Saddleback Valley USD Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

February 10, 2022, 6:00 PM
District Education Center Board Room

25631 Peter A. Hartman Way, Mission Viejo, California

Board President Amanda Morrell will participate via teleconference from: 3763 East Jackson, Suite C, Elkhart, IN 46516

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

II. CALL TO ORDER

Minutes:

President Morrell participated via teleconference, Vice President of the SVUSD Board of Education, Trustee Schulman, conducted the meeting. Trustee Schulman called the meeting to order at 5:02 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 5:03 p.m.

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

IV.b. Conference with Legal Counsel Existing Litigation (Gov. Code 54956.9(d)(1)): EAAP CASE NO. 20-07; OAH Case No. 2021070697

IV.c. Negotiations Discussion (Government Code Section 54957.6) Employee Organizations; CSEA, SVEA and SVPSA / Agency Negotiator: Crystal Turner, Ed.D., Superintendent

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

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

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

Minutes:

Trustee Schulman reconvened the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

VI. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Minutes:

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Kevin Thomas, Student Representative.

VII. ROLL CALL

Minutes:

Board Members Present: Suzie R. Swartz Amanda Morrell (participated via teleconference) Dr. Edward Wong Greg Kunath

Barbara Schulman

Also present were: Crystal Turner Ed.D., Superintendent Kaitlyn Heinecke, Student Board Member Irene Kim, Student Representative Andrea Mendoza, Student Representative Kevin Thomas, Student Representative

VII.a. Report of Closed Session

Minutes:

There was nothing to report from Closed Session.

VII.b. Introduction of New Administrators and Promotions

Minutes:

Superintendent Turner introduced the following new administrators and promotions:

Dr. Darvin Jackson, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Soo Goda, District Coordinator, Expanded Learning Christina Stephenson, Assistant Principal, Foothill Ranch Elementary School

VIII. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion Passed: Adopt agenda, as presented. Passed with a motion by Suzie Swartz 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. SVUSD Bright Spot

Minutes:

Michelle O'Neil, District Coordinator of Counseling, highlighted the growing SVUSD counseling programs. She explained the multi-tiered, multi-domain framework with three tiers and three counseling domains that the school counselors use.

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

Minutes:

Lamont Hartman addressed the Board regarding the incident at Laguna Hills High School.

Brigette Sunseri addressed the Board regarding the mask mandate.

Lisa Jurek addressed the Board regarding the mask mandate.

Carrie Prentice addressed the Board regarding the mask mandate.

Barbara Cangas addressed the Board regarding parent rights and ESSER funds.

Louise Adler addressed the Board regarding the Dual Immersion Program.

Nicole Inouye addressed the Board regarding the incident at Laguna Hills High School.

Tina Van Dam addressed the Board regarding the mask mandate for performing arts events.

Brian Hosokawa addressed the Board regarding the incident at Laguna Hills High School.

Joy Frum addressed the Board regarding the mask mandate.

Herb Cohen addressed the Board regarding mental health.

Candace Neeson addressed the Board regarding the mask mandate.

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

Minutes:

There were no requests from the public to address the Board of Education on items on the agenda.

XII. REPORTS

XII.a. Coastline Regional Occupational Program (ROP) Report - presented by Suzie Swartz, Coastline ROP Representative

Minutes:

Trustee Swartz provided a Coastline ROP report. She commented that it was nice to see so many former CROP Board Members present to help celebrate retiring Superintendent Carol Hume.

Carol introduced her successor, Dr. Brian Dozer. Dr. Dozer most recently served as the president of Vital Link where he collaborated with educators throughout Orange County and established relationships with all their districts. He is involved in multiple CTE and workforce development committees and also serves on the Board of Directors of Leadership Tomorrow.

CROP Board ratified the new officers: President Lynn Davis, TUSD Vice President Michelle Barto, NMUSD Clerk Suzie Swartz, SVUSD

Carol reported that she and Brian have been working together to ensure a smooth transition. She also noted that there is a significant amount of grant funding (\$1.5B statewide) that will enable Brian to create additional opportunities for students and staff.

Carol and J.S. Coke, Director of Educational Services, met with all the steering committee members to plan for next year, which will be the first time ROP classes will be listed on students' course selection sheets, and that should greatly increase awareness of and enrollment in the classes.

