

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

February 11, 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 5:03 p.m.

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

**Minutes:**

There were no requests from the public to address the Board of Education on Closed Session matters.

**IV. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

**Minutes:**

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:04 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Minutes:

President Swartz 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 Michele Sparks, SVPTA President.

**VII. ROLL CALL**

Minutes:

Board Members Present:

Suzie R. Swartz

Amanda Morrell (participated remotely)

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:

There was nothing to report from Closed Session.

**VIII. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion Passed:** Adopt agenda, as presented. Passed with a motion by Dr. Edward Wong 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 of Trustee Wong, seconded by Trustee Kunath, this item was approved by a vote of 5-0.

#### **IX. PRESENTATIONS (None)**

#### **X. REPORTS**

##### **X.a. Coastline Regional Occupational Program (CROP) Report - presented by Barbara Schulman, CROP Representative**

Minutes:

Barbara Schulman provided a Coastline ROP report. Coastline ROP offers two Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) classes: one at Ocean View High School in the Huntington Beach Union High School District and Laguna Hills High School in the Saddleback Valley Unified School District. On January 23, thirty-four students took their state exams at the Presidio campus. She reported that we had a 100% pass rate.

The State Board of Education met on January 13th and approved the California Department of Education's proposed allocation of the 2020-21 (round 6) CTE Incentive Grant. Our consortium was awarded \$533,516. Part of the formula in determining the funding is based on ADA. Since ROPs do not report ADA, each district allocated 10% of their ADA to the consortium.

The WASC kick-off began on January 22.

It is Coastline ROP's 50th anniversary and a modified logo is being created to use this year.

She thanked Mr. Newton for joining the Coastline ROP meetings which is very helpful when additional information is needed about our district.

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

Minutes:

Michele Sparks, SVPTA President, provided a report. She started by thanking the Board, administrators, teachers, staff, students, parents, and all SVUSD PTAs for their dedication. SVPTA has been able to focus more effort on their key mission, which is advocacy, combined with a desire for a strong community and partnership. Along with Louise Robertson and Keri Baert, she attended a virtual Legislative Conference where the focus was on equity access and opportunity for all students. Another advocacy event, Sacramento Safari, will be held virtually at the end of February. She and Keri Baert also had the opportunity to meet with Senator Dave Min and Senator Pat Bates. Conversations included the current climate of education in California, along with mental health issues and education funding. SVPTA advocacy continued with a conversation with the office of Assemblywoman Laurie Davies. SVPTA

is also working on strengthening their partnership with SVUSD and the Community Advisory Committee for special needs students.

This year's Reflections theme was "I Matter Because." SVUSD had twenty-four entries move on to the Fourth District. Four of these entries were awarded 1st place and moving on to the State level.

Lastly, SVPTA is continuing to work closely with SVUSD to develop relevant and informative parent education nights for the rest of the year.

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

**Minutes:**

Joyanne Goodfellow, SVEA President, provided a report. SVUSD teachers continue to educate and engage their students with distance and hybrid learning as well as all-day special education classes and concurrent teaching. Teachers will be relieved when they are able to get the COVID-19 vaccine. She congratulated all of the site Teacher of the Year winners and thanked them for their dedication. Three teachers will be selected to represent the District at the County level. She invited the Board to open a physical location for the Board meetings. She thanked the District for providing COVID-19 testing on Tuesday. She thanked the Board for their service and the opportunity to speak every month.

