

SAN RAFAEL CITY SCHOOLS AGENDA ONLINE MINUTES

Regular Meeting - SRCS Board of Education

August 27, 2018 6:00 PM

Central Services - Boardroom

310 Nova Albion Way

San Rafael, CA 94903

Attendance Taken at 5:00 PM:

Present:

Linda M. Jackson

Rachel Kertz

Greg Knell

Maika Llorens Gulati

Natu Tuatagaloa

I. OPEN SESSION/ROLL CALL 5:00 PM

Minutes:

President Knell convened the meeting to Public Session at 5:00 PM.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT on Closed Session

Minutes:

None.

III. CLOSED SESSION

Minutes:

Pursuant to Government Code sections 54957.6 and 54957, the Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:01 PM.

III.1. GOV. CODE 54957.6: (ESD/HSD) Conference with Labor Negotiator:

Name of Agency Negotiator: Michael Watenpaugh, Amy Baer

Employee Organization/Title: SRFT, SRTA, CSEA

III.2. GOV CODE 54957: Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (ESD-1; HSD-1)

IV. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Minutes:

President Knell reconvened the meeting back to Public Session at 6:00 PM.

V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Minutes:

Davidson Middle School Principal Bob Marcucci led the Pledge of Allegiance.

VI. OATH OF OFFICE FOR 2018-2019 STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS

Minutes:

President Knell administered the Oath of Office to new student Board members Harita Kalvai-Davidson MS, Judith Santos- San Rafael HS, and Joe Hanson- Terra Linda HS. Cameron Janicula-Madrone HS arrived shortly afterward and was also administered the Oath of Office.

VII. STUDENT BOARD REPORTS

Minutes:

Judith Santos, San Rafael HS:

- SR had a successful opening to school
- The site is under construction; no notable impacts with noise; new portables on campus
- Last Friday ASB hosted its first pep rally. ASB is increasing efforts to include Spanish speaking students
- The school has received a banner from the Anti-Defamation League as a "No Place for Hate" designated school
- A new Social Justice class has been added this year
- The grand opening of the new SRHS stadium was held last week
- Students are getting ready for Homecoming. This year the parade will need to look for alternate routes since it will not be allowed to cross the SMART train tracks. In response to questions from Trustee Jackson, Dr. Watenpaugh noted that staff met with SMART officials who consulted with SMART leadership, SR fire and police; all said no to the parade crossing the tracks.

Joe Hanson, TLHS:

- Students are getting used to the new construction; everyone excited. The new field is progressing
- TL did well at Saturday's football game

Harita Kalvai, DMS:

- Fall sports, Peer Court, Restorative Justice and ASB Student Council are starting soon

Cameron Janicula:

- Students are working hard

- Excited about this school year

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

(Public comment on items that appear on the agenda will be taken at the time the item is addressed by the Board.)

Minutes:

Matt Winton, SRHS teacher, Vice President of SRFT, and parent of a freshman at SR: expressed concern from the community regarding freshmen only having 6 classes instead of 7; consequences created - double the number of students in the library, which impacts the librarian and staff; less flexibility for students down the line which could affect graduation rates in senior year; students need two electives in middle school like other neighboring middle schools; work together to discuss what can be done to address these issues. President Knell requested the superintendent look into the issues.

IX. SPECIAL REPORT

IX.1. UPDATE: (ESD/HSD): Labor Unions: CSEA, SRTA, SRFT

Minutes:

SRFT:

Matt Winton noted he has reached out to Trustees Tuatagaloa, and Kertz and the outside candidate running for school board regarding a candidates' night. He is working with CSEA and SRTA to plan it.

SRTA:

Molly O'Donoghue expressed thanks from SRTA members at Laurel Dell to district administration and the Board for their efforts to smoothly open the new Laurel Dell campus during construction; all felt supported at the beginning of the year. President Knell commended the Laurel Dell staff for doing a great job with the move.

CSEA:

Tania Morales noted she filled out a speaker card on behalf of President Katina Pantazes who could not be present this evening, regarding an item on this agenda to review a first reading of a Board policy change regarding classified employees; why are the changes needed? Ms. Morales requested staff provide an answer to Ms. Pantazes.

IX.2. UPDATE: (ESD/HSD) Capital Facilities Program

Minutes:

President Knell noted there would be no Capital Facilities report this evening.

