

**Saddleback Valley USD**  
**Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting of the Board of Education**

January 14, 2021, 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 Swartz called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

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

Minutes:

None

**IV. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

Minutes:

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:03 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)**

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

Minutes:

President Swartz reconvened the meeting at 6:00 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

Amanda Morrell

Dr. Edward Wong

Greg Kunath

Barbara Schulman

Also present were:

Crystal Turner Ed.D., Superintendent

Madison Goseco, Student Board Member

**VII.a. Report of Closed Session**

Minutes:

None

**VIII. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion Passed:** Adopt agenda, as presented. Passed with a motion by Amanda Morrell and a second by Dr. Edward Wong.

Yes Greg Kunath

Yes Amanda Morrell

Yes Barbara Schulman

Yes Suzie Swartz

Yes Dr. Edward Wong

## **IX. PRESENTATIONS**

### **IX.a. La Paz Intermediate School, Recipient of Golden Bell Award: First 20 Days - Supporting Student Success Program - presented by Liza Zielasko, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services**

#### **Minutes:**

Liza Zielasko, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, introduced Principal Jean Walker and shared that La Paz Intermediate School was selected to receive the prestigious California School Boards Association (CSBA) Golden Bell award for closing the opportunity gap through LCAP implementation. SVUSD and La Paz Intermediate School were honored for their "First 20 Days Supporting – Students Program" at a pre-recorded CSBA ceremony held virtually in December. President Swartz congratulated Principal Walker and presented her with the Golden Bell Award.

## **X. REPORTS**

### **X.a. PTA Council Report - presented by Michele Sparks, SVPTA President**

#### **Minutes:**

Michele Sparks, SVPTA President, provided a report. After spending the first part of the year primarily supporting the school sights, SVPTA will continue a higher level of advocacy for mental health support and resources for SVUSD students. The initial stages of planning are underway for education nights for parents. Topics will include Canvas and Google training, suicide awareness and prevention, coping strategies for students during COVID, resources, and navigating special education. Michele and SVPTA's Advocacy's representative, Keri Baert, will be meeting with Senator Min. Senator Min is interested in their perspective of the current climate in schools and impact of COVID-19. PTAs continue to spread messages of hope and positivity, and provide resources and ways for family engagement. She encouraged members of the community to join PTA.

### **X.b. Saddleback Valley Educators Association Report - presented by Joyanne Goodfellow, SVEA President**

#### **Minutes:**

Joyanne Goodfellow, SVEA President, provided a report. She reported that many teachers have contracted COVID-19 and asked that SVUSD look into COVID-19 testing and leave options. Teachers worked through some technical issues with Canvas and PowerSchool at the start of the semester. The SVUSD Showcases will look different this year. Virtual tours are being recorded and teachers are creating various products to provide the best overview possible. Itinerant elementary music and PE teachers have been reassigned to the secondary schools. This is one of the effects of COVID-19 that has impacted the education for the elementary students. She looks

forward to seeing how Orange County plans to distribute the vaccine.

#### **X.c. Student Board Member Report**

Minutes:

Student Board Member Madison Goseco reported on the events and activities of SVUSD schools.

#### **X.d. Facilities Master Plan Update - presented by Robert Craven, Assistant Superintendent, Facilities, Operations and Technology; and Stella Escario-Doiron, Chief of Facilities, Maintenance, Operations, Construction, and Transportation**

Minutes:

Assistant Superintendent Robert Craven and Chief of Facilities, Maintenance, Operations, Construction and Transportation Stella Escario-Doiron provided a Facilities Master Plan (FMP) update. An overview of the FMP adopted in August 2019 was provided which included \$563 million in facilities needs over ten years. Measure M was not successful and immediately after, COVID-19 shifted the focus to safety.

The FMP has been impacted by both of these situations. The modernization dates for SVUSD schools was provided, which illustrated that many of the elementary schools were modernized 15-20 years ago. The current funding sources and priority projects were reviewed along with current 2021 funded projects along with the unfunded priority projects for 2020-2022. Staff recommends moving forward with projects that address infrastructure and health and safety needs.

Projections of facilities use which is determined by student enrollment was reviewed. Current developments in the District boundaries and elementary school enrollment projections through 2029 for schools that are projected to be under 400 students were provided. For these schools, current enrollment, projected enrollment in 2025 and 2029 was shown. A minimum student enrollment of 450-550 is needed for instructional and operational sufficiency.

The long term facilities needs were reviewed including a long-term location for the Virtual Academy, increased outdoor space at Silverado, additional space for professional development and sufficient elementary student enrollment. SVUSD will continue to look at District leased property and evaluate whether to continue to lease or sell the property. The District will establish a Facilities Focus Group to review elementary schools with projected enrollment under 400 students and provide solutions for operational and instructional issues to present to the Board for consideration.

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

Minutes:

Comments submitted from visitors were read aloud by Mark Perez.

Kathie Davis submitted comments regarding elimination of elementary music teachers.

Rob Cuddy submitted comments regarding sports stipends.

Casey Cooper submitted comments regarding funding for the arts.

Scott Mann submitted comments regarding COVID tests.

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

Minutes:

None

## **XIII. ACTION ITEMS**

### **XIII.a. SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE**

#### **XIII.a.1. Approval: Re-entry of Expelled 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: Re-entry of expelled students (1 case) listed in Attachment C to this item. 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

No Dr. Edward Wong

## **XIV. CONSENT ITEMS**

**Motion Passed:** Approve Consent Items on the January 14, 2021 Board Meeting Agenda. 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

Minutes:

On a motion by Trustee Schulman, seconded by Trustee Kunath and carried 6\*-0, the Board of Education of Saddleback Valley Unified School District approved the Consent Items on the January 14, 2021 Board Meeting Agenda.

