

SULPHUR SPRINGS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Governing Board

February 12, 2025

MINUTES

Meeting Location:

Valley View Community School
19414 Sierra Estates Dr.
Santa Clarita, CA 91351

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. Denis DeFigueiredo, President
Mrs. Shelley Weinstein, Clerk
Mr. Ken Chase, Member
Mrs. Lori MacDonald, Member
Mrs. Paola Jellings, Member

Call to Order, Roll Call

Mr. DeFigueiredo called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:07 PM and noted the roll. Mr. DeFigueiredo stated that Trustee, Mrs. MacDonald would arrive late.

Mrs. MacDonald arrived at 7:10 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Ariel and Aiden Bautista, Valley View Community students, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board of Trustees sang Happy Birthday to Aiden Bautista.

Approval of Agenda,

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

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein seconded by Mr. Chase, and passed 5-0 by voice vote, to approve the Agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the January 15, 2025, REGULAR MEETING

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

The motion was made by Mr. Chase, seconded by Mrs. Jellings, and passed 5-0 by voice vote, to approve the Minutes of the January 15, 2025, Regular Board Meeting.

Hearing Session, Site Presentation – Valley View Community School

Ms. Diem Johnson, Principal at Valley View Community School, welcomed everyone in attendance and shared a presentation highlighting students, staff, and activities taking place at Valley View Community School.

The Board of Trustees and Ms. Diem Johnson presented certificates of recognition to the following individuals:

- Lisa McCormack – Certificated Employee
- Vincent Ortiz – Certificated Employee
- Breana Hagan – School Social Worker
- Faride Aldana – Classified Employee

Hearing Session,
*Presentation and
Review of the
Preliminary
Environmental
Assessment-
Equivalent for the
New School in the
Skyline Ranch
Community*

Dr. Joshua Randall, Deputy Superintendent of Business Services, introduced representatives from EFI Global: Daniel Jablonski, Senior Project Manager, and Marcela Solorzano, Community Outreach Specialist. Ms. Solorzano informed the Board of Trustees about the public hearing regarding the draft Preliminary Environmental Assessment-Equivalent (PEA-E) findings of the environmental investigation. She explained the various ways to submit public comments and noted that the report was available for review at the Sulphur Springs Union School District Office and the Canyon Country JoAnne Darcy Public Library.

Mr. Jablonski presented a review of the draft PEA-E to the Board of Trustees. He shared that the document is part of the California Department of Toxic Substances Control's (DTSC) review and approval process. EFI Global conducted an environmental investigation to sample the soil for potentially hazardous materials. Mr. Jablonski stated that the investigation concluded that the site was successfully assessed in terms of undocumented fill material from past grading operations or hazardous naturally occurring materials, and there were no unacceptable human health risks identified. The draft PEA-E outlines the findings of this investigation and is submitted to the DTSC for approval.

Mr. DeFigueiredo opened the Public Hearing Session at 7:56 PM to hear comments and respond to questions regarding the Preliminary Environmental assessment equivalent for the New School in the Skyline Ranch Community. As there were no written or verbal comments or questions, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:57 PM.

Hearing Session,
*Tentative Agreement
between Sulphur
Springs Union
School District and
the Classified School
Employees
Association Chapter
#298 and AB 1200*

Mr. DeFigueiredo opened a Public Hearing Session at 7:57 PM for the purpose of hearing comments and responding to questions regarding the Tentative Agreement between Sulphur Springs Union School District and the Classified School Employees Association Chapter #298 and AB 1200. As there were no written or verbal comments or questions, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:58 PM.

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

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

Mr. DeFigueiredo announced a recess at 8:01 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 8:09 PM.