X. CAPITAL FACILITIES PROGRAM CONSENT AGENDA: (ESD/HSD) (All items appearing on the Capital Facilities Program Consent Agenda are approved in one action by the Board. Trustees, staff or members of the public may request that an item be pulled for discussion prior to Capital Facilities Program Consent Agenda approval)

X.1. CAPITAL FACILITIES PROGRAM: (ESD) Approval of Amendment #1 to Lease-Leaseback Agreement, Facilities Lease, for the Davidson Middle School Classroom Building New Construction Project Jeff Luchetti Construction (JLC)

Motion Passed: Approval of Amendment # 1 to the Facilities Lease, including Exhibit C, of the Lease-Leaseback Agreements with Jeff Luchetti Construction, Inc. (JLC) for the Davidson Middle School Classroom Building New Construction Project. Passed with a motion by Rachel Kertz and a second by Natu Tuatagaloa.

Yes Linda M. Jackson
Yes Rachel Kertz
Yes Greg Knell
Yes Maika Llorens Gulati
Yes Natu Tuatagaloa

X.2. CAPITAL FACILITIES PROGRAM: (ESD) Approval of Amendment #2 to Independent Consultant Agreement for Production Technical Services for Closeout Services in the Elementary School District

Motion Passed: Approval of Amendment No. 2 for Production Technical Services for closeout services in the Elementary School District. Passed with a motion by Rachel Kertz and a second by Natu Tuatagaloa.

Yes Linda M. Jackson
Yes Rachel Kertz
Yes Greg Knell
Yes Maika Llorens Gulati
Yes Natu Tuatagaloa

XI. CONSENT AGENDA: (All items appearing on the Consent Agenda are approved in one action by the Board. Trustees, staff or members of the public may request that an item be pulled for discussion prior to Consent Agenda approval.)

Minutes:

Trustees Kertz, Jackson and Llorens Gulati requested item #14 be pulled for discussion. Trustee Llorens Gulati also requested item #2 be pulled for discussion.

M/S/C (Kertz, Jackson) the Board approved the balance of the Consent Agenda with the exception of items #2 and #14, with Trustee Tuatagaloa abstaining from voting on item #1, by the following vote:

Greg Knell - YES

Rachel Kertz - YES

Linda M. Jackson - YES

Maika Llorens Gulati - YES

Natu Tuatagaloa - YES

XI.1. BOARD BUSINESS: (ESD/HSD) Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meetings of June 25, 2018, June 27, 2018, July 23, 2018

Motion Passed: Approval of Minutes of the June 25, 2018, June 27, 2018, July 23, 2018
Passed with a motion by Rachel Kertz and a second by Linda M. Jackson.

Yes Linda M. Jackson
Yes Rachel Kertz
Yes Greg Knell
Yes Maika Llorens Gulati
Abstain Natu Tuatagaloa

XI.2. PERSONNEL (ESD): Approval of Elementary School District Personnel, Certificated/Classified

Motion Passed: Approval of all hiring, terminations, transfers, and retirements of employees in the Elementary School District. Passed with a motion by Maika Llorens Gulati and a second by Rachel Kertz.

Yes Linda M. Jackson
Yes Rachel Kertz
Yes Greg Knell
Yes Maika Llorens Gulati
Yes Natu Tuatagaloa

Minutes:

Trustee Llorens Gulati expressed concern over the annual layoff and rehiring of teacher Mateo Dillaway, noting he is a very good teacher, this is not ideal. Ms. Baer noted she would doublecheck his status to see if he has tenure yet.

XI.3. PERSONNEL (HSD): Approval of High School District Personnel, Certificated/Classified

Motion Passed: Approval of all hiring, terminations, transfers, and retirements of employees in the High School District. Passed with a motion by Rachel Kertz and a second by Linda M. Jackson.

Yes Linda M. Jackson
Yes Rachel Kertz
Yes Greg Knell
Yes Maika Llorens Gulati
Yes Natu Tuatagaloa

XI.4. PERSONNEL: (ESD) Approval of Resolution #1819-8 - Resolution Authorizing Certain Certificated Staff to Teach in a Departmentalized Setting

Motion Passed: Approval of Resolution #1819-8 Passed with a motion by Rachel Kertz and a second by Linda M. Jackson.

Yes Linda M. Jackson
Yes Rachel Kertz
Yes Greg Knell
Yes Maika Llorens Gulati

Yes Natu Tuatagaloa

XI.5. FINANCE:(ESD/HSD) Approval of Disposal of Obsolete Equipment for the San Rafael City School District

Motion Passed: Approval of disposal of obsolete books at Sun Valley School. Passed with a motion by Rachel Kertz and a second by Linda M. Jackson.

