

SULPHUR SPRINGS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of the Governing Board
April 16, 2025
MINUTES

Meeting Location:

Fair Oaks Ranch Community School
26933 Silverbell Ln.,
Canyon Country, CA 91387

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Mr. Denis DeFigueiredo, President
Mrs. Shelley Weinstein, Clerk
Mr. Ken Chase, Member

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Mrs. Lori MacDonald, Member
Mrs. Paola Jellings, Member

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

**Call to Order,
Roll Call**

Mr. DeFigueiredo called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:04 PM and noted the absence of board members Mrs. Lori MacDonald and Mrs. Paola Jellings.

**Pledge of
Allegiance**

Adrian Brown, a fifth-grade student at Fair Oaks Ranch Community School, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of
Agenda,**

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

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein seconded by Mr. Chase, and passed 3-0 by voice vote, to approve the Agenda.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES of the
March 26, 2025,
REGULAR
MEETING**

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

The motion was made by Mr. Chase, seconded by, Mrs. Weinstein and passed 3-0 by voice vote, to approve the Minutes of the March 26, 2025, Regular Board Meeting.

**Hearing Session,
Site Presentation -
Fair Oaks Ranch
Community School**

Ms. Diamond, Principal, Fair Oaks Ranch Community School, welcomed the Fair Oaks Ranch Community School cheer squad, led by fifth-grade teacher Bonnie Russon and Assistant Principal Krystal Day. The cheer squad performed for the Board of Trustees and attendees.

Ms. Diane Diamond, welcomed everyone and presented a highlight of the school's students, staff, and activities.

During the meeting, the Board of Trustees and Ms. Diamond, presented certificates of recognition to the following individuals:

- Michael Sifferman, Certificated Employee
- Nicole Tzanetatos, Certificated Employee
- Leanne Dredd, Classified Employee

- Zamira Maraicar, Classified Employee

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

Mr. DeFigueiredo asked if any advanced requests to address the Board had been received. There were no requests 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 7:36 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 7:43 PM.

Mr. DeFigueiredo established that there is a quorum.

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

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mr. Chase, and passed 3-0 by voice vote, to approve the Consent Calendar, as follows:

- Conference Action Report #25-06
- Field Trip Action Report N/A
- Gift Action Report #25-06
- Personnel Action Report #25-06
- Consultant Agreement - TNT Dunk Squad - Pinetree Community School
- Consultant Agreement - Wildlife Learning Center - Valley View Community School
- Consultant Agreement - Balls and Whistles/dba Amazing Athletes - Expanded Learning Opportunities Program
- Consultant Agreement - Brandon Valerino - Sulphur Springs Union School District

Mrs. Weinstein expressed pride in seeing former students return to work for the District, as noted in the Personnel Action Report.

**Conference
Calendar,**
*Local Control and
Accountability Plan
(LCAP) Survey
Results*

Dr. Kawaguchi and Mrs. Julie McBride, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, presented the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) survey results to the Board of Trustees. Dr. Kawaguchi shared that the District aims to ensure that all educational partners have the opportunity to provide input on the goals and actions of the proposed LCAP for the 2025-2026 school year.

Dr. Kawaguchi shared that to prepare for the 2025-2026 LCAP, the District distributed a survey to students, parents, and staff, allowing them to share their input and feedback on the proposed goals and actions.

The Board of Trustees provided feedback to support the proposed 2025-2026 LCAP, which will be presented again at the Board meeting on June 11, 2025.

**Conference
Calendar,**
*Williams Quarterly
Report - January 1,
2025 to March 31,
2025*

Dr. Jay Greenlinger, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel/Pupil Services, reviewed the Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints from January 1, 2025, to March 31, 2025. There were no complaints this quarter.

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

Dr. Greenlinger presented the District's request for a Provisional Internship Permit for Tammy Pickrell to the Board of Trustees. He explained that Tammy will be assigned to the SDC M/M 2-4 grade vacancy at Sulphur Springs Community School, effective April 21, 2025.

