Saddleback Valley USD Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

April 07, 2022, 6:00 PM
District Education Center Board Room

25631 Peter A. Hartman Way, Mission Viejo, California

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. CALL TO ORDER

Minutes:

President Morrell called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

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

Minutes:

The following members of the public addressed the Board regarding employee discipline:

Hannah Bree Hanson Lily Ohman Sabina Gonzalez

III. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Minutes:

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:16 p.m.

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

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

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

III.d. Liability Claims: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.95 Review of Claim No. 600827 against Saddleback Valley Unified School District

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

Minutes:

President Morrell reconvened the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Minutes:

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Emily Rose Herron, Student Representative.

VI. ROLL CALL

Minutes:

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

Also present were:

Crystal Turner Ed.D., Superintendent Kaitlyn Heinecke, Student Board Member Irene Kim, Student Representative Emily Rose Herrin, Student Representative Kevin Thomas, Student Representative

VI.a. Report of Closed Session

Minutes:

President Morrell reported that in Closed Session the Board voted to authorize the Superintendent to issue a Notice of Unprofessional Conduct for a certificated employee. The vote of the Board was 5 ayes and 0 noes.

VII. 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

VIII. PRESENTATIONS

VIII.a. 2022 Central Office Administrator of the Year - Association of California School Administrator

Minutes:

Liza Zielasko, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services introduced Dr. Michael Gomez who received the 2022 ACSA Central Office Administrator of the Year award. Ms. Zielasko highlighted the qualities that earned him this award. President Morrell congratulated Dr. Gomez and presented him with a Certificate of Recognition.

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

Minutes:

Request to Address the Board cards were randomly selected until 30 minutes of comments were heard.

Comments reqarding student safety and employee discipline were received from:
Andrew McLeod
Tal Wasserman
Gaby Escobar
Hanna Bree Hanson

Sabina Gonzalez

Sean Fletcher addressed the Board regarding CRT.

Dan Walsh addressed the Board to compliment Los Alisos Intermediate School.

Comments regarding salary and negotiations were received from: Alison Rose

Sally Medina

Elizabeth Haynes addressed the Board regarding COVID policies.

Louise Robertson addressed the Board to thank them for their service and quality

education received by her children.

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

Minutes:

Request to Address the Board cards were randomly selected until 30 minutes of comments were heard.

No comments regarding items on the agenda were received.

XI. REPORTS

XI.a. District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC) Report - presented by Mark Perez, Director, Language Acquisition, and Francisca Vasquez, DELAC President

Minutes:

Mark Perez, Director, Language Acquisition introduced Francisca Vasquez, DELAC President, to provide the annual DELAC report. An interpreter was present as the report was provided in Spanish and translated to English. Ms. Vasquez introduced the DELAC Board and provided an overview of DELAC and its responsibilities to support multilingual learners. There are approximately 4,300 multilingual families in SVUSD. The DELAC is responsible to advise the SVUSD Board on the tasks in the areas of the district master plan, districtwide needs assessment, goals and objectives for programs and services for multilingual learners, and plan to ensure compliance. The DELAC also provided input for the LCAP using ThoughtExchange. The input included embracing cultural diversity and mental health. There are four DELAC meetings throughout the year, and Bilingual Parent Advocates and Community Liaisons play an integral role in supporting parents of multilingual learners. Ms. Vasquez thanked the Board, Superintendent and administrators for providing support to multilingual learners and their families.

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

Minutes:

Trustee Swartz provided a Coastline ROP report. Superintendent Brian Dozer reported that the WASC preparation would be complete and submitted on March 14. The WASC virtual visits will be April 27-29. Mr. Dozer recognized and thanked J. S. Coke, Director of Educational Services, for all his hard work leading CROP's efforts.

The California Department of Education revised the recommended amounts of the seven CTEIG grant requests for most applicants so Coastline ROP's amount was reduced by \$20,000 to \$994,000.

Mr. Coke and Mr. Dozer are beginning to conduct site visits and meetings with steering committee members, and they will also be meeting with the CTE

Deans at each of the local community colleges to discuss increased collaboration.

