Saddleback Valley USD Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

May 14, 2020, 6:00 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 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. REGULAR BOARD MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE

II. CALL TO ORDER

Minutes:

President Wong called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

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

Minutes:

One comment was received from Jennifer Kelly regarding agenda item IV.b.

IV. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Motion Passed: 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:

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:07 p.m.

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

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

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

IV.d. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code Section 54957)

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

Minutes:

President Wong reconvened the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

VI. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Minutes:

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Trustee Kunath.

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

Superintendent Turner introduced Alicia Foulk who is being recommended as the new principal at Trabuco Hills High School.

VII.a. Report of Closed Session

Minutes:

None

VIII. 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

IX. PRESENTATIONS (None)

X. REPORTS

X.a. PTA Council Report

Minutes:

Superintendent Turner read the following report from Louise Robertson, SVPTA President.

It has been a big adjustment over these past 8 weeks for PTA as we adjust to social distancing. Carnivals, assemblies, science program, art programs and grad nights have had to be cancelled. Teacher appreciation was also revised. Many schools are thanking teachers through social media, signs and emails and are planning an in person event next year.

SVPTA events have been cancelled as well. Our reflections gallery was cancelled. Hopefully you were able to view the video Kathie Davis prepared that showed all of our reflections winners for our school district.

Although California State PTA convention was cancelled, virtual meetings will be held June 9-11 to vote on the business of the association. The mental health resolution put forth by Trabuco Hills High PTSA will be voted on at this meeting. I will present the results of this vote at the next Board meeting on June 18, 2020.

Elections for PTA boards normally are held in March but were delayed as we adjusted to social distancing. Many of our schools are having elections virtually and hopefully by June 30th, most of our schools will have elected the new boards. SVPTA is in the process of training incoming boards through Zoom meetings.

SVPTA had their election last month and the new board was elected. Our new SVPTA executive board is as follows:

President: Michele Sparks, Valencia Elementary

Executive Vice President: Cindy Strange, Robinson Elementary Secretary: Vanessa Tingey, La Madera

Treasurer: Kelly Galasieski, Melinda Heights

1st VP Advocacy: Keri Baert, Trabuco Hills High School

2nd VP Membership: Jessica Raczska, Del Lago Elementary Auditor: Chip Clark, La Madera

Historian: Nara Weyman, RSM Intermediate (member at Foothill Ranch)

Hopefully I can present the new board to you in person at a future School Board Meeting. Michele will do an amazing job next year.

Thank you Dr. Turner for having the Superintendent parent advisory committee meeting. We appreciate the time you spend and the information presented to help inform and educate our schools.

SVPTA is working on planning next year. We are looking at our current programs and events and thinking of ways to change them based on social distancing guidelines. We look forward to working with the district leadership and board of trustees as we make these changes. Thank you for your support during this past year and especially now as we make adjustments in our programs.

X.b. Coastline Regional Occupational Program (CROP) Report - presented by Barbara Schulman

Minutes:

Trustee Schulman provided a Coastline ROP report. The Coastline ROP Board of Trustees met for a special meeting on Thursday, April 30, 2020, via videoconference.

The Board approved the following item: Discussion/Action Item: Resolution No. 9/2019-2020 Grading during COVID-19 for the Final Reporting Period of the 2019-2020 School Year.

The teachers will use letter grades and since each district is different they have permission to change to a CR/Incomplete if that is the way the district is grading.

X.c. Saddleback Valley Educators Association Report

Minutes:

Superintendent Turner read the following report from Denise Bradford, SVEA President.

Good Evening President Wong, Dr. Turner, Trustees and Staff,

SVEA would like to offer congratulations to all of our teachers of the year and especially to Lori Musick and Carrie Nichols for making it to the semi finals in Orange County. I would also like to congratulate Tania Fields at Cordillera and Kathy Adair for receiving a California Teacher's Association WHO Award, the WHO stands for We Honor Ours. Both Tania and Kathy have gone above and beyond in their association duties and helping fellow teachers.

Sadly, the yearly SVEA Retirement Celebration has also been canceled due to the current situation, however, like all of the above, we are finding a special way to honor our retirees who have put in years and years of service to SVUSD.

SVEA has reached out and is looking forward to the next few months of working together more than ever to figure out what our new "normal" will look like when schools reopen.

Stay well.

