



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

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

c. 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 Bianca Nicula, Student Representative.

6. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:
Barbara Schulman

Dr. Edward Wong
Suzie R. Swartz
Amanda Morrell
Dan Walsh

Also present were:

Crystal Turner Ed.D., Superintendent
Aubrey Sanders, Student Board Member
Tammi Bush-Craig, Student Representative
Nathan Centeno, Student Representative
Bianca Nicula, Student Representative
Layla Le, Student Representative

a. Report of Closed Session

President Schulman reported that 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.

7. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Adopt agenda, as presented.

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 - Yes

Dan Walsh - Yes

8. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

a. SVUSD Bright Spot - presented by Riki Pollard, R.D., Director of Food Services

Riki Pollard, Director of Food Services, began the SVUSD Bright Spot presentation which highlighted some of the activities of the Food Services Department. She introduced Jordyn Granger, SVUSD's new Nutritionist. Ms. Pollard highlighted the new nutritional analysis software which displays the menu choices, a picture of each item, and nutritional facts including allergens. This is especially helpful for students with allergies when making menu selections. Feedback from the Student Advisory Council indicated that students would like more variety. Using items already in inventory and sent to the school, more variety has been available with minimal effort. Some examples are a variety of pizza choices and pretzels, such as jalapeño cheese and cinnamon roll pretzels. Ms. Granger provided information about National School Lunch Week, and this year's theme was "Level Up with School Lunch." Educational signage was created and activities were held throughout the week. Each day had a different educational theme. For example, one day was "Level Up With Fruits and Vegetables." The week ended with an activity where students could write about what they learned. Ms. Pollard spoke about a collaboration with Santiago STEAM Magnet School, which is a Green Ribbon School, and the creation of a "Taste of Santiago" event. This is a monthly event that highlights the fruit or vegetable of the month with education about the item along with a recipe. Food Services is currently working with Trabuco Elementary as they are applying to become a Green Ribbon School.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Juli Stowers addressed the Board regarding safety, respect, student behavior, and modernization.

Melanie Rocha addressed the Board regarding class size and the LCAP.

Damaris Zorio addressed the Board regarding parental rights and notification policy.

Andrei Jagodin addressed the Board regarding Board Policy 5145.3.

Michelle O'Brien addressed the Board regarding Board meeting recordings, parental rights policy and classroom observation.

Sean Fletcher addressed the Board regarding live-streaming meetings to combat misinformation.

Mandy DeGroote addressed the Board to thank them for listening to teachers regarding benefits.

Jon Stewart addressed the Board regarding negotiations.

10. REPORTS

a. Student Board Member and High School Representatives Report

Student Board Member Aubrey Sanders and the High School Representatives reported on their home and adopted schools.

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

The Coastline ROP Board last met on October 19, 2023 in the Newport Mesa Board Room.

Dr. Dozer reported that Coastline ROP's total after-bell class enrollment in all four districts is up almost 20% from last spring. While more sections were added, the per section enrollment increased by 17% over the same period.

The Entrepreneurial Learning Initiative professional development continues to move forward. Staff, career specialists and teachers have formed groups. These project teams are focused on four areas with each falling under a different strategic goal:

- Early College Credit Opportunities - Career Exploration
- Resolving Communication Issues - Awareness & Engagement
- Improving Teacher Retention - Organizational Culture
- Dropout Rate of ROP Classes - Fiscal Responsibility

Coastline ROP's new CBO, Dr. Zayasbazan, has identified cost-savings measures on purchases across many different areas of equipment and classroom supplies through the BuyBoard agreement in partnership with CSBA. Coastline ROP expects to save nearly \$20,000 a year on internet and communication services alone.

Director of Instruction Services, Krista Kanga, reported that at the end of September, there was a training for Med Sci instructors using the Anatomage Table which offers an immersive 3D perspective on human anatomy, allowing for detailed examination of bones, organs, muscles and neural pathways. The Anatomage Table will allow students to navigate lifelike anatomical models, deepening their understanding of human anatomy and procedures – truly a game changer.

Krista also reported that the October professional development focused on Universal Design for Learning.

The next Coastline ROP meeting will be a special session on Monday, December 4, 2023 from 3:00-5:00 pm to discuss Marketing and Rebranding Coastline ROP.

The next regular Coastline ROP Board meeting will be on December 14, 2023.

c. PTA Council Report - presented by Catherine Beeny, SVPTA President

Catherine Beeny, SVPTA President, provided a report. This year, there is a lot of enthusiasm and participation at school sites, and it feels like the community is coming back together. She highlighted many of the school site activities. Some of these included a Fall Festival, Heritage Night, Trunk or Treat, and Drama productions. SVPTA is supporting Unified Inclusion Week with the goal of expanding this event to all school sites next year.

