

Saddleback Valley USD
Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
November 18, 2021, 6:00 PM
District Education Center Board Room

25631 Peter A. Hartman Way, Mission Viejo, California

Board Workshop (Open to the Public) begins at 4:30 pm

Closed Session begins at 5:00 pm

Public Session begins at 6:00 pm

Attendance Taken at 4:30 PM:

Present:

Greg Kunath

Amanda Morrell

Barbara Schulman

Suzie Swartz

Dr. Edward Wong

I. REGULAR BOARD MEETING

II. CALL TO ORDER

Minutes:

President Swartz called the meeting to order at 4:30 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.

III.a. Board Workshop - 4:30 p.m. (open to public) Board will immediately adjourn to Closed Session upon the conclusion of the Workshop.

III.a.1. High School Graduation Requirements

Minutes:

A report regarding High School Graduation requirements was

presented by James Newton, Director, Secondary Education. There was discussion around the current SVUSD Science requirements and proposed changes beginning with the Class of 2022.

IV. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Minutes:

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:20 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Minutes:

President Swartz reconvened the meeting at 6:05 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

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

Emily Rose Herrin, Student Representative

Kevin Thomas, Student Representative

VII.a. Report of Closed Session

Minutes:

President Swartz reported that the Board took action in Closed Session to approve the Resignation Agreement for Employee Number 111821CE, a teacher, by the following roll call vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

VII.b. Introduction of New Administrators and Promotions

Minutes:

Superintendent Turner introduced Mark Perez, Director, Language Acquisition, and Wendie Hauschild, Director, Communications & Administrative Services.

VIII. 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

Yes Dr. Edward Wong

IX. PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

IX.a. Pacific Symphony Poster Contest Winner Recognition, Korina Bao, RSM Intermediate School

Minutes:

James Newton, Director, Secondary Education, introduced Korina Bao, a RSM Intermediate student, who was the Pacific Symphony Poster Contest winner. Trustee Kunath congratulated Korina and presented her with a Certificate of Recognition on behalf of the Board of Education.

IX.b. Best Buddies Champion of the Year, Kara Johnson, Trabuco Hills High School

Minutes:

Dr. Diane Clark introduced Kara Johnson, a Trabuco Hills High School teacher, who was nominated as Best Buddies Champion of the Year. She is a leader in inclusion throughout SVUSD and has served as a Best Buddies advisor for the past 15 years. Kara Johnson was honored and congratulated by Trustee Schulman on behalf of the Board of Education and presented with a Certificate of Recognition.

IX.c. National Blue Ribbon School, de Portola Elementary School

Minutes:

The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program is a United States Department of Education award program that recognizes exemplary public and non-public schools on a yearly basis. Superintendent Turner emphasized that this is the highest recognition for schools in the country. de Portola Elementary was given the distinguished honor of being the recipient of the National Blue Ribbon Award. de Portola is 1 of 26 schools in California to be selected for this honor and their particular area of excellence is in closing the achievement gap. Trustee Morrell congratulated Principal Brendon Morrow and the school and presented an award on behalf of the Board of Education.

IX.d. 2022 California Teacher of the Year, Alondra Diaz, Gates DLI Elementary School

Minutes:

Liza Zielasko, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services and Yvonne Estling, Director, Elementary Education, introduced Alondra Diaz, teacher at Gates DLI Elementary School. Ms. Diaz was name the California Teacher of the Year and is California's representative in the National Teacher of the Year program. She is a third-grade dual immersion language teacher. Her classroom is one where all students feel part of a special classroom community. She is committed to understanding the needs of each family and providing support for finding the resources that they need. She is also a tremendous resource beyond her grade level as she mentors other teachers. President Swartz congratulated Ms. Diaz and presented her with a Certificate of Recognition on behalf of the Board of Education.

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

Minutes:

Twenty-two Request to Address the Board of Education cards were submitted. Thirty minutes is allowed for public comments for items both on and off the agenda. Initially, ten cards will be pulled at random and if time allows, additional cards will be pulled.

Brigette Sunseri addressed the Board about being opposed to a vaccine mandate.

Brianna Coggeshall addressed the Board about being opposed to a vaccine mandate.

Kris U. addressed the Board about being opposed to a vaccine mandate.

Louise Adler thanked the Board and the staff at Serrano for addressing the traffic issue.

Herb Cohen addressed the Board to thank them for the education his children were provided.