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

Minutes:

None

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

Minutes:

None

XIII. ACTION ITEMS

XIII.a. HUMAN RESOURCES

XIII.a.1. Adoption: Resolution No. 28:19-20 to Change the Observance of Lincoln's Birthday in the 2021-2022 School Year

Motion Passed: It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Governing Board adopt Resolution No. 28:19-20. 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.a.2. Adoption: Resolution No. 30:19-20 Reduction of Classified Positions Due to Lack of Funds and Lack of Work for 2020-21

Motion Passed: It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that Resolution No. 30:19-20 for Reduction of Classified Positions Due to Lack of Funds and Lack of Work for 2020-21 be adopted as submitted. Passed with a motion by Barbara Schulman and a second by Greg Kunath.

Yes Greg Kunath

Yes Amanda Morrell

Yes Barbara Schulman

Yes Suzie Swartz

Yes Dr. Edward Wong

XIII.a.3. Approval: Receive California School Employees Association (CSEA) Reopener Proposal for 2020-2021 Fiscal Year

Motion Passed: It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Governing Board receive the CSEA Reopener Proposal. 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

XIII.a.4. Approval: Saddleback Valley Unified School District Reopener Proposal to California School Employees Association (CSEA) for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year

Motion Passed: Having completed the required process of holding a Public Hearing on the District's Proposal, it is now the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Governing Board approve the proposal to the California School Employees Association. 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

XIII.a.5. PUBLIC HEARING: Saddleback Valley Educators Association (SVEA) Initial Proposal for a One-Year Contract (2020-2021)

Minutes:

President Wong declared the Public Hearing open at 6:16 p.m. After receiving one comment, President Wong declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:18 p.m.

 XIII.a.6. PUBLIC HEARING: Saddleback Valley Unified School District Initial Proposal to Saddleback Valley Educators Association (SVEA) for a One-Year Contract (2020-2021)

Minutes:

President Wong declared the Public Hearing open at 6:18 p.m. No comments were received and President Wong declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:19 p.m.

XIV. CONSENT ITEMS

Motion Passed: Approve Consent Items on the May 14, 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 5-0, the Board of Education of Saddleback Valley Unified School District approved the Consent Items on the May 14, 2020 Board Meeting Agenda.

XIV.a. SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

XIV.a.1. Approval: Minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 2, 2020, and Special Meeting on April 28, 2020

XIV.a.2. Approval: Revision of 2020 Board Meeting Dates

XIV.a.3. Approval: Adoption of Resolution No. 31:19-20, Resolution and Order of Biennial Trustee Election and Specification of the Election Order

XIV.b. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

XIV.b.1. Approval: Renewal of School-Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (SMAA) Participation Agreement with Orange County Superintendent of Schools, from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

XIV.b.2. Approval: Intermediate and High School Instructional Materials Adoption

XIV.c. SPECIAL EDUCATION

XIV.c.1. Approval: Acceptance of the Federal Preschool Grant Award from July 1, 2019 through September 30, 2021

XIV.c.2. Approval: Acceptance of Local Assistance Entitlements Grant Award from July 1, 2019 through September 30, 2021

XIV.c.3. Approval: Ratification of Memorandum of Understanding Between Santa Ana Unified School District and Saddleback Valley Unified School District from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

XIV.c.4. Approval: Master Contract and Individual Services Agreement for Non-public School Services with Port View Preparatory from May 18, 2020 through June 30, 2020; Student

Number NPS-PVP191

XIV.c.5. Approval: Settlement Agreement for Reimbursement to Parents for Full and Final Settlement of All Outstanding Claims; Student Numbers 2018-8, 2019-50, and 2019-51

XIV.d. BUSINESS SERVICES

XIV.d.1. Approval: Purchase Order List

XIV.d.2. Approval: Check Register

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

XIV.d.4. Approval: Memorandum of Understanding Between Saddleback Valley Unified School District and Aliso Meadows Condominium Association to Serve Mobile Meals in Via Lomas Community for the Seamless Summer Feeding Program

XIV.d.5. Approval: Memorandum of Understanding Between Saddleback Valley Unified School District and Orange County Public Libraries to Utilize the El Toro Public Library as a Food Service Site for the Seamless Summer Feeding Program

XIV.d.6. Approval: Memorandum of Understanding Between Moulton Niguel Water District and Saddleback Valley Unified School District for Participation in a High Efficiency Device Installation Program at De Portola Elementary School, Glen Yermo Elementary School, La Paz Intermediate School and Esperanza Education Center

XIV.d.7. Approval: Renew Award of Bid No. 18-01 for Food Services Paper Products and Cleaning Supplies to P&R Paper Supply Company and Trade Supplies, Inc. as a Split Award

XIV.d.8. Approval: Utilization of Torrance Unified School District Bid No. 10-04.09.19 for Classroom and Office Furniture

XIV.d.9. Approval: Amendment #1 to the Service Contract with Dieli Murawka Howe, Inc. for Planning, Programming Design, Specifications and Construction Administration of the New Refrigerated Spaces at SVUSD's Central Kitchen

XIV.d.10. Approval: Agreement with Park West Landscape Maintenance, Inc. for the Slope Landscape Maintenance in Front of Portola Hills Elementary School

XIV.d.11. Approval: Ratification of California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act Informal Bid Awards

XIV.d.12. Approval: Accept El Toro High School Modernization and New Construction Project as Complete and Authorization to File a Notice of Completion for Balfour Beatty Construction, LLC.

