

**SYLVAN UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
March 21, 2017**

MINUTES

Members Present: Mmes. Cynthia Lindsey and Terriann Zeek.
Messrs. David Collins and George Rawe.

Members Absent: Mmes. Jennifer Miyakawa.

District Administration Present: Debra Hendricks, Velma Beck, Yvonne Perez, Laura Wharff,
Sharon Roddick, Didi Peterson, John Patten, Marti Reed, Laura
Granger, Heidi Reyes and Mitch Wood.

Audience Present: Carrie Albert, Travis Manley, Amber Wethern, Katie Bennett, Donna
Tigrett, Deanne Andrade Freitas, Lauie Hulin, Angela Quinteros,
Joanna O'Brien, Jennie Smith, Gary Miller, Irina Bazyuk, Pamela
Mayne, Midge Baker, Michele Calton, Michelle Bairos, Cory
Simpson, Shaileni Lal, Autumn Dixon, Juliet McDaniel, Steve Miller,
Amy Suydan, Nikki Codromac, Linda Farris, Gregg Smith, Jennifer
Berry, Margaret Vega, Melanie Dean, Daneal Valouch, Sally Parrott,
Margaret Leh, Michael Stangnaro, Chris Long, Angie Thompson,
about twenty other people.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Board President Announcement: Mrs. Zeek advised all attendees that in accordance with Board
Policy, tonight's Board Meeting was being recorded. She also
advised any persons wishing to address the Board on any agenda or
non-agendized item must fill out a speaker card.

***Board Member Rawe joined the Board meeting at 5:11 p.m.

Study Session: **STUDY SESSION**

Budget Study Session:

- a. Mrs. Hendricks presented the Board with a Budget packet and documents for review during the one hour allocated for the Budget Study Session. Mrs. Hendricks stated the focus of the budget study session was to allow the Board of Trustees to ask staff questions on the information presented tonight.

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STUDY SESSION Continued

- Mrs. Hendricks indicated that final direction from the Board of Trustees will be requested at the April 11, 2017, Board Meeting to build the budget and the final 2017-18 budget will be presented at the June 20, 2017, Board meeting. Staff members summarized their specific areas that pertain to development of the budget.
- Mrs. Reed reviewed information on the ELD Program and the role of ELD/Literacy Specialists. The Board of Trustees approved moving forward and hiring thirteen ELD/Literacy Specialists. The district has been in their third year of this position in place and we have seen significant growth for our ELD students and support for our classroom teachers regarding not only EL students, but also English Only students who have literacy needs. Mrs. Reed presented evidence of the transformation over the past three years. Mrs. Reed also reviewed Federal Programs and Title I fund information.
- Mrs. Granger reviewed information regarding the Instructional Coaches and the need to continue to maintain the current 8 FTE. 40 % of elementary teachers met with a coach at least one time during the first trimester and 55% of our elementary teachers met with Instructional Coaches an additional time the second trimester; 95% of elementary teachers have met with coaches this school year.
- Mrs. Reed indicated that the district should receive a 40% increase in new funding for Title II. Official notification has not been received at this time. Once official notice is received, staff will determine the best use of the increase to support current programs. As for Title III, Limited English Proficient and Immigrant funds, we will be maintaining our current program.
- Mrs. Reyes shared information regarding the current eleven counselors on staff to serve the needs of our approximate 8,100 students in the district. Mrs. Reyes will bring more information regarding the anti-bullying prevention program at a future Board meeting.

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BUDGET STUDY Continued

- Mrs. Granger shared information regarding the multi-tiered system of support; PLC/RTI. Mrs. Granger also shared information on the current induction program and the plan to move costs to the General Fund in the 2018-19 fiscal year. Mrs. Granger will be updating the Board at a future meeting regarding the feasibility study. Mrs. Granger discussed the \$425,000 fund set aside for Sylvan Learns Academy for professional development. The goals of the Sylvan Learns academy are to positively impact the teaching and learning practices of all practitioners and to build and strengthen the capacity of all staff members within our organization. The Board of Trustees asked for more information on teacher induction costs.
- Mr. Wood discussed information on the current status of the budget impact of Moderate/Severe Class and the anticipated budget increase for the 2017-18 school year, as a need to open a new Moderate/Severe class at Sherwood Elementary.
- Mrs. Wharff reviewed the costs of Instructional Materials, costs of Language Arts Curriculum, the need for both digital and paper materials, and the future Science adoption.
- Mr. Patten shared that the sixth grade iPads are now six years old and are currently still compatible with everything students are doing in the classroom. Although, changes next year might make these devices non-compatible with state testing.
- Mrs. Perez reviewed enrollment projections for 2017-18, Middle School Electives, budget assumptions, and the Multi-Year Projection tool, and discussed funding the district receives per ADA. Mrs. Perez also discussed the differences between qualified and negative certification.

*Final
Adjournment:*

The meeting was adjourned by Board President Mrs. Zeek at 6:03 p.m.

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WITNESS:

Mrs. Lindsey, Vice President of the Board

Date