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

The motion was made by Mrs. MacDonald, seconded by Mrs. Jellings, and passed 5-0 by voice vote, to approve the Consent Calendar, as follows:

- Conference Action Report #25-02
- Field Trip Action Report #25-02
- Gift Action Report N/A
- Personnel Action Report #25-02
- Consultant Agreement - Cultivating Creative Minds - Sulphur Springs Union School District Choir Club
- Consultant Agreement - Simply Support for ECE, LLC - State Preschool
- Consultant Agreement - Mobile Ed Productions, Inc. - Expanded Learning Opportunities Program

- Memorandum of Understanding - WestEd California Healthy Kids Survey - Sulphur Springs Union School District
- 2Teach Global - Consult Services
- Memorandum of Understanding Between Sulphur Springs Union School District and UMass
- Memorandum of Understanding Between Sulphur Springs Union School District and California State University Bakersfield: Intern Teachers
- Memorandum of Understanding Between Sulphur Springs Union School District and California State University Bakersfield: Student Teachers
- Memorandum of Understanding Between Sulphur Springs Union School District and CSUN - Social Work
- Memorandum of Understanding Between Sulphur Springs Union School District and USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School - Social Work
- Request for a Home Teacher #109654
- Board Policy 4362: Classified Administrative, Management, and Confidential Vacation
- Approval Notice of Completion for Project No. 202400123726-SS Wall Repairs Project

Conference Calendar,

Presentation and Additional Review of the Schematic Design Plans for the New School in the Skyline Ranch Community

Dr. Randall welcomed Scott Gaudineer, President of Flewelling & Moody, and Daniel Clem, Vice President of TELACU Construction Management. Mr. Gaudineer presented the Schematic Design Phase, the second phase for the new school site in the Skyline Ranch community, to the Board of Trustees. Mr. Gaudineer shared information about the color choices for the new school, and provided a detailed site plan for review and feedback. Mr. Gaudineer shared colored samples of the materials with the Board of Trustees, and it was requested to bring this item back to a future Board meeting to approve the colors for the new school at Skyline.

Conference Calendar,

Local Control and Accountability Plan Mid-Year Update and Budget Overview for Parents, 2024-2025

The Superintendent and staff presented an update to the Board of Trustees concerning the Mid-Year Update of the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and a Budget Overview for parents. They reviewed the four LCAP goals, discussed all available mid-year outcome data related to the metrics outlined in this year's adopted LCAP, and provided an overview of the mid-year expenditures and implementation data for each action specified in the current year's LCAP. Additionally, they evaluated the conditions for learning. The Board of Trustees gave input to staff.

Conference Calendar,

Local Control and Accountability Plan Federal Addendum Update 2024-2025

Mrs. Julie McBride, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, presented the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Federal Addendum Update for 2024-2025 to the Board of Trustees. She reported that Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) required local educational agencies (LEAs) to complete a Local Educational Agency Plan (LEA Plan) to address the necessary provisions for applying for federal education funds. The plan is submitted as part of an annual review.

The LCAP, the Addendum, and the Consolidated Application served as the ESSA LEA Plan. The key components included Title I Part A: Improving Basic Programs, Title II Part A: Supporting Effective Instruction, Title III Part A: Language Instruction for English Learners, and Title IV Part A: Student Support and Academic Enrichment.

Conference Calendar,

Sixth Grade Promotion Dates and Board Member Attendance, June, 2025

Dr. Kawaguchi requested that the Board of Trustees review each school site's June 2025 Sixth Grade Promotion Ceremony dates and determine which Board Members can attend.

Action Calendar,
*Acceptance of E-rate
Quotations for
Category 2
Equipment
DeFigueiredo-Aye
Weinstein-Aye
Chase-Aye
MacDonald-Aye
Jellings-Aye*

Dr. Randall presented the E-rate Quotations for Category 2 Equipment from the winning bidders to the Board of Trustees. He shared that the District published RFQ #01 (2025/2026) - Category 2, inviting agencies to provide estimates for E-rate qualified network equipment.

The motion was made by Mr. Chase, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0 by voice vote, to approve the E-rate Quotations for Category 2 Equipment.

