

Saddleback Valley USD
Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
February 13, 2020, 6:00 PM
District Education Center

25631 Peter A. Hartman Way, Mission Viejo, California

Closed Session begins at 5:00 pm

Public Session begins at 6:00 pm

Attendance Taken at 5:00 PM:

Present:

Greg Kunath
Amanda Morrell
Barbara Schulman
Suzie Swartz
Dr. Edward Wong

I. CALL TO ORDER

Minutes:

President Wong called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

II. OPEN SESSION - Public may address Board on Closed Session Agenda

Minutes:

None

III. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Minutes:

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:01 p.m.

III.a. Student Expulsion(s) or Disciplinary Matters for Violation of Board Policy 5144.1

**III.b. Negotiations Discussion (Government Code Section 54957.6)
Employee Organizations; CSEA, SVEA and SVPSA / Agency Negotiator:
Connie Cavanaugh, Assistant Superintendent**

III.c. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Government Code Section 54957)

IV. RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION 6:00 p.m.

Minutes:

President Wong reconvened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Minutes:

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Student Board Member Sam Tullis.

VI. ROLL CALL

Minutes:

Board Members Present:

Suzie R. Swartz

Dr. Edward Wong

Amanda Morrell

Greg Kunath

Barbara Schulman

Also present were:

Crystal Turner Ed.D., Superintendent

Sam Tullis, Student Board Member

Bianca Ceja, Student Representative

Laila Freeman, Student Representative

Madison Goseco, Student Representative

VI.a. Report of Closed Session

Minutes:

None

VII. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion Passed: Adopt agenda, as presented. Passed with a motion by Suzie Swartz and a second by Greg Kunath.

Yes Greg Kunath

Yes Amanda Morrell

Yes Barbara Schulman

Yes Suzie Swartz

Yes Dr. Edward Wong

VIII. PRESENTATIONS

VIII.a. Orange County Register 2019 Girls Cross Country Coach of the Year - presented by Jordan Reed, Assistant Principal, El Toro High School

Minutes:

Jordan Reed introduced Coach Ken Chai and highlighted the accomplishments of the teams. President Wong congratulated Coach Chai and presented him with a certificate.

VIII.b. SVUSD Bright Spot - presented by Jordan Reed, Assistant Principal, El Toro High School

Minutes:

In 2018, El Toro High School's Wellness Program was developed to increase awareness and de-stigmatize mental illness as well as provide mental health resources to all students. The goal in bringing mental health awareness to the campus is creating a healthier learning environment and a more positive high school experience for students. Jordan Reed introduced Rosalia Sunstedt who presented information about the activities, student participation, and growth of the program. Upon conclusion of the presentation, Trustee Kunath presented Ms. Sunstedt with a certificate.

VIII.c. Measure B Citizens' Oversight Committee Member Recognition - presented by Stella Escario-Doiron

Minutes:

After highlighting the dedication and hard work of the committee, Trustee Morrell presented certificates to the committee members.

IX. REPORTS

IX.a. Final and 15th Annual Report of the Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee for Measure B

Minutes:

Donald Froelich and Ernestine Jones provided the final and Fifteenth Annual Report of the Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC). This is a milestone in the committee's efforts and the annual report is required by the California State Constitution. One of the key elements of the committee is ensuring that the bond proceeds are used strictly for improvements to the schools. The committee took this responsibility seriously and fulfilled this commitment to the community. With 180 million in bond funding leveraged with state funds, SVUSD was able to complete approximately 325 million in school improvements. During the year, the COC met and received updates regarding project statuses and expenditures as well as attended Ribbon Cutting ceremonies. In addition, the committee reviewed the independent audit, and

SVUSD continues to be in compliance with the California Constitution. There were no audit findings and the report shows that approximately 2.5 million was spent during fiscal year 2019, which completes the construction of Measure B funded projects.

IX.b. PTA Council Report - presented by Louise Robertson, President

Minutes:

Louise Robertson, SVPTA President, provided a report. She attended the Fourth District PTA Reflections Gallery where there were 8 films of which 4 dealt with the darkness within and highlighted the current mental health needs. The SVUSD Reflections Gallery will be held on Friday, March 27. The Advocacy Forum she attended highlighted the different needs in school districts. The 2020 Sacramento Safari takes place later this month. Three topics that they hope to focus on are advocating for fully funding education, rising costs of Special Education, and issues of vaping.