Jack Hollander addressed the Board to commend the music teachers for their work in the music program during the pandemic.

Martie Lubetkin addressed the Board to commend the theater program at Laguna Hills High School.

Andrei Jagodin addressed the Board about being opposed to a vaccine mandate.

Judy Curry addressed the Board to support them and the teachers in doing all they can to keep the students safe.

Annie Krinsky addressed the Board to thank them for putting students first.

Michael Ebel addressed the Board to thank them for keeping the students safe.

Heather Harrison addressed the Board about being opposed to a vaccine mandate.

Jessica Spencer addressed the Board about being opposed to a vaccine mandate.

Nicole P. addressed the Board about being opposed to a vaccine mandate.

Anne Owens address the Board to commend them for considering the health and safety of teachers and students.

Rebecca Goddard addressed the Board about being opposed to a vaccine mandate.

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

XII. REPORTS

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

Minutes:

Trustee Schulman provided a Coastline ROP report. The ROP participated in a dual enrollment meeting with SVUSD and Saddleback College and attended a meeting for the STEAM Ahead Project with the Octane Foundation. Tyler Tourette, an animator from Warner Bros. Studio, visited the art animation class at Mission Viejo High School. The students had a great time hearing about his work. Mr. Tourette was impressed that SVUSD offers animation in high school as he had to wait until going to college to take classes.

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

Minutes:

Keri Baert provided the SVPTA report on behalf of SVPTA President Michele Sparks. She thanked the Board, administrators, teachers and site staff, parents, and students for persevering through such a difficult time in education. There is so much to be thankful for, including being back in school full time, plays, band competitions and so much more. She is thankful for the PTA leaders who stay focused on serving students. She is grateful to work with the SVPTA Executive Board who are here to support every child. Some of the projects that SVPTA is working on include arts advocacy, forming a SPED committee, and advocating for mental health. The Reflections program is underway and art work has been submitted. PTA membership is up by 42% from last year, which is encouraging.

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

Minutes:

Joyanne Goodfellow, SVEA President, provided a report. Middle schools have completed their first trimester finals and by the end of this week, all elementary parents will have had the opportunity to meet with their student's elementary teacher either in the traditional parent/teacher conferences or goal setting conferences. She commended the teachers for working with parent schedules, sub shortages, and virtual and in-person meetings. She expressed being thankful for being able to teach photography to her students and for her students and their willingness to learn. She is also thankful for SVEA's faith in her as their president and the joy in supporting the teachers. She is appreciative of the Board and staff attending events and supporting the teachers on a regular basis. Lastly, she thanked the Board for keeping health and safety in the forefront.

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

Minutes:

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

XII.e. Educator Effectiveness Block Grant Plan - presented by Michael Gomez, Ed.D., District Coordinator, Assessment and Accountability

Minutes:

Dr. Michal Gomez, District Coordinator, Assessment & Accountability, presented an Educator Effectiveness Funds report. The origins and funding mechanism were reviewed. The District will be receiving about \$7.9M that can be expended over five years. One of the funding requirements is to develop and adopt a plan on or before December 30, 2021. An overview of

the allowable expenditures and District plan was provided. The District plan includes using Educator Effectiveness funds to supplement professional development efforts to continue existing programs. The Plan will be submitted for Board approval at the December 13, 2021 Board Meeting.

XIII. ACTION ITEMS

XIII.a. SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

XIII.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 (12 cases) listed in Attachment A to this item. 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

XIV. CONSENT ITEMS

Motion Passed: Approve the Consent Items on the November 18, 2021 Board Meeting Agenda with the exception of XIV.b.10. 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

Yes Dr. Edward Wong

XIV.a. SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

XIV.a.1. Approval: Minutes of the Regular Meeting on October 14, 2021

XIV.a.2. Approval: Establishment of Annual Organizational Meeting

XIV.a.3. Approval: Revisions to Board Policy 4119.25, 4219.25, 4319.25 Political Activities of Employees

XIV.b. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

XIV.b.1. Approval: Extended Field Trips

**XIV.b.2. Approval: Agricultural Career Technical Education
Incentive Grant, Mission Viejo High School**

**XIV.b.3. Approval: Agreement for Use of Emerald Cove Outdoor
Science Institute Facilities, Supplies, Equipment and Services
Public Schools**

**XIV.b.4. Approval: Income Agreement between Orange County
Superintendent of Schools and Saddleback Valley Unified School
District (Agreement No. 10000370)**