XIV.d.13. Approval: Surplus and Disposal of Accumulated Electronic Waste

XIV.e. HUMAN RESOURCES

XIV.e.1. Approval: Personnel Reports dated May 14, 2020 which include Separations, Leaves, Employments, Extra Duty Pay Assignments, Changes of Status, Reclassifications, Waivers and Other Personnel Actions

XIV.e.2. Approval: Consultant Agreements

XIV.e.3. Approval: Student Teaching Placement Agreement Between Saddleback Valley Unified School District and University of Northern Colorado

XIV.e.4. Approval: Student Placement Agreement Between Saddleback Valley Unified School District and Northern Arizona University

XIV.e.5. Approval: Student Placement Agreement Between Saddleback Valley Unified School District and Nova Southeastern University, Inc.

XIV.e.6. Approval: School Year Calendar for 2021-2022

XV. INFORMATION

XV.a. Williams Settlement Legislation 3rd Quarter Report for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 for Saddleback Valley Unified School District from the Orange County Department of Education

XV.b. Submission of the District's Third Quarter Report on Williams Legislation Uniform Complaints for 2019-20 to the Orange County Superintendent of Schools Concerning the Nature and Resolutions of All Complaints Filed Against the District

XVI. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT

Minutes:

Superintendent Turner read comments provided by Student Board Member Sam Tullis. His comments included that teachers and students continue to work diligently using distance learning. Also, this is the first year that AP exams are being implemented fully online. Teacher Staff Appreciation Week was celebrated with a video and providing notes for every member on the campus. This year was full of many fond memories and he is thankful for all the opportunities and experiences that have been possible through his position as Student Board Member.

Trustee Schulman thanked the District for recognizing the Teachers of the Year and commented that the teachers were very appreciative. She also thanked the teachers for all they are doing with distance learning. In addition, she thanked and recognized the efforts of parents during this time when they are working and helping their children at home. She emphasized that the safety of our students and staff is a priority and she is proud to be on the School Board of SVUSD.

Trustee Kunath thanked Superintendent Turner and staff for doing a great job with the transition to distance learning. He also thanked the teachers, parents, and students for doing their best to adapt to the current situation. He believes we are working together and will emerge from the current situation in a positive way.

Trustee Swartz commented that she agrees with the previous remarks. She recognized and thanked the teachers, classified staff, administrators, and all involved for staying focused on the children. Like Trustee Schulman, she is proud to be part of SVUSD.

Trustee Morrell commented that she agrees with the previous sentiments. She shared that she still has her Kindnest Challenge from Mandy Kelly that was given to her at a previous Board meeting. Her challenge was to smile and smiling can be very uplifting. She also believes that power is in partnerships and we are partners with parents, teachers, and every employee who works in SVUSD. We are in unchartered territory and it is important to keep lines of communication open and to keep celebrating our bright spots.

President Wong commented that he agrees with his colleagues. He concurs with Trustee Morrell and thinks we sometimes underestimate the power of a smile, kind word, listening ear, or honest compliment to someone who is working hard. He encouraged everyone to take time to smile, laugh, and enjoy life.

Superintendent Turner commented that she met with the Superintendent's Advisory groups this week over Zoom. The advisory groups include a classified member, teacher and parent from each school. She appreciated hearing their feedback which helps our District move forward. Last week, was Teacher Appreciation week and we have two teachers who are semi finalists for OCDE Teachers of the Year. Next week is Classified Employee week and she is looking forward to helping to celebrate our hardworking classified employees. She shared that a Think Tank task force is being assembled to create plans for the fall reopening of schools. She thanked the SVUSD Board and Executive Cabinet for their support.

XVII. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Minutes:

President Wong announced that the next Regular Meeting will be on June 18, 2020.

XVIII. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION IF NECESSARY

Motion Passed: 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:

It was not necessary to adjourn to Closed Session.

On a motion of Trustee Morrell, seconded by Trustee Swartz, the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Board President

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