

# SULPHUR SPRINGS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Governing Board

October 26, 2022

## MINUTES

### Meeting Location:

Pinetree Community School  
29156 Lotusgarden Drive  
Canyon Country, CA 91387

### TRUSTEES PRESENT:

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

### STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Catherine Kawaguchi, Superintendent  
Dr. Jezelle Fullwood, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services  
Dr. Jay Greenlinger, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel/Pupil Services  
Dr. Joshua Randall Assistant Superintendent, Business Services  
Ms. Nancy Raygoza, District Executive Secretary

### **Call to Order, Roll Call**

Mr. DeFigueiredo called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:05PM and noted the roll.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

The following Pinetree students led the Pledge of Allegiance:

- Emily Soliz
- Brynlee Winslow
- Carter Winslow
- Jace Passerelle
- Jaxson Passerelle
- Ethan Tyboroski
- Victoria Cuevas

### **Approval of Agenda,**

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

The motion was made by Mr. Chase, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve the Agenda with the request that Action Item A be moved after the Consent Calendar.

### **Approval of Special Minutes, October 11, 2022**

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

The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mr. Chase, with an abstention by both Mrs. MacDonald and Mrs. Jellings, and passed 3-2-0 by voice vote to approve the Minutes of October 11, 2022, Special Board Meeting.

**Approval of Regular Minutes,  
October 12, 2022**

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

The motion was made by Mrs. Jellings, seconded by Mr. Chase, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to approve the Minutes of October 12, 2022, Regular Board Meeting.

**Hearing Session,  
Requests to Address,  
Comments, Questions**

Mr. DeFigueiredo asked if any advance requests or comments had been received. There was one request to address the Board regarding the rate of pay for Behavior Intervention Assistants and the use of outside staffing agencies.

There were no questions or comments regarding agenda items.

**Hearing Session,  
Site Presentation –  
Pinetree Community  
School**

Mrs. Stephanie Cruz, Principal at Pinetree Community School, welcomed everyone in attendance and shared a presentation highlighting students, staff and activities taking place at Pinetree Community School.

The Board of Trustees and Mrs. Stephanie Cruz presented certificates of recognition to the following individuals:

- Ronaldo Lopez, Classified Employee
- Jodi Embuido, Classified Employee
- Jen Sykes, Certificated Employee
- Tracy Ahart, Certificated Employee

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

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

- Conference Action Report #22-20
- Field Trip Action Report #22-20
- Gift Action Report #22-20
- Personnel Action Report #22-20
- Consultant Agreement - Olympia Pena/Dapemo and Olyness Productions, Inc. - Golden Oak Community School
- Cali Painting Change Order #1
- Disposal of Surplus/Obsolete Materials

**Action Calendar,  
Retirement Resolution  
R-22-72  
DeFigueiredo-Aye  
Jellings-Aye  
Weinstein-Aye  
MacDonald-Aye  
Chase-Aye**

The Board of Trustees recognized the retirement of staff member Laura Sandeen. Mrs. Sandeen received a Resolution Plaque and flower bouquet from the District and certificates from the representatives of the City of Santa Clarita and State of California. State Assemblywoman Valladares representative, Patsy Ayala, along with the Board of Trustees, recognized Mrs. Sandeen's contribution to the District. The motion was made by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mr. Chase, and passed by voice vote to approve the Retirement Resolution R-22-72.

Mr. DeFigueiredo announced a five-minute recess at 7:50PM.  
The meeting reconvened at 7:58PM.

**Conference Calendar,**  
*Update on Implementation of the CalArts Community Arts Partnership (CAP)*

Dr. Jezelle Fullwood, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services presented to the Board of Trustees an update regarding the implementation of the CalArts Community Arts partnership. Mr. DeFigueiredo stated that he appreciates the partnership that the District has with CalArts. Mrs. Weinstein asked Dr. Fullwood if the District can continue working with CalArts, and Dr. Fullwood stated that depending on Funding she hopes that we can for many more years.

**Action Calendar,**  
*2022-2023 Tobacco Use Prevention Education Curriculum and Instructional Service Agreement - Los Angeles County Office of Education  
DeFigueiredo-Aye  
Jellings-Aye  
Weinstein-Aye  
MacDonald- Aye  
Chase-Aye*

Dr. Fullwood presented the LACOE Agreement by and between the County of Los Angeles and Sulphur Springs Union School District for TUPE services to the Board of Trustees. The motion was made Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mrs. Jellings, and passed 5-0 by a voice vote to approve the 2022-2023 Tobacco Use Prevention Education Curriculum and Instructional Service Agreement - Los Angeles County Office of Education.

**Action Calendar,**  
*Job Description: Coordinator of Expanded Learning  
DeFigueiredo-Aye  
Jellings-Aye  
Weinstein-Aye  
MacDonald- Aye  
Chase-Aye*

Dr. Greenlinger presented the Job Description for a Coordinator of Expanded Learning to the Board of Trustees. This Coordinator position will be funded out of the Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant. The motion was made by Mrs. Jellings, seconded by Mr. Chase, and passed 5-0 by a voice vote, to approve the Job Description: Coordinator of Expanded Learning.

**Action Calendar,**  
*Amend Substitute Teacher Salary Schedule  
DeFigueiredo-Aye  
Jellings-Aye  
Weinstein-Aye  
MacDonald- Aye  
Chase-Aye*

Dr. Greenlinger presented the Substitute Teacher Salary Schedule so that the District can offer a Long-Term Substitute Teacher Rate for substitute teachers who serve in a single classroom for 20 or more consecutive days. The motion was made by Mrs. Jellings, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein and passed 5-0 by a voice vote to approve the Amend Substitute Teacher Salary Schedule.