Carol noted that the WASC Self-Study Report is coming together on time. After its completion, a final draft will be mailed to the Board approximately two weeks before the March Board meeting for comment, and then it will be uploaded to the WASC portal on March 14. They are in the process of scheduling virtual class visits. The visits will be April 27-29, a Wednesday through Friday, and the Board will be included in the visit schedule.

J.S. Coke introduced Michael Campbell, the automotive program teacher at Irvine High. Mr. Campbell and three of his students gave a presentation on their automotive program and how it meets the UC A-G criteria.

The next meeting will be on February 17 and Dr. Wong will attend as the alternate Coastline ROP Representative.

XII.b. PTA Council Report - presented by Michele Sparks, SVPTA President

Minutes:

Michele Sparks, SVPTA President, provided a report. Her report focused on volunteerism and community. They are excited that volunteers will be invited back into the classroom. It's another positive step forward. They are also focused on family engagement. The pandemic has created a disconnect with the families. Her goal is to find ways to work together to rebuild the community and family engagement. She shared her concerns about those that are not vaccinated and losing them as volunteers. A key component to a child's success is family engagement. She thanked the Board for listening and feels they have done an incredible job.

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

Minutes:

Joyanne Goodfellow, SVEA President, provided a report. It is National School Counseling week and she recognized all of the counselors for their hard work. Students have relied heavily on them for both academic and emotional health needs. She congratulated the Teachers of the Year from all SVUSD schools and the three finalists who will represent SVUSD at the County level. Teachers are nominated by their colleagues. She also highlighted that CTA's Human Rights award for LGBTQ+ Advocacy in Honor of Nancy Bailey was awarded to Julie Stowers, teacher at Robinson Elementary. She thanked the Board for following the state protocols to help keep everyone healthy and safe.

XII.d. Student Board Member and High School Representatives Report

Minutes:

Student Board Member Kaitlyn Heinecke and the Student Representatives reported on the activities of their adopted and home schools.

XII.e. 2021-2022 LCAP Supplement to the Annual Update - presented by Michael Gomez, Ed.D., District Coordinator, Assessment & Accountability

Minutes:

Dr. Michael Gomez, District Coordinator, Assessment & Accountability, provided a Mid-Year LCAP Update report. There are four parts to the update that include an updated budget overview for parents, supplement for the annual update for the 2021-2022 LCAP, mid-year outcome data for all LCAP metrics, and mid-year expenditure and implementation for LCAP actions. Dr. Gomez explained each part of the update and the new funding that was received. There are forty-five metrics used for the SVUSD LCAP goals. Dr. Gomez highlighted some of the metrics and mid-year results. Some data isn't available as surveys will be done in the spring. Dr. Gomez also reviewed each LCAP action and expenditures.

XII.f. A-G Completion Improvement Grant Plan - presented by Liza Zielasko, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services and James Newton, Director, Secondary Education

Minutes:

James Newton, Director, Secondary Education, provided a report regarding the A-G Completion Improvement Grant. The expenditure plan will be submitted in March for Board approval. The grant provides one-time monies to help increase the number of high school students who graduate with A-G eligibility. The allocation of the funding was reviewed along with the SVUSD A-G completion rate. The essential elements that the plan must address were explained in addition to an outline of the District plan. The goal is to develop a comprehensive, equity focused A-G Completion Improvement Grant Plan.

XIII. ACTION ITEMS

XIII.a. SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

XIII.a.1. Approval: Students Recommended for Expulsion/Re-entry of Expelled Students for Violation 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 (3 cases) listed in Attachment A to this item. The Administrative Hearing Panel's recommendation of expulsion of students (3 cases) listed in Attachment B to this item. Re-entry of expelled students (1 case) listed in Attachment C to this item. 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
No Dr. Edward Wong

XIV. CONSENT ITEMS

Motion Passed: Approve Consent Items on the February 10, 2022 Board Meeting Agenda with the exception of item XIV.e.1. which was pulled by Trustee Schulman. Passed with a motion by Suzie Swartz and a second by Dr. Edward Wong.