IX.c. Student Board Member and High School Representatives Reports

Minutes:

Student Board Member Sam Tullis and the Student Representatives reported on the activities of their adopted and home schools.

IX.d. Saddleback Valley Educators Association Report

Minutes:

Julie Stowers provided a SVEA report. She highlighted the Ovation winners who were surprised with visits to their sites. Voting is underway for Teacher of the Year at each site.

X. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS (on any item NOT on the Agenda)

Minutes:

David Bass addressed the Board regarding the Toll Brothers project.

XI. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS (on any item ON the Agenda)

Minutes:

None

XII. ACTION ITEMS

XII.a. SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

XII.a.1. Approval: Expulsion of Students for Violation of Board Policy 5144.1

Motion Passed: The Superintendent of Saddleback Valley Unified

School District hereby recommends that the Governing Board consider: The Stipulated Expulsion Agreements of SVUSD students (10 cases) listed in Attachment A to this item. The Expulsion Hearing Panel's recommendation of expulsion of students (2 cases) as listed in Attachment B to this item. Passed with a motion by Suzie Swartz and a second by Greg Kunath.

Yes Greg Kunath

Yes Amanda Morrell

Yes Barbara Schulman

Yes Suzie Swartz

Yes Dr. Edward Wong

XIII. CONSENT ITEMS

Motion Passed: Approve the Consent Items on the February 13, 2020 Board Meeting Agenda. Passed with a motion by Amanda Morrell and a second by Suzie Swartz.

Yes Greg Kunath

Yes Amanda Morrell

Yes Barbara Schulman

Yes Suzie Swartz

Yes Dr. Edward Wong

Minutes:

On a motion by Trustee Morrell, seconded by Trustee Swartz and carried 6*-0, the Board of Education of Saddleback Valley Unified School District approved the Consent Items on the February 13, 2020 Board Meeting Agenda.

*Represents inclusion of student preferential vote

XIII.a. SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

XIII.a.1. Approval: Minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 16, 2019

XIII.b. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

XIII.b.1. Approval: Extended Field Trips

XIII.b.2. Approval: Ratification of Request for Mid-Year Graduation 2019 - 2020

XIII.b.3. Approval: K-6 Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) Instructional Materials Adoption

XIII.c. SPECIAL EDUCATION

XIII.c.1. Approval: Ratification of Individual Services Agreements for Non-public School Services with Spectrum Center - Rossier Park Jr/Sr High School from January 6* and January 22, 2020 through June 30, 2020; Student Numbers NPS-RPJS196* and RPJS197****

XIII.c.2. Approval: Ratification of Individual Services Agreement for Non-public School Services with Spectrum Center Schools/Downey from January 13, 2020 through June 30, 2020; Student Number NPS-SCD193

XIII.c.3. Approval: Ratification of Individual Services Agreement Addendums for Non-public Agency Services with Maxim Healthcare Services, Inc., from November 6, 2019 through June 30, 2020; Student Numbers 2018-62, 2019-40 and 2019-41

XIII.d. BUSINESS SERVICES

XIII.d.1. Approval: Purchase Order List

XIII.d.2. Approval: Check Register

XIII.d.3. Approval: Acceptance of Donations to the District

XIII.d.4. Approval: Amendment #1 to the Services Contract with MTGL, Inc. for Materials Testing and Inspection Laboratory Services for the El Toro High School Modernization and New Construction Project

XIII.d.5. Approval: Amendment #1 to the Tyler Technologies, Inc. Agreement for the Versatrans Routing and Planning and Versatrans e-Link Transportation Busing Software Products and Services

XIII.d.6. Approval: Amendment #2 to the Construction Services Agreement with Balfour Beatty Construction, LLC for the El Toro High School Modernization and New Construction Project

XIII.d.7. Ratification: California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act Informal Bid Awards

XIII.d.8. Approval: Surplus and Disposal of Inoperable District Buses

XIII.e. HUMAN RESOURCES

XIII.e.1. Approval: Personnel Reports dated February 13, 2020 which include Separations, Leaves, Employments, Extra Duty Pay Assignments, Changes of Status, Reclassifications, Waivers and Other Personnel Actions

