

Saddleback Valley USD
Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
October 14, 2021, 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
Barbara Schulman
Suzie Swartz

Absent:

Amanda Morrell
Dr. Edward Wong

Updated Attendance:

Amanda Morrell was updated to present at: 5:15 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Minutes:

President Swartz called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

II. 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.

III. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Minutes:

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:02 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:
Connie Cavanaugh, Assistant Superintendent**

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

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

Minutes:

President Swartz reconvened the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Minutes:

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Kaitlyn Heinecke, Student Board Member.

VI. ROLL CALL

Minutes:

Board Members Present:

Suzie R. Swartz

Amanda Morrell

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

Emily Rose Herrin, Student Representative

Kevin Thomas, Student Representative

VI.a. Report of Closed Session

Minutes:

There was nothing to report from Closed Session.

VI.b. Introduction of New Administrators

Minutes:

Superintendent Turner introduced Karen Wang, Assistant Principal, Melinda Heights Elementary, and Sally Lopez, District Coordinator, Educational Services, 7-12 STEM.

VII. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion Passed: Adopt agenda, as presented. Passed with a motion by Amanda Morrell and a second by Greg Kunath.

Yes Greg Kunath

Yes Amanda Morrell

Yes Barbara Schulman

Yes Suzie Swartz

Absent Dr. Edward Wong

VIII. PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

VIII.a. 2021 California Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (PBIS) Coalition Recognition

Minutes:

Liza Zielasko, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services introduced Kathy Stauffer, Teacher on Special Assignment, who has been working on SVUSD's Multi-Tiered System of Supports in the area of Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS). Ms. Stauffer explained that PBIS is an evidenced based proactive approach to teaching and reinforcing positive behavior in students. With over 30 years of research, PBIS is implemented in all 50 states and over 20 countries around the world. The California PBIS Coalition established rigorous standards to school sites to achieve State recognition for their implemented practices. The following SVUSD schools were recognized:

Silver Level: Del Cerro Elementary, Lake Forest Elementary, Rancho Santa Margarita Intermediate, San Joaquin Elementary, and Silverado

Gold Level: Melinda Heights Elementary

Platinum Level: Los Alisos Intermediate

Board President Suzie Swartz congratulated the schools and presented certificates of recognition on behalf of the Board.

IX. REPORTS

IX.a. Coastline Regional Occupational Program (ROP) Report - presented by Barbara Schulman, Coastline ROP Representative

Minutes:

Trustee Schulman provided a Coastline ROP Report. Trustee Schulman emphasized the importance of ROP. Patrick Sullivan, from Laguna Hills High School, received the Teacher of the Year award. Ten new teachers were added in various districts. It was reported that next year, the K-12 Strong

Workforce Program may allow two applications. Currently, only one application is permitted and only three districts can be on the application. ROP works with five districts, so the additional application would be extremely beneficial. The Career Technical Education Incentive Grant approval by the State Board of Education was postponed until January. There is new language included for an additional \$150 million which will guarantee that IB, Dual Enrollment, and AP will also be brought into ROP. Superintendent Hume is retiring effective February 1, 2022, and Leadership Associates has been chosen as the search firm to facilitate the selection of a new superintendent.

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

Minutes:

Michele Sparks, SVPTA President, provided a report. She reported that PTAs continue to find ways to create normalcy, boost morale, and engage families. Some of the activities include fundraisers, helping to fund playground supervisors, virtual events, appreciation breakfast for staff and faculty, Frozen Treat Friday and gift bags for students. PTA continues to support the community and provide resources, as well as advocate for mental health.

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

Minutes:

Joyanne Goodfellow, SVEA President, provided a report. Every school site has completed their Back to School Night. Elementary schools have had Goal Setting Conferences with traditional parent/teacher conferences in the next few weeks. The professional development day gave teachers the opportunity to meet and get training on a multitude of topics. She thanked the District for following State guidelines and putting the health and safety of staff and students first. She reported that teachers enjoy having Board members at events and school sites and she thanked them for their support.