Action Calendar,
*Tentative Agreement
between Sulphur
Springs Union
School District and
the Classified School
Employees
Association Chapter
#298 and AB 1200
DeFigueiredo-Aye
Weinstein-Aye
Chase-Aye
MacDonald-Aye
Jellings-Aye*

Dr. Jay Greenlinger, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel/Pupil Services presented the Tentative Agreement between Sulphur Springs Union School District and the Classified School Employees Association Chapter #298 and AB 1200 to the Board of Trustees.

The agreement includes an ongoing salary increase of 1% on-schedule, effective July 1, 2024, and a 1% one-time off-schedule payment, based on September 25, 2024 salary schedule.

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mrs. Jellings, and passed 5-0 by voice vote, to approve the Tentative Agreement between Sulphur Springs Union School District and the Classified School Employees Association Chapter #298 and AB 1200.

Action Calendar,
*2024-25
Confidential Salary
Schedule
DeFigueiredo-Aye
Weinstein-Aye
Chase-Aye
MacDonald-Aye
Jellings-Aye*

Dr. Greenlinger presented the 2024-25 Confidential Salary Schedule to the Board of Trustees.

The Confidential Salary Schedule represents an ongoing 1% salary increase for all positions, effective July 1, 2024. An additional 1% one-time off-schedule payment will also be given to all active employees, based on the salary schedule approved January 17, 2024.

The motion was made by Mrs. Jellings, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0 by voice vote, to approve the 2024-25 Confidential Salary Schedule.

Action Calendar,
*2024-25
Unrepresented
Certificated Salary
Schedule
DeFigueiredo-Aye
Weinstein-Aye
Chase-Aye
MacDonald-Aye
Jellings-Aye*

Dr. Greenlinger presented the 2024-25 Unrepresented Certificated Salary Schedule to the Board of Trustees.

The Unrepresented Certificated Salary Schedule represents an ongoing 1% salary increase for all positions, effective July 1, 2024. An additional 1% one-time off-schedule payment will also be given to all active employees, based on the salary schedule approved January 17, 2024.

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mr. Chase, and passed 5-0 by voice vote, to approve the 2024-25 Unrepresented Certificated Salary Schedule.

Action Calendar,
*J-13A Attendance
Waiver - Request for
Allowance of
Attendance Due to
Emergency
Conditions
DeFigueiredo-Aye
Weinstein-Aye
Chase-Aye
MacDonald-Aye
Jellings-Aye*

Dr. Randall presented the J-13A Attendance Waiver - Request for Allowance of Attendance Due to Emergency Conditions to the Board of Trustees.

The District received notifications from Southern California Edison about a Public Safety Power Shutoff at Leona Cox and Canyon Springs Community Schools due to high winds creating a fire risk. Power outages occurred on December 9 and 10, 2024, and January 13, 15, 16, 21, and 23, 2025, disrupting crucial services and forcing the closure of the schools on January 13, 15, 16, and 21. Despite these challenges, the schools operated safely on December 9 and 10, 2024, and January 23, 2025. Unfortunately, there has been a notable decrease in attendance. Form J-13A can be filed

for school closures due to extraordinary conditions per Education Code (EC) 41422 or when attendance drops significantly, as per EC Section 46392.

The motion was made by Mrs. Jellings, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein, and passed 5-0 by voice vote, to approve the J-13A Attendance Waiver - Request for Allowance of Attendance Due to Emergency Conditions.

Action Calendar,
*Resolution R-25-04
Authorization for
Emergency Closure
of the State
Preschool Program
DeFigueiredo-Aye
Weinstein-Aye
Chase-Aye
MacDonald-Aye
Jellings-Aye*

Dr. Randall presented Resolution R-25-04 Authorization for Emergency Closure of the State Preschool Program to the Board of Trustees.

