

U N A D O P T E D M I N U T E S

Of the Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
September 14, 2021

1. PRELIMINARY

1.1. Call to Order. President Baird called this meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

1.2. Roll Call

Minutes:

Board President, Trustee Baird, took Roll call at 4:31 PM. All Board of Trustees present as listed.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Jan Baird, President

Natalia Barajas, Vice President

Deborah Pacheco, Clerk

Sylvia V. Macias, Member

Elias Alvarado, Member

Minutes:

All Administrators and Staff present as listed.

ADMINISTRATORS:

Dr. Gary Gonzales, Superintendent

Dr. Rebecca Rodriguez, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services

Dr. Marti Tienda-Ayala, Associate Superintendent, Human Resources

Aubrey Craig, Associate Superintendent, Business Services

STAFF:

Kurby Flores, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

2. CLOSED SESSION

Minutes:

By general consent, the Board adjourned to Closed Session at 4:32 PM.

2.1. Conference with Agency Labor Negotiators: South Whittier Teachers Association and California School Employees Association. Agency Negotiators: Dr. Gary Gonzales, Dr. Marti Tienda-Ayala, Dr. Rebecca Rodriguez, Aubrey Craig (Government Codes Section 3549.1 and 54957.6)

2.2. Classified - Public Employee Appointment/Employment/Evaluation

2.3. Classified - Public Employee

Dismissal/Release/Discipline/Transfers/Reassignments/Retirement

2.4. Certificated - Public Employee Appointment/Employment/Evaluation

2.5. Certificated - Public Employee

Dismissal/Release/Discipline/Transfers/Reassignments/Retirement

3. OPEN SESSION

Minutes:

By general consent of the Board, the Board reconvened to open session at 6:00 PM.

3.1. Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Sylvia Macias.

3.2. Mission and Vision

Minutes:

President Baird read out the Mission and Vision for South Whittier School District.

3.3. Report on Closed Session Items

Minutes:

Superintendent Gonzales reported that no action was taken in closed session.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion Passed:

The Superintendent recommends approval of the September 14, 2021 Agenda as presented.

Motion: ____ Seconded: ____ VOTE: YES 5 NO ____ Abstain ____ Absent ____

Passed with a motion by Elias Alvarado and a second by Sylvia Macias.

Yes Sylvia Macias
Yes Jan Baird
Yes Natalia Barajas
Yes Deborah Pacheco
Yes Elias Alvarado

Minutes:

No Discussion

5. COMMENTS BY TRUSTEES

Minutes:

Trustee Pacheco welcomed everyone back to the new school year. She hopes everyone stays safe.

Trustee Macias had no comments.

Trustee Alvarado shared he is glad to be here and is ready to get passed this pandemic.

Trustee Barajas thanked the Superintendent, cabinet, and staff in the effort that they have put in due to the extra amount of work that this pandemic has caused the district on top of the never ending effort to educate our children. She attended back to school night at GMS and was impressed with the amount of Zoom links shared with our families.

President Baird shared that she is impressed with the district, is glad to be back live, and also thanked the staff and teachers for being back in school.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Minutes:

No public comments.

7. CONSENT

Motion Passed:

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Trustees review and approve Consent agenda items 7.1 through 7.5 as presented.

Motion: ____ Seconded: ____ VOTE: YES 5 NO ____ Abstain ____ Absent ____

Passed with a motion by Deborah Pacheco and a second by Elias Alvarado.

Yes Sylvia Macias
 Yes Jan Baird
 Yes Natalia Barajas
 Yes Deborah Pacheco
 Yes Elias Alvarado

Minutes:

