

**SYLVAN UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
February 4, 2020**

# MINUTES

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

***Members Absent:*** None

***District Administration Present:*** Debra Hendricks, Velma Silva Beck, Didi Peterson, Laura Granger, Lizett Aguilar, Marti Reed, Laura Granger, Lemuel Vergara, Lisa Sandoval, and Tierra Crothers.

***Audience Present:*** Nikoa Codromac, Kathy Friedmann, Kala Buck, Norma ZeAina, April Howerd, Jose Rojas, Heidi Smith, Katie Bennett, Christian Garcia, Meg Lambert, Shelli Montilla , Megan Rokaitis, Tedde' Vaupel, Alyssa Pimentel, Marjorie Clagett, Carol Ramirez, Karina Ramirez, Kimberly Ramirez, Ashton Martinez, Joe Martinez, Gretchen Griffin, Michele Calton, Angela Ashroff, Erica Amezcua, Bashir Ahmad, Ruth Fajardo, Kevin Balesties, Jean Wiersema, Monica Monroe, Tina O'Conner, Kari Hendon, Sean Smith, Amber Wethern and about forty other people.

***Call to Order:*** The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

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

- a. **EXPULSION HEARING IN THE MATTER OF STUDENT 2019/2020 – AH# 04**
- b. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT  
Title: Administrative Assignments**
- c. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR  
Title: Employee Organizations: All Groups (Sylvan Educators Association, California School Employees Association, Chapter 73, and Unrepresented**
- d. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT  
Title: Assistant Superintendents' Contracts**

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

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### *Open Session:*

#### ***Board President Announcement:***

Mr. Rawe 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.

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

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

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

The motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mrs. Miyakawa, adopting the Agenda.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

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

Mr. Rawe welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mrs. Katie Bennett, principal at C.F. Brown Elementary School introduced Wranga Ahmad a 5<sup>th</sup> grader, who has been selected to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Wranga led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Bennett, shared that Wranga was selected to be recognized tonight because she is a stellar student. Her journey in the United States began when she was 5 years old. Mrs. Miyakawa helped her register for Kindergarten at C.F. Brown Elementary. Around campus, she is known as an influential leader and community representative. She started her school journey as an English learner at the age of five and teachers have paved her learning path assisting her to become English proficient. Mrs. Bennett shared that Wranga was the grade level speaker at their school-wide Arbor Day Event. Wranga currently reads at an impressive 8<sup>th</sup> grade level and this year she has read one-hundred twenty at or above grade level books. She has set a goal to complete one-hundred sixty books by the end of fifth grade. Mrs. Bennett shared the positive comments by her teachers. Teachers described her as a complete joy to have as a student and a selfless and helping peer to her fellow students. She is a humble student who dreams of becoming a dentist. Mr. Rawe presented Wranga with a certificate for her accomplishment.

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### *Recognition Presentation:*

The school selected to be recognized at tonight's Board Meeting was C.F. Brown Elementary School. Assistant Principal Marjorie Clagett introduced several students to share about their experience with the Eaglette Program on campus at C.F. Brown Elementary. The program consists of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students working with younger students to assist with learning and following the rules. The students shared some of their most favorite roles which included helping students problem solve and be respectful to one another, helping students play games the correct way, help others follow rules and make the world a better place. One student shared that he loves the program because it empowers him to be a leader.

### *Student Discipline Action Items:*

#### **STUDENT DISCIPLINE ACTION ITEMS**

- a. The motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mrs. Miyakawa, approving the recommendations of the Administrative Hearing Panel in the matter of Student 2019/2020 – AH # 04.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

### *Communications:* **COMMUNICATIONS**

#### *Written Communication:*

- a. Mrs. Hendricks shared the following information with the Board:
  - Letter from Stanislaus County Office of County Clerk-Recorder & Registrar of Voters regarding the Measure Consolidation Calendar – November 3, 2020 Presidential General Election and the 2020 Annual Reminder Letter for Certified District Boundary Lines. Board member David Collins and Jennifer Miyakawa's term expires in December 2020.

#### *Public Participation:*

- b. Nikki Codromac, Freedom staff member, shared her concerns with fifth grade parents not having access to Aeries Portal to view their child's grades online.

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### INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

#### *Supt's Update:*

#### **a. Superintendent's Update – Upcoming ACSA Conference/Awards:**

Mrs. Hendricks shared that ACSA recognizes outstanding leaders each year at their Spring Conference. At this year's conference, Tedde' Vaupel will be presented with the Elementary Principal of the Year award. Mrs. Peterson shared that our Superintendent Debra Hendricks was nominated and will be receiving the Bill Ullom Administrator Excellence Award, which is the highest honor at the ACSA Region level. Mrs. Granger also shared that Mrs. Hendricks was recognized as Educator of the Year through the Modesto Chamber of Commerce for her work with the business community.

#### *The Governor's Proposals for Fiscal Year 2020-21:*

#### **b. The Governor's Proposals for Fiscal Years 2020-21:**

Mrs. Sandoval shared the Governor's proposal for 2020-2021 and explained the impact it will have on the district budget. Currently the California economy is solid, but future predictions point to slowing growth in GDP from 3.5% in 2018 to the current rate of 2.6%. She also shared that the professional development fund for the district has been exhausted after fiscal year 2019-20. The district's First Interim Report did not reflect the employee 2019-20 rate increases. The Second Interim will be updated to reflect the recent board approved rate increases for the 2019-20 school year. In fiscal year 2020-21 there is no indication that districts will receive relief for the CalSTRS and CalPERS increases, Special Education is projected to receive a tremendous increase to the special education fund per ADA. The Governor's proposed fiscal year 2020-21 state budget didn't include increased LCFF targets, one-time discretionary grants, or CalSTRS and CalPERS rate reductions. The district's next steps are to hold the Budget Study Session at 5:00 PM on February 25, 2020. On March 10, 2020, staff will be presenting the Second Interim Report to the Board of Trustees at the board meeting.