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

Minutes:

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

IX.e. Employee Recruitment Update - presented by Connie Cavanaugh, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources & Fiscal Services

Minutes:

Connie Cavanaugh, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources & Fiscal Services provided an update regarding employee recruitment. Educational institutions across Orange County are experiencing shortages in classified

positions as well as substitutes for both classified and certificated positions. Recruitment efforts were reviewed which include posting positions on a variety of recruitment sites. Some of the additional efforts include attending local job fairs, messaging to school sites to share in communications to families, and posting on the SVUSD and SVPTA social media sites. The hiring and open position trends for the last two years were reviewed and show that SVUSD is hiring more now, and there are many more open positions. Certificated substitute recruitment efforts were reviewed, and the District is continuing to find creative ways to fill vacancies and address substitute shortages.

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

Minutes:

After Board discussion, it was agreed that comments would be heard prior to the reports. The two comments regarding items on the agenda were heard first. Eight random cards were pulled from comments submitted for items not on the agenda. If time allows, additional cards will be pulled.

The following members of the public addressed the Board regarding masks and vaccine mandates:

Monica Feters
Dana Chade
Jorge A Benavides
Christa Elliott
Lisa Jurek
Andrei Jagodin
Rebecca Goddard
Sharon Harbeck
Danielle Rader

The Board recessed at 6:57 p.m. due to a disruption of the meeting and returned at 7:06 p.m.

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

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Jenny Clark Cannon addressed the Board regarding funding and vaccine mandates. Brianna Coggeshall addressed the Board regarding parental medical decisions.

XII. ACTION ITEMS

XII.a. SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

XII.a.1. Approval: Expulsions 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 (7 cases) listed in Attachment A to this item. Passed with a motion by Greg Kunath and a second by Barbara Schulman.

Yes Greg Kunath

Yes Amanda Morrell

Yes Barbara Schulman

Yes Suzie Swartz

Absent Dr. Edward Wong

XII.a.2. Approval: Adoption of Resolution No. 04:21-22 Recognizing the Week of the School Administrator

Motion Passed: It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Governing Board approve the adoption of Resolution No. 04:21-22 Recognizing the Week of the School Administrator. Passed with a motion by Amanda Morrell and a second by Greg Kunath.

Yes Greg Kunath

Yes Amanda Morrell

Yes Barbara Schulman

Yes Suzie Swartz

Absent Dr. Edward Wong

XII.a.3. Establish the Board of Education Meeting Date for August 2022

Motion Passed: Approve August 4, 2022 as the Regular Board Meeting date for August 2022. Passed with a motion by Barbara Schulman and a second by Amanda Morrell.

Yes Greg Kunath

Yes Amanda Morrell

Yes Barbara Schulman

Yes Suzie Swartz

Absent Dr. Edward Wong

XII.b. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

XII.b.1. Approval: ESSER III (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief) Expenditure Plan

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 Amanda Morrell.

Yes Greg Kunath

Yes Amanda Morrell

Yes Barbara Schulman

Yes Suzie Swartz

Absent Dr. Edward Wong

XII.c. HUMAN RESOURCES

XII.c.1. Approval: Side Letter Agreement between Saddleback Valley Educators Association (SVEA) and the Saddleback Valley Unified School District (SVUSD)

Motion Passed: It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Governing Board approve the agreement reached between SVEA and SVUSD. 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

Absent Dr. Edward Wong

XII.c.2. Approval: Ratification of Tentative Agreement between California School Employees Association (CSEA) and the Saddleback Valley Unified School District (SVUSD)

Motion Passed: It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Governing Board approve the ratification of the agreement reached between CSEA and SVUSD. Passed with a motion by Amanda Morrell and a second by Barbara Schulman.

Yes Greg Kunath

Yes Amanda Morrell

Yes Barbara Schulman

Yes Suzie Swartz

Absent Dr. Edward Wong

XII.c.3. Approval: Ratification of Tentative Agreement between Saddleback Valley Pupil Services Association (SVPSA) and the Saddleback Valley Unified School District (SVUSD)

Motion Passed: It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Governing Board approve the ratification of the agreement reached between SVPSA and SVUSD. Passed with a motion by Barbara Schulman and a second by Amanda Morrell.