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

XIV.a. SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

XIV.a.1. Approval: Board Meeting Minutes

XIV.b. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

XIV.b.1. Approval: Extended Field Trips

XIV.b.2. Approval: Agreement between Bruber Financial Services, Inc. DBA Eleyo and SVUSD Child Care Services

XIV.b.3. Approval: School Subscriber Agreement between University of California, Transcript Evaluation Services (UC-TES) and Saddleback Valley Unified School District

XIV.b.4. Approval: Addendum to Agreement for Use of Emerald Cove Outdoor Science Institute Facilities, Supplies, Equipment and Services Public Schools

XIV.c. SPECIAL EDUCATION

XIV.c.1. Approval: Acceptance of the 2021-22 Part C, Early Education Program Grant Award

XIV.c.2. Approval: Acceptance of the 2021-22 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act 619 Federal Preschool Grant Award

XIV.c.3. Approval: Acceptance of 2021-22 IDEA 611 Local Assistance Entitlements Grant Award

XIV.c.4. Approval: Ratification of Individual Services Agreement for Non-Public School Services with Beacon Day School from January 10, 2022 through June 30, 2022; Student Number: NPS:BDS192

XIV.c.5. Approval: Ratification of Addendum of Individual Services Agreement for Non-public School Services with Port View Preparatory from December 16, 2021 through June 30, 2022; Student Number: NPS:PVP191

XIV.c.6. Approval: Ratification of Individual Services Agreement for Non-public School Services with Spectrum Center Rossier Park Jr/Sr HS from February 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022; Student Number: NPS:RPJS196

XIV.c.7. Approval: Ratification of Individual Services Agreement for Non-public Agency Services with Olive Crest Academy from January 31, 2022 through June 30, 2022; Student Number: NPS:OCA211OR

XIV.c.8. Approval: Ratification of Agreement for Reimbursement to Parents for Travel Expenses Incurred for Special Education Related Services, from November 29, 2021 through June 2, 2022; Student Numbers 2022-2 and 2022-3

XIV.c.9. Approval: Settlement Agreement for Reimbursement to Parents for Full and Final Settlement of all Outstanding Claims; Student Numbers: 2022-1 and 2022-4

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: Adoption of Resolution No. 08:21-22 Authorizing Signatory for the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services and the Director of Facilities, Construction and Maintenance for School Construction Funding Applications and Associated Documents

XIV.d.5. Approval: Receive 2020-2021 Audit Report

XIV.d.6. Approval: Accept Cordillera Elementary School Flooring Replacement Project Complete and Authorization to File a Notice of Completion for Mohawk Commercial Inc.

XIV.d.7. Approval: Accept Rancho Santa Margarita Intermediate School Flooring Replacement Project as Complete and Authorization to File a Notice of Completion for Mohawk Commercial, Inc. XIV.d.8. Approval: Utilization of California Multiple Award Schedule (CMAS) Contract 3-21-08-1009 to PA Thompson Engineering for the Purchase and Installation of Rauland PBX/Intercom System and Services

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

XIV.d.10. Approval: Ratification of Loss Control Services Agreement for Fork Lift Training and Certification Through Keenan and Associates

XIV.d.11. Approval: Disposal of Accumulated Electronic Waste (IN740779, IN740780, IN740781, IN740794, IN740860, IN740867)

XIV.e. HUMAN RESOURCES

XIV.e.1. Approval: Personnel Reports dated February 10, 2022 which include Separations, Leaves, Employments, Extra Duty Pay Assignments, Changes of Status, Reclassifications, Waivers and Other Personnel Actions

Motion Passed: It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Personnel Reports be approved as submitted. 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:

Trustee Schulman pulled this item to provide an oral summary of the title change recommendation for the Assistant Superintendent, Facilities, Operation, & Technology to Assistant Superintendent, Business Services. An oral summary was also provided for the approval of the Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources contract. The summary included the proposed contract provisions regarding salary, compensation, and fringe benefits.

On a motion by Trustee Swartz, seconded by Trustee Morrell and carried 5-0, the Board approved this item.

