SAN RAFAEL CITY SCHOOLS AGENDA ONLINE MINUTES

Regular Meeting - SRCS Board of Education

October 12, 2015 6:00 PM District Office - Boardroom 310 Nova Albion Way San Rafael, CA 94903

Attendance Taken at 5:10 PM:

Present:

Linda Jackson Rachel Kertz Greg Knell Natu Tuatagaloa

Absent:

Ms. Maika Llorens Gulati

Updated Attendance:

Ms. Maika Llorens Gulati was updated to present at: 5:30 PM

I. OPEN SESSION/ROLL CALL 5:00 PM

Minutes:

President Tuatagaloa convened the meeting to Open Session at 5:10 PM.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT on Closed Session

Minutes:

None.

III. CLOSED SESSION

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

Name of Agency Negotiator: Michael Watenpaugh, Robert Pasley,

Employee Organization/Title: SRFT, SRTA, CSEA

III.2. CLOSED SESSION: (ESD) Gov. Code 54956.95 LIABILITY CLAIM #514247

III.3. CLOSED SESSION: (ESD) Gov. Code 54956.9 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL -

EXISTING LITIGATION - Case # 489737

III.4. CLOSED SESSION: (ESD-2) Gov. Code 54957 Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

IV. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Minutes:

President Tuatagaloa reconvened the meeting to Open Session at 6:04 PM.

V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Minutes:

San Rafael HS teacher Cathy Gonzalez, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

VI. STUDENT BOARD REPORTS

Minutes:

Lorrie Narcisse, San Rafael HS:

- Summerfest was very successful with many SRHS freshmen and sophomores attending.
- The Club Rush event had 20 student clubs participating; half of them new clubs on campus.
- A second Student Senate meeting was held where there was discussion about the new cell phone policy that prohibits use during tutorial/advisory period. Students will have a followup meeting with Principal Dennis to discuss possible adjustments to the policy.
- Senior conferences are beginning for students to discuss their plans after high school.
- Homecoming was last week; all events went smoothly. An emergency on the field was handled very professionally by staff. Feedback has been received that this was the best homecoming in recent memory.

Hei-Lee Ingrande-Edwards, Madrone HS:

- Students attended the Marin Theater Co. production of "The Oldest Boy," three weeks ago.
- A intern from the Marin Theater Co. came to Madrone; students performed skits.
- George Pegelow from the ACLU spoke to a Government class for seniors.

Jesseca Chung:

- Homecoming was a huge success; over 500 attended the dance.
- Dodgeball Week was enjoyed by all; 50 students participated, with 10 on each team.
- Teen Screen is taking place in October; good things are being heard about it.
- The first Student Senate meeting was held; having problems with other class levels participating, mostly seniors on the Senate currently.

- The College of Marin is coming to the TL campus in the spring to offer a sociology class to juniors and seniors.
- The Bell Game is coming up. Miller Creek 8th graders have been invited and will be bused over for the rally which will be held outdoors for the first time in 10 years.
- Red Ribbon Week and Halloween are coming up.
- Fashion Disaster Week was held; not many participated.

VII. 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:

The following individual addressed the Board on a non-agendized item:

Tracy Craig, spokesperson for the PG&E 2nd/3rd and Lindaro/Brooks soil clean up project provided an update to the Board. The project permits have been issued and it is ready to go in 2 weeks. Equipment will be arriving and a work notice will be sent out. Background vibration monitoring will be done so no other buildings will be impacted. Background air monitoring will also be done. She provided a response to trustee Llorens Gulati's question about adjusting truck departure times to limit exposure to students when they are coming and going from school, explaining that PG&E has considered, but cannot do this because of the limited amount of time in the day they can move the trucks per city permit. Limiting the runs would delay and extend the project timeline. Ms. Craig also introduced her colleague, Rossana Pineche as someone who will be providing future updates to the Board.

VIII. SPECIAL REPORT

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

Carmen Puga expressed disappointment in seeing the Think Connected contract on the agenda, the equivalent of contracting out membership work. Dr. Watenpaugh noted the item will be pulled from this agenda for follow-up discussion.

SRTA:

Molly O'Donoghue stated she wanted it to be clearly known that SRTA is in approval of the bond measures and always has been.

SRFT:

There were no updates at this time.

