

**SYLVAN UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
April 21, 2020
VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING (VIDEO/PHONE CONFERENCE)**

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, Dawn Mori, Carrie Albert, Lisa Sandoval, and Tierra Crothers.

Audience Present: Michael Stagnaro, Kala Buck, Tina Hollander, Scott Ferreira, Carol Smith, Alisa Eldridge, Amber Wethern, Brian Coates, Angela Quinteros, Dawn Webster, Eric Fredrickson, Gretchen Griffin, Jami Vermeulen, Jean Wiersema, Joanna O'Brien, Gary Rooney, Tedde' Vaupel, Tracy Peart, Suzette Sousa, Mary Smyth, Kathleen Friedmann, Katie Bennett, Kari Hendon, Karen Herrick, Nicol Alvarado, Nikki Codromac, Melida Yegiyants, Michele Calton, Marjorie Clagett, John Fountain, and Deanne Andrade-Freitas and three other persons.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m.

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 or email Velma Silva Beck at vbeck@sylvan.k12.ca.us.

Adoption of Agenda: The motion was made by Ms. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Collins, adopting the Agenda.

AYES: Collins, Lindsey, Miyakawa, Rawe
NOES: None
ABSENT: Harvey
ABSTENTIONS: None

Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Rawe welcomed everyone to the meeting and led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

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Study Session: **STUDY SESSION**

Planning for the 2020-21 Fiscal Year Budget: **Planning for the 2020-21 Fiscal Year Budget:**

Mrs. Hendricks reviewed the purpose of the Budget Study and agenda for the 2020-21 fiscal year. Mrs. Hendricks shared that our budget bullet points remain the same and staff will be asking for direction from the board prior to adoption.

Mrs. Aguilar shared that the economic landscape has changed since our first budget study session on February 25, 2020, due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. We are uncertain at this time of the impact this will have on state and local budgets. There is a high potential for revenue reductions compared to January's budget. She shared that the state of California is in a better financial position than our last recession in 2008 due to the fact the state having available reserve funds. Although the state is in a better financial position, all state spending in "on the table" and any new programs and spending will need to be justified. We are expecting budget changes within the next few months. There is a potential rebound at the end of the fiscal year, but it is still too soon to tell.

Mrs. Sandoval reviewed the district's historical fund balance, COLA, and technology expenditures. Sylvan District is the third lowest funded recipient for LCFF Funding in Stanislaus County, making it difficult to keep the pace of surrounding districts especially with increased costs.

Mrs. Aguilar stated when we adopted our budget, the negotiated salary increases weren't reflected in the numbers. The board asked if we are spending more than we originally budgets. Mrs. Hendricks indicated that the factor of not including salary increases in the original budget and other line items such as the Ustach modernization are major changes that impact the budget. The board asked for more detailed information on the technology crisis cost and what other items are depleting our reserve balance.

Mrs. Sandoval reviewed the decrease costs to the Stanislaus County of Education's master agreement with the district. We will see some cost savings and very little adjustments on the reduction of the

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STUDY SESSION Continued

Director of Human Resources position. The board indicated they didn't have a preference regarding adding extra line items to the MYP, but indicated they want to continue their ten year practice that we remain above 9% fund balance. We may need to start cuts this year unless we have substantial revenues coming in or research other ways to decrease costs. Staff will be presenting an update on the Governor's May Revise, Budget, and LCAP process at the May 12, 2020, regular board meeting. The LCAP and Budget Public Hearings will take place at the June 2, 2020, regular board meeting; adoption at the June 23, 2020, regular board meeting.

*Final
Adjournment:*

The meeting was adjourned by Board President Mr. Rawe at 6:12 p.m.

WITNESS:

Mrs. Miyakawa, Vice President of the Board

Date