Additionally, Mr. Dozer and Mr. Coke have had several calls with the CEO Leadership Alliance on potential learning opportunities for students. It is expected that there will be at least two and potentially four opportunities starting this summer in the areas of AI, cloud computing and health sciences with them and companies such as Intel, Ingram Micro, and Edwards Lifesciences. It is expected that the affiliation agreement with CyberForward for another course this summer will be signed.

Last summer, Coastline ROP offered a cybersecurity class called CyberForward in partnership with CisoShare. Six ROP students who participated in that class last summer are now interning with CisoShare: They include two SVUSD students from THHS: Aleksei Sushko and Michael Collins.

CROP has launched a marketing and social media task force. The first step is to map out a timeline of activity for the next year, to develop a social media calendar, conduct marketing needs assessments internally and with the districts, develop a strategic marketing plan, hire a marketing contractor for website and social media development, and potentially have a logo competition for students. These will be a key piece of the efforts to raise awareness of Coastline ROP.

On February 24, Suzanne Williamson's digital media arts students from Mission Viejo High School were the first high school group to be hosted on a field trip to Volcom's design headquarters in Costa Mesa. They learned about internship opportunities and met the global design director and watched designers at work. Volcom's design director reviewed student work and provided feedback. Congratulations to Shay Patel, Thomas Eldridge, Aden Verona, Alex Baugh, and Elizabeth Nembhard for being recognized for their designs by the Volcom Design Team.

CROP Medical Nursing Careers Internship students returned to Hoag Hospital this week for the first time in two years for their internship rotations.

Lastly, there was a wonderful presentation by Mr. Chris Thiessen and a few video production students from Trabuco Hills High School. Students Daniel Callihan, Layah Salazar and Noa Elkayam shared their experiences working in video production. It was clear they all really appreciated that Mr. Thiessen provides a real hands-on and a real work-life experience in Video Production including the pressure of producing great content while meeting firm deadlines.

XI.c. PTA Council Report - presented by Michele Sparks, SVPTA President

Minutes:

Michele Sparks, SVPTA President, provided a report. PTA plays a vital role in supporting SVUSD families and are a voice for all children. Fourth District PTA recognized and honored Trabuco Mesa Elementary with the PTA Kindness Award and Trabuco Hills High School with the Creative Program Award. PTAs and volunteers across the district continue to support the schools and SVPTA continues to focus on supporting units. Family engagement and rebuilding the community is a key focus. The California State PTA Convention will be held in the beginning of May. PTAs are working on end-of-year programs and events.

XI.d. Saddleback Valley Educators Association Report - presented by Joyanne Goodfellow, SVEA President

Minutes:

Joyanne Goodfellow, SVEA President, provided a report. SVEA annual elections have concluded and she will be serving as the SVEA President for two more years. The Teacher of the Year Celebration was held last month and it was great to have teachers honored. She thanked the district for their help in coordinating the event to celebrate the winners. El Toro High School is hosting Kindness Week and it is a reminder for everyone to take a moment to be thankful and kind.

XI.e. 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.

XI.f. Local Control and Accountability Plan Progress - presented by Liza Zielasko, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services and Michael Gomez, Ed.D., District Coordinator, Assessment and Accountability

Minutes:

Liza Zielasko, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, provided the LCAP Progress Report. The LCAP is a 3-year plan, which is updated and reviewed annually. The review process and timeline were reviewed. Information about the three broad goals: Engagement, Pupil Outcomes, and Conditions of Learning were provided. Dr. Michael Gomez shared the ThoughtExchange data, which is used to gather input. There were over 1,600 participants and over 70,000 ratings were processed. The top nine thoughts were reviewed. Some of these included lowering class size, increase staff compensation, increase support and staffing levels, continuing to provide updated technology, importance of a well-rounded student learning experience, and mental health needs. These items were then taken to LCAP

Focus Group meetings. The student focus group included 119 participants at the high schools. The student feedback included that they continue to feel intense pressure and stress and the need for mental health services. They also desired updated facilities, more support with career counseling and college admissions and engaging learning environments. Their feedback also included that they are struggling with balancing full academic demands with extracurricular and outside school activities.