No Discussion

7.1. Approval of Minutes – August 17, 2021 Regular Board Meeting

7.2 Purchase Order List # 3

7.3. Contract/Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) List # 7

CONTRACT/MOU LIST NO. 7 FY 21/22		September 14, 2021		
NUMBER	CONTRACTOR	SERVICE	DURATION	COST TO DISTRICT/ BENEFIT TO THE DISTRICT
17-18-099C	Whittier Union High School District	Pupil transportation services.	07/01/2021-06/30/2022	\$712,119.00
20-21-100A	EdTechnologyFunds, Inc.	Providing E-rate consultant services and will be adding additional funds for Emergency Connectivity Funds support.	09/14/2021-06/30/2022	\$25,000.00
21-22-055	Purple Communications	Consultant to render its services for ASL interpreters for English and Spanish should the need arise.	09/15/2021-06/30/2022	\$2,050.00
21-22-059	All City Management Services	To provide crossing guard services.	08/11/2021-06/30/2022	\$43,703.00
21-22-060	Small Talk -ISA #5586755422	Individual Service Agreement to provide Assistive Technology Assessment services.	09/15/2021-06/30/2022	\$2,500.00
21-22-061	California Science Center	Training on the California NGSS Toolkit for Instructional Material Evaluation (CA NGSS TIME), that will support the adoption process of the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) instructional materials for Kindergarten-5th grade.	08/31/2021-11/01/2021	\$10,000.00
21-22-062	IPM Tech Pest Management	To provide pest control services districtwide on a monthly basis.	07/01/2021-06/30/2022	\$35,000.00
21-22-063	Poolsaad Family Vision Optometry	Consultant to render its services for vision screening on the designated students.	09/15/2021-06/30/2022	\$4,850.00
21-22-064	LACOE	To provide school-based COVID-19 testing districtwide.	06/07/2021-07/31/2022	\$0.00
21-22-065	Small Talk - ISA #7532090267	Individual Service Agreement to provide Assistive Technology Assessment services.	09/14/2021-06/30/2022	\$1,200.00
21-22-066	Ed Consulting CSC	To provide services for professional learning (PL) sessions focused Cognitively Guided Instruction (CGI). CSC will focus on supporting teachers across the grades to prepare for meeting the demands of the Common Core Standards via CGI.	09/14/2021-06/30/2022	\$66,000.00
21-22-067	USA Medical LLC	COVID PCR testing services. All tests will be performed onsite and in-person at a campus as requested.	09/14/2021-06/30/2022	\$0.00
		TOTAL		\$902,422.00

7.4. Travel and Conference Report # 5

7.5. Express Voucher Report August 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021

8. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD

No items submitted for this section of the agenda.

9. GOVERNING BOARD

No items submitted for this section of the agenda.

10. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF BOARD POLICIES, ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS, AND BOARD BYLAWS (FIRST READING)

10.1. BP 4033 Lactation Accommodation (FIRST READING)

Minutes:

No Discussion

11. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF BOARD POLICIES, ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS, AND BOARD BYLAWS (SECOND READING)

Motion Passed:

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Trustees approve the Board Policies and Administrative Regulations as presented.

Motion: ____ Seconded: ____ VOTE: YES 5 NO ____ Abstain ____ Absent ____

Passed with a motion by Sylvia Macias and a second by Deborah Pacheco.

Yes Sylvia Macias

Yes Jan Baird

Yes Natalia Barajas

Yes Deborah Pacheco

Yes Elias Alvarado

11.1. AR 6158 Independent Study (SECOND READING)

11.2. BP 6158 Independent Study (SECOND READING)

Minutes:

No Discussion

12. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

12.1. PRESENTATION: State and Local Assessments Indicators

Minutes:

Dr. Rebecca Rodriguez and Dr. Reanna Mendoza shared information regarding State and Local Assessments and their indicators for South Whittier School District. They discussed the 5 LCAP goals and the services they will provide to our children. Dr. Mendoza went into detail on each goal and shared the plans the district has in meeting these goals as the school year plays out. The goals consisted of Culture and Climate, Continuous Improvement, Educator Leadership, Family and Community Engagement, and

MTSS. Dr. Mendoza also covered the CA Dashboard website and their measurement scales/indicators. Local and State Indicator data was presented to the Board and covered the reporting progress for each individual indicator. Due to the Pandemic, some of the more recent data did not get reported. The plan is for CAASPP and local STAR360 to continue to measure student progress. Dr. Mendoza dove into STAR360 baseline data for our students. This data identified district-wide data, DI student data, EL student data and end-of-year expectations.