XIV.e.2. Approval: Consultant Agreements

XIV.e.3. Approval: Resolution No. 09:21-22 to Adopt Staffing Flexibility Measures in Accordance with Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-3-22

XIV.e.4. Approval: Revised Certificated Administrative Job Description

XIV.e.5. Approval: Revised and New Classified Administrative and Supervisory; and Classified Confidential Job Descriptions and Revised Classified Management Salary Schedule

XV. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT

Minutes:

Student Board Member Kaitlyn Heinecke shared a statement regarding the incident at the Laguna Hills High School basketball game. She commented that listening sessions are being facilitated that are aimed at rebuilding the community. This is also an opportunity for administrators to listen to students' concerns.

Trustee Swartz commented that she attended the Wellness Center grand opening at San Joaquin Elementary. She enjoyed listening to the students talk about the different spaces in the Wellness Center. She also commented that she doesn't agree with masks being needed for performing arts students during performances, and she is hopeful that as soon as it's a local issue that we can take action quickly to remove the mask mandate.

Trustee Kunath commented that parents are upset because they feel they are being controlled and agrees with Trustee Swartz. He enjoyed the events he attended, including the surprise visits to the Parenting OC finalists, Teachers of the Year, National Letter of Intent signing at Mission Viejo High School, and site visit to Lomarena Elementary. He thanked Kaitlyn, the Student Board Member, for her comments and desire to address the issue in a positive manner.

Trustee Wong also thanked Kaitlyn for her comments. He visited Laguna Hills High School and attended the National Letter of Intent signing at Mission Viejo High School. It's nice to see students who have done well athletically and academically. He also attended the Mission Viejo vs Trabuco Hills High School basketball game. He enjoyed the retirement celebration for the Coastline ROP Superintendent, Carol Hume. Lastly, he congratulated San Joaquin Elementary for the opening of their Wellness Center.

Trustee Schulman commented that she enjoyed the El Toro vs Trabuco Hills High School Unified Sports basketball game. She visited sites including Virtual Academy, Mission Viejo High School, Melinda Heights, and Gates. She also attended Carol Hume's retirement. Some of the events she attended were the La Paz play, National Letter of Intent Signing, basketball games, and Teacher of the Year surprise visits. She enjoyed the Meet the Masters program for kindergarteners at Cielo Vista, and attended the Key Club meeting at Mission Viejo High School. Her highlight was being able to give her son, Todd Schulman, an award for being named as a Parenting OC Top Teacher Finalist. The ceremony at El Toro High School where Matt Chapman's baseball jersey number was retired was incredible. She congratulated all the Teachers of the Year.

President Morrell thanked Kaitlyn for her comments. She also attended the Unified basketball game between Trabuco Hills and El Toro High School. Seeing the students and their enthusiasm and pride was a bright spot. She visited Linda Vista and congratulated the Teachers of the Year. In addition, she recognized the counselors and all they do for SVUSD students. The alumni baseball game and ceremony when Matt Chapman's number was retired included a full day of events and activities that was attended by many families. She joined the OCDE Zoom event with Kevin Gordon regarding the budget. Lastly, she thanked Michele Sparks for speaking about the challenges to engage families.

Superintendent Turner commented regarding the incident at Laguna Hills High School and shared that the school has been working hard to start the listening process through their work with the OC Human Relations group. They are meeting with staff, students, and the community to listen and determine the best next steps. The focus on this work is to make recommendations based on what is shared during these sessions. It has to be meaningful and it has to be lasting. District administrative staff began equity work prior to the pandemic and have continued it this year. There is still a lot of work to do and staff is currently working with several experts to identify what the best next steps are. Apologies are necessary and required, but are not enough. The words used by this student are never acceptable and we need to learn from this and build moving forward.

She is thrilled to have our volunteers back in the classrooms starting on February 22.

For the very first time, State officials announced that they are working with education, public health, and community leaders to update the masking requirements. She has been working with her colleagues and Dr. Chau, every week, who is very receptive to having metrics that make sense to allow the masking to finally end. She is hopeful that we will hear an update soon.

XVI. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Minutes:

Trustee Schulman announced that the next Regular Meeting will be on March 10, 2022.

XVII. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION IF NECESSARY

Minutes:

It was not necessary to adjourn to Closed Session.

Trustee Schulman adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Board President

Beard Clerk