendance.

Conference Calendar,
Goalbook Toolkit

Mr. Paul Frisina, Executive Director of Special Education and Student Support Services provided an introduction and explanation of Goalbook Toolkit. He shared that Goalbook Toolkit is an online resource designed to guide Special Education teachers through utilizing assessment data to identify student needs, developing defensible IEP baselines and goals based on those needs, and then using this information to design the appropriate instructional intervention for each student. Mr. Paul Frisina will bring this item back for further consideration at the October 25th Board Meeting.

Conference Calendar,
*Williams Quarterly
Report - July 1, 2023
to September 30, 2023*

Dr. Greenlinger reviewed the Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints from July 1, 2023, to September 30, 2023. There were no complaints this quarter.

Action Calendar,
*Resolution R-23-57:
Week of the School
Administrator
Weinstein-Aye
Jellings-Aye
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Absent
MacDonald-Absent*

Dr. Kawaguchi presented the Resolution R-23-57: Week of the School Administrator to the Board of Trustees, and the Board recognized and commended all school leaders.

The motion was made by Mr. Chase, seconded by Mrs. Jellings, and passed 3-0 by a voice vote, to approve Resolution R-23-57: Week of the Administrator as presented.

Action Calendar,
Memorandum of Understanding between Sulphur Springs Union School District and California School Employees Association Chapter #298 Regarding a Tiered Benefits Cap
Weinstein-Aye
Jellings-Aye
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Absent
MacDonald-Absent

Dr. Greenlinger presented the Memorandum of Understanding between Sulphur Springs Union School District and California School Employees Association Chapter #298 Regarding a Tiered Benefits Cap to the Board of Trustees. This Memorandum of Understanding with California School Employees Association Chapter #298 provides a tiered benefits cap for employee medical benefits.

The motion was made by Mrs. Jellings, seconded by Mr. Chase, and passed 3-0 by a voice vote, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Sulphur Springs Union School District and California School Employees Association Chapter #298 Regarding a Tiered Benefits Cap as presented.

Action Calendar,
Updated Salary Schedule for California School Employees Association Chapter #298
Weinstein-Aye
Jellings-Aye
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Absent
MacDonald-Absent

Dr. Greenlinger presented the Updated Salary Schedule for California School Employees Association Chapter #298 to the Board of Trustees. This update to the California School Employees Association Chapter #298 Salary Schedule includes information related to the tiered medical benefits caps.

The motion was made by Mrs. Jellings, seconded by Mr. Chase, and passed 3-0 by a voice vote, to approve the Updated Salary Schedule for California School Employees Association Chapter #298.

Action Calendar,
Consideration of Notice of Recession of Award of Bid #23-07-07 Nick Rail Music
Weinstein-Aye
Jellings-Aye
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Absent
MacDonald-Absent

Dr. Joshua Randall, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services presented the Consideration of Notice of Recession of Award of Bid #23-07-07 Nick Rail Music to the Board of Trustees. He shared that the Notice of Recession of Award of Bid #23-07-07 for Nick Rail Music is put forth for consideration due to severe delays in shipping of the musical instruments.

The motion was made by Mr. Chase, seconded by Mrs. Jellings, and passed 3-0 by a voice vote, to approve the Consideration of Notice of Recession of Award of Bid #23-07-07 Nick Rail Music as presented.

Action Calendar,
Business Services Report #23-17
Weinstein-Aye
Jellings-Aye
Chase-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Absent
MacDonald-Absent

The motion was made by Mrs. Jellings, seconded by Mr. Chase, and passed 3-0 by voice vote to approve the Business Services Report #23-17.

Correspondence and Board Information

Mrs. Weinstein shared that the next Regular Board Meeting will be October 25th at Fair Oaks Ranch Community School.

Mr. Chase shared that it was great to be at schools again, and he enjoyed the Board Tour. It was great to interact with students and staff. It is great to be at Valley View Community School the evening of the Board Meeting because it is where his children attended. He thanked Ms. Diem Johnson, Valley View Community School Principal and her scholars for the visit, and the gracious sign the students and staff created for the Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Jellings shared that it was her first-time visiting Valley View Community School for a Board Tour, and she loved it. She shared that Valley View is a special site and it was a magical visit, and everyone should have an opportunity to visit.

Mrs. Weinstein shared that she was part of the Board Tour, and she agreed with the other Board members, it was a great visit. She shared that she attended the virtual i-Ready training for parents, and she thought it was a good overview, and good attendance by families, approximately seventy- five families in attendance. She shared that the CLASS Education Foundation event at College of the Canyons at the Canyon Country Campus is Friday, October 13, 2023, and it is a free event with a raffle and silent-auction taking place. She thanked Dr. Jezelle Fullwood, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, staff, and the District for doing a great job organizing the event.

Dr. Kawaguchi shared that the teachers are doing great with the students and a lot of great learning is taking place.

Closed Session

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

The motion was made by Mr. Chase, seconded by Mrs. Jellings and passed 3-0 by voice vote to adjourn to Closed Session at 8:27 PM 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/PENDING LITIGATION
(Government Code § 54956.9)

*In Re: Juul Labs, Inc./Altria Group Inc. Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation,
Federal District Court for the Northern District of CA, Case No: 3:19-md-02913-WHO*

Reconvene to Open Session

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

The motion was made by Mr. Chase, seconded by Mrs. Jellings, and passed 3-0 by voice vote to reconvene to Open Session at 8:42 PM.

Report of Closed Session

At 8:42 PM the Board reconvened into Open Session, announced that discussion occurred, and the following action was taken:

In Closed Session, the Board, by 3 to 0 majority vote instructed District Council to settle the matter of In Re: Juul labs, Inc./Altria Group Inc. Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation, Federal District Court for the Northern District of CA, Case No: 3:19-md-02913-WHO, as against Altria Group Inc. related subsidiaries/companies, and officers, employees, directors and board members et al., up to the stipulated amount. The members voted as follows:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Weinstein, Mrs. Jellings, Mr. Chase

Absent: Mr. DeFigueiredo, Mrs. MacDonald

**Reconvene to
Closed Session,**

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

The motion was made by Mr. Chase, seconded by Mrs. Jellings, and passed 3-0 by voice vote to reconvene to Closed Session at 8:45 PM.

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 54957.8 (i.e., property 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 Tri Pointe, Developer
Agency negotiator: Dr. Catherine Kawaguchi, Superintendent; Yuri Calderon, MillerCalderon, Inc.; Michael Toy, Parker & Covert, LLP; Anthony J. Barron, Nixon Peabody LLP.
Negotiating parties: Skyline Ranch Developer, TriPointe
Under negotiation: Conditions, price and Terms of Payment

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

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

The motion was made by Mr. Chase, seconded by Mrs. Jellings, and passed 3-0 by voice vote to adjourn the Board Meeting at 10:31 PM.

October 25, 2023


Mrs. Shelley Weinstein, President


Mrs. Paola Jellings, Clerk