



MEETING MINUTES

CLOSED SESSION begins at 5:00 P.M.
PUBLIC SESSION begins at 6:00 P.M.

Attendees

Voting Members

Barbara Schulman, President
Dr. Edward Wong, Vice President
Suzie R. Swartz, Clerk
Amanda Morrell, Board Member
Dan Walsh, Board Member

Trustee Morrell left the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER - 5:00 p.m.

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

2. OPEN SESSION- Public May Address Board on Closed Session Agenda

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

3. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:02 p.m.

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

b. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9)

c. Threat to Public Services or Facilities (Government Code Section 54957)

d. Negotiations Discussion (Government Code Section 54957.6) Employee Organizations; CSEA, SVEA and SVPSA/Agency Negotiator: Darvin Jackson, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

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

4. RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION- 6:00 P.M.

President Schulman reconvened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Griffin Foster, Student

Representative.

6. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

Barbara Schulman

Dr. Edward Wong

Suzie R. Swartz

Amanda Morrell (left the meeting at 7:36 p.m.)

Dan Walsh

Also present were:

Crystal Turner Ed.D., Superintendent

Kaitlyn Heinecke, Student Board Member

Tammi Bush-Craig, Student Representative

Griffin Foster, Student Representative

Irene Kim, Student Representative

Bartev Stepanian, Student Representative

a. Report of Closed Session

President Schulman reported that discussion occurred during Closed Session and the following actions were taken:

1. In Closed Session, the Board, by a 5 to 0 majority vote instructed District Counsel to settle the matter of In Re: Juul Labs, Inc. Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation, Federal District Court for the Northern District of CA, Case No: 3:19-md-02913-WHO, as against JUUL Labs, Inc. and its founders, directors and board members, up to the stipulated amount. The members voted as follows:

Trustee Wong – Aye

Trustee Swartz – Aye

Trustee Morrell – Aye

Trustee Walsh – Aye

President Schulman – Aye

2. In Closed Session, the Board voted 5 ayes to 0 noes to authorize the Superintendent to issue a Notice of Unprofessional Conduct for a certificated employee.

3. In Closed Session, the Board voted 5 ayes to 0 noes to authorize the Superintendent to issue a Notice of Unprofessional Conduct and Suspension Last Chance Agreement for a certificated employee.

7. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Adopt agenda, as presented.

Motion made by: Amanda Morrell

Motion seconded by: Suzie R. Swartz

Voting:

Barbara Schulman - Yes

Dr. Edward Wong - Yes

Suzie R. Swartz - Yes

Amanda Morrell - Yes
Dan Walsh - Yes

8. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

a. Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) Every Student Succeeding Nominee

Stephanie Fargo introduced Cruz Melendez, student at Trabuco Hills High School, who was an ACSA Every Student Succeeding Nominee. Cruz overcame physical and traumatic brain injuries as a result of being hit head on by a drunk driver in a traffic collision. He is a remarkable student who is a positive influence and an active and valued member of the school community. Trustee Wong presented Cruz with a Certificate of Recognition.

b. 2023 Orange County Classified Employee of the Year

Melinda Heights Elementary Principal Kathy Martin introduced Amira Hanna who was selected as a 2023 Orange County Classified Employee of the Year. Ms. Martin highlighted the qualities of Ms. Hanna that earned her this honor. She leads by example, builds relationships, and is there for the students every day. Trustee Morrell congratulated Ms. Hanna and presented a Certificate of Recognition.

c. Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) Region 17 Elementary Principal of the Year

Assistant Superintendent Liza Zielasko introduced Principal Kathy Martin who was selected as the ACSA Region 17 Elementary Principal of the Year. Ms. Martin provides a safe and welcoming environment and relationships are at the heart of the school culture. She is an exemplary school leader. Trustee Schulman congratulated Ms. Martin for receiving the award and presented a Certificate of Recognition.

d. SVUSD Bright Spot - presented by Mikey Park, District Coordinator

District Coordinator Mikey Park provided a presentation about the SVUSD Student Champions and Student Marketplace. There are 34 Student Champions who support SVUSD's most At-Promise SVUSD students; McKinney-Vento and foster youth. They ensure that their school site is utilizing best practices regarding identification, enrollment and offering tiered support.

