

**SYLVAN UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
December 10, 2019**

# MINUTES

***Members Present:*** Mmes. Christine Harvey, Cynthia Lindsey, and Jennifer Miyakawa.  
Messrs. David Collins.

***Members Absent:*** Messrs. George Rawe.

***District Administration Present:*** Didi Peterson, Lizett Aguilar, Laura Granger, Velma Silva Beck, Marti Reed, Laura Granger, Dawn Mori, Carrie Albert, Lisa Sandoval, and Tierra Crothers.

***Audience Present:*** Michael Stagnaro, Sean Smith, Kathy Friedmann, Mary Smyth, Tina Hollander, Amber Wethern, Angela Quinteros, Katie Bennett, Orion Potts, James Bates, Joanna O'Brien, Cody Frenette, Kaci Frenette, Katelyn Gutierrez, Erica Amezcua, Trisha Rascon, Tina O'Conner, Irving Milbury, Raul Prasad, Aileen Adan, Jred Bayless, Christian Cabello, Ethan Litao, Lindsey Pagculivagan, Kala Buck, Nicol Alvarado, Debbie Moniz and about twenty other people.

***Call to Order:*** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

***Adjourn to Closed Session:*** The meeting adjourned to Closed Session for the following:

- a. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR**  
**Title: Employee Organizations: All Groups (Sylvan Educators Association, California School Employees Association, Chapter 73, and Unrepresented**
- b. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT**  
**Title: Assistant Superintendents' Contracts**

***Reconvene to Open Session:*** The meeting reconvened to Open Session at 7:01 p.m.

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

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### ***Report Out of Closed Session:***

Mr. Collins reported that direction was given to staff regarding all matters.

### ***Adoption of Agenda:***

The motion was made by Ms. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Miyakawa, adopting the Agenda.

**AYES:** Collins, Harvey, Lindsey, Miyakawa

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Rawe

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

### ***Pledge of Allegiance:***

Mr. Collins welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mr. Michael Stagnaro, principal at Savage Middle School introduced Madison Parsons an 8<sup>th</sup> grader, who has been selected to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Stagnaro, shared that Madison was selected to be recognized tonight because she is a gifted student with a huge heart when it comes to helping others. She is the co-president for the associated student body. Warmth from the Heart, a non-profit organization, was started a few years ago with the help of her mother after her 5<sup>th</sup> grade project. Her teachers shared she is empathetic, kind, caring, considerate, responsible, and a role model to her peers. Mr. Stagnaro added that Madison's drive has motivated others to start a winter clothing drive at school. Madison shared a little bit about Savage's winter clothing drive to collect warm clothes, coats, beanies, scarfs, and socks for local homeless at the Modesto Gospel Mission. All items collected by Savage families are then distributed by teenagers at their annual hospice event. Her motivation continues to inspire others and competitions between the classes to see who can provide the most items. She ended with the message that if we all sit back and wait for someone else to make a difference, nothing would ever happen. Madison kindly thanked the board for their time.

Mr. Collins presented Madison with a certificate for her accomplishment.

### ***Recognition Presentation:***

The school selected to be recognized at tonight's Board Meeting was Savage Middle School. Mr. Stagnaro shared that at Savage, they believe in service to the community and service in helping others. This year, the Savage community filled two pallets and boxes of

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### RECOGNITION PRESENTATION Continued

canned food that went directly into homes of those in need in Modesto. He also shared they want students to be skilled as people in the community. Staff has the desire to teach students to think outside themselves and how they can better our community. Savage Middle School is doing an amazing job to feel the need to give to others.

#### *Communications:* COMMUNICATIONS

*Written Communication:* None at this time.

*Public Participation:* a. Cody Frenette, parent of students at Mary Ann Sanders, shared his concerns regarding mental health issues among students.

### INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

*Facilities and Safety Update: Board Questions:* e. **Facilities and Safety Update: Board Questions:**  
Mrs. Aguilar updated the Board of Trustees on the progress of the Ustach Modernization Project. There has been a discovery of mold in a couple of classrooms in phase two which has been remediated and was not as severe as the discovery in one classroom in phase one. She applauded Ustach staff and head custodian Brian Lee for their hard work of moving from phases over the weekend. The Board inquired about the roof conditions at sites during the recent rain storms. Mrs. Aguilar shared that staff has not discovered anything significant. In the meantime, staff has been proactive by inspecting and cleaning gutters.

#### *Action Items:* ACTION ITEMS

*Approve Purchase of Switches from DataPath:* a. The motion was made by Ms. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Miyakawa, approving the purchase of switches from DataPath for a full replacement throughout the district in the amount of \$680,258.25.

**AYES:** Collins, Harvey, Lindsey, Miyakawa

**NOES:** None

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## ACTION TIMES Continued

**ABSENT:** Rawe

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

***Approve Purchase of Mitel VOIP Phone System from DataPath:***

- b. The motion was made by Mrs. Miyakawa, seconded by Ms. Harvey, approving the purchase of Mitel VOIP phone system from DataPath throughout the district in the amount of \$472,593.75.

**AYES:** Collins, Harvey, Lindsey, Miyakawa

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Rawe

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

***Approve the 2019-20 First Interim Budget Report and Budget Revisions:***

- c. The motion was made by Ms. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Miyakawa, approving the 2019-20 First Interim Report and Budget Revisions for the reporting period of July 1, 2019, through October 31, 2019.

**AYES:** Collins, Harvey, Lindsey, Miyakawa

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Rawe

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

***Approval of Agreement with Sylvan Educators Association (SEA):***

- d. The motion was made by Mrs. Miyakawa, seconded by Ms. Harvey, approving the agreement with Sylvan Educators Association (SEA) for the 2019-2020 school year.

**AYES:** Collins, Harvey, Lindsey, Miyakawa

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Rawe

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

***Approval of Certificated and Psychologist Annual Salary Schedule and Nurse Annual Salary Schedule for 2019-2020:***

- e. The motion was made by Ms. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Lindsey, approving the 2019-20 Certificated and Psychologist Salary Schedule and Nurse Salary Schedule reflecting at three percent (3%) salary increase as well as a shift in longevity from five (5) year steps to four (4) year steps for certificated members.

**AYES:** Collins, Harvey, Lindsey, Miyakawa

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### ACTION ITEMS Continued

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Rawe

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

***Approval of  
School Year  
Calendars for  
2020-2021 and  
2021-2022:***

- f. The motion was made by Ms. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Miyakawa, approving the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school year calendars.

**AYES:** Collins, Harvey, Lindsey, Miyakawa

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Rawe

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

***Approve  
Agreement with  
Motivational  
Millennial for  
Freedom  
Elementary  
School:***

- g. The motion was made by Mrs. Miyakawa, seconded by Ms. Harvey, approving agreement with Blake Brandes, Ph.D., Co-Founder of Motivational Millennial LLC to present assemblies and parent education event at Freedom Elementary School.

**AYES:** Collins, Harvey, Lindsey, Miyakawa

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Rawe

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

***Adopt Resolution  
2019/2020 - #14:  
Designation of  
Authorized Agents  
of the Sylvan  
Union School  
District for 2020:***

- h. The motion was made by Ms. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Miyakawa, adopting Resolution 2019/2020 - #14 Designation of Authorized Agents for the Sylvan Union School District for 2020 calendar year.

**AYES:** Collins, Harvey, Lindsey, Miyakawa

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Rawe

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

***Adopt Resolution  
2019/2020 - #15:  
Religious Freedom  
Day:***

- i. The motion was made by Mrs. Miyakawa, seconded by Ms. Harvey, adopting Resolution 2019/2020 - #15: Religious Freedom Day, recognizing January 16, 2020, as Religious Freedom Day.

**AYES:** Collins, Harvey, Lindsey, Miyakawa

**NOES:** None

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### ACTION ITEMS Continued

**ABSENT:** Rawe

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

***Adopt Resolution  
2019/2020 - #16 to  
Close Stockard  
Coffee Student  
Council Bank  
Account:***

- j.** The motion was made by Mrs. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Miyakawa, adopting Resolution 2019/2020 - #16 to close Stockard Coffee's Student Council Bank Account.

