

Saddleback Valley USD

Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

September 10, 2020, 6:00 PM

Under the authority of the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, this meeting will be held via teleconference only. There will be no physical meeting location open to the public.

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. REGULAR BOARD MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE

II. CALL TO ORDER

Minutes:

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

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

Minutes:

None

IV. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Motion Passed: Adjourn to Closed Session. 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

Yes Dr. Edward Wong

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)

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

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

Minutes:

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

VI. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Minutes:

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Student Board Member Madison Goseco.

VII. ROLL CALL

Minutes:

Board Members Present:

Dr. Edward Wong

Amanda Morrell

Suzie R. Swartz

Greg Kunath

Barbara Schulman

Also present were:

Crystal Turner Ed.D., Superintendent

Madison Goseco, Student Board Member

VII.a. Report of Closed Session

Minutes:

None

VII.b. Introduction of 2020-2021 Student Board Member, Madison Goseco

Minutes:

Mark Perez provided an introduction of the new SVUSD Student Board Member Madison Goseco.

VII.c. Installation of Student Member of the Board

Minutes:

President Wong administered the Oath of Office to the SVUSD Student Board Member Madison Goseco.

VIII. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

Yes Greg Kunath

Yes Amanda Morrell

Yes Barbara Schulman

Yes Suzie Swartz

Yes Dr. Edward Wong

IX. PRESENTATIONS (None)

X. REPORTS

X.a. PTA Council Report

Minutes:

Robert Craven read the following report from Michele Sparks, SVPTA President.

Good evening Superintendent Turner, President Wong, Board members, staff, parents, students and guests.

As you can imagine, planning for PTA is more challenging this year, as are most things during COVID. I want to thank all the Presidents, their boards & volunteers that have come together & are finding ways to support their schools.

We are finding new ways to engage our communities & support our families. Our Presidents are communicating regularly with their schools to determine the best way to support their teachers, students, school sites & administrators during COVID. We are helping communicate important information to parents from SVUSD. We are advocating & communicating information regarding key issues that can help our students during the Pandemic. Key focal areas this year will include social emotional resources/support for students, the importance of art academically & as a coping mechanism for social/emotional

health, special education resources, inclusivity, online safety for children, vaping legislation & so much more!!!

I'm so proud of how creatively our local PTA's have supported our teachers, students & families. They have posted on school fences, banners of positivity to "STAY STRONG, WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER", they've hosted virtual bingo nights, not so social ice cream socials, and mindfulness messaging through social media. Our local PTA's have been a conduit of communication for SVUSD regarding COVID updates & sharing accurate information regarding both distance learning & return to school messaging. Our PTA's have created SURVIVAL kits for teachers with essentials to get them through their long virtual days. As the year continues we will provide additional support such as school supplies for students & teachers, arts awareness & resources, social/emotional support & resources for both students & families, and much more.

I want to reiterate that our GOAL this year is to support our community based on the current needs of our students, teachers & school sites. We realize these needs are different this year. We will be surveying our communities to determine & help provide what is needed. An important reminder is that our SVPTA community is defined as our students, teachers, staff, administrators & families!!! "We are truly stronger together"

With Distance Learning, many have asked, WHY join PTA? In addition to supporting our schools locally in the previously mentioned ways, PTA advocates for much bigger issues facing our youth. We are the largest children's advocacy group in the United States.

On August 28th, Governor Newsom signed SB 793 into law which starting January 1, 2021, will make selling flavored tobacco products, including vaping products, in the state of California illegal. Our SVPTA and other local PTAs advocated for the passing of this law at our Fourth District's Sacramento Safari in late February.

California PTA also actively supported this bill after a resolution on this matter was adopted this summer at our statewide association meeting. PTA members were encouraged to reach out to their legislative representatives to ask them to vote yes on this bill. SVPTA is happy that this bill passed and is proud to be working towards solutions to help solve the youth vaping crisis.