\*Includes Student Preferential Vote

#### **XIV.a. SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE**

**XIV.a.1. Approval: Minutes of the Regular/Annual Organizational Meeting on December 14, 2020**

#### **XIV.b. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

**XIV.b.1. Approval: Ratification of Agreement for Provision of Orange County Friday Night Live Partnership Services between Orange County Superintendent of Schools and Saddleback Valley Unified School District (Agreement No. 50971)**

**XIV.b.2. Approval: Revisions to Board Policy 5145.3 Nondiscrimination/Harassment**

**XIV.b.3. Approval: Revisions to Board Policy 5145.6 Parental Notification**

**XIV.b.4. Approval: Revisions to Board Policy 5145.7 Sexual Harassment**

#### **XIV.c. SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**XIV.c.1. Approval of Appointment of New Members to the South Orange County SELPA Community Advisory Committee Board**

**XIV.c.2. Approval: Ratification of Individual Services Agreement for Non-public School Services with Olive Crest Academy from December 8, 2020 through June 30, 2021; Student Number NPS-OCA205GG**

**XIV.c.3. Approval: Ratification of Individual Services Agreement Addendum for Non-public School Services with The Children's School from November 2, 2020 through June 30, 2021; Student Number NPS:TCS190**

**XIV.c.4. Approval: Settlement Agreement for Reimbursement to Parents for Full and Final Settlement of All Outstanding Claims; Student Numbers 2020-39, 2020-41 and 2020-42**

#### **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: Ratification of California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act Informal Bid Awards**

#### **XIV.e. HUMAN RESOURCES**

**XIV.e.1. Approval: Personnel Reports dated January 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: Hope International University College of Education Tuition Discount Program Memorandum of Understanding**

**XIV.e.4. Approval: Revised Classified Salary Schedules for Exempt Employees**

#### **XV. INFORMATION**

**XV.a. Submission of the District's Second Quarter Report on Williams Legislation Uniform Complaints for 2020-21 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 commented that as a follow-up to the Board comments from last month's meeting, a letter has been sent to the State Board of Education, Governor Newsom, and State Superintendent, outlining our concerns and that we do not agree with state testing should be done this year. The Orange County Superintendents group has also sent a letter and she encouraged PTA and SVEA to join the effort.

Trustee Schulman wished everyone a happy New Year. She thanked teachers, all staff, parents, and students for everything they do every day. She enjoyed listening to Dr. Boaler on staff development day and thought her presentation was interesting.

It was wonderful to learn that Los Alisos Intermediate is going to start clubs virtually. She thanked the Board for all of the good conversations they have.

Trustee Kunath commented that he is optimistic for 2021. He plans to be more active on the Board and with special interests including the PTA. Once the COVID-19 vaccines are widely given, he hopes that students can return to school in a more normal fashion. He thanked Student Board Member Maddie Goseco for the time and effort she puts into her reports.

Trustee Wong thanked the Assistance League of Saddleback Valley. They provided clothing for over 210 elementary and secondary students. He thanked the counselors and bilingual parent advocates for helping to facilitate this. It was exciting to hear about the new math framework and Dr. Boaler's belief in a positive mindset. In addition, he watched a webinar regarding the Governor's budget implications for school reopening.

Trustee Morrell commented that she also participated in the professional development with Dr. Boaler and was very inspired. It was very impactful to listen to some of the instrumental performances online. She thanked the teachers and students who put the videos together. She appreciated the presentations and conversations during tonight's meeting.

President Swartz commented that she also enjoyed the online performances and the Trabuco Hills High School choir was breathtaking. She thanked Kenneth Haro and all the people who contributed to make a winter concert available. She also enjoyed the instrumental music performance from Mission Viejo High School. It is incredible that the teachers have continued to provide these extraordinary learning opportunities for our children. She enjoyed the staff development webinar and attended two virtual seminars regarding the Governor's budget. She feels that some funds need to be used for mental health since every student is at a higher risk because of the current pandemic.

## **XVII. NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

Minutes:

President Swartz announced that the next Regular Meeting will be on February 11, 2021.

## **XVIII. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION IF NECESSARY**

**Motion Passed:** Adjourn the meeting. Passed with a motion by Greg Kunath and a second by Amanda Morrell.

Yes Greg Kunath

Yes Amanda Morrell

Yes Barbara Schulman

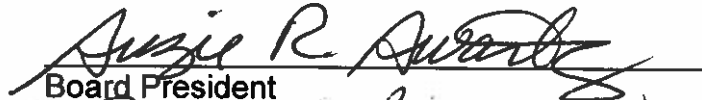
Yes Suzie Swartz

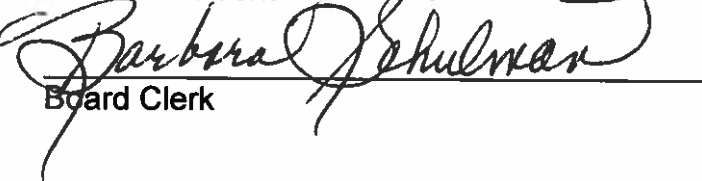
Yes Dr. Edward Wong



Minutes:

It was not necessary to adjourn to Closed Session. On a motion of Trustee Kunath, seconded by Trustee Morrell, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

  
Board President

  
Board Clerk