**XIV.b.5. Approval: Revisions to 2021-22 SVUSD Virtual Academy
School Plan for Student Achievement**

**XIV.b.6. Approval: Revisions to Board Policy 5126 Awards of
Achievement**

**XIV.b.7. Approval: Revisions to Board Policy 5141.31
Immunizations**

**XIV.b.8. Approval: Revisions to Board Policy 5141.4 Child Abuse
Prevention and Reporting**

**XIV.b.9. Approval: Revisions to Board Policy 5141.52 Suicide
Prevention**

**XIV.b.10. Approval: Revisions to Board Policy 6146.1 High School
Graduation Requirements**

Motion Passed: It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Governing Board approve the proposed revisions to Board Policy 6146.1 High School Graduation Requirements and changing item 3C to "10 credits in Physics of the Universe, or an alternative SVUSD science course, as permitted by the superintendent or designee." 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 Schulman pulled this item for discussion.

On a motion by Trustee Schulman, seconded by Trustee Wong and carried 5-0, the Board approved this item with changes to item 3 in the Board Policy.

The Board agreed to change item 3C in the Board Policy from "10 credits in Physics of the Universe*" to "10 credits in Physics of the Universe or an alternative SVUSD science course, as permitted by the superintendent or designee."

XIV.c. SPECIAL EDUCATION

XIV.c.1. Approval: Ratification of Individual Services Agreement for Non-Public School Services with Olive Crest Academy from October 20, 2021 through June 30, 2022; Student Number: NPS:OCA210GG

XIV.c.2. Approval: Ratification of Individual Services Agreement for Non-public School Services with Port View Preparatory from October 25, 2021 through June 30, 2022; Student Number: NPS:PVP195

XIV.c.3. Approval: Ratification of Individual Services Agreement for Non-public School Services with Spectrum Center Rossier Park Jr/Sr High School from November 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021; Student Number: NPS:RPJS196

XIV.c.4. Approval: Ratification of Addendum of Individual Services Agreement for Non-public School Services with The Children's School from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; Student Number: NPS:TCS190

XIV.c.5. Approval: Ratification of Agreement for Reimbursement to Parents for Travel Expenses Incurred for Special Education Related Services, from July 1, 2021 through June 29, 2022; Student Numbers 2021-15, 2021-30 and 2021-31

XIV.c.6. Approval: Settlement Agreement for Reimbursement to Parent for Full and Final Settlement of all Outstanding Claims; Student Numbers: 2021-35 and 2021-36

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. 06:21-22 Award a Contract Regarding the Serrano Intermediate School Flood Repairs Project

XIV.d.5. Approval: Annual and Five-Year Reportable Fees Report For Fiscal Year 2020-21 Pursuant to Government Code Section 66001 and 66006

XIV.d.6. Approval: Memorandum of Understanding between Moulton Niguel Water District and Saddleback Valley Unified School District for Participation in a High Efficiency Device Installation Program at Lomarena Elementary School, Montevideo Elementary School and Silverado High School

XIV.d.7. Approval: Agreement with David Evans and Associates Inc. to Provide Survey, Drainage and Landscape Plan Services for On-Call Services as Needed at Various School Sites

XIV.d.8. Approval: Agreement with PJHM Architects to Provide On-Call Architectural/Engineering Services as Needed for Various Projects

XIV.d.9. Approval: Utilization of California Multiple Award Schedule (CMAS) Contract 4-21-10-1072 to Carrier Corporation for the Purchase, Warranty, and Installation of HVAC Equipment

XIV.d.10. Approval: Ratification of Bid No. 21-02 to Bertrand's Music

XIV.d.11. Approval: Add Carreras Tours, LLC to RFP No. 17-01 for Charter/Motor Coach Services

XIV.d.12. Approval: Ratification of California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act Informal Bid Awards

XIV.d.13. Approval: Authorization to Surplus and Dispose of Unusable Property and Inoperable District Vehicles

XIV.d.14. Approval: Disposal of Accumulated Electronic Waste (IN740541, IN740585, IN740586, IN740587, IN740588, IN740594, IN740593)

XIV.e. HUMAN RESOURCES

XIV.e.1. Approval: Personnel Reports dated November 18, 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: California State University, Los Angeles Clinical Affiliation Agreement

XIV.e.4. Approval: Revised Classified Management Job Description

XV. INFORMATION

XV.a. Williams Settlement Legislation Report for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for Saddleback Valley Unified School District (Glen Yermo) from the Orange County Department of Education

XVI. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT

Minutes:

Student Board Member Kaitlyn Heinecke commented that she is looking forward to working with Ms. Hauschild. She is thankful for the opportunity to serve as the Student Board Member and for the efforts of the Board.