Yes Linda M. Jackson

Yes Rachel Kertz

Yes Greg Knell

Yes Maika Llorens Gulati

Yes Natu Tuatagaloa

XI.6. EDUCATION SERVICES: (ESD) Approval of Amended Memorandum of Understanding for Independent Contractor Agreement for Special Services Between San Rafael City Schools, San Pedro Family Center Program and Bay Area Community Resources (BACR) for One Additional Part-Time Family Advocate for 2018-2019

Motion Passed: Approval of Amended Memorandum of Understanding for Independent Contractor Agreement for Special Services Between San Rafael City Schools, San Pedro Family Center Program and Bay Area Community Resources (BACR) for one additional part-time Family Advocate for 2018-2019. Passed with a motion by Rachel Kertz and a second by Linda M. Jackson.

Yes Linda M. Jackson

Yes Rachel Kertz

Yes Greg Knell

Yes Maika Llorens Gulati

Yes Natu Tuatagaloa

XI.7. EDUCATION SERVICES: (ESD) Approval of Grennfield Learning Lexia Reading Core 5 Annual Online Subscription for Davidson Middle School During the 2018-2019 School Year

Motion Passed: Approval of Grennfield Learning Lexia Reading Core 5 Annual Online subscription for Davidson Middle School during the 2018-2019 school year. Passed with a motion by Rachel Kertz and a second by Linda M. Jackson.

Yes Linda M. Jackson

Yes Rachel Kertz

Yes Greg Knell

Yes Maika Llorens Gulati

Yes Natu Tuatagaloa

XI.8. EDUCATION SERVICES: (ESD) Approval of Independent Contractor Agreement for Special Services with Marin Head Start's Pre-K to 3rd Grade Initiative Support for Bahia Vista Elementary School for the 2018-2019 School Year

Motion Passed: Approval of the Independent Contractor Agreement for Special Services with Marin Head Start's Pre-K to 3rd Grade Initiative Support for Bahia Vista Elementary School for the 2018-2019 School Year. Passed with a motion by Rachel Kertz and a second by Linda M. Jackson.

Yes Linda M. Jackson
Yes Rachel Kertz
Yes Greg Knell
Yes Maika Llorens Gulati
Yes Natu Tuatagaloa

XI.9. EDUCATION SERVICES: (ESD) Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between San Rafael City Schools and UC Berkeley Principal Leadership Institute for Coaching and Support During the 2018-2019 School Year

Motion Passed: Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between San Rafael City Schools and UC Berkeley Principal Leadership Institute for coaching and support during the 2018-2019 school year. Passed with a motion by Rachel Kertz and a second by Linda M. Jackson.

Yes Linda M. Jackson
Yes Rachel Kertz
Yes Greg Knell
Yes Maika Llorens Gulati
Yes Natu Tuatagaloa

XI.10. EDUCATION SERVICES: (ESD) Approval of Agreement Between San Rafael City Schools, Glenwood Elementary and Earth Island Institute, Inc., for All One Ocean Program From September 2018 through April 2019

Motion Passed: Approval of the Agreement Between San Rafael City Schools, Glenwood Elementary and Earth Island Institute, Inc., for All One Ocean Program from September 2018 through April 2019. Passed with a motion by Rachel Kertz and a second by Linda M. Jackson.

Yes Linda M. Jackson
Yes Rachel Kertz
Yes Greg Knell
Yes Maika Llorens Gulati
Yes Natu Tuatagaloa

XI.11. EDUCATION SERVICES: (HSD) Approval of Overnight Field Trip for Terra Linda High School Boys Water Polo Team to Participate in a Water Polo Tournament in Sacramento, California on September 7-8, 2018

Motion Passed: Approval of overnight field trip for Terra Linda High School Boys Water Polo Team Passed with a motion by Rachel Kertz and a second by Linda M. Jackson.

Yes Linda M. Jackson
Yes Rachel Kertz
Yes Greg Knell
Yes Maika Llorens Gulati
Yes Natu Tuatagaloa

XI.12. EDUCATION SERVICES:(HSD) Approval of Agreement Between San Rafael City Schools and CommonAction Consulting to Facilitate SoundOut Summit on September 21, 2018 for Students from Madrone, Terra Linda, and San Rafael High Schools

Motion Passed: Approval of Agreement between San Rafael City Schools and CommonAction Consulting to facilitate SoundOut Summit on September 21, 2018 for students from Madrone, Terra Linda, and San Rafael High Schools. Passed with a motion by Rachel Kertz and a second by Linda M. Jackson.