The Student Marketplace was made possible in collaboration with the Mission Viejo Police Foundation and was built utilizing funding from a one-time grant. Through donations, it provides fresh produce, toiletries, emergency supplies, shelf-stable food and more to eligible families every Friday.

e. Philanthropy Project Presentation - presented by Student Board Member Kaitlyn Heinecke

Student Board Member Kaitlyn Heinecke provided a presentation regarding the District Philanthropy Project. She was honored to select the philanthropy project and wanted to support an organization that helped our community. The Student Advisory Committee brainstormed ideas and SVUSD's Student Marketplace was chosen. It was decided to collect personal care product donations. The project was promoted through various methods, including social media. She thanked everyone for their support and the items will be sorted and delivered to the Student Marketplace in the next few weeks.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Yev Koch addressed the Board regarding safety.

Sean Fletcher addressed the Board regarding safety.
Maria Gomez-Greenberg addressed the Board regarding safety.
Katie Quinn addressed the Board regarding safety.
Suzan Dennis addressed the Board regarding class size.
Movses Karakossian addressed the Board regarding safety.

10. REPORTS

a. Student Board Member and High School Representatives Report

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

b. PTA Council Report - presented by Vanessa Tingey, SVPTA President

Catherine Beeny, incoming SVPTA President, provided a report. It was reported that there was a 137% increase in volunteer hours for a total of 102, 833 hours, which represents dedication and passion from all PTA members. Elections for SVPTA have been held and official duties of newly elected officers begins on July 1. SVPTA is proud to be part of the Strategic Arts planning process for SVUSD. SVPTA continues to plan and fund programs to bring the community together. The Fourth District PTA recently recognized Melinda Heights Elementary with the Fourth District Unit of the Year Award and Trabuco Hills High School teacher, Lisa Lotito-Byers with the Outstanding Teacher Award.

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

Joyanne Goodfellow, SVEA President, provided a report. The Teachers of the Year were recently celebrated and SVEA has opened up scholarships. Planning has begun for the SVEA Retirement party. Michael Lee and Devon Tescher have been announced as WHO Award winners. This is a CTA award for union work. She spoke about some concerns and expressed appreciation for the work of SVEA members.

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

Mark Perez and Francisca Vasquez provided a DELAC report. Ms. Vasquez introduced the DELAC Board. DELAC is formed to support multilingual learners and their families. All meetings have been conducted in a hybrid format, which has increased participation. SVUSD has approximately 4,100 multilingual learners. Four DELAC meetings were held throughout the year. The DELAC role is to advise the District in multiple areas, including the revised master plan and multilingual assessment survey. During the last DELAC meeting, input was provided for the LCAP. Families want students to achieve academic success and participate in all learning activities. Ms. Vasquez thanked the Board and Superintendent for making sure their students receive a good education. Highlights and photos from community and family engagement events to support multilingual families and students were provided.

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

Liza Zielasko and Dr. Michael Gomez provided a Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Progress report. Ms. Zielasko explained that the LCAP is a 3-year plan and SVUSD is currently in

year 2 of the plan. The process and timeline were reviewed. There were 22 focus groups that provided input over a 2-month period that began in January. This year's input from high schools was expanded to encompass more groups. The broad goals of Engagement, Pupil Outcomes and Conditions of Learning have not changed.

The results of the ThoughtExchange data were reviewed. The top seven thoughts received from the community wide survey were listed. Lowering class size and eliminating combination classes was a priority. The current class size reduction efforts were reviewed. Some of these efforts include increasing intervention teachers at the intermediate level to full time, 40% intervention teachers at the elementary level, and elimination of combination classes at Title I sites. Many of the thoughts from the community wide survey were mirrored by the LCAP Focus Groups. Among the input received was more instructional aides, more electives, accelerate learning of English and improvement of facilities. Following the report, input was provided by the Board.

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Public Hearing: Classified School Employees Association (CSEA) Reopener Proposal to Saddleback Valley Unified School District (SVUSD) for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year

President Schulman declared the Public Hearing open at 8:09 p.m., and after having received no comments from the public, declared the hearing closed at 8:10 p.m.

b. Public Hearing: Saddleback Valley Unified School District (SVUSD) Reopener Proposal to California School Employees Association (CSEA) for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year

President Schulman declared the Public Hearing open at 8:11 p.m., and after having received no comments from the public, declared the hearing closed at 8:12 p.m.

12. ACTION ITEMS

a. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Approval: Adoption of Resolution No. 13:22-23 to Recognize and Honor Saddleback Valley Unified School District Teachers

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 13:22-23, to participate in this event by recognizing and honoring all teachers of the Saddleback Valley Unified School District.