Trustee Schulman commented that the reason she ran to be a School Board Member was to help make sure that SVUSD stayed the same excellent district it was when she taught here for 25+ years. There is nothing more important than our children. She understands we may not always agree but that we all have a right to say what we feel. She doesn't feel that the Board should be attacked verbally or mentally. We are living in a very divisive world right now. She understands there are people who do not want vaccines and masks, but she also understands that there are people who do want vaccines and masks. She would like exemptions such as person beliefs to remain in place, but she knows that as a Board member, she doesn't have the ability to make that decision. She attended a variety of events including the dinner for the Best Buddies Award, site visit at Esperanza, Band Fest and the musical "Rudolph" at El Toro High School, Mission Viejo High School play "Clue," Laguna Hills High School play "Radium Girls," and 29th Annual Tournament in the Hills Band Competition at Trabuco Hills High School.

Trustee Kunath commented that he believes that our country is important and that we have to do the right thing. He had the opportunity to visit Gates where it was amazing to see Alondra Diaz in her classroom. He attended the El Toro High School football game and Band Fest.

Trustee Wong commented that he attended a variety of events and meetings including the OC School Board Legislative Meeting. At Mission Viejo High School, it was a pleasure to see Madi Goseco, SVUSD's former Student Board Member, at the Homecoming game, attend the play "Clue", and CIF Girls Volleyball tournament. He

enjoyed the Band Fest at El Toro High School and Tournament of the Hills Band Competition at Trabuco Hills High School. It was great to see the students from schools around the state compete. He also helped provide clothing to students with the Assistance League and hopes everyone enjoys their Thanksgiving.

Trustee Morrell congratulated the high schools for placing in the top 3 at the Tournament of the Hills Band Competition. The enthusiasm and community support were incredible. She highlighted that Trabuco Hills High School was one of six high schools invited to perform in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade. The theater productions including "Nine Worst Break-Ups," "Radium Girls," and "Clue" were excellent. She emphasized that she takes her role on the Board Governance team seriously and understands what her role is. Statewide standards for vaccinations are not set by the Board.

President Swartz commented that she feels it's important to keep the vaccine exemptions in place. She emphasized that she reads all of the emails and listens to what the parents are saying. She enjoyed the Mission Viejo High School performance of "Clue" and attended the OCSBA dinner meeting. She is excited that El Toro High School is doing a canned food drive and is looking forward to the Silverado Thanksgiving Feast. This is her favorite time of the year to reflect and be thankful.

Superintendent Turner addressed some of the reoccurring questions that have come up. She clarified that SVUSD does not receive funding for following mandates. Also, there are legal and liability ramifications if the District does not follow mandates. She emphasized that she doesn't have the ability to have a professional opinion about the rules and mandates. She shared that she would like parents to have time to work with their doctors to decide what's right for the child and preserving the exemptions would allow that. She also supports exemptions for staff. She has been advocating for our students for the past nineteen months. SVUSD was one of the earliest districts in California to reopen our schools. She is part of several groups who work closely with the Orange County Health Care Agency and has been able to advocate for bringing back sports and visual and performing arts. Most recently, they were able to advocate for the removal of masks for basketball athletes with weekly testing. She also works with advocates in Sacramento who meet monthly to get input on upcoming legislation. She believes that SVUSD's track record through the pandemic shows that our priority is to have kids in schools, participating in activities as much as possible. SVUSD is an amazing district. She is thankful for the Board of Education and staff who work tirelessly to provide an excellent education for our students. She hopes everyone finds time for rest and rejuvenation over the holiday break.

XVII. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Minutes:

President Swartz announced that the next meeting will be a Regular/Organizational Meeting on December 13, 2021.

XVIII. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION IF NECESSARY

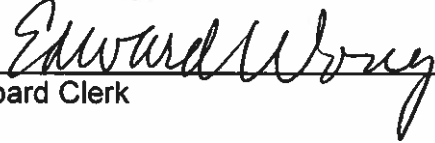
Minutes:

It was not necessary to adjourn to Closed Session.

President Swartz adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.



Board President



Board Clerk