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

Joyanne Goodfellow, SVEA President, provided a report. The agreement reached between SVUSD and SVEA is great news and she thanked the bargaining team for their hard work. There are still some issues, but most of the goals were met. SVEA is currently working on the selection of this year's Teachers of the Year.

e. Committed Funds Report - presented by Robert Craven Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

Robert Craven, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, provided a report regarding SVUSD's Budget and Committed Funds. Mr. Craven reviewed that committed funds are included in the budget. Committed funds are part of the reserve that the Board takes action on to commit to specific District needs in future fiscal years. Once these funds are committed based on action by the Board, funds for expenditures outside the approved areas require action by the Board to decommit the funds. The current committed funds in a variety of areas were reviewed as well as the proposed areas and funds to decommit. The decommitted funds will be used to balance the budget at the First Interim as a result of the recent bargaining unit agreements. The multi-year projection and funds to be decommitted were reviewed which allows the district to file a positive budget certification.

11. ACTION ITEMS

a. SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

1. Nominations for the 2024 California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly Election

Nominate Trustee Schulman for the 2024 Delegate Assembly election.

Motion made by: Suzie R. Swartz

Motion seconded by: Amanda Morrell

Voting:

Barbara Schulman - Yes

Dr. Edward Wong - Yes

Suzie R. Swartz - Yes

Amanda Morrell - Yes

Dan Walsh - Yes

b. BUSINESS SERVICES

1. Approval: Decommitment of Funds for the 2023-24 Fiscal Year

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Governing Board approve the decommitment of funds for the 2023-26 fiscal year.

Motion made by: Dan Walsh

Motion seconded by: Suzie R. Swartz

Voting:

Barbara Schulman - Yes

Dr. Edward Wong - No

Suzie R. Swartz - Yes

Amanda Morrell - Yes

Dan Walsh - Yes

c. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Approval: Ratification of Tentative Agreement (TA) and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between California School Employees Association (CSEA) and Saddleback Valley Unified School District (SVUSD) for 2022-2023 (Contract Term July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2024)

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Governing Board approve the ratification of the agreement reached between CSEA and SVUSD.

Motion made by: Suzie R. Swartz

Motion seconded by: Dan Walsh

Voting:

Barbara Schulman - Yes

Dr. Edward Wong - Yes

Suzie R. Swartz - Yes

Amanda Morrell - Yes

Dan Walsh - Yes

2. Approval: Ratification of Tentative Agreement between Saddleback Valley Educators Association (SVEA) and the Saddleback Valley Unified School District (SVUSD) for 2023-2024 (Contract Term July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024).

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Governing Board approve the items as submitted.

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 - Yes

Dan Walsh - Yes

3. Approval: Saddleback Valley Management Team Association (SVMTA) Salary Schedule Increase, Health Benefits, and Revised Salary Schedules

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Governing Board approve the salary schedule increase, health benefits agreement, and revised salary schedules conferred upon by Saddleback Valley Management Team Association (SVMTA) and the District.

Motion made by: Dr. Edward Wong
Motion seconded by: Amanda Morrell
Voting:
Barbara Schulman - Yes
Dr. Edward Wong - Yes
Suzie R. Swartz - Yes
Amanda Morrell - Yes
Dan Walsh - Yes

4. Approval: Superintendent Contract Amendment No. 9

It is recommended that the Board of Education take action to approve Amendment No. 9 of the Contract of Employment between the Saddleback Valley Unified School District and Dr. Crystal Turner, District Superintendent.

Motion made by: Suzie R. Swartz
Motion seconded by: Amanda Morrell
Voting:
Barbara Schulman - Yes
Dr. Edward Wong - Yes
Suzie R. Swartz - Yes
Amanda Morrell - Yes
Dan Walsh - Yes

Prior to the final vote, President Schulman provided an oral report on the compensation and fringe benefits included in the Superintendent's Contract Amendment No. 9.

12. CONSENT ITEMS

Approve the Consent Items on the November 9, 2023 Board Meeting Agenda with the exception of item 12.f.1. which was pulled by President Schulman.

Motion made by: Suzie R. Swartz
Motion seconded by: Amanda Morrell
Voting:
Barbara Schulman - Yes
Dr. Edward Wong - Yes
Suzie R. Swartz - Yes
Amanda Morrell - Yes
Dan Walsh - Yes

a. SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

- 1. Approval: Board Meeting Minutes**
- 2. Approval: Establishment of Annual Organizational Meeting**