**Action Calendar,**  
*Memorandum of Understanding between Sulphur Springs Union School District and CSEA Chapter # 298: Bus Driver Signing Bonus  
DeFigueiredo-Aye  
Jellings-Aye  
Weinstein-Aye  
MacDonald- Aye  
Chase-Aye*

Dr. Greenlinger presented the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Sulphur Springs Union School District and CSEA Chapter #298 regarding hiring bonuses for Bus Drivers and Bus Driver Trainers, warranted due to the statewide demand for bus drivers and bus driver trainers. The motion was made by Mr. Chase, seconded by Mrs. MacDonald and passed 5-0 by a voice vote to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Sulphur Springs Union School District and CSEA Chapter # 298: Bus Driver Signing Bonus.

**Action Calendar,**  
*Business Services  
Report #22-28  
DeFigueiredo-Aye  
Jellings-Aye  
Weinstein-Aye  
MacDonald- Aye  
Chase-Aye*

The motion was made by Mrs. MacDonald, seconded by Mrs. Jellings and passed 5-0 by a voice vote to approve the Business Services Report #22-28.

**Correspondence  
and Board  
Information**

Mrs. MacDonald shared that she could tell a lot of planning went into the 150th Celebration, and everything blended nicely. She said it was a fantastic event, and she could see the joy on people's faces, and that the school looked terrific. She stated that the building and ground used to look disconnected, however, now it is perfect and the school has an incredible field for students to play on. She said Jeff Combe was acting as Thomas Mitchell, and it was neat to see him in character. She thanked and congratulated the District on a fantastic event and celebration of 150 years of educating students.

Mrs. Weinstein shared she was disappointed that in all her years, she had to miss two significant events, the CLASS New Heroes Event and the District's 150th Celebration, but she was fortunate to be spending time with her new grandchild. She was able to view the 150th Celebration Live as the media was streaming it. She congratulated the whole CLASS Education Foundation and Dr. Fullwood, as she knows she was the driving force behind that event. She said the 150th Celebration was difficult for her to miss, but she could view some of it Live on Facebook while it was streamed and heard wonderful things. She heard it was a fantastic event with a great turnout, and everyone was thrilled. Teachers and students returned for the event, which looked like one big family reunion. She gave kudos to everyone involved and wished she did not have to miss it. She also said she attended the CSBA Webinar Emergency Response in CA Schools, and they had good information.

Mrs. Jellings shared that she went to the 150th Celebration with her family, and they had a great time. She said she didn't know the choir would perform, and their performance was outstanding. She added the CLASS Education Foundation event was fantastic.

Mr. Chase said he thought the CLASS Education Foundation New Heroes event was great. He said he had such a great time at the 150th Celebration, and that Mr. DeFigueiredo did a great job with his speech. He added that the history timeline display in the hallway is fantastic, and he would like that preserved. He was amazed by how many great conversations he had at the event. It was such a great turnout that he talked to so many people. He said he ran into an old neighbor, someone from the diabetes community, and met Phyllis Owens at the event, who had a fantastic display of items she put together from her time with the District. Ms. Owens worked with the District and had her children in the District during the late 70s, and he said he sat with her looking at the items she had on display, and had a wonderful conversation. He said he thought that the event was so great he had to wear his 150th shirt to commemorate it. He added that the Pinetree campus had undergone a lot of construction since their last Board Meeting there, and the campus was lit up beautifully, and both buildings looked fantastic. He said he was very impressed with the lighting, and what a great job was done. He said it was a long process, and he knows the community waited a long time for it.

Mr. DeFigueiredo echoed his colleague's comments about both of the events. He said everything was so well done and well received by the community, adding that there was excellent community involvement. He gave kudos to the CLASS Education Foundation and Dr. Fullwood for putting together a great event. He said he appreciates that the College of the Canyons let the District use their facility. He said Saturday's 150th Celebration was an absolute highlight. He jokingly stated the biggest sacrifice was the five years Dr. Kawaguchi lost her life putting the event together. He said it was great, and does not think the District should have to wait another 25 years to do something like that. He would like to do an event similar, possibly every seven years so that, at some point, all

students and families would experience that. He added maybe it would be great if school sites celebrated milestones at their sites.

Dr. Kawaguchi thanked everyone for their hard work in preparing for the 150<sup>th</sup> celebration, and said it took everyone to put the event together.

Mr. Chase added the food was fabulous at the CLASS Education Foundation event and wanted to thank everyone who donated. He said he thought that the paver fundraiser at the 150th was great and asked if that was continuing.

Mrs. MacDonald would like to thank the College of the Canyons, who offered to let the District use their facility for the New Heroes Event. She said it is an excellent way for the community to get to know local colleges.

Mr. DeFigueiredo thanked the California Living History for doing a great job with the Pioneer activities at the 150th Celebration.

**Items for the  
November 9, 2022  
Regular Meeting**

Staff will share information on Crisis Go, a safety command center that supports managing the safety of the organization.

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

The motion was made by Mrs. Jellings, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to adjourn to Closed Session at 8:58PM 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— POTENTIAL LITIGATION

Government Code Section 54956.9(e)(1). One Case.

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:

- 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; Yuri Calderon, MillerCalderon, Inc.; Michael Toy, Parker & Covert, LLP.

Negotiating parties: Skyline Ranch Developer, TriPointe

Under negotiation: Conditions, Price and Terms of Payment

**Adjournment**

*DeFigueiredo-Aye*

*Jellings-Aye*

*Weinstein-Aye*

*MacDonald-Aye*

*Chase-Aye*

The motion was made by Mr. Chase, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to adjourn the Board Meeting at 11:33PM.

November 9, 2022



Mr. Denis DeFigueiredo, President



Mrs. Paola Jellings, Clerk