XIII.e.2. Approval: Agreement between Saddleback Valley Unified School District and Loyola Marymount University (School Psychology Supervised Fieldwork Agreement)

XIII.e.3. Approval: Temporary Classified Substitute Special Education Instructional Assistant Salary Schedule

XIII.e.4. Approval: Consultant Agreements

XIV. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT

Minutes:

Trustee Schulman commented that she attended a number of events. Some of these included the Los Alisos play about bullying that was incredible, and the El Toro HS National Letter of Intent Signing which was exciting. She visited Lake Forest Elementary and attended a Conversational Tutorial at El Toro HS where the English Learners and English speaking students come together to have a comfortable place to speak in English and Spanish and learn from each other. She attended a Socratic Seminar given by 4th graders and the student recognition for Mission Viejo students by the Kiwanis. She toured Rancho Canada Elementary and attended ComedySportz at Laguna Hills HS. She commended SVUSD teachers who go out of their way to provide extra experiences to our students to enrich their learning.

Trustee Kunath commented that he is impressed with the Wellness Wednesday Program that was presented during the meeting and feels other schools would benefit from a similar program. He looks forward to visiting school sites and the Government Leaders Prayer Breakfast in March.

Trustee Swartz commented that she attended the Opening Ceremonies for the Model United Nations event at Mission Viejo HS and their National Letter of Intent Signing where nineteen athletes signed. Mission Viejo HS had twelve football players signing letters which is more than any other high school in Orange County. She joined Superintendent Turner and staff at the County Mental Health Forum. It was apparent that we need to educate the County about our needs, which include dedicated staff to address mental health needs. In addition, she attended the budget seminar regarding the governor's budget and two County Committee on School District Organization meetings. One of the meetings was held at SVUSD where the SVUSD Trustee Area Map was approved. Next week, she will be visiting Del Cerro Elementary.

Trustee Morrell commented that she is impressed every year with the Model United Nations event. It is student run and hosts students from various schools. They are learning lifelong skills in communicating and debating issues. She complimented Chris Hixson who had intermediate drama students at Los Alisos take on and execute the topic of bullying in a mature fashion.

President Wong commented that this was the first time he had seen intermediate students participate in the Model United Nations program at Mission Viejo HS. He also attended the Southern California Honor Band and Orchestra Assembly where three students from Rancho Santa Margarita Intermediate participated and did a great job. He attended the Orange County Budget meeting and congratulated Student Board Member Sam Tullis for the complimentary article in the newspaper about him being the founder of the Laguna Hills HS Chapter of TILE Talks. He visited Gates Elementary and attended the Laguna Hills HS vs San Juan Hills and Mission Viejo HS vs Aliso Niguel basketball games. He enjoyed the Principal for a Day luncheon and Mission Viejo HS National Letter of Intent Signing. In addition, he joined Superintendent Turner and staff to visit the three teachers and one staff member who were among the teachers and staff chosen as Parenting OC's Top 25 Teachers and Employees. He attended the Orange County School Boards Association dinner meeting and thanked Trustee Swartz for her continued efforts in advocating for SVUSD's mental health needs.

Superintendent Turner shared that during the Principal for a Day luncheon, guest principals are given an opportunity to comment about their day. Every comment included how impressed they were with our innovation, the flexible furniture and how student learning has changed over the years. She emphasized that Measure B helped with the current improvements and innovation. Our audits have repeatedly demonstrated that our budgets are fiscally responsible and smart which led to almost doubling the money that the voters put forward with Measure B. It is important to remind everyone that SVUSD has a long history of good financial decisions.

XV. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Minutes:

President Wong announced that the next Regular Meeting will be on March 9, 2020.

XVI. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION IF NECESSARY


Motion Passed: Adjourn the meeting. Passed with a motion by Suzie Swartz and a second by Greg Kunath.

Yes Greg Kunath
Yes Amanda Morrell
Yes Barbara Schulman
Yes Suzie Swartz
Yes Dr. Edward Wong

Minutes:

On a motion by Trustee Swartz, seconded by Trustee Kunath and carried 6*-0, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

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Board President


Board Clerk