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: Mid-Year and Early Graduation Requests**
- 3. Approval: Submission of 2023-2024 Career Technical Education Agricultural Incentive Grant - Mission Viejo High School**

d. SPECIAL EDUCATION

- 1. Approval: Acceptance of Special Education Alternate Dispute Resolution Grant Award from July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2025**
- 2. Approval: Acceptance of Infant Discretionary Funds Grant Award for July 1, 2022 through March 31, 2024**
- 3. Approval: Ratification of Memorandum of Understanding between Santa Ana Unified School District and Saddleback Valley Unified School District from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024**
- 4. Approval: Ratification of Master Contract and Individual Services Agreement for Non-public School Services with Ocean View School from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024; Student Number: NPS:OV193**
- 5. Approval: Ratification of Individual Services Agreement for Non-public School Services with Port View Preparatory from July 1, 2023 through August 31, 2023; Student Number: NPS:PVP197**
- 6. Approval: Ratification of Addendum of Individual Services Agreement for Non-public Agency Services with Rossier Park Jr./Sr. High School from August 29, 2023 through June 30, 2024; Student Number: NPS:RPJS203**
- 7. Approval: Settlement Agreement for Reimbursement to Parents for Full and Final Settlement of all Outstanding Claims; Student Numbers: 2023-31, 2023-40, 2023-41 and 2023-43**

e. BUSINESS SERVICES

- 1. Approval: Purchase Order List**
- 2. Approval: Check Register**
- 3. Approval: Acceptance of Donations to the District**
- 4. Approval: Services Agreement with Ninyo & Moore for Geotechnical Consulting Services for the Serrano Intermediate New Classroom Building Project**
- 5. Approval: Annual Renewal of Super Co-op Membership for the 2024-2025 School Year**
- 6. Approval: 2023 Clean School Bus (CSB) Rebates Program School Board Awareness Certification**
- 7. Approval: Ratification of California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act Informal Bid Awards**

8. Approval: Consultant Agreements

f. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Approval: Personnel Reports Dated November 9, 2023 Which Include Separations, Leaves, Employments, Extra Duty Pay Assignments, Change of Status, Reclassifications, Waivers and Other Personnel Actions

Approve the Personnel Reports dated November 9, 2023.

Motion made by: Suzie R. Swartz

Motion seconded by: Dan Walsh

Voting:

Barbara Schulman - Yes

Dr. Edward Wong - Yes

Suzie R. Swartz - Yes

Amanda Morrell - Yes

Dan Walsh - Yes

President Schulman pulled this item to provide an oral summary, prior to the final vote, of the salary and fringe benefit recommendations for the Assistant Superintendents.

2. Approval: Adoption of Resolution No. 09:23-24, Change the Observance of Lincoln's Birthday in the 2024-2025 School Year

3. Approval: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Agreement for the Employment of University Students Who Have an Intern Credential with CalState TEACH Teacher Preparation Program and Saddleback Valley Unified School District

4. Approval: Clinical Affiliation Agreement between Saddleback Valley School District and South Orange County Community College District

5. Approval: Master Clinical Field Experience Agreement between Saddleback Valley Unified School District and California Baptist University

6. Approval: CPS HR Consulting Classification and Compensation Study Services Agreement

7. Approval: Revised Classified Administrative and Supervisory Job Description

13. INFORMATION

a. Williams Settlement Legislation Report for Fiscal Year 2022-23 for Saddleback Valley Unified School District (Virtual Academy) from the Orange County Department of Education

b. First Quarter Report on Williams Legislation Uniform Complaints for 2023-24 to the Orange County Superintendent of Schools Concerning the Nature and Resolutions of All Complaints Filed Against the District

14. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT

Student Board Member Aubrey Sanders commented to emphasize that everyone needs to take more care of how we speak and treat each other. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Trustee Walsh commented that this was the last week of the trimester at the intermediate schools. He acknowledged the need for mental health support for students and was impressed with the Los Alisos Mental Wellness Room. He hopes that this expands to more sites.

Trustee Morrell commented to express her gratitude for the dedication of the staff. The positive impact will have a lasting effect. She asked that we continue to be mindful of others, and she is thankful for everyone's tireless efforts.

Trustee Swartz commented that she concurs with the sentiments of Student Board Member Aurbrey Sanders and Trustee Morrell.

Trustee Wong commented that he attended a variety of events. Some of these included the Mission Viejo High School football game and OCSBA Dinner. He joined the Assistance League to clothe 40 students from both Santiago STEAM Magnet and San Joaquin Elementary Schools. He enjoyed his site visit to Rancho Canada and participating in the Red Ribbon Walk and Silverado WASC visit. He attended the grand opening of the Trabuco Hills High School new pool where a water polo competition was held the next day. The Trabuco Hills High School concert was incredible, and it was wonderful to honor SVUSD's three teachers at the Teacher of the Year dinner at the Disneyland Hotel.

Trustee Schulman commented that everything she has seen in the last month at the twelve schools she has visited and the concerts she attended has been amazing. The Laguna Hills High School Choir concert and Los Alisos play were wonderful. Both of these events were led by new teachers who did an incredible job. She is in awe of teachers and thankful for the quality of teachers in SVUSD. She emphasized that she understands the difficulties in the classroom and that the district cares. She thanked her colleagues for always respecting each other, even if they don't always agree.

Superintendent Turner wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and thanked our veterans.

15. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

President Schulman announced that the next Regular/Annual Organizational Meeting will be on December 14, 2023.

16. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION IF NECESSARY

It was not necessary to adjourn to Closed Session.

President Schulman adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.


Board President


Board Clerk