On the Arts front, I want you to picture little Johnny sitting at his desk Zooming with his teacher. It's been 2 hours since school started and he has begun to lose interest. During break, he ransacks the fridge and goes to the bathroom. Once recharged, he's back at his desk and ready for another couple hours of instruction but again gets distracted. This is the typical day of our SVUSD students while they distance learn. How do teachers know they're reaching the students? A great solution for both teacher and student is to add arts integration! Reading an essay? Request to do it in an accent. Graphing a geometric shape? Add a nose and eyes. Share your new cartoon character

with the class. There are so many ways that teachers and students can end the monotony without taking away from their academic schedule. Inserting one of our 5 art disciplines (visual arts, performing arts, dance, music, or mixed media) will help solidify the lesson AND refocuses a student's attention towards the subject. When exercising this part of the brain, it strengthens their mind-muscle and serves for better critical thinking as the student progresses through school. Art is a core subject, not an option! Let's help our students with all the skills in the toolbox - art being the hammer that aids all other subjects. Stay tuned for our Arts Advocacy comments to find out what Johnny learned today.

Lastly, please save the date, Oct 1st at 7pm via zoom. The Saddleback Valley Council of PTA's will be hosting a candidate forum for Trustee area 2 (Laguna Hills) & Trustee area 4 (Lake Forest) so you can hear from the candidates directly. More information will follow, as will a way to submit questions for the forum.

I want to thank you all for listening to my report and that it will encourage you to join your local schools PTA, become more involved & that it gives you a better understanding of who we are & what we stand for in our SVUSD community. For more information please visit our website at www.svpta.org.

X.b. Saddleback Valley Educators Association Report

Minutes:

Robert Craven read the following report from Joyanne Goodfellow, SVEA President.

Good Evening President Wong, Vice President Morrell, Trustee Swartz, Trustee Schulman, Trustee Kunath & Dr. Turner:

SVEA leadership has recently changed. Due to COVID and all the challenges everyone faced in the Spring, SVEA held their elections in August. My name is Joyanne Goodfellow and I was elected as SVEA president. We have several new members of our executive board as well. We are all excited, and a little nervous, to help lead our members and work with the district on all issues.

COVID has changed the face of education across the world. Everybody has an opinion and everybody has their own concerns. When we look at returning to in person instruction, we need to be aware of the health and wellness of our students and all of our staff. The numbers across America show with schools opening, the positive cases are going up, not down. I urge you, on behalf of the teachers and our students to consider not rushing to return to school. Secondary teachers seeing their students in person once a week is not going to significantly increase their learning. Elementary teachers will see students every day, but the program will not be the same with masks and physical distancing in place. Being on campus does not equal a better education.

Please, think about what is the best learning for students as well as the best health of all.

Our teachers are working upwards of ten hours a day and many of us are working on weekends to ensure our students are getting the education they deserve. Teachers are learning new curriculum, new grade levels and trying to handle combo classes through distance learning. The district keeps adding more to the teachers' plates, without remembering that we had our plates filled just by distance learning. The hybrid model explained to me at my site is just distance learning in a classroom. SVEA teachers are giving you 150%; please remember that when you are discussing the next responsibility to add to our professional obligations.

I look forward to continuing to work with the district and the board on behalf of SVEA teachers. As I said in my campaign, we can do more, together. And we are in this together.

Thank you.

X.c. Student Board Member Report

Minutes:

Student Board Member Madison Goseco reported on the current activities of SVUSD schools.

X.d. Update on Re-opening of Schools

Minutes:

Superintendent Turner provided an introduction regarding the possible reopening of schools based on the current State and County guidelines. She introduced Liza Zielasko who provided a presentation along with James Newton, Connie Cavanaugh, and Robert Craven on the reopening of SVUSD schools using the hybrid instruction model. Sample schedules at the elementary and secondary level were provided. Safety measures that will be implemented were reviewed. Campus site walks have been conducted to check the preparation of school sites to ensure that health and safety measures are in place. An extensive safety checklist was used to confirm that all classrooms and workspaces are ready for in-person learning. The process and actions that will be taken if someone tests positive for COVID-19 were explained. This includes the District's coordination with the Orange County Health Care Agency and necessary notification and communication. Health and safety is a top priority and a Memorandum of Understanding was created in collaboration with SVUSD employee groups to address COVID-19 related impacts. Human Resources is supporting employees by providing COVID-19 information, leave options, and medical accommodations, if needed. Multiple opportunities for training for certificated and classified substitutes has been provided. Once a return date for in-person learning has been established, substitutes will be pre-scheduled to cover last minute absences.

