

**SYLVAN UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
July 27, 2020
VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING (VIDEO/PHONE CONFERENCE)**

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

Members Absent: None

District Administration Present: Eric Fredrickson, Velma Silva, Didi Peterson, Laura Granger, Lizett Aguilar, and Tierra Crothers.

Audience Present: Ana Serato, Brian Coates, Bonny Jewell, Gary Granger, Jean Wiersema, Julie, Kristan Seifert, L Haro, Melinda Baker, Michelle Bairos, Nikoa Codromac, Russell Irwin, Tanya Taylor, Tracy Peart, Sally Eddington, Rene, and Christina Gonzales.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m.

Board President Announcement: Mr. Rawe advised all attendees that in accordance with Board Policy, this afternoon's Board Video/Phone Meeting was being recorded via Zoom Webinar. He also advised any persons wishing to address the Board on any agenda or non-agendized item must contact Velma Silva via email or call in to the phone number given on the agenda.

Adoption of Agenda: The motion was made by Mrs. Miyakawa, seconded by Mrs. Lindsey, adopting the Agenda.

AYES: Collins, Harvey, Lindsey, Miyakawa, Rawe

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Rawe lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Information and Discussion: **INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION**

Superintendent's Update:2020-21 **a. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE: 2020-21 REOPENING OF SCHOOLS**

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Reopening of Schools:

Mr. Rawe stated that this meeting is the first Superintendent's Update for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Mr. Fredrickson thanked the Board of Trustees for their willingness to meet for this special board meeting in July before the next Regular Board meeting scheduled on August 4, 2020. There has been a lot of changes since the last board meeting in June and he wanted to share information regarding new funding for COVID. In early July the district was ready to reopen the 2020-21 school year with in person learning, but during the July 10th county superintendents meeting, the Public Health Officer was concerned of the rate of the county spread cases. At that time we were directed to have small group learning and online learning for the start of the school year. Shortly after the superintendents meeting Governor Newsom gave an order and mandates regarding districts that were on the watch list.

Unfortunately, Stanislaus County was among the thirty counties on the Governor's watch list resulting in restrictions of reopening the 2020-21 school year with only online learning and no small in person groups. Staff started planning for an online only learning model.

Mr. Fredrickson has virtually met with staff to focus on the district's mission to provide a safe environment for staff and to implement an online learning model. He has been working with the unions and personnel to review protocols for safety and contact tracing efforts. Staff is currently allowed on campus with strict guidelines. The Human Resources department is developing a memorandum of understanding with Sylvan Educators Association (SEA) and California School Employees Association, Chapter 73 (CSEA).

Our Child Care received guidance about waivers to be able to offer child care for school aged children of staff members and essential staff once the 20-21 school year begins during the staff members work hours. There is an exemption waiver to file with child care to offer services to staff who will be working a full day.

Mr. Fredrickson shared that staff has been working on and is excited to launch the Sylvan SeLECT model (Student eLearning Experiences Connected through Technology). He is very impressed by staff and will be sharing more about Sylvan SeLECT during the Community/Parent Forum on Tuesday, July 28th at 6:00 P.M.

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He stated there are various guidelines for each district to conduct online learning and staff is continuing to work through each one as we begin to implement our model by the start of the school year.

Eric shared he is new to the Sylvan community and is already overwhelmed by the donations and generosity of individuals that want to support the district's online learning, especially since one of the guidelines is that every child must be connected and have a device. Mr. Fredrickson reminded everyone of the Community/Parent Forum on Tuesday, July 28th at 6:00 P.M. to discuss Sylvan SeLECT.

COVID One-Time Funds Update:

b. COVID ONE-TIME FUNDS UPDATE:

Mrs. Aguilar shared we are anticipating funding for COVID with lots of rules and regulations that have to be met to receive these funds. The use of our one-time COVID funds to help address the district's COVID needs since March was presented to the board. The timeline for use is a crucial aspect of these funds even though we haven't received confirmation as to when we will physically receive them. The one-time funds can be used to purchase sanitizer and protective equipment for staff and students. District staff has applied for COVID funds and we are waiting to see when they will be available. Learning Loss Mitigation funds will be coming from federal and state entities. They are allocated from different sources for specific groups for spending. It is estimated the district shall receive \$6.8 million. Mrs. Aguilar shared that several of the funds will have to be overviewed and approved by the board by September 2020. To summarize, we essentially will receive \$5 million COVID funding to spend from March to December 30, 2020. Then we will have an additional \$1.5 million to spend on other sources due to the COVID pandemic and distance learning. Mrs. Aguilar shared the list of items staff indicated as essential items to launch and fully implement the Sylvan SeLECT distance learning model to ensure access and equality for all students.

Mrs. Granger shared the district is receiving 100 WiFi Hotspots with T-Mobile for two years through a community donation. The district would need an additional 200 WiFi Hotspots with T-Mobile to support three hundred families, two hundred chromebooks, and student supply kits to begin distance learning in

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ACTION ITEMS

Approve Essential Purchases for Implementing Sylvan SeLECT and Reopening Schools for 2020-21:

ACTION ITEMS:

- a. The motion was made by Mrs. Lindsey, seconded by Mr. Collins, approving the essential purchase list provided by staff for implementing Sylvan SeLECT for online distance learning for the 2020-21 school year with confirmation the district will receive funds from the government entity.

AYES: Collins, Harvey, Lindsey, Miyakawa, Rawe

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Final Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by Board President Mr. Rawe at 1:45 p.m.

WITNESS:

Mrs. Miyakawa, Vice President of the Board

Date