

SULPHUR SPRINGS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Governing Board

October 9, 2024

MINUTES

Meeting Location:

Mitchell Community School

16821 Goodvale Road

Canyon Country, CA 91387

STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Catherine Kawaguchi, Superintendent

Dr. Joshua Randall, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services

Dr. Jay Greenlinger, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel/Pupil Services

Mrs. Julie McBride, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

Ms. Nancy Raygoza, District Executive Secretary

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Mr. Ken Chase, President

Mrs. Paola Jellings, Clerk

Mr. Denis DeFigueiredo, Member

Mrs. Shelley Weinstein, Member

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Mrs. Lori MacDonald, Member

Call to Order, Roll Call

Mr. Chase called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:01 PM and noted the absence of Board Member Mrs. Lori MacDonald.

Pledge of Allegiance

Michael Kruer, Mitchell Community School sixth-grade student, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda,

Chase-Aye

Jellings-Aye

DeFigueiredo-Aye

MacDonald-Absent

Weinstein-Aye

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mrs. Jellings, and passed 4-0 by voice vote to approve the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the September 25, 2024 REGULAR MEETING

Mrs. Weinstein requested a correction to the Minutes of the September 25, 2024, Regular Board Meeting in the Correspondence and Board Information section, as the word "staff" was repeated in the second sentence of her comments.

Mrs. Jellings requested a correction to the Business Services Report #24-16 section in the Minutes of the September 25, 2024, Regular Board Meeting. The motion listed her as the Board Member making the motion, which was incorrect.

Mr. Chase recommended that the Board take no action and bring the Minutes of the September 25, 2024, Regular Board Meeting back to the next Board Meeting.

Hearing Session, Site Presentation - Mitchell Community School

Gretchen Lupica, Principal at Mitchell Community School, welcomed everyone in attendance and shared a presentation highlighting students, staff, and activities taking place at Mitchell Community School.

The Board of Trustees and Gretchen Lupica presented certificates of recognition to the following individuals:

- Lori Thompson - Classified Employee
- Jennifer Alvarado - Classified Employee
- Amy Keawekane - Certificated Employee
- Beatriz Grim - Certificated Employee

Mr. Chase announced a recess at 7:27 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 7:35 PM.

Hearing Session,
*Initial Proposal from
the Sulphur Springs
Union School District
to the Sulphur Springs
District Teachers'
Association*

Mr. Chase opened the Public Hearing Session to hear comments and respond to questions regarding the Initial Proposal from the Sulphur Springs Union School District to the Sulphur Springs District Teachers' Association. As there were no written or verbal comments or questions, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:36 PM.

Hearing Session,
*Advance Request(s)
to Address the Board*

Mr. Chase asked if any advanced requests to address the Board had been received. There was one request to address the Board.

Hearing Session,
*Comments and/or
Questions Regarding
Agenda Items*

Mr. Chase asked if there were any comments or questions regarding agenda items. There were no comments or questions regarding agenda items.

Consent Calendar,
*Chase-Aye
Jellings-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Absent
Weinstein-Aye*

The motion was made by Mr. DeFigueiredo, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein, and passed 4-0 by voice vote to approve the Consent Calendar, as follows:

- Conference Action Report #24-17
- Field Trip Action Report #24-17
- Gift Action Report N/A
- Personnel Action Report #24-17
- Approval Notice of Completion for Project 2023-09-PTVW HVAC Replacement Project
- Consultant Agreement - Heart N Soul CPR - State Preschool
- ProCare NPA 2024-24 Master Contract
- LACOE SMAA Contract amendment 2024-25
- Service Agreement - Willdan Financial Services -Arbitrage Rebate Services
- Memorandum of Understanding between Sulphur Springs Union School District and San Jose State University: Occupational Therapy
- Consultant Agreement - Velocity Fundraising Resources Inc. - Mitchell Community School
- Consultant Agreement - Cornerstone Photography - Leona Cox Community School

**Conference
Calendar,**
*Presentation and
Review of Options for
the Site Layout Plan
for the New School in
the Skyline Ranch
Community*

Dr. Kawaguchi shared with the Board of Trustees that Mr. Scott Gaudineer, President of Flewelling & Moody, would present two options for potential site layouts for the new school site in the Skyline Ranch community. She shared that she, District staff, Scott Gaudineer, and his team, as well as Daniel Clem and Preeti D'Souza from TELACU, have been meeting for about four weeks to discuss potential site layouts for the new school. The District has been communicating with TriPointe since 2016, preparing for this new school and discussing various features needed to support the students and families. Throughout the entire process, the team has continued to ensure that they are creating an environment that promotes learning and collaboration, indoors and outdoors, as well as the location of the buildings taking into consideration accessibility and safety.