Yes Linda M. Jackson
Yes Rachel Kertz
Yes Greg Knell
Yes Maika Llorens Gulati
Yes Natu Tuatagaloa

XI.13. EDUCATION SERVICES: (HSD) Approval of Out-of State Travel for Randy Baker, Terra Linda High School Teacher to Attend Harvard School of Business, TEACH 2018 Workshop in Boston, Massachusetts on September 23-25, 2018

Motion Passed: Approval of out-of state travel for Randy Baker, Terra Linda High School Teacher to attend Harvard School of Business, TEACH 2018 Workshop in Boston, Massachusetts on September 23-25, 2018. Passed with a motion by Rachel Kertz and a second by Linda M. Jackson.

Yes Linda M. Jackson
Yes Rachel Kertz
Yes Greg Knell
Yes Maika Llorens Gulati
Yes Natu Tuatagaloa

XI.14. STUDENT SERVICES: (ESDH/HSD) Approval of 2018-19 Contract between San Rafael City Schools and North Bay Security Group (NBSG) for Support Student Attendance Related Interventions

Motion Passed: Approval of the contract with NBSG for the 18/19 School year. Passed with a motion by Linda M. Jackson and a second by Rachel Kertz.

Yes Linda M. Jackson
Yes Rachel Kertz
Yes Greg Knell
Yes Maika Llorens Gulati
Yes Natu Tuatagaloa

Minutes:

Executive Director Mike Gardner provided additional information about NBSG support to the District, in response to trustees' questions. There have been two separate contracts with NBSG; one for disaster preparedness, and this one that is being brought to support anti-truancy, SARB, school attendance and residency verification issues. Mr. Welch with NBSG follows up with SARB families who cannot attend the meetings and is also involved in the SART process and panel for better outcomes. Mr. Welch also does residency verifications, doing over 200 home visits last year at the request of the Enrollment Dept; 31 students were found to be using false addresses as a result. Mr. Gardner noted one student attending a non-public school at SRCS's expense was found not living in the district this weekend; this will result in a significant cost savings to the district. Mr. Welch also serves as a resource with his expertise in special circumstances that arise.

Trustee Llorens Gulati requested information on the diversity of the SARB with regard to gender and race. Mr. Gardner will provide a list of who typically attends SARB.

XII. DISCUSSION/ACTION SESSION

XII.1. FINANCE:(ESD/HSD) Approval of Receipt of Donations to San Rafael City Schools

Motion Passed: Approval of donations Passed with a motion by Maika Llorens Gulati and a second by Natu Tuatagaloa.

Yes Linda M. Jackson

Yes Rachel Kertz

Yes Greg Knell

Yes Maika Llorens Gulati

Yes Natu Tuatagaloa

XII.2. INITIAL CONSIDERATION: HUMAN RESOURCES (ESD/HSD) First Reading to Review the Revisions to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 Sexual Harassment

Minutes:

Assistant Superintendent Amy Baer noted that the updates to this Board Policy and Administrative Regulation are based on recommendations from CSBA and fulfill requirements of SB396.

XII.3. INITIAL CONSIDERATION: HUMAN RESOURCES (ESD/HSD) First Reading to Review the Revisions to Board Policy 4200 Classified Personnel

Minutes:

Ms. Baer reviewed this policy has not been updated since 2008 and needed to meet requirements of AB670. The changes are based on recommended language from CSBA. Ms. Baer will follow up with the union regarding their question about this policy change. It will be brought back for a second reading with recommended approval at the next meeting.

XIII. CONFERENCE SESSION

XIII.1. Report Out Action from Closed Session

Minutes:

There was no reportable action taken in Closed Session.

XIII.2. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Minutes:

Trustees did not have any future agenda items to add.

Superintendent Watenpaugh provided the Board with a draft Governance Calendar for the year and with a list of Board items requested to date, and the status of those items. Copies were provided to student Board members as well.

XIII.3. Board Member Reports

Minutes:

Natu Tuatagaloa:

- He attended a Dolly Nave fundraiser
- He attended a session providing a legal update for Board members
- He attended the SRCS All Staff Welcome Back Breakfast, held in the new SR stadium; the student speakers were incredible
- SR Lady Dawgs volleyball is starting up
- He attended MCSBA's Kick-off dinner meeting at Rancho Nicasio
- He attended the SRHS Stadium Grand Opening; it was amazing. He praised the SRCS team and the Board for supporting this project

Rachel Kertz:

- She attended the College Access Support and Success (CASS) Welcome
- She attended the Administrative Assistants Welcome and professional development
- She attended the All Staff Welcome Back Breakfast
- She did first day of school visits to all 13 schools, noting at each site whether it was calm or crazy, organized/not organized, high energy or low energy teacher and students
- She attended MCSBA Kick-off dinner
- She attended the SRHS Stadium Opening
- She stopped by for a check-in AM meeting with M&O Team at the Corp Yard
- She attended the First 5 Pre-K to K and Beyond Forum
- She attended the Writing Workshop PD at Coleman
- She attended the VV Registration/Ice Cream Social
- She was present at the Marin Organizing Committee (MOC) Press Conference for Tenant Rights
- She attended a City Council Meeting on Affordable Housing

Linda M. Jackson:

- She attended the Aug 15th Writing Workshop teacher lab at Coleman; impressive.
- She attended the DMS and VV registrations of students.
- On August 17th she joined a protest about a 40% rise in rents at 127 and 139 Canal; 62 SRCS students are in this complex. She inquired whether Superintendent Watenpaugh has received any news on the status. He responded he has not, but will see what he can find out.
- She attended an August 20th City Council meeting on housing needs and rising rents where the Mayor positively indicated something about the turn in the tide for housing.
- She attended the Aug 22nd Welcome Back at the SRHS stadium and the MCSBA meeting at Rancho Nicasio.
- She attended the Ribbon cutting ceremony Grand Opening of the SRHS stadium. She congratulated Trustee Tuatagaloa for his role in seeing this project moved forward over the last ten years.

Maika Llorens Gulati:

- She attended a Marin Forum meeting with speaker David Crane who talked about school funding in California; California is fixable
- She attended Marin Arts 'Artes LatinX' meet and greet; providing copies of their new bilingual page; next event is Dia de los Muertos in the Canal
- She attended the All Staff Welcome Back to School event with the student speakers; she noted she would love to have the video from the TL graduation last year; their speeches demonstrate what some students have to go through
- This was the last first day of school for her senior at SR
- She attended the Grand Opening of the SR stadium, congratulating Trustee Tuatagaloa for his efforts to support it
- She attended the Headsup "Tunes on the Terrace" fundraiser at the Elks Lodge
- She met with Mara Perez, Founder of Latino Futures

Greg Knell:

- He attended the First 5 Communication Forum where Pre-K to K articulation was discussed
- He attended the SRHS Stadium Grand Opening
- He attended the MCSBA kickoff dinner where the speaker noted 85% of what students process in school is from other students; a lot of misinformation

- He attended the SRCS All Staff Welcome where last year graduation speeches were read by the students
- He attended a MCOE workshop on charter schools, by FCMAT. He commended MCOE for the way they handled questions
- He met with Patrick Seidler of Transportation Alternatives for Marin on the North/South greenway; progress being made on the North SR promenade so students will be able to ride their bikes from the Canal to Venetia Valley
- He shared information just released from the Cal Fresh Taskforce: direct certifications are on the rise from 800 to 3000 this year; 2 SRCS schools went totally free and reduced this year; data showing families not getting Cal Fresh are mainly around DMS. Cal Fresh is asking for district space once a month for a case worker to be on a school site or multiple locations to do direct processing of Cal Fresh applications for families
- He asked Board members to let the Superintendent's Office know which Back-to-School nights they will be attending

XIII.4. Superintendent's Activity Report

Minutes:

Superintendent Watenpaugh reported:

- He attended the "Tunes on the Terrace" HeadsUp fundraiser at the Elks Club
- He attended the SRHS stadium Grand Opening
- He attended the First 5 Communications Forum at Embassy Suites
- He attended the MCSBA Kick-off dinner at Rancho Nicasio
- He visited all 13 sites on the first day of school; all is going well
- He attended the District Welcome Back at the SRHS stadium
- He attended the Marin Forum meeting
- He attended the Writers Symposium at Coleman, and saw some teachers use the strategies on used on the first day of school
- He attended Coleman math PD
- He was at the CASS Welcome
- He joined the SRCS team at Mary Jane Burke's Welcome Back for administrators

- He welcomed District Administrative Assistants at the 'nuts and bolts' training held in August
- He attended the VV Ice Cream Social
- He attended the New Teacher Orientation
- He attended a press conference of the Marin Organizing Committee (MOC) regarding new rental increases in the Canal. He noted he has not heard anything yet, but will follow up.

XIV. READJOURNMENT to Closed Session (if necessary)

XV. NEXT REGULAR MEETING - September 17, 2018

Minutes:

President Knell noted the Board will hold a Board Goals Study Session tomorrow, August 28. The next Regular meeting will be September 17.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT (and Closed Session Report Out, if necessary): 9:00 P.M. (approximate time)

Minutes:

There being no further business, President Knell adjourned the meeting at 6:50 PM.

President

Superintendent