The District received notices from Southern California Edison regarding power outages at Leona Cox Community Elementary and Canyon Springs Community Elementary on January 13, 15, 16, and 21 due to high winds and fire alerts in the Santa Clarita area. These outages necessitated the closure of state preschool programs at the schools, disrupting essential services and rendering the facilities unsafe for students. According to California Education Code Section 46392, State Preschool Programs can receive credit for instructional days lost due to natural emergencies. The District recommends the Board approve Resolution R-25-04 to receive credit for the lost instructional time.

The motion was made by Mrs. MacDonald, seconded by Mrs. Jellings, and passed 5-0 by voice vote, to approve Resolution R-25-04 Authorization for Emergency Closure of the State Preschool Program.

Action Calendar,
*Resolution R-25-05
Authorization for
Emergency Closure
of the Expanded
Learning
Opportunity
Program
DeFigueiredo-Aye
Weinstein-Aye
Chase-Aye
MacDonald-Aye
Jellings-Aye*

Dr. Randall presented Resolution R-25-05 Authorization for Emergency Closure of the Expanded Learning Opportunity Program to the Board of Trustees.

The District received notifications from Southern California Edison about power shutoffs at Leona Cox Community Elementary and Canyon Springs Community Elementary on January 13, 15, 16, and 21 due to high winds and fire alerts in the Santa Clarita area. As a result, the schools were closed due to disrupted electrical systems, affecting essential operations and safety.

According to California Education Code Section 46120(b)(1)(a), school districts can obtain credit for instructional days lost due to natural emergencies. The District recommends that the Board approve Resolution R-25-05 to receive credit for the missed instructional time.

The motion was made by Mr. Chase, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein, and passed 5-0 by voice vote, to approve Resolution R-25-05 Authorization for Emergency Closure of the Expanded Learning Opportunity Program.

Action Calendar,
*Board Policy and
Administrative
Regulation 1250
Visitors/Outsiders
DeFigueiredo-Aye
Weinstein-Aye
Chase-Aye
MacDonald-Aye
Jellings-Aye*

Dr. Greenlinger presented Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 1250 Visitors/Outsiders to the Board of Trustees. The update incorporated suggested language from the California School Board Association (CSBA).

The motion was made Mr. Chase, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0 by voice vote, to approve Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 1250 Visitors/Outsiders.

Action Calendar,
*Business Services
Report #25-02
DeFigueiredo-Aye
Weinstein-Aye
Chase-Aye
MacDonald-Aye
Jellings-Aye*

The motion was made by Mrs. MacDonald, seconded by Mrs. Jellings, and passed 5-0 by voice vote, to approve Business Services Report #25-02.

**Correspondence
and Board
Information,**
*Many Families, One
Community Family
Resource Fair -
March 15, 2025*

The Sulphur Springs Union School District and William S. Hart Union High School District are partnering to host the ninth annual Many Families, One Community Family Resource Fair, held at Golden Valley High School on March 15, 2025. Families can check in starting at 9:00 AM, and the event begins at 9:30 AM in the theater. Choir students from both Districts will join together to sing various numbers. Then, the Resource Fair will open with the opportunity to visit over 60 resource booths and attend two sessions focused on academic and social/emotional wellness. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in a Student Art Contest. The deadline to submit art pieces is 12:00 PM, February 21, 2025.

**Correspondence
and Board
Information**

Mrs. Weinstein expressed her excitement for the annual Many Families One Community Family Resource Fair, scheduled for March 15, 2025, at Golden Valley High School. She mentioned that she plans to attend the event. She described it as a great opportunity, encouraging other superintendents to participate and create a similar event.

Mrs. Weinstein shared that her grandchildren are in the area now and are eagerly looking forward to the construction of the new school.

Mrs. MacDonald shared that she is looking forward to the Many Families One Community Family Resource Fair, and the reporting period in March, for family conferences. She is also excited about the upcoming four-day weekend.