Dr. Rodriguez also covered all of the bright spots in the district and the work the district has implemented. She highlighted these bright spots and tied them into the LCAP goals and the overall goal for the district to strive. She also used the Fullan's Coherence Framework to tie the district goals and projections leading into a successful school year.

Trustee Alvarado shared a statement in the STAR360 report that identified that only about 25% of students in SWSD are meeting math standards and wanted to share how important it is to really understand what that means to our students and the district. He encouraged the board and district to really stress how important these standards are to us. As the district monitors progress from month to month, we need to see incremental progress from time to time. The district now has super qualified people, leadership, resources, and the facilities to succeed. The district has no more excuses. The district needs to make the motto a reality and give "Success to every student." Trustee Alvarado also stated that our students are frequently competing against the students across the boulevard and we need to make sure they are prepared for that.

Dr. Rodriguez shared some of the plans the district has in place to meet these goals. She also shared that Dr. Gonzales stressed these goals when the position was offered to her and is counting on her to help close this gap and push the district forward in an education standpoint.

Trustee Macias also shared that she agrees with Mr. Alvarado's statements but wanted to make clear that she understands that progress does not come overnight but is expecting improvement in the near future. She is excited to see what Dr. Rodriguez will bring to the district.

Trustee Barajas shared that she is a product of the district and was a student that went through these struggles. So she understands what our students are going through and is looking forward to improvement as well. She also needed some clarification on the EOY expectation data.

Dr. Mendoza shared that STAR360 data is our Local Assessment platform that monitors standard scores to help predict how the district will perform in the CAASPP at the end of the year.

Trustee Barajas wanted feedback on Goal # 1 in the LCAP regarding inclusivity and what the district is going to do to meet that goal.

Dr. Rodriguez shared that this was one of the most important goals in the LCAP and the recently revised LCAP allocated dollars to inclusivity so that our EL students can get the help they need.

Trustee Pacheco shared that she agrees with her colleagues in regards to where are our students are currently at. Her question was in regards to overall student life experiences that contribute to their education. Our students are in a much different environment compared to the students on the other side of town. How is the district going to deal with these types of issues that are contributing to their lack of progress in academics?

Dr. Rodriguez highlighted that LCAP goal number 1 is pumping in money into Psychologists, LCSW's, Community Liaisons to help our families through education. These are some of the pieces that are being put in place to help the district.

Superintendent Gonzales shared that a second LCSW was also hired this year so that the district can continue to support our students and families. Going beyond the education aspect was something that he highlighted in his welcome back speech to the district.

Presentation in its entirety may be located on SWSD website on Agenda Online

12.2. 2021-2022 Local Indicators for the CA Dashboard

Motion Passed:

The Superintendent recommends approval of the 2021-2022 Local Indicators for the CA Dashboard as presented.

Motion: ____ Seconded: ____ VOTE: YES 5 NO ____ Abstain ____ Absent ____

Passed with a motion by Elias Alvarado and a second by Sylvia Macias.

Yes Sylvia Macias
Yes Jan Baird
Yes Natalia Barajas
Yes Deborah Pacheco
Yes Elias Alvarado

Minutes:

No Discussion

12.3. PUBLIC HEARING: Resolution 21-22-008: Regarding Sufficiency of Instructional Materials for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Minutes:

President Baird convened the public hearing to receive public testimony concerning resolution 21-22-008 Regarding Sufficiency of Instructional Materials for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

President Baird opened the hearing at 6:45 PM.

No comments were submitted to the Board for the public hearing.

President Baird closed the hearing at 6:46 PM.

No further comments or questions from the Board.

12.4. Resolution No. 21-22-008: Regarding Sufficiency of Instructional Materials for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Motion Passed:

The Superintendent recommends approval of Resolution No. 21-22-008: Regarding Sufficiency of Instructional Materials for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 as presented.

Motion: ____ Seconded: ____ VOTE: YES 5 NO ____ Abstain ____ Absent ____
Passed with a motion by Sylvia Macias and a second by Natalia Barajas.