**X.d. Student Board Member Report**

**Minutes:**

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

**X.e. Facilities Focus Group Update - presented by Robert Craven, Assistant Superintendent, Facilities, Operations and Technology; and Stella Escario-Doiron, Chief of Facilities, Maintenance, Operations, Construction, and Transportation**

**Minutes:**

Robert Craven, Assistant Superintendent, Facilities, Operations and Technology, and Casy Newhouser, parent representative from Montevideo, provided an update on the Facilities Focus Group. Mr. Craven provided the purpose and direction of the Facilities Focus Group (FFG) and the representatives participating in the group. There have been two meetings. The optimal learning environment was discussed and the description of an optimal learning was provided. This includes a minimum enrollment of 450-550 students, minimum of 2 classes per grade level, limited combination classes, and sufficient number of students to support offering of enrichment programs and services. Various information about each school was requested and provided to the FFG to facilitate discussions. The information included enrollment projections, student attendance, facility information, operating

costs, school capacity, special programs, transportation, and neighborhood connection to the school community. For each school on the list, the positives, challenges, and questions and comments were collected from the FFG. Casy Newhouser, the parent representative from Montevideo, provided information about their discussions. She reviewed their responsibilities, which includes informing the community. Mr. Craven reported that the group reached consensus and staff is recommending the removal of Del Lago and San Joaquin Elementary Schools from the list in the next FFG meeting. The information found on the District website was reviewed, which includes a community feedback form that may be submitted.

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

**Minutes:**

Fifteen comments were received for topics not on the agenda. Twelve comments were regarding reopening schools and three comments were each on different topics. After Board discussion, the Board agreed to hear the three comments received on unique topics and then hear comments, pulled randomly, that were received regarding reopening of schools until comments are heard for fifteen minutes. All fifteen comments were read aloud by Mark Perez and Robert Craven.

Trina Mangione submitted comments regarding COVID-19 restrictions and class sizes.

Kacey Bent submitted comments regarding the potential approval of COVID vaccines for children under age 16.

Cheryl Rodriguez submitted comments regarding elementary school bathroom privacy policies, distance/hybrid learning, and policy for handling lunch debt.

The following members of the community submitted comments regarding reopening of schools.

Daniela Harp  
Claire Mendenhall  
Cindy Strange  
Melissa Coyne  
Lindsey Brewster  
Tara Goldwasser  
Lisa Bohenski  
Jordan Stephenson  
Lori Bullard  
Perry Degulis  
Crissy Rose  
Julie Melberg

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

**Minutes:**

Twenty-five comments were received for topics on the agenda. All comments were

regarding school closures. Two comments were regarding Linda Vista Elementary and twenty-three comments were regarding Del Cerro Elementary. After Board discussion, the Board agreed to hear the two comments received regarding Linda Vista and then hear the comments, pulled randomly, that were received regarding Del Cerro until comments are heard for fifteen minutes. The comments were read aloud by Mark Perez and Robert Craven.

Barbara Poiriez and Michelle McDuffie submitted comments to support Linda Vista Elementary.

The following members of the community submitted comments to support Del Cerro Elementary and were read aloud.

Tracy Laferrier  
Kelly Gasca  
Carrie Gardiner  
Emily Rynders  
Melissa Gould  
Curtis Rynders  
Jamie Hutcheon

All comments, including the comments read aloud, will be given to the Board.

### **XIII. ACTION ITEMS (None)**

### **XIV. CONSENT ITEMS**

**Motion Passed:** Approve the Consent Items on the February 11, 2021 Board Meeting Agenda, with the exception of items XIV.b.4., XIV.b.5., XIV.b.7., XIV.d.4., and XIV.e.3. 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

#### **Minutes:**

A motion was made by Trustee Morrell, seconded by Trustee Wong to approve the Consent Items on the February 11, 2021 Board Meeting Agenda, with the exception of items XIV.b.4., XIV.b.5., XIV.b.7., XIV.d.4., and XIV.e.3. This passed with a vote of 5-0. Student Board Member, Madison Goseco, voted in favor of this item.

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

#### **XIV.a.1. Approval: Minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 14, 2021**

**XIV.a.2. Approval: Adoption of Board Bylaw 9012 Board Member Electronic Communications**

**XIV.a.3. Approval: Revisions to Board Bylaw 9320 Meetings and Notices**

**XIV.b. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

**XIV.b.1. Approval: Adoption of Resolution Number 09:20-21 of the Board of Education Recognizing February as Career and Technical Education Month**

**XIV.b.2. Approval: 2021-2024 SVUSD Expulsion Plan**

**XIV.b.3. Approval: Ratification of Agreement for Provision of K-12 Mental Health Educational Services Between Orange County Superintendent of Schools and Saddleback Valley Unified School District (Agreement No. 51171)**

**XIV.b.4. Approval: Revisions to High School Graduation Requirements for the Class of 2021 in Response to COVID-19**

**Motion Passed:** It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Governing Board approve this item as submitted. Passed with a motion by Barbara Schulman and a second by Dr. Edward Wong.