Following the presentation, staff answered questions by the Board.

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

Minutes:

There were nine comments received for items not on the agenda and thirty-five comments received for items on the agenda. The comments were separated into similar categories. Trustee Schulman made a motion to listen to five comments regarding items not on the agenda and ten comments regarding items on the agenda. Trustee Swartz seconded the motion which was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Mark Perez read aloud the selected comments for items not on the agenda.

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

Minutes:

Robert Craven read aloud ten comments regarding items on the agenda.

XIII. ACTION ITEMS

XIII.a. SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

XIII.a.1. Establish the Board of Education Meeting Dates for the 2021 Calendar Year

Motion to Amend Passed: To amend the motion from: "Approve the regular 2021 Board of Education meeting dates as presented." to: "Approve the regular 2021 Board of Education meeting dates as presented with the exception of revising the May meeting date from May 13, 2021 to May 6, 2021." 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

XIII.a.2. Approval: School Re-opening Date

Motion Passed: Approve a school reopening date of September 29, 2020, for in-person learning. Passed with a motion by Suzie Swartz and a second by Amanda Morrell.

Yes Greg Kunath
Yes Amanda Morrell
No Barbara Schulman
Yes Suzie Swartz
Yes Dr. Edward Wong

XIII.a.3. Approval: School Re-opening and Face Coverings

Motion Passed: Require that face coverings must be worn by TK-12 students and staff when on campus and inside the building. 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.b. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

XIII.b.1. PUBLIC HEARING: Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan for 2020-2021

Minutes:

Prior to opening the public hearing, a Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan presentation was provided by Liza Zielasko and Dr. Michael Gomez. The presentation included a review of SVUSD's planning process in response to COVID-19, an explanation of the purpose of the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan, and provided an understanding of SVUSD's plan to mitigate learning loss and provide programs and services in support of student learning.

President Wong opened the public hearing at 8:59 p.m. After hearing one comment, President Wong closed the public hearing at 9:04 p.m.

XIV. CONSENT ITEMS

XIV.a. SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

XIV.a.1. Approval: Minutes of the Regular Meeting on August 20, 2020

XIV.b. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

XIV.b.1. Approval: Acceptance of the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act Grant Award (Perkins V)

XIV.b.2. Approval: Subscription Agreement between Ellevation Data Management System and Saddleback Valley Unified School District

XIV.b.3. Approval: Services Contract between Formative Solutions and Saddleback Valley Unified School District

XIV.b.4. Approval: Ratification of Sales Contract between IXL Learning and Saddleback Valley Unified School - Extension (Contract #41533)

XIV.b.5. Approval: Ratification of Cost Proposal Agreement between Vista Higher Learning and Saddleback Valley Unified School District

XIV.c. SPECIAL EDUCATION

XIV.c.1. Approval: Ratification of Master Contract and Individual Services Agreement for Non-public School Services with Beacon Day School, from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; Student Number NPS-BDS191

XIV.c.2. Approval: Ratification of Master Contract for Non-public School Services with Port View Preparatory, from July, 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

XIV.c.3. Approval: Ratification of Master Contract and Individual Services Agreement for Non-public School Services with Spectrum Center-Rossier Park Schools from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; Student Numbers NPS-RPE192, NPS-RPJS193, NPS-RPJS194, NPS-RPJS195, NPS-RPJS196, NPS-RPJS197, NPS-RPJS198

XIV.c.4. Approval: Ratification of Master Contract and Individual Services Agreements for Non-public School Services with Ocean View School from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; Student Numbers NPSOV191, NPSOV193, NPSOV203, NPSOV204

XIV.c.5. Approval: Ratification of Master Contract and Individual Services Agreement for Non-public School Services with Spectrum Center-Downey, from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; Student Number NPS-SCD193

