

# **Saddleback Valley USD**

## **Minutes**

### **Special Meeting of the Board of Education**

April 28, 2020, 4:00 PM

Under the authority of the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, this meeting will be held via teleconference only. There will be no physical meeting location open to the public.

Closed Session begins at 4:00 p.m.

Open Session begins at 4:30 p.m.

#### **I. SPECIAL BOARD MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE**

#### **II. CALL TO ORDER**

Minutes:

President Wong called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

#### **III. OPEN SESSION - Public may address Board on Closed Session Agenda**

Minutes:

Eleven comments were received regarding the Closed Session agenda. The comments were read aloud by Mark Perez, Director of Communications and Administrative Services.

#### **IV. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

Minutes:

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 4:22 p.m.

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

#### **V. RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION**

Minutes:

President Wong reconvened the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

#### **VI. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Minutes:

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Liza

Zielasko.

## **VII. ROLL CALL**

Minutes:

Board Members Present:

Suzie R. Swartz

Dr. Edward Wong

Amanda Morrell

Greg Kunath

Barbara Schulman

Also present was:

Crystal Turner Ed.D., Superintendent

## **VIII. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion Passed:** Adopt the agenda, as presented. Passed with a motion by Suzie Swartz and a second by Amanda Morrell.

Yes Greg Kunath

Yes Amanda Morrell

Yes Barbara Schulman

Yes Suzie Swartz

Yes Dr. Edward Wong

Minutes:

On a motion of Trustee Swartz, seconded by Trustee Morrell, the agenda was adopted by a roll call vote of 5-0.

## **IX. REPORTS**

### **IX.a. Grading During Emergency School Closures - presented by Liza Zielasko, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services**

Minutes:

Liza Zielasko, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, provided a report on COVID-19 Pandemic & Grading Practices. An overview of the timeline of school dismissal and process of developing and implementing distance learning was provided. During the decision making process for a grading proposal during emergency school closures, the message from CA State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond to "DO NO HARM" to students in terms of holding students harmless during these unprecedented times for students' grades was considered. Information was gathered and input was received from various groups including teachers, administrators, and SVEA representatives. Additional factors taken into consideration were enabling students the ability to continue to earn credit toward both their High School Graduation and College Admission Requirement, and/or additional post high school endeavors and recognizing the significant adjustments to

both the teaching and learning environments our teachers and students are currently engaging in. An explanation of the recommendation for elementary and secondary grading during this time of school closure, and until further notice was provided as well as the recommendation to waive certain graduation requirements.

## **X. PUBLIC COMMENTS - Public may address Board on items on the agenda**

### **Minutes:**

Nine comments were received regarding items on the agenda. The comments were read aloud by Mark Perez, Director of Communications and Administrative Services.

## **XI. CONSENT ITEMS**

### **XI.a. Adoption of Resolution No. 29:19-20 on Grading During School Emergency School Closures**

**Motion Passed:** It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board adopt Resolution No. 29:19-20 on Grading During Emergency School Closures. Passed with a motion by Suzie Swartz and a second by Dr. Edward Wong.

Yes Greg Kunath  
Yes Amanda Morrell  
No Barbara Schulman  
Yes Suzie Swartz  
Yes Dr. Edward Wong

**Motion to Amend Passed:** To amend the motion from: "It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board adopt Resolution No. 29:19-20 on Grading During Emergency School Closures." to: "It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board adopt Resolution No. 29:19-20 on Grading During Emergency School Closures with the following verbiage for item 7:

7. Students in grades 7 - 12 will receive "Credit/Incomplete" for trimester 3/semester 2 or students may choose to "Opt In" for traditional letter grades of A, B, or C on their transcript. Students with an "Incomplete" mark will be given time to complete the necessary requirements to receive "Credit." Passed with a motion by Suzie Swartz and a second by Amanda Morrell.

Yes Greg Kunath  
Yes Amanda Morrell  
No Barbara Schulman  
Yes Suzie Swartz  
Yes Dr. Edward Wong

### **Minutes:**

Trustee Swartz pulled this item in order to allow for Board discussion.

After Board discussion, on a motion by Trustee Swartz, seconded by Trustee Morrell, this item was approved by a roll call vote of 4-1 with the following verbiage for item 7 on the resolution:

Students in grades 7 - 12 will receive "Credit/Incomplete" for trimester 3/semester 2 or students may choose to "Opt In" for traditional letter grades of A, B, or C on their transcript. Students with an "Incomplete" mark will be given time to complete the necessary requirements to receive "Credit."

## XII. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

## XIII. ADJOURN


**Motion Passed:** Adjourn to Closed Session. Passed with a motion by Greg Kunath and a second by Suzie Swartz.

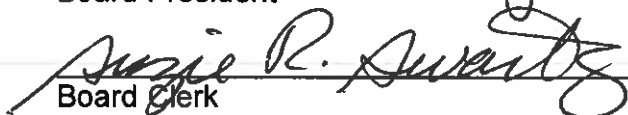
Yes Greg Kunath  
Yes Amanda Morrell  
Yes Barbara Schulman  
Yes Suzie Swartz  
Yes Dr. Edward Wong

### Minutes:

On a motion by Trustee Kunath, seconded by Trustee Swartz, the Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:57 p.m. by a roll call vote of 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

  
Board President

  
Board Clerk