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### INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION Continued

#### *State School Facility Program Update:*

#### **c. State School Facility Program Update:**

Mrs. Aguilar presented the report prepared by schools Facility Funding consultant, Mimi Dene. The report explains the district's standing regarding the school funding program and the progress of our current applications for Orchard Elementary, Sylvan Elementary, and Ustach Middle School. Ustach is listed as acknowledged application past the state's existing authority. Orchard and Sylvan were entered and are within full authority of Proposition 51. Ustach is in line for any left over funding from Prop 51 and in line for Proposition 13 if passed at the March 3, 2020 primary election ballot.

#### *Safety and Facilities Update:*

#### **d. Safety and Facilities Update:**

**Mrs. Aguilar** gave the board a brief update on the status of the Ustach Modernization Project. They are currently beginning phase three of five. She will update the board on the progress through weekly Friday Board Updates. The governance goal to install an exterior camera system as a pilot study at Somerset Middle School is well on its way. Staff and DataPath have been collaborating and reviewing the system and technical requirements for a successful installation. The camera install project will begin at the end of February once network switches have been replaced.

Mr. Rawe shared that he met with staff members to review the change order process. Going forward, as soon as a potential change order arises, the board will be made aware of the change in a Friday Update until the change order can be brought forward to a board meeting.

#### *Action Items:*

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### *Approve Memorandum of Understanding between SUSD and California School Employees Association, and its Sylvan Chapter 73 for 2019-2020:*

- a.** The motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mrs. Miyakawa, approving the memorandum of understanding between SUSD and California School Employees Association, Chapter 73 for the 2019-2020 school year.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

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### ACTION ITEMS Continued

***Expenditure of  
Construction  
Funds:***

- b. The motion was made by Ms. Harvey, seconded by Mrs. Lindsey, approving the Expenditure of Construction Funds for the Ustach Modernization Project and the Ustach Portables Project.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

***Consent Agenda:***

**CONSENT AGENDA:** The motion was made by Ms. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Collins, approving the Consent Agenda after removing Consent Item “13 e” (*The approval of the revised job description for the Supervisor of Transportation*) for separate vote.

- a. The Minutes from the January 14, 2020, Regular Board Meeting;
- b. The Ratification of the following Personnel Actions:

The employment of:

**Certificated:**

Certificated hired = 2

Certificated resignation = 1

**Classified:**

Classified hired = 7

Classified resignation = 5

Classified termination = 2

- c. The ratification of checks as listed;
- d. Approval of the revised Classified Substitute Salary Schedule for 2019-2020;
- e. ITEM PULLED FOR A SEPARATE VOTE;
- f. The approval of the revised job description for Resource Specialist:

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### CONSENT AGENDA Continued

- g.** The approval of renewing the memorandum of understanding and agreement with Humphreys University for student teaching;
- h.** The approval of renewing the memorandum of understanding with Grand Canyon University for student teaching;
- i.** The approval of the revision to Change Order No. 4 with Boyer Construction for the Ustach Modernization Project;
- j.** The approval of the out of state conference attendance for the 2020 Utah Education Career Fair;
- k.** The approval of the contract with Therapeutic Pathways, Inc;
- l.** The approval of the Obsolete Items List as presented;
- m.** The approval of the listed donations:
  - The donation of \$1,504.47 from Crossroads PTA to Crossroads Elementary School to purchase PE equipment for 2nd grade classrooms.
  - The donation of \$10.00 from Your Cause Corporate Employee Giving Programs to Freedom Elementary School for the purchase of student supplies and recognition.
  - The donation of \$1,200 from Mary Ann Sanders PTA to Mary Ann Sanders Elementary for the purchase backpacks and supplies for incoming Kindergarten students.
  - The donation of \$26,000.00 from Orchard PTA to Orchard Elementary School for the purchase of a Kindergarten Shade Structure.

TOTAL VALUE: \$27,210.00

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

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### CONSENT AGENDA Continued

**Consent Item 11 d.** The motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Ms. Harvey, approving the revised job description for the Supervisor of Transportation and job title to Director of Transportation.  
**Pulled for a separate vote:**

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**Superintendent's Report:**

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Mrs. Hendricks shared the following information with the Board of Trustees:

- The Annual Sylvan Educational Foundation Gourmet Breakfast and Kids Fun Run will be held on Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Multi Purpose Room at Somerset Middle School from 8-11 AM.
- Upcoming Agenda items for the next Regular Board Meeting:
  - Assistant Superintendents' Contracts
  - BP/AR Inter-District Transfer Requests
  - BP/AR Intra-District Transfer Requests
  - BP/AR Extracurricular Activities
  - Resolution: Recognition of School Nurses

**Items for Future Agenda:**

### ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

- Information and Discussion Items: Board Retreat Dates
- Governance Team Site Visit: February 7, 2020 at Ustach Middle School at 8:00 AM
- Special Board Meeting: Budget Study Session: February 25, 2020 at 5:00 PM
- Next Regular Board Meeting: February 25, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

**Final Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned by Board President Mr. Rawe at 8:04 p.m.

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**WITNESS:**

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Mrs. Miyakawa, Vice President of the Board

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Date