Yes Greg Kunath

Yes Amanda Morrell

Yes Barbara Schulman

Yes Suzie Swartz

Absent Dr. Edward Wong

XII.c.4. Approval: Saddleback Valley Management Team Association (SVMTA) Health Benefits and One-Time Off-Schedule Salary Payment

Motion Passed: It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Governing Board approve the one-time, off-schedule salary payment and Health Benefits agreement conferred upon by Saddleback Valley Management Team Association (SVMTA) and the District. 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

Absent Dr. Edward Wong

XII.c.5. Approval: Superintendent Contract Amendment No. 5

Motion Passed: It is recommended that the Board of Education take action to approve Amendment No. 5 of the Contract for Employment between the Saddleback Valley Unified School District and Dr. Crystal Turner, District Superintendent. Passed with a motion by Amanda Morrell and a second by Greg Kunath.

Yes Greg Kunath

Yes Amanda Morrell

Yes Barbara Schulman

Yes Suzie Swartz

Absent Dr. Edward Wong

Minutes:

President Swartz provided an oral summary of the Superintendent's

contract amendment. On a motion by Trustee Morrell, seconded by Trustee Kunath and carried 4-0, the Board approved this item.

XIII. CONSENT ITEMS

Motion Passed: Approve the Consent Items on the October 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

Absent Dr. Edward Wong

Motion Passed: Approve Consent Items on the October 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

Absent Dr. Edward Wong

XIII.a. SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

XIII.a.1. Approval: Minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 9, 2021

XIII.a.2. Approval: Adoption of Resolution 05:21-22 Absence of a Board Member

XIII.a.3. Approval: Revisions to Board Policy 1313 Civility

XIII.a.4. Approval: Revisions to Board Bylaw Exhibit 9323.2 (1) Actions by the Board

XIII.a.5. Approval: Deletion of Board Bylaw 9323.1 Order of Business

XIII.b. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

XIII.b.1. Approval: Extended Field Trips

XIII.b.2. Approval: Request for Mid-Year Graduation 2021-2022

XIII.b.3. Approval: Sales and Services Agreement between Regents of the University of California, on Behalf of the University

of California, Irvine/California Reading & Literature Project (CRLP) and Saddleback Valley Unified School District (Agreement No. UCI-2022BC-027)

XIII.b.4. Approval: Income Agreement between Orange County Superintendent of Schools and Saddleback Valley Unified School District (Agreement No. 52020)

XIII.b.5. Approval: Contract between James Event Productions, Inc. and Saddleback Valley Unified School District for the Orange County Cross Country Championship

XIII.b.6. Approval: Revisions to Board Policy 5145.12 Search and Seizure

XIII.b.7. Approval: Revisions to Board Policy 5145.9 Hate Motivated Behavior

XIII.c. SPECIAL EDUCATION

XIII.c.1. Approval: Amendment to Legal Services Agreement between Harbottle Law Group and Saddleback Valley Unified School District from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

XIII.c.2. Approval: Ratification of Individual Services Agreements for Non-public School Services with Olive Crest Academy from September 3, 2021 through June 30, 2022; Student Numbers: NPS:OCA208GG and NPS:OCA209OR

XIII.c.3. Approval: Ratification of Individual Services Agreement for Non-public School Services with Mardan School from September 13, 2021 through June 30, 2022; Student Number: NPS:MAR200

XIII.c.4. Approval: Ratification of Individual Services Agreement for Non-public School Services with Port View Preparatory from October 1, 2021 through June 24, 2022; Student Number: NPS:PVP194

XIII.c.5. Approval: Ratification of Individual Services Agreement for Non-public School Services with Spectrum Center Rossier Park JR/SR High School from October 1, 2021 through October 31, 2021; Student Number: NPS:RPJS196