Yes Sylvia Macias
Yes Jan Baird
Yes Natalia Barajas
Yes Deborah Pacheco
Yes Elias Alvarado

Minutes:
No Discussion

13. BUSINESS SERVICES

13.1. PRESENTATION: 2021-22 COVID-19 Testing

Minutes:

Mr. Aubrey Craig began his presentation by sharing the overall goals for our COVID-19 testing at our school sites. He shared that the district partnered with USA Medical LLC to provide full service PCR testing. These will be free and are lower nasal swab tests. Results are provided within 48 hours and parent swill receive emails/texts with their results. They will take place on Wednesdays from 3-5PM at Monte Vista and on Saturdays from 9AM-12PM at Loma Vista. Lastly, test results will be reported to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.

Trustee Macias thanked Mr. Craig for getting this available for our community.

Trustee Pacheco also thanked Mr. Craig for establishing this for the district.

Trustee Barajas shared that our district was greatly impacted with Covid so sees this as a blessing to our community.

13.2. 2022 Health Insurance Rates

Minutes:

Informational item only, no discussion

13.3. PRESENTATION: 2020-21 Unaudited Actuals

Minutes:

Mr. Aubrey Craig, Associate Superintendent of Business Services, presented to the Board of Trustees the 2020-2021 Unaudited Actuals. Mr. Craig explained and displayed general fund estimated actuals versus unaudited actuals, highlighting that when you compare the two overall, they were close. Mr. Craig provided an overview of other district funds, including nutrition services, bond fund, and capital facilities fund. Lastly, Mr. Craig shared the next steps to maintain a healthy budget: monitoring enrollment, updating budget and multi-year projections, and utilizing the findings of an independent audit.

Presentation in its entirety may be located on SWSD website on Agenda Online

13.4. 2020-21 Unaudited Actuals

Motion Passed:

The Superintendent recommends approval of the 2020-21 Unaudited Actuals as presented.

Motion: ____ Seconded: ____ VOTE: YES 5 NO ____ Abstain ____ Absent ____

Passed with a motion by Sylvia Macias and a second by Natalia Barajas.

Yes Sylvia Macias
Yes Jan Baird
Yes Natalia Barajas
Yes Deborah Pacheco
Yes Elias Alvarado

Minutes:

No Discussion

14. BOND MEASURE QS

Motion Passed:

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Trustees approve Bond Measure QS agenda item 14.1 as presented.

Motion: ____ Seconded: ____ VOTE: YES 5 NO ____ Abstain ____ Absent ____

Passed with a motion by Elias Alvarado and a second by Sylvia Macias.

Yes Sylvia Macias
Yes Jan Baird
Yes Natalia Barajas
Yes Deborah Pacheco
Yes Elias Alvarado

14.1. Purchase Order List # 3 (Bond)

Minutes:

No Discussion

15. HUMAN RESOURCES

Motion Passed:

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Trustees review and approve Human Resources agenda items 15.1 through 15.3 as presented.

Motion: ____ Seconded: ____ VOTE: YES 5 NO ____ Abstain ____ Absent ____

Passed with a motion by Sylvia Macias and a second by Deborah Pacheco.

Yes Sylvia Macias
Yes Jan Baird
Yes Natalia Barajas
Yes Deborah Pacheco
Yes Elias Alvarado

- 15.1. Classified Personnel Report # 3
- 15.2. Certificated Personnel Report # 3
- 15.3. SWSD & SWTA Proposal – Article 36

Minutes:

No Discussion

16. BOARD OF TRUSTEES DISCUSSION TO GUIDE FUTURE RECOMMENDATIONS

Minutes:

Trustee Baird wanted to thank everyone for their patience as this was our first meeting back in person. She wanted to come back to give parents reassurance that our district and schools are safe.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

By general consent of the Board, President Baird adjourned the Board meeting at 7:16 PM to the next regularly scheduled Board meeting of October 19, 2021 at 4:30 PM, In-Person at the District Office Board Room and Via Zoom Conference.

Jan Baird, President

Attested By: _____

Deborah Pacheco, Clerk

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