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

**Motion Passed:** Permanently remove the GPA requirement for high school graduation. Trustee Schulman seconded the motion. Passed with a motion by Amanda Morrell and a second by Barbara Schulman.

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

**Motion Passed:** Permanently remove the writing proficiency requirement for high school graduation. Passed with a motion by Amanda Morrell and a second by Barbara Schulman.

No Greg Kunath  
Yes Amanda Morrell  
Yes Barbara Schulman  
Yes Suzie Swartz

Yes Dr. Edward Wong

Minutes:

On a motion made by Trustee Schulman, seconded by Trustee Wong, this item passed with a vote of 5-0. Student Board Member, Madison Goseco, voted in favor of this item.

A motion was made by Trustee Morrell to permanently remove the GPA requirement for high school graduation. Trustee Schulman seconded the motion. The permanent removal of the GPA requirement for high school graduation passed with of vote of 3-2. Student Board Member, Madison Goseco, voted in favor of this item.

A motion was made by Trustee Morrell to permanently remove the writing proficiency requirement for high school graduation. Trustee Schulman seconded the motion. The permanent removal of the writing proficiency requirement for high school graduation passed with of vote of 4-1. Student Board Member, Madison Goseco, voted in favor of this item.

#### **XIV.b.5. Approval: Revisions to Board Policy 5113.1 Chronic Absence & Truancy**

**Motion to Amend Passed:** To amend the motion from: "It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Governing Board approve this item as submitted. " to: "Approve Board Policy 5113.1 with the staff revisions and additional revisions made by Trustee Morrell. " Passed with a motion by Dr. Edward Wong and a second by Greg Kunath.

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

**Motion Passed:** Approve Board Policy 5113.1 with the staff revisions and additional revisions made by Trustee Morrell. Passed with a motion by Dr. Edward Wong and a second by Greg Kunath.

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

Minutes:

A motion was made by Trustee Morrell, seconded by Trustee



Schulman. After Board discussion, an amended motion was made by Trustee Wong to approve Board Policy 5113.1 with the staff revisions and additional revisions made by Trustee Morrell. Trustee Kunath seconded the motion and this passed with a vote of 5-0. Student Board Member, Madison Goseco, voted in favor of this item.

**XIV.b.6. Approval: Revisions to Board Policy 5141.22 Infectious Diseases**

**XIV.b.7. Approval: Revisions to Board Policy 6020 Parent Involvement**

**Motion to Amend Passed:** To amend the motion from: "It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Governing Board approve this item as submitted. " to: "Approve Board Policy 6020 with the staff revisions and additional revision made by Trustee Morrell." 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

**Motion Passed:** Approve Board Policy 6020 with the staff revisions and additional revision made by Trustee Morrell. 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

**Minutes:**

A motion was made by Trustee Wong, seconded by Trustee Schulman. After Board discussion, an amended motion was made by Trustee Morrell to approve Board Policy 6020 with the staff revisions and additional revision made by Trustee Morrell. Trustee Wong seconded the motion and this passed with a vote of 5-0. Student Board Member, Madison Goseco, voted in favor of this item.