XIII.c.6. Approval: Ratification of Addendum of Individual Services Agreement for Non-public School Services with Beacon Day School from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022; Student Number: NPS:BDS191

XIII.c.7. Approval: Ratification of Addendum of Individual Services Agreement for Non-public School Services with Mardan School from August 30, 2021 through June 30, 2022; Student Number: NPS:MAR198

XIII.c.8. Approval: Ratification of Addendum of Individual Services Agreement for Non-public School Services with Port View Preparatory from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; Student Numbers: NPS:PVP191, NPS:PVP192, NPS:PVP193 and NPS:PVP194

XIII.c.9. Approval: Settlement Agreement for Reimbursement to Parent for Full and Final Settlement of all Outstanding Claims; Student Numbers: 2021-32, 2021-33 and 2021-34

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: Ratification of Limited Use License Agreement for the 2021-2022 School Year with Rancho Santa Margarita Landscape and Recreation Corporation (SAMLARC) for the Use of Trabuco Mesa Park by Trabuco Mesa Elementary School Students

XIII.d.5. Approval: Ratification of California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act Informal Bid Awards

XIII.d.6. Approval: Accept the Food Service Equipment Replacement Project, Bid No. 20-02 F as Complete and Authorization to File a Notice of Completion for Gary F. Lyons & Associates

XIII.d.7. Approval: Disposal of Accumulated Electronic Waste (I740450, I740469)

XIII.e. HUMAN RESOURCES

XIII.e.1. Approval: Personnel Reports dated October 14, 2021 which include Separations, Leaves, Employments, Extra Duty Pay Assignments, Changes of Status, Reclassifications, Waivers and Other Personnel Actions

XIII.e.2. Approval: Consultant Agreements

XIII.e.3. Approval: Agreement for Consultant Services with Leadership Associates, LLC

XIII.e.4. Approval: Increase to Certificated Substitute Pay Rates, Effective October 15, 2021

XIII.e.5. Approval: Revised Certificated Administrative Job Descriptions

XIV. INFORMATION

XIV.a. First 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 it's been beneficial to the student body to be back in school. There is a strong sense of community and it's great to see all of the organizations back on campus.

Trustee Schulman commented that she attended football games at all of the high schools. It was great to visit La Paz Intermediate with the new principal. She visited Linda Vista Magnet and the Del Cerro Spark program which provides an opportunity for students in general education and special education to get together. The band competition at Mission Viejo High School was amazing. At Robinson Elementary, she was able to see a group of students who were collecting objects that can be used to help clean up the oil spill. The project was initiated by the students.

Trustee Kunath commented that he visited Rancho Canada Elementary and plans to visit Valencia Elementary next week. He is confident that he and his colleagues will do the right thing regarding masks and vaccines.

Trustee Morrell commented she attended the Spark program at Del Cerro. It was also amazing to go to the Mission Viejo High School Military Recognition night.

President Swartz commented that she attended the Trabuco Hills High School Homecoming game and Mission Viejo High School Salute to Veterans where it was great to be together outside. The Del Cerro Spark program was heartwarming, and it provides the opportunity for the students to develop friendships. The Board has been receiving input from the community regarding masks and vaccines. Staff is continuing to monitor vaccine exemptions that will be available and will keep families informed. Also, she looks forward to participating in the El Toro High School canned food drive.

Superintendent Turner commented that it was great to see the Student Board Member, Kaitlyn Heinecke, play Hermione Granger in the performance at the Laguna Hills High School Homecoming game. She recognized that it is the Week of the School Administrator and she thanked them for their incredible work. With the approval of tonight's consent items, Mark Perez will be moving to the Services for English Learners Department, which will benefit from his excellence. She congratulated and thanked him for his service to her office and the Board of Education.

XVI. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Minutes:

President Swartz announced that the next Regular Meeting will be on November 18, 2021.

XVII. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION IF NECESSARY

Minutes:

It was not necessary to adjourn to Closed Session.

President Swartz adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.


Board President


Board Clerk