Motion made by: Suzie R. Swartz

Motion seconded by: Dr. Edward Wong

Voting:

Barbara Schulman - Yes

Dr. Edward Wong - Yes

Suzie R. Swartz - Yes

Amanda Morrell - Not Present

Dan Walsh - Yes

2. Approval: Adoption of Resolution No. 14:22-23 to Recognize and Honor Saddleback Valley Unified School District Classified Employees

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 14:22-23, to participate in this event by recognizing and honoring the Classified Employees of the Saddleback Valley Unified School District.

Motion made by: Dan Walsh
Motion seconded by: Suzie R. Swartz
Voting:
Barbara Schulman - Yes
Dr. Edward Wong - Yes
Suzie R. Swartz - Yes
Amanda Morrell - Not Present
Dan Walsh - Yes

13. CONSENT ITEMS

Approve Consent Items on the April 20, 2023 Board Meeting Agenda.

Motion made by: Dr. Edward Wong
Motion seconded by: Suzie R. Swartz
Voting:
Barbara Schulman - Yes
Dr. Edward Wong - Yes
Suzie R. Swartz - Yes
Amanda Morrell - Not Present
Dan Walsh - Yes

a. SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

- 1. Approval: Board Meeting Minutes**

b. STUDENT SERVICES

- 1. Approval: Expulsion of Students for Violation of Board Policy 5144.1**

c. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

- 1. Approval: Extended Field Trips**
- 2. Approval: Commission on Teacher Credentialing Grant Award and Agreement– Teacher Residency Implementation Grant (Grant No. 2021TRI20)**
- 3. Approval: Sales and Services Agreement between the Regents of the University of California, on Behalf of the University of California, Irvine, Department of History, UCI History Project, and Saddleback Valley Unified School District**
- 4. Approval: OC Pathways Regional K-16 Education Collaborative Grant Program Service Agreement between Orange County Department of Education and Saddleback Valley Unified School District (Agreement No. 10002282) and Interagency Data Grant Sharing Agreement (Addendum E)**
- 5. Approval: Grant Sub-Agreement between Rancho Santiago Community College District and Saddleback Valley Unified School District (Agreement No. DO-22-2449-23)**
- 6. Approval: Addendum No. 2 and No. 4 for Participation between Inside the Outdoors Public Schools 2022-2023 and Saddleback Valley Unified School District (Agreement No. 15025)**

d. SPECIAL EDUCATION

- 1. Approval: Acceptance of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) 611 Local Assistance Entitlements Grant from July 1, 2022 through September 30, 2024**
- 2. Approval: Amendment to Agreement with the Department of Rehabilitation (Agreement No. 31948) to Increase Funding for the Transition Partnership Program (TPP)**
- 3. Approval: Ratification of Agreement with Chapman University to Participate in the Orange County Business Partner Intermediary Project**
- 4. Approval: Ratification of Individual Services Agreement for Non-public Agency Services with Mardan School from February 27, 2023 through June 30, 2023; Student Number: NPS:MAR208**
- 5. Approval: Ratification of Agreement for Reimbursement to Parent for Travel Expenses Incurred for Special Education Services from February 6, 2023 through July 7, 2023; Student Number 2022-66**
- 6. Approval: Settlement Agreement for Reimbursement to Parents for Full and Final Settlement of all Outstanding Claims; Student Numbers: 2022-65 and 2022-67**

e. BUSINESS SERVICES

- 1. Approval: Purchase Order List**
- 2. Approval: Check Register**
- 3. Approval: Acceptance of Donations to the District**
- 4. Approval: Consultant Agreements**
- 5. Approval: Adoption of Resolution No. 15:22-23, Designating Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, as Custodian of the Revolving Cash Fund**
- 6. Approval: Memorandum of Understanding between Saddleback Valley Unified School District and Orange County Public Libraries to Utilize the El Toro Public Library as a Food Service Site for the Summer Feeding Program**
- 7. Approval: Agreement with PBK to Provide Architectural Services for District Safety Fencing**
- 8. Approval: Agreement with PBK to Provide Architectural Services at Lake Forest Elementary for a Modular Building and Playground Enhancements**
- 9. Approval: Cost Sharing and Cooperative Agreement with the City of Laguna Hills for La Paz Road Sidewalk Widening Project in Front of Valencia Elementary**
- 10. Approval: Services Contract with Guida Surveying, Inc. to Provide Survey Services for Oxford Preparatory Academy**

11. Approval: Advanced Exercise as a Sole Source Vendor for Athletic Products and Supplies for Lifefitness Cardiovascular Equipment (Hammer Strength Equipment)