XIV.c.6. Approval: Ratification of Master Contract and Individual Services Agreements for Non-public School Services with Olive Crest Academy, from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; Student Numbers NPS-OCA193GG, NPS-OCA194GG, NPS-OCA195GG, NPS-OCA196GG, NPS-OCA198GG, NPS-OCA199-GG, NPS-OCA200GG, NPS-OCA201GG, NPS-OCA202GG, NPS-OCA191OR

XIV.c.7. Approval: Ratification of Master Contract and Individual Services Agreement for Non-public School Services with The Heritage Community from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021;

Student Number 2019-MH11

XIV.c.8. Approval: Ratification of Master Contract and Individual Services Agreement for Non-public School Services with Cornell Corrections of California, Inc. dba: Southern Peaks Regional Treatment Center from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; Student Number 2020-MH12

XIV.c.9. Approval: Ratification of Master Contract and Individual Services Agreement for Non-public School Services with Provo Canyon School from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; Student Number 2015-MH1

XIV.c.10. Approval: Ratification of Master Contract and Individual Services Agreement for Non-public School Services with Devereux Colorado dba: Devereux Cleo Wallace from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; Student Number 2017-MH6

XIV.c.11. Approval: Ratification of Master Contract and Individual Services Agreement for Non-public School Services with Discovery Ranch for Girls from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; Student Number 2018-MH9

XIV.c.12. Approval: Ratification of Master Contract and Individual Services Agreements for Non-public School Services with Mardan School, from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; Student Numbers NPS-MAR191, NPS-MAR193, NPS-MAR194, NPS-MAR195, and NPS-MAR196

XIV.c.13. Approval: Settlement Agreement for Reimbursement to Parent for Full and Final Settlement of All Outstanding Claims; Student Number 2020-18

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: 2019-20 Unaudited Actuals Financial Report

XIV.d.5. Approval: Adoption of Resolution 04:20-21 Budget Transfers and Adjustments for 2020-21

XIV.d.6. Approval: Adoption of Resolution 03:20-21 Adopting the "GANN" Limit

XIV.d.7. Approval: Kids Factory Service Agreement with City of Lake Forest

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

XIV.d.9. Approval: Surplus and Disposal of Accumulated Electronic Waste

XIV.e. HUMAN RESOURCES

XIV.e.1. Approval: Personnel Reports dated September 10, 2020 which include Separations, Leaves, Employments, Extra Duty Pay Assignments, Changes of Status, Reclassifications, Waivers and Other Personnel Actions

XIV.e.2. Approval: Concordia University Irvine, School of Education School Counselor Candidate Practicum/Fieldwork Agreement

XIV.e.3. Approval: Revisions to Board Policy 4112.2 Certification

XIV.e.4. Approval: Consultant Agreements

XV. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT

Minutes:

Trustee Schulman thanked everyone for all they are doing through this difficult time. She appreciates being able to express her opinions and feels that part of what makes a good Board is conversation and people being able to say what they feel.

Trustee Kunath commented that he is grateful for everything everyone has done to get kids back in school.

Trustee Swartz thanked the parents, teachers, administrative, classified, and District staff and everyone who worked together with the focus of students.

Trustee Morell welcomed the new Student Board Member, Madison Goseco, and thanked her for her contributions and actively participating in the meeting. She appreciates all the input the Board receives through emails. In addition, she appreciates the adaptability and flexibility of students and teachers and the efforts of staff behind the scenes.

President Wong welcomed Madison Goseco as the new Student Board Member and thanked her for providing input during the meeting. It was a difficult decision to reopen schools but he feels it's best to bring our kids back to school.

Superintendent Turner commented that she has been visiting the school sites to see the classroom and site preparation for the reopening of schools. She shared a story

that illustrated how teachers and parents are working to stay positive and that our students want to go back to school.

XVI. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

XVII. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION IF NECESSARY


Motion Passed: Adjourn the meeting. Passed with a motion by Amanda Morrell and a second by Suzie Swartz.

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

Minutes:

It was not necessary to adjourn to Closed Session.

On a motion by Trustee Morrell, seconded by Trustee Swartz, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.



Board President



Board Clerk