The motion was made Mr. Chase, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein, and passed 3-0 by voice vote, to approve the Provisional Internship Permit for Tammy Pickrell.

Action Calendar,
*Business Services
Report #25-06
DeFigueiredo-Aye
Weinstein-Aye
Chase-Aye
MacDonald-Absent
Jellings-Absent*

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mr. Chase, and passed 3-0 by voice vote, to approve Business Services Report #25-06.

**Correspondence
and Board
Information**
Open House

Dr. Kawaguchi announced that the District invites all families to the Open House on April 17, 2025, for all nine schools. Principals will share more details with families about the event.

**Correspondence
and Board
Information**
*Spring Choir Concert
Information*

Mrs. McBride shared information regarding the Spring Choir Concert for students participating in the before and after-school chorus programs within the Sulphur Springs Union School District. The concert will take place at the Canyon High School Performing Arts Center on the following dates:

****Monday, April 28th at 7:00 PM****

Participating Schools: Fair Oaks Ranch, Mitchell, Sulphur Springs Community Schools

****Tuesday, April 29th at 7:00 PM****

Participating Schools: Canyon Springs, Golden Oak, Leona Cox, Mint Canyon, Pinetree, Valley View Community Schools

**Correspondence
and Board
Information**

Mrs. Weinstein had no comments

Mr. Chase had no comments.

Mr. DeFigueiredo had no comments.

Dr. Kawaguchi shared that April is nearly over, much like the school year, but she feels excited. Dr. Kawaguchi shared that in her advisory committee meetings, she heard from enthusiastic staff and parents who are doing great work for the students. They are planning fun and memorable moments for them before the end of the year.

**ITEMS FOR THE
April 30, 2025
MEETING AT
Canyon Springs
Community
School**
*2025 Teacher
Tribute*

Dr. Kawaguchi announced that the Board will honor the 2025 Teacher Tribute recipients at annual Teacher Tribute event on April 24, 2025, at the College of the Canyons.

**ITEMS FOR THE
April 30, 2025
MEETING AT
Canyon Springs
Community
School**

Dr. Kawaguchi announced that classified staff in the Sulphur Springs Union School District will be recognized at the Board meeting on April 30th. This is in preparation for "Classified School Employee Week," which will be officially celebrated from May 19 to May 23, 2025.

**ITEMS FOR THE
April 30, 2025
MEETING AT
Canyon Springs
Community
School**
*California Day of the
Teacher*

Dr. Kawaguchi announced that teachers in the Sulphur Springs Union School District will be honored at the Board meeting on April 30th for "California Day of the Teacher," which is officially celebrated on May 14, 2025.

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

The motion was made by Mr. Chase, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein, and passed 3-0 by voice vote, to adjourn to Closed Session at 8:18 PM for discussion regarding:

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

- Potential Litigation:
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code sections 54954.5 (c) and 54956.9 (d)(1): 1 Case: OAH Case No. 2025020230

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

The motion was made by Mr. Chase, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein, and passed 3-0 by voice vote, to reconvene to Open Session at 8:27 PM.

**Report of Closed
Session**

The Board voted by a vote of 3-0 to accept the settlement offer of the student in the case named Student v. Sulphur Springs Union School District, OAH Case No. 2025020230. The District will pay between \$38,525 to \$46,200 to settle this case.

Names of members in favor:
Mrs. Weinstein, Mr. Chase, Mr. DeFigueiredo

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

The motion was made by Mr. Chase, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein and passed 3-0, by voice vote, to reconvene to Closed Session at 8:29 PM.

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 (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 54957.8 (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

DeFigueiredo-Aye

Weinstein-Aye

Chase-Aye

MacDonald-Absent

Jellings-Absent

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein seconded by Mr. Chase, and passed 3-0 by voice vote, to adjourn the Board Meeting at 10:48 PM.

April 30, 2025

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Mr. Denis DeFigueiredo, President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Weinstein", written over a horizontal line.

Mrs. Shelley Weinstein, Clerk