Dr. Kawaguchi shared that the item was not an action item, and she requested that the Board of Trustees provide direction whether the Board prefers one option over option 2, and if the Board would like the team to continue to develop that option further or return with a third option.

Dr. Kawaguchi welcomed Mr. Scott Gaudineer, President/Principal Architect of Flewelling & Moody, Inc., Mr. Gaudineer reviewed the two options for the site layout of the new school in the Skyline Ranch community. During the presentation, an update on the programming aspects of the school and the current design phase was discussed. The Board of Trustees asked questions, provided feedback, input, and guidance. The Board gave direction to continue with site layout option 1. Dr. Kawaguchi and the Board thanked Mr. Gaudineer for his time and preparation.

Conference Calendar,
2024 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) Data

Mrs. Julie McBride, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, presented the data from the spring 2024 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) in English Language Arts, mathematics for students in 3rd to 6th grade, and 5th Grade Science. Mrs. McBride shared Districtwide multi-year data for all grades in English Language Arts and mathematics. Grade level multi-year data was presented as non-cohort and cohort data, as well as individual school site data. Additionally, Mrs. McBride presented information on the next steps to increase student performance in both English Language Arts and Mathematics. The Board of Trustees provided feedback and shared thoughts based on the information presented.

Conference Calendar,
Williams Quarterly Report - July 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024

Dr. Jay Greenlinger, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel/Pupil Services reviewed the Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints from July 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024. There were no complaints this quarter.

Action Calendar,
Resolution R-24-59: Week of the School Administrator Chase-Aye Jellings-Aye DeFigueiredo-Aye MacDonald-Absent Weinstein-Aye

Dr. Kawaguchi presented Resolution R-24-59: Week of the School Administrator to the Board of Trustees, and the Board recognized and commended all school leaders.

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mr. DeFigueiredo, and passed 4-0 by voice vote to approve Resolution R-24-59: Week of the School Administrator.

Action Calendar,
Adopt Resolution No. R-24-57, Resolution Confirming the Authorization of Community Facilities District No. 2019-1 of the Sulphur Springs Union School District Special Tax Bonds, 2024 Series A Chase-Aye Jellings-Aye DeFigueiredo-Aye MacDonald-Absent Weinstein-Aye

Dr. Kawaguchi shared with the Board of Trustees that at the September 25, 2024, meeting, the Board adopted Resolution No. R-24-56 authorizing not to exceed \$40,000,000 of Special Tax Bonds, 2024 Series A, to be issued by the Community Facilities District No. 2019-1 of the Sulphur Springs Union School District. The Board voted by a voice vote, 4 to 0, approving Resolution R-24-56.

Dr. Kawaguchi recommended for approval of Resolution, No. R-24-57 to be adopted by a roll-call vote, confirming the adoption of the Bond Resolution, effective as of the date of the original adoption.

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mr. DeFigueiredo, and passed 4-0 by a roll-call vote to adopt Resolution No. R-24-57, Resolution Confirming the Authorization of Community Facilities District No. 2019-1 of the Sulphur Springs Union School District Special Tax Bonds, 2024 Series A.

The roll-call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mrs. Weinstein, Mr. DeFigueiredo, Mrs. Jellings, Mr. Chase

Action Calendar,
Initial Proposal from the Sulphur Springs Union School District to the Sulphur Springs

Dr. Greenlinger presented the Initial Proposal from the Sulphur Springs Union School District to the Sulphur Springs District Teachers Association to the Board of Trustees.

*District Teachers
Association
Chase-Aye
Jellings-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Absent
Weinstein-Aye*

The motion was made by Mrs. Jellings, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein, and passed 4-0 by voice vote to approve the presentation of the Initial Proposal as presented.