A number of the ideas are already in the LCAP. The review process is an opportunity to add and/or shift funds.

XII. ACTION ITEMS

XII.a. SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

XII.a.1. Approval: Expulsion of 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: The Stipulated Expulsion Agreements of SVUSD students (10 cases) listed in Attachment A to this item. 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

XII.b. BUSINESS SERVICES

XII.b.1. Public Hearing: Adoption of Resolution No. 16:21-22 Approving the Statutory School Fees Increase Imposed on New Residential and Commercial/Industrial Development Pursuant to Education Code Section 17620 and Government Code Sections 65995 and 66001

Minutes:

President Morrell declared the Public Hearing open at 7:57 p.m. No comments were received and President Morrell declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:58 p.m.

XII.b.2. Adoption: Resolution No. 16:21-22 Approving the Statutory School Fees Increase Imposed on New Residential and Commercial/Industrial Development Pursuant to Education Code Section 17620 and Government Code Sections 65995 and 66001

Motion Passed: It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Governing Board adopt Resolution No. 16:21-22, approving the Statutory School Fees increase imposed on New Residential and Commercial/Industrial Development. Passed with a motion by Suzie Swartz and a second by Barbara Schulman.

Yes Greg Kunath

Yes Amanda Morrell

Yes Barbara Schulman

Yes Suzie Swartz

Yes Dr. Edward Wong

XII.c. HUMAN RESOURCES

XII.c.1. Approval: Adoption of Resolution No. 17:21-22 to Recognize and Honor Saddleback Valley Unified School District Teachers

Motion Passed: It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 17:21-22, to participate in this event by recognizing and honoring all teachers of the Saddleback Valley Unified School District. Passed with a motion by Barbara Schulman and a second by Suzie Swartz.

Yes Greg Kunath

Yes Amanda Morrell

Yes Barbara Schulman

Yes Suzie Swartz

Yes Dr. Edward Wong

XII.c.2. Approval: Adoption of Resolution No. 18:21-22 to Recognize and Honor Saddleback Valley Unified School District Classified Employees

Motion Passed: It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 18:21-22, to participate in this event by recognizing and honoring the Classified Employees of the Saddleback Valley Unified School District. 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

XII.c.3. Approval: Receive Saddleback Valley Educators (SVEA) Opening Proposal to Saddleback Valley Unified School District (SVUSD) for the 2022-23 Fiscal Year

Motion Passed: Having completed the required process of holding a Public Hearing on SVEA's Opening Proposal, it is now the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Governing Board receive the Opening Proposal. 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

XII.c.4. Approval: Receive Saddleback Valley Unified School District (SVUSD) Initial Proposal to Saddleback Valley Educators Association (SVEA) for 2022-23 Fiscal Year

Motion Passed: Having completed the required process of holding a Public Hearing on the District's Initial Proposal, it is now the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Governing Board approve the Initial Proposal to the Saddleback Valley Educators Association. 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

XII.c.5. Approval: Receive Saddleback Valley Pupil Services Association (SVPSA) Opening Proposal to Saddleback Valley Unified School District (SVUSD) for the 2022-23 Fiscal Year

Motion Passed: Having completed the required process of holding a Public Hearing on SVPSA's Opening Proposal, it is now the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Governing Board receive the Opening Proposal. 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

XII.c.6. Approval: Receive Saddleback Valley Unified School District (SVUSD) Initial Proposal to Saddleback Valley Pupil Services Association (SVPSA) for the 2022-23 Fiscal Year

Motion Passed: Having completed the required process of holding a Public Hearing on the District's Initial Proposal, it is now the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Governing Board approve the Initial Proposal to the Saddleback Valley Pupil Services 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. CONSENT ITEMS

Motion Passed: Approve the Consent Items on the April 7, 2022 Board Meeting Agenda. 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. SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

XIII.a.1. Approval: Board Meeting Minutes

XIII.b. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

XIII.b.1. Approval: Extended Field Trips

XIII.b.2. Approval: Request for Mid-Year Graduation 2022-2023

XIII.b.3. Approval: Title I Waiver and School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) Approval