**XIV.b.8. Approval: Revisions to Board Policy 6115 Ceremonies and Observations**

**XIV.b.9. Approval: Revisions to Board Policy and Exhibit 6161.1 Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials**

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

**XIV.c.1. Approval: Ratification of Individual Services Agreement for Non-public School Services with Mardan School from January 25, 2021 through June 30, 2021; Student Number NPS: MAR198**

**XIV.c.2. Approval: Ratification of Individual Services Agreement for Non-public School Services with Olive Crest Academy from January 19, 2021 through June 30, 2021; Student Number NPS: OCA206GG**

**XIV.c.3. Approval: Ratification of Individual Services Agreement for Non-public School Services with Port View Preparatory from January 19, 2021 through June 30, 2021; Student Number NPS: PVP193**

**XIV.c.4. Approval: Ratification of Individual Services Agreement for Non-public School Services with Provo Canyon School from October 03, 2020 through June 30, 2021; Student Number 2020-MH14**

**XIV.c.5. Approval: Ratification of Individual Services Agreement Addendum for Non-public School Services with Rossier Park Elementary School from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; Student Number NPS: RPE192**

**XIV.c.6. Approval: Ratification of Individual Services Agreement Addendum for Non-public School Services with Port View Preparatory from December 8, 2020 through June 30, 2021; Student Number NPS: PVP191**

**XIV.c.7. Approval: Ratification of Individual Services Agreement Addendum for Non-public School Services with Mardan School from January 6, 2021 through June 30, 2021; Student Number NPS: MAR194**

**XIV.c.8. Approval: Ratification of Individual Services Agreement Addendum for Non-public School Services with Olive Crest Academy from January 14, 2021 through June 30, 2021; Student Number NPS: OCA205GG**

**XIV.c.9. Approval: Settlement Agreement for Reimbursement to Parents for Full and Final Settlement of All Outstanding Claims; Student Numbers 2020-40 and 2020-43**

#### **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: Receive 2019-2020 Audit Report**

**Motion Passed:** It is the recommendation of the Superintendent to receive the 2019-20 audit report. Passed with a motion by Barbara Schulman and a second by Dr. Edward Wong.

Yes Greg Kunath

Yes Amanda Morrell

Yes Barbara Schulman

Yes Suzie Swartz

Yes Dr. Edward Wong

Minutes:

Trustee Wong pulled this item to provide comments. A motion was made by Trustee Schulman, seconded by Trustee Wong and this item was approved by a vote of 5-0. Student Board Member, Madison Goseco, voted in favor of this item.

**XIV.d.5. Approval: Ratification of National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) Network School Broadcast Program Agreement**

**XIV.d.6. Approval: Amendment #2 to the Charter Facilities Agreement By and Between Saddleback Valley Unified School District and Oxford Preparatory Academy Saddleback Valley**

**XIV.d.7. Approval: Award of Bid to Gary F. Lyons & Associates for Food Services Refrigeration Equipment Replacement Project, Bid No. 20-02 F**

**XIV.d.8. Ratification of Extension on Bid No. 15-03 for the Cost-per-Copy Lease of Digital Duplicators to American Business Machines**

**XIV.d.9. Approval: Ratification of California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act Informal Bid Awards**

**XIV.d.10. Approval: Surplus and Disposal of Accumulated Electronic Waste**

**XIV.e. HUMAN RESOURCES**

**XIV.e.1. Approval: Personnel Reports dated February 11, 2021 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: Classroom Alternative Teacher Preparation Program, Student Teaching Memorandum of Understanding**

#### **Minutes:**

This item was pulled by Superintendent Turner for further consideration.

### **XIV.e.4. Approval: 2021-2022 Revised School Year Calendar**

### **XIV.e.5. Approval: Revisions to Board Policy 1312.3 Uniform Complaint Procedures**

### **XIV.e.6. Approval: Revisions to Board Policy 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42 Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens**