Mrs. Jellings shared that she had the opportunity to visit schools during a Board Tour with Trustee Mr. Chase. She also had the chance to judge the Canyon Springs Community School Spelling Bee alongside Mrs. Julie McBride, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, and described it as a wonderful experience. She relived the emotions of the Spelling Bee, experiencing both the agony of defeat and the glory of victory. It was simultaneously beautiful and rewarding, and everyone felt the excitement. Valley View Community School held their Spelling Bee on Zoom which she shared that she thought was a great idea.

Mrs. MacDonald shared that Zoom was a great tool that emerged from the pandemic. It is especially beneficial for parents, as it allows them to participate even if there are conflicts with their schedules.

Mr. Chase shared that the Board Tour went well. They visited Mitchell, Pinetree, and Sulphur Springs Community Schools, and he mentioned that visiting the schools always serves as a reminder of their purpose. Mr. Chase also shared a delightful email he received from one of the teachers whose classroom they visited during the Tour, which put a smile on his face. In the email, one of the students commented that Mr. Chase was the tallest person they had ever seen and asked how tall he was. Mr. Chase responded that he was 6'2" and expressed gratitude for the cute and funny message, stating that it made his day.

Mr. Chase expressed hope that everyone stays healthy, as attendance is currently facing challenges due to the flu, which reportedly has been the worst it has been in the last fifteen years. He shared that he enjoyed the Valley View presentation, and noted that his children attended Valley View Community School, making it always nice to be there.

Mr. DeFigueiredo had no comments to make. He invited Dr. Kawaguchi to speak.

Dr. Kawaguchi shared that she wanted to recognize staff and teachers for their outstanding work and expressed gratitude to everyone.

**ITEMS FOR THE
February 26,
2025, MEETING
AT Mint Canyon
Community
School**

Board recognition will be provided to the Measure CK Citizen Bond Oversight Committee members for their hard work and dedication to this committee.

Closed Session
DeFigueiredo-Aye
Weinstein-Aye
Chase-Aye
MacDonald-Aye
Jellings-Aye

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mrs. Jellings, and passed 5-0 by voice vote, to adjourn to Closed Session at 9:35 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

Reconvene to Open Session
DeFigueiredo-Aye
Weinstein-Aye
Chase-Aye
MacDonald-Aye
Jellings-Aye

The motion was made by Mrs. Jellings, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald, and passed 5-0 by voice vote, to reconvene to Open Session at 9:43 PM.

Report of Closed Session

In Closed Session, the Board approved by a unanimous vote, the resignation of Employee RC3003023 by agreement, from the position, Senior Custodian, effective immediately. In exchange for Employee resignation and release of any and all claims, the District will agree not to pursue suspension and dismissal charges against the employee.

The roll-call vote was as follows:

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

Reconvene to Closed Session
DeFigueiredo-Aye
Weinstein-Aye
Chase-Aye
MacDonald-Aye
Jellings-Aye

The motion was made by Mrs. Jellings, seconded by Mr. Chase, and passed 5-0 by voice vote, to reconvene to Closed Session at 9:45 PM.

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

- Property Negotiations:
CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Section 54956.8 of the Government Code:
Property: Proposed Skyline Ranch school site as identified by Tri Pointe, Developer
Agency negotiator: Dr. Catherine Kawaguchi, Superintendent; Michael Toy, Parker & Covert, LLP; Anthony J. Barron, Nixon Peabody LLP.
Negotiating parties: Skyline Ranch Developer, TriPointe
Under negotiation: Conditions, price and Terms of Payment

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 54956.9 (i.e., potential litigation).

- Potential Litigation

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

- Labor Negotiations

Adjournment
DeFigueiredo-Aye
Weinstein-Aye
Chase-Aye
MacDonald-Aye
Jellings-Aye

The motion was made by Mr. Chase seconded by Mrs. Jellings, and passed 5-0 by voice vote, to adjourn the Board Meeting at 11:20 PM.

February 26, 2025


Mr. Denis DeFigueiredo, President
Mrs. Shelley Weinstein, Clerk