XIII.b.4. Approval: Income Agreement Between Orange County Department of Education and Saddleback Valley Unified School District (Agreement No. 10000887)

XIII.b.5. Approval: Ratification of the Quality Start OC Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) Participation Agreement

with Orange County Department and Education/Early Quality Systems, Inc. dba Hubbe Inc. (Agreement No. 10000739)

XIII.b.6. Approval: Ratification of Sales and Services Agreement Between the Regents of the University of California and Saddleback Valley Unified School District (UCI-2022BC-038)

XIII.c. SPECIAL EDUCATION

Xill.c.1. Approval: Acceptance of Preschool Staff Development Grant Award from July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2023

XIII.c.2. Approval: Acceptance of IDEA/ARP 611 Local Assistance Entitlements Grant Award from July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2023

XIII.c.3. Approval: Acceptance of Mental Health Average Daily Attendance (ADA) Allocation Grant Award from July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2023

XIII.c.4. Approval: Acceptance of IDEA/ARP 619 Federal Preschool Programs Grant Award from July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2023

XIII.c.5. Approval: Adoption of Resolution Number 15:21-22 of the Board of Education in Support of Continuing the Cooperative Program Agreement Between the State of California Department of Rehabilitation and the Saddleback Valley Unified School District (Transition Partnership Project) for the Period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025

XIII.c.6. Approval: Ratification of Master Contract and Individual Services Agreement for Non-public Agency Services with the Devereux Foundation and Devereux Texas Treatment Network, from March 8, 2022 through June 30, 2022; Student Number: NPS:2022-MH15

XIII.c.7. Approval: Ratification of Individual Services Agreement for Non-public Agency Services with Mardan School from March 7, 2022 through June 30, 2022; Student Number: NPS:MAR201

XIII.c.8. Approval: Ratification of Individual Services Agreement for Non-public Agency Services with Port View Preparatory from March 14, 2022 through June 30, 2022; Student Number: NPS:PVP196

XIII.c.9. Approval: Ratification of Individual Services Agreement for Non-public Agency Services with Rossier Park Jr/Sr High

School from February 1, 2022 through April 15, 2022; Student Number: NPS:RPJS200

XIII.c.10. Approval: Ratification of Addendum of Individual Services Agreement for Non-public Agency Services with Mardan School from February 20, 2022 through June 30, 2022; Student Number: NPS:MAR193

XIII.c.11. Approval: Ratification of Agreement for Reimbursement to Parent for Travel Expenses Incurred for Special Education Related Services from March 7, 2022 through June 30, 2022; Student Numbers: 2022-6 and 2022-8

XIII.c.12. Approval: Ratification of Amendment for Reimbursement to Parents for Travel Expenses Incurred for Non-public Residential Student from April 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022; Student Number: NPS:2022-MH15

XIII.c.13. Approval: Settlement Agreement for Reimbursement to Parents for Full and Final Settlement of All Outstanding Claims; Student Numbers: 2022-7, 2022-9, 2022-10 and 2022-11

XIII.d. BUSINESS SERVICES

XIII.d.1. Approval: Purchase Order List

XIII.d.2. Approval: Check Register

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

XIII.d.4. Approval: Agreement for Student Transportation Services Between the Orange County School Districts

XIII.d.5. Approval: City of Mission Viejo Agreement for Kids Factory

XIII.d.6. Approval: City of Mission Viejo and SVUSD Joint-Use Agreement

XIII.d.7. Approval: RFP No. 21-06 for Elementary School Photography Services

XIII.d.8. Approval: Ratification of California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act Informal Bid Awards

XIII.d.9. Approval: Accept Serrano Intermediate School Flood Repairs Project Complete and Authorization to File a Notice of

Completion for Edwards Construction Group Inc.