### **XIV.e.7. Approval: Revisions to Board Policy 4119.43/4219.43/4319.43 Universal Precautions**

## **XV. INFORMATION PENDING ACTION**

### **XV.a. Review and Recommendation: School Year Calendar for the 2022-2023 School Year**

## **XVI. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT**

#### **Minutes:**

Trustee Schulman began her comments with the following quote, "Being happy doesn't mean you've only had bright days and sunny skies in your life. It means even after all the storms you've been through, you are still choosing to shine." This quote applies to our district where we are all shining through the good and bad. She highlighted that Jessica Nguyen from Mission Viejo High School has been elected to be the Kiwanis Chief Lieutenant Governor for the next year. Mission Viejo High School performed the play "The Triangle Factory Fire Project." The students did an incredible job. Skylar Lukin was a student at Trabuco Hills High School and was SVUSD's first student in Unified Sports to receive a letter in track and field. Trustee Schulman is proud to announce that he will be speaking in front of the U.S. Congress about Unified Sports, which changed his life, and Special Olympics. She is happy that we are making progress with the COVID-19 vaccine.

Trustee Kunath commented that he is pleased with Superintendent Turner and SVUSD staff for the work they are doing for the emotional well-being of our students. He is looking forward to start visiting sites.

Trustee Wong commented that he participated in two Zoom webinars regarding the

budget. It was very informative in terms of the potential funding for interventions and learning. He thanked President Swartz for presiding over the OCSBA meeting. In addition, he was able to accompany President Swartz and Executive Cabinet to surprise the Parenting OC Top Teacher and Employee winners at RSM Intermediate and El Toro High School.

Trustee Morrell commented that she was in awe when listening to the comments about Mandy Parsons and Skylar Lukin. It is amazing that we have so many fabulous teachers being recognized. Also, it is her hope that can continue on the path to getting back to school on a full-time basis. She spoke about passion and clearly sees from everything she's heard tonight that SVUSD has passion and thanked everyone who contributes to accomplish what's best for SVUSD students.

President Swartz commented that Skylar Lukin was the first Unified athlete to speak at graduation and it's amazing that he's speaking before the U.S. Congress. There are so many great things happening in SVUSD, in spite of all of the difficulties. She thanked staff for attending the meeting and Casy Newhouser, the Montevideo parent, for attending the meeting and her service and commitment on the Facilities Focus Group. She appreciates the group's dedication. It was so nice to go back on campuses last week and celebrate the Parenting OC award recipients. She highlighted that the Orange County School Boards Association (OCSBA) receives nominations every year for the Maureen DiMarco award. Maureen DiMarco was the first Cabinet Secretary of Education for the State of California and also a President of the California School Boards Association and OCSBA. This award honors community members for their exemplary and far-reaching leadership addressing the broad needs of our youth in Orange County. Even though nominations are received every year, the award is not given every year since there is a high level of achievement needed. She is proud to announce that this year, the award was given to all 28 Orange County Superintendents by a unanimous vote. She congratulated Superintendent Turner. Some days are harder than others and she reminded everyone to take time for self-care.

Superintendent Turner thanked President Swartz. She and her fellow superintendents felt honored to receive the award. She'd like to share the award with her team and thanked them for making all of our accomplishments possible. She sent out communication to staff regarding vaccinations and is hopeful for the future and bringing students back to school safely. She is grateful to our amazing schools and all they are doing to help our students stay safe.

## **XVII. NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

Minutes:

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

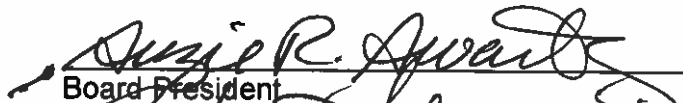
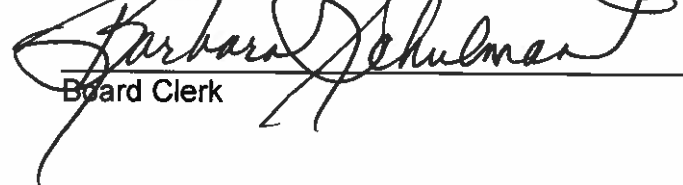
## **XVIII. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION IF NECESSARY**

**Motion Passed:** Adjourn the meeting. Passed with a motion by Dr. Edward Wong and a second by Greg Kunath.

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 Wong, seconded by Trustee Kunath, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Student Board Member, Madison Goseco, voted in favor of this item.

  
Board President  
  
Board Clerk