12. Approval: Amendment No. 2 to the Services Contract with Guida Surveying, Inc. to Provide Survey Services for Various District Projects

13. Approval: Utilization of NASPO Master Agreement No. 00719 with US Bank for Credit Card Purchases Associated with the Department of General Services Cal Card Program (California Participating Addendum No. 7-20-99-42)

14. Approval: Utilization of Reef-Sunset Unified School District Bid for the Purchase of Modular Buildings

15. Approval: Ratification of California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act Informal Bid Awards

16. Approval: Surplus and Disposal of Obsolete Health Equipment

f. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Approval: Personnel Reports Dated April 20, 2023 Which Include Separations, Leaves, Employments, Extra Duty Pay Assignments, Change of Status, Reclassifications, Waivers and Other Personnel Actions

2. Approval: Revised Student Teaching Agreement between Saddleback Valley Unified School District and University of California, Irvine

3. Approval: Revised Certificated Job Description

4. Approval: Revised Classified Special Services, Technical and Confidential Job Description and Revised Classified Special Services, Technical and Confidential Salary Schedule

5. Approval: Revised Classified Exempt Salary Schedule (CLRE)

6. Approval: Revised School Year Calendar for 2023/2024

14. INFORMATION

a. Third Quarter Report on Williams Legislation Uniform Complaints for 2022-23 to the Orange County Superintendent of Schools Concerning the Nature and Resolutions of All Complaints Filed Against the District

15. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT

Trustee Walsh commented that during Spring Recess, his child was on a school trip out of the country. It reminded him how wonderful our teachers are for not only trips during breaks, but for all the trips students go on for various reasons.

Trustee Swartz commented that she attended a variety of events. Some of these included the all-band concert at Mission Viejo High School and Montevideo Class Act program. She enjoyed participating in

the CSEA ACE event by shadowing an instructional assistant and the Lomarena Read-In. The Strategic Arts Planning meetings have been very productive and she looks forward to attending the next meeting. The La Paz play, "Annie Jr." was incredible and it was wonderful to honor our volunteers at the Community Recognition Dinner. The Unified Games event is always inspiring and she announced that Adam LaComb, a Mission Viejo High School student, won the Coastline ROP logo contest.

Trustee Wong commented that he enjoyed the Lomarena Read-In. He also participated in the CSEA ACE program and shadowed an instructional assistant at Robinson Elementary, which was followed by a luncheon at the District office. After the luncheon, he traveled to Segerstrom Center to hear the Trabuco Hills High School band perform along with several other bands around the county. In addition, he attended the Fourth District PTA Administrators Dinner. There are 93,000 members of PTA in Orange County. The de Portola 50th Anniversary Celebration was wonderful and he enjoyed the DELE Awards Ceremony. The Community Recognition Dinner is always nice, since we can celebrate the hard work of volunteers. The Unified Games was a fun-filled day and he thanked the Assistance League who bought every child at Olivewood Elementary in Grades TK-3 a book to take home and read.

President Schulman commented that she was able to attend many events. Some of these included an orchestra festival, a choral festival and Comedy Sportz at Mission Viejo High School. She enjoyed the plays she attended at La Paz Intermediate and El Toro High School and Rock Fest at Rancho Santa Margarita Intermediate. The Laguna Hills International Week was wonderful. Celebrations she attended included the Community Recognition Dinner, Teacher of the Year, de Portola's 50th Anniversary, and the DELE Awards. She participated in the Lomaren Read-In and attended the 8th Grade Transition Day at Trabuco Hills, El Toro and Mission Viejo High Schools. Each campus held the event differently, and it was a wonderful event. It was very interesting to attend a presentation and oral defense by students at El Toro High School. She attended sporting events at Trabuco Hills and Mission Viejo High Schools and was able to visit five school sites.

Superintendent Turner announced Santiago STEAM Magnet has been selected as a California Green Ribbon School, and we were just notified that they have now been awarded this honor at the federal level by the U.S Department of Education. This award recognizes schools for environmental excellence. Some of Santiago's work includes improving decades-old infrastructure with eco-conscious upgrades, along with working with PTA in making sure their programming has low or no waste. Santiago received the highest score the program has ever given.

16. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

President Schulman announced that the next Regular Meeting will be on May 11, 2023.

17. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION IF NECESSARY

It was not necessary to adjourn to Closed Session.

President Schulman adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.


Board President


Board Clerk