XIII.d.10. Approval: Surplus and Disposal of Obsolete Laptops

XIII.d.11. Approval: Disposal of Accumulated Electronic Waste (IN740935, IN740975, IN741037, IN741048, IN740896)

XIII.d.12. Approval: Denial of Liability Claim No. 600827

XIII.e. HUMAN RESOURCES

XIII.e.1. Approval: Personnel Reports dated April 7, 2022 which include Separations, Leaves, Employments, Extra Duty Pay Assignments, Changes of Status, Reclassifications, Waivers and Other Personnel Actions

XIII.e.2. Approval: Consultant Agreements

XIV. INFORMATION

XIV.a. Submission of the District's Third Quarter Report on Williams Legislation Uniform Complaints for 2021-22 to the Orange County Superintendent of Schools Concerning the Nature and Resolutions of All Complaints Filed Against the District

XV. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT

Minutes:

Student Board Member Kaitlyn Heinecke commented that she is the Laguna Hills High School liaison to the Laguna Hills City Council. She recently saw a San Joaquin Elementary 6th grade student share her first report. It inspired her to think of ways to help younger students be more involved.

Trustee Swartz congratulated Trustee Schulman for being elected to Delegate Assembly. She is looking forward to having her knowledge and strong voice in the group. She also thanked Dr. Mijares for collaborating with Dr. Chau and forming a committee to look at the best ways to use funds to benefit our students in the area of mental health. She appreciates Superintendent Turner for being willing to devote time to the committee. The Plotkin Foundation awards and show was enjoyable and the art was incredible. It was wonderful to celebrate the talented students and see the support of the art teachers and principals. She visited Gates and continues to be amazed with their engaging lessons. Some additional activities she enjoyed were a mini concert by Los Alisos students and attending the 2nd Annual Unified School Games at THHS. The unified pair video made her feel hopeful for the future.

Trustee Kunath commented that he is interested in getting more involved with ROP. The spread of the acts of kindness is gratifying to see. He attending the Unified event at THHS where he enjoyed talking with the athletes and staff. He also enjoyed the Teacher of the Year Celebration. In addition he visited Del Cerro, de Portola, and Cielo Vista where it was nice to see the students interacting, now that there is no mask mandate.

Trustee Wong commented that he enjoyed attending a volleyball game and two track meets. The Teacher of the Year Celebration was wonderful and a great way to recognize teachers for their hard work. He has been working with the Assistance League of Saddleback Valley and for the last several weeks has helped with their Operation School Bell program, which provides clothes to needy students in the district. Recently, they have worked with students from Melinda Heights, Montevideo, San Joaquin, Glen Yermo and Serrano. It was a very touching moment to watch the unified pair video at the Unified Games at THHS. He highlighted that the Assistance League will be donating \$36,000 to the school district libraries.

Trustee Schulman commented that she joined THHS teacher Jeb Berry and his students at Chapman University for the Holocaust Art & Writing contest. There were entries from student across the world and our student won 2nd place. She attended many events including a Mystery Dinner Theater at LHHS, Night of One Acts at THHS, Wizard of Oz play at ETHS, and Beauty and the Beast play at La Paz. She is a member of Kiwanis and was delighted to give awards to three students at Silverado. In addition, she enjoyed celebrating teachers at the Teacher of the Year Celebration. Her site visit to Valencia was amazing and the highlight of her visit to Lake Forest was her conversation with a 5th grade student.

Superintendent Turner provided an update regarding the resolution adopted by the Board that supports choice for families regarding the COVID vaccine. The resolution was sent with a letter to an extensive list of legislators and legislative committees to ensure they are aware of how the Board feels about the issue.

President Morrell commented that she attended the Fourth District PTA dinner. In addition, she has been working to spread kindness in our schools for the last four weeks. She has been delivering handwritten cards and small bouquets to sites. So far, she has been to ETHS, Silverado, Serrano, Portola Hills, Trabuco Mesa, Los Alisos, Del Cerro, Esperanza, MVHS, Gates, the District office Accounting Department, LHHS, La Paz, San Joaquin, Santiago, La Madera, Robinson, Foothill Ranch, THHS, Trabuco, as well as RSM. She has seen amazing things, met new people, and it has been a very emotionally uplifting experience. She encourages everyone to pay it forward.

XVI. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Minutes:

President Morrell announced that the next Regular Meeting will be on June 9, 2022.

XVII. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION IF NECESSARY

Minutes:

It was not necessary to adjourn to Closed Session.

President Morrell adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Board President

Beard Clerk