VIII.2. PRESENTATION/ACTION: (ESD/HSD) Presentation on Transportation Alternatives for Marin and the Marin County Bicycle Coalition and Approval of Resolution 1664 Regarding SMART Train Pathways

Motion Passed: On a first motion by trustee Knell to amend the resolution in the final 'Therefore be it resolved' section to change the word 'requests' to 'insists,' seconded by trustee Llorens Gulati, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the resolution, as amended. Passed with a motion by Greg Knell and a second by Ms. Maika Llorens Gulati.

Yes Linda Jackson Yes Rachel Kertz Yes Greg Knell

Yes Ms. Maika Llorens Gulati

Yes Natu Tuatagaloa

Minutes:

Eric Miller, Patrick Seidler and Alisha Rockland with the Marin Bicycle Coalition, presented information and a resolution to the board, asking for support in urging SMART to design and build the voter promised parallel multi-use path along the entire railroad right of way including the segment from Anderson Drive to 2nd street in San Rafael, at the same time when SMART builds the rail in the San Rafael to Larkspur Operating Segment. They noted a meeting will be taking place next week with Congressman Jared Huffman to urge his support. County supervisors Connelly, Rice and Kinsey have given their support as well as SR Mayor Phillips. In response to trustee questions it was noted that the city of San Rafael has not passed a resolution in support as of yet, but has formed a task force to study the issue, awaiting engineering drawings to be done. Support has also been received from the League of Women Voters, Friends of SMART, Trips for Kids and the Canal Alliance.

Mr. Seidler cited SMARTs response to date has been to not include the pathway because of a pinch point by Irwin Street in San Rafael.

Trustees individually noted support of the resolution. Trustee Knell suggested wording the final "Whereas" section with the word 'insists' instead of 'requests' the strategic plan be amended. Mr. Seidler responded to trustee questions regarding the draft EIR and funding, and who is involved in this issue.

VIII.3. UPDATE: (ESD/HSD) Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)

VIII.3.1. Report on 2015 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) Test Results

Minutes:

Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Harriet MacLean reported on the 2015 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) test results for San Rafael Elementary and High School Districts and how they relate to the county and the state. She reviewed what the district has learned from the Smarter Balanced Assessment scores and how they relate to the district's initiatives, using the analogy

of spokes of a LCAP wheel which include: the implementation of the Common Core State Standards, collaboration, innovation, assessment, differentiated instruction and professional development. She reviewed an analysis of student scores which shows evidence that the District's theory of action in implementation of the CCSS and other initiatives is making a difference to accelerate student achievement.

Dr. MacLean highlighted SRCS students scored better than statewide on the mastery of reasoning/higher thinking, noting district initiatives that have been in place even before the CCSS were introduced have prepared students for the rigors of the CCSS. Scores indicate that math continues to be an area needing support. She highlighted 2 K-5 district schools that have 'all the spokes in place' with promising practices, showed the highest percentages of English language learners meeting and exceeding in English and math on the SBAC.

Dr. MacLean, Mr. Medina and Mr. Kerr responded to trustee questions regarding RSP scores noting the 'speak the test' component was not functioning properly for special needs students during the testing; the process that will be used by principals to review subsets of scores with teachers; and the scores of EL/socio economically disadvantaged students in grades 3 and 5.

SRHS teacher Cathy Gonzalez thanked the Education Services team for their support of the math department's new process being implemented this year.

IX. 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.)

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Linda Jackson and a second by Greg Knell.

Yes Linda Jackson Yes Rachel Kertz Yes Greg Knell

Yes Ms. Maika Llorens Gulati

Yes Natu Tuatagaloa

Minutes:

President Tuatagaloa pulled item # 15 from the Consent Agenda.

Trustee Jackson made a first motion to approve the remaining Consent Agenda items with the exception of #15, also noting that items #1- #3 had revised Personnel Action Reports. Trustee Knell seconded the motion and the Board voted 5-0 to approve by the following vote:

Natu Tuatagaloa - YES

Rachel Kertz - YES

Linda M. Jackson - YES

Greg Knell - YES

IX.1. 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 as revised. Passed with a motion by Linda Jackson and a second by Greg Knell.

Yes Linda Jackson Yes Rachel Kertz Yes Greg Knell

Yes Ms. Maika Llorens