Action Calendar,
*Provisional Internship
Permit for Mayra Rivas
Chase-Aye
Jellings-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Absent
Weinstein-Aye*

Dr. Greenlinger presented the Provisional Intern Permit for Mayra Rivas to the Board of Trustees.

The motion was made by Mrs. Jellings, seconded by Mr. DeFigueiredo, and passed 4-0 by voice vote to approve the Provisional Intern Permit for Mayra Rivas.

Action Calendar,
*Resolution R-24-58
Board Member Paola
Jellings, Compensation
Chase-Aye
Jellings-Abstain
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Absent
Weinstein-Aye*

The motion was made by Mr. DeFigueiredo, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein, and passed 3-0-1 with one abstention by Mrs. Jellings, by voice vote to approve Resolution R-24-58 Board Member Paola Jellings, Compensation.

Action Calendar,
*Business Services
Report #24-17
Chase-Aye
Jellings-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Absent
Weinstein-Aye*

The motion was made by Mr. DeFigueiredo, seconded by Mrs. Jellings, and passed 4-0 by voice vote to approve the Business Services Report #24-17.

**Correspondence
and Board
Information**

Mrs. Weinstein shared that the CLASS Education Foundation will host their annual Everyday Heroes Celebration on Friday, October 11th, at College of the Canyons, Canyon Country Campus. The event will honor the Sulphur Springs Union School District teachers, the community's firefighters, sheriffs, and healthcare workers. The celebration will feature food, student performances, and a silent auction with exciting items to bid on. Mrs. Weinstein shared that the CLASS Education Foundation raises funds to be able to provide Teacher Grants, and it would be great if they could offer more of them.

Mrs. Weinstein shared that she attended the Santa Clarita Valley Trustees meeting. During the meeting, there was a presentation by Food Services about the healthy meal options they serve to students. She mentioned that the healthy cocoa puffs they offer have a different blend and taste different compared to those found in the market. She recommended that more outreach should be done to educate District parents and families about the food served to students so that they can see that it is a healthy option.

Mrs. Weinstein shared that during the Santa Clarita Valley Trustees meeting, CSBA also presented on the recent legislative laws. Many candidates from different districts attended the meeting and were also able to meet with the CSBA representatives.

Mrs. Weinstein mentioned that the CLASS Education Foundation had received four UCLA football game tickets as a donation for the Everyday Heroes Celebration.

Mr. DeFigueiredo had no comments.

Mrs. Jellings shared that she hoped everyone had a great Fall Break. She also shared that goal-setting conferences were wonderful and that she loves that our District does this for families.

Mr. Chase mentioned that the CLASS Education Foundation Everyday Heroes Celebration is an event that is open to the public. The Foundation supports teachers. He echoed Mrs. Weinstein's comments and also attended the Santa Clarita Valley Trustees meeting.

**ITEMS FOR THE
October 23, 2024
MEETING AT
Golden Oak
Community School**

District staff, along with representatives from CFW, will provide the Board of Trustees an update regarding the Facilities Master Plan for the District.

Closed Session

*Chase-Aye
Jellings-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Absent
Weinstein-Aye*

The motion was made by Mrs. Jellings, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein, and passed 4-0 by voice vote to adjourn to Closed Session at 9:26 PM for discussion regarding:

With respect to every item of business to be discussed in Closed Session pursuant to Section 54957 (i.e., Personnel).

- Personnel:
Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release: Government Code Section 54957

With respect to every item of business to be discussed in Closed Session pursuant to Section 54957.6 (i.e., labor negotiations)

- Labor Negotiations

With respect to every item of business to be discussed in Closed Session pursuant to Section 54957.8 (i.e., property negotiations).

- Property Negotiations

With respect to every item of business to be discussed in Closed Session pursuant to Section 54956.9 (i.e., potential litigation).

- Potential Litigation

Adjournment

*Chase-Aye
Jellings-Aye
DeFigueiredo-Aye
MacDonald-Absent
Weinstein-Aye*

The motion was made by Mrs. Jellings seconded by Mr. DeFigueiredo, and passed 4-0 by voice vote to adjourn the Board Meeting at 10:45 PM.

October 23, 2024


Mr. Ken Chase, President


Mrs. Paola Jellings, Clerk