**AYES:** Collins, Harvey, Lindsey, Miyakawa

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Rawe

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

***Adopt Resolution  
2019/2020 - #17 to  
Terminate  
Membership in the  
Schools Excess  
Liability Fund  
(SELF) Effective  
at the End of June  
30, 2020:***

- k.** The motion was made by Mrs. Miyakawa, seconded by Ms. Harvey, adopting Resolution 2019/2020 - #17 to terminate the District's Membership in the Schools Excess Liability Fund (SELF) effective on June 30, 2020.

**AYES:** Collins, Harvey, Lindsey, Miyakawa

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Rawe

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

***Approve Contract  
with Javarte  
Bobino at Bobino  
Counseling and  
Assessments for an  
Independent  
Educational  
Evaluation (IEE):***

- l.** The motion was made by Ms. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Miyakawa, approving the contract with Javarte Bobino at Bobino Counseling and Assessments for an Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE).

**AYES:** Collins, Harvey, Lindsey, Miyakawa

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Rawe

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

***Public  
Participation:***

**Public Participation for Action Item m: Approve Revisions to Board Policy 7310: Naming of Facility:**

Mrs. Lindsey, speaking as a community member, asked the Board of Trustees to reconsider revising Board Policy 7310: Naming of Facility and continue the community tradition by naming parks and buildings after people living and/or deceased.

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### ACTION ITEMS Continued

***Approve Revisions  
to Board Policy  
7310: Naming of  
Facility:***

- m.** The motion was made by Mrs. Miyakawa, seconded by Ms. Harvey, approving the revision to Board Policy 7310: Naming of Facility.

**AYES:** Collins, Harvey, Miyakawa

**NOES:** Lindsey

**ABSENT:** Rawe

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

***Expenditure of  
Construction  
Funds:***

- n.** The motion was made by Mrs. Miyakawa, seconded by Ms. Harvey, approving the Expenditure of Construction Funds for the Ustach Modernization Project.

**AYES:** Collins, Harvey, Lindsey, Miyakawa

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Rawe

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

***Consent Agenda:***

**CONSENT AGENDA:** The motion was made by Mrs. Miyakawa, seconded by Ms. Harvey, approving the Consent Agenda.

- a.** The Minutes from the November 19, 2019, Special Board Meeting and the November 19, 2019, Regular Board Meeting;
- b.** The Ratification of the following Personnel Actions:

The employment of:

**Certificated:**

Certificated non-reelection = 1

Certificated resignation = 1

**Classified:**

Classified hired = 3

Classified resignation = 3

Classified additional assignment = 1

- c.** The ratification of checks as listed;
- d.** The approval of the overnight field trip request to Anaheim, CA;

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### CONSENT AGENDA Continued

- e. The approval of the Obsolete Property list;
- f. The approval of the listed donation:
  - The donation of 100 binders, 550 sheet protectors, and a \$60.00 gift card valued at \$500.00 from Haylee Crews to Freedom Elementary School for first grade scrapbooks.
  - The donation of \$10.00 from Your Cause Corporate Employee Giving Program to Freedom Elementary School for student supplies and recognition.
  - The donation of markers, pastel crayons, art paper, lapel microphones for green screen recording valued at \$250.00 from Donor's Choose to Sylvan STEAM Academy for student and teacher instruction.
  - The donation of \$1,000.00 from MJM Designer Shoes to Somerset Middle School for school and student needs to be used through AdoptAClassroom.org online marketplace.
  - The donation of \$2,400.00 from Stanislaus County Office of Education to Ustach Middle School for sixth graders to attend Foothill Horizons Outdoor Education.

TOTAL VALUE: \$3,720.00

**AYES:** Collins, Harvey, Lindsey, Miyakawa

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Rawe

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**Board President:**     **a. ELECTION OF BOARD PRESIDENT - Education Code 35143**

The motion was made by Mrs. Miyakawa, seconded by Ms. Harvey, appointing Mr. George Rawe to serve as Sylvan Union School District Board of Trustees President for 2020.

**AYES:** Collins, Harvey, Lindsey, Miyakawa,

**NOES:** None



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## REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD Continued

**ABSENT:** Rawe

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

*Board Vice  
President:*

### **b. ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT - Education Code 35143**

The motion was made by Ms. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Lindsey, appointing Mrs. Jennifer Miyakawa to serve as Sylvan Union School District Board of Trustees Vice President for 2020.

**AYES:** Collins, Harvey, Lindsey, Miyakawa

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Rawe

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

*Secretary:*

### **c. APPOINTMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT AS SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES - Education Code 35025**

The motion was made by Mrs. Miyakawa, seconded by Ms. Harvey, appointing Debra M. Hendricks to serve as Secretary to the Sylvan Union School District Board of Trustees for 2020.

**AYES:** Collins, Harvey, Lindsey, Miyakawa

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Rawe

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

*SIFA*

*Representative:*

### **d. APPOINTMENT OF BOARD REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SCHOOLS INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING AGENCY**

The motion was made by Mrs. Miyakawa, seconded by Ms. Harvey, appointing Mr. Rawe and Mrs. Lindsey to serve as regular members on the SIFA Board for 2020 and appointing Mrs. Miyakawa, Ms. Harvey, and Mr. Collins as alternate members.

**AYES:** Collins, Harvey, Lindsey, Miyakawa

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Rawe

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

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## REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD Continued

*Sylvan  
Educational  
Foundation  
Representative:*

### e. APPOINTMENT OF BOARD REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SYLVAN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The motion was made by Mrs. Miyakawa, seconded by Ms. Harvey, appointing Mr. Collins to serve as the Board's representative to the Sylvan Educational Foundation (SEF) for 2020.

**AYES:** Collins, Harvey, Lindsey, Miyakawa

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Rawe

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

*Authorized  
Agents:*

### f. APPOINTMENT OF AUTHORIZED AGENTS OF THE DISTRICT - Education Codes 42632;42633

The motion was made by Ms. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Miyakawa, authorizing the following individuals be authorized agents for the District, to sign any and all orders on behalf of the District: Debra M. Hendricks, Superintendent, Lizett Aguilar, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, Lisa Sandoval, Director of Fiscal Services, George Rawe, Board President, Jennifer Miyakawa, Vice President and Board Members Cynthia Lindsey, Christine Harvey, and David Collins.

**AYES:** Collins, Harvey, Lindsey, Miyakawa

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Rawe

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

*Board Reports:*

## BOARD REPORTS

*Ms. Harvey* wished everyone a wonderful holiday break and thanked those who help students.

*Mrs. Miyakawa* shared how great it was to have SUSD present at the CSBA AEC after 6 years of submitting proposals. She shared that Carrie Albert, David Collins, Christine Harvey, and Debra Hendricks did an amazing job of representing the district with their Riding the Social Emotional Roller Coaster session. She has a feeling the district

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will be asked to present at a future conference. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

*Mrs. Lindsey* wished everyone a happy holiday and Merry Christmas.

*Mr. Rawe* was absent.

*Mr. Collins* concurred with Mrs. Miyakawa regarding the CSBA AEC. He shared that he likes to joke and engage the audience. His eighteen years of experience in mental health helped prepare him for this session. He thanked Carrie Albert for her dedication and hard work on the research. Lots of attendees were engaged and asked lots of great questions. He thanked everyone who supports students every day. Although he has enjoyed his time as Board President for 2019, he is looking forward to Mr. Rawe leading in 2020. He concluded with how grateful he is for 2019 and reminds us to reflect on our any blessings.

Mr. Collins thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

*Future Agenda  
Items:*

### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Next Regular Board Meeting: January 14, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

*Final  
Adjournment:*

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Collins at 8:19 p.m.

WITNESS:

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Mrs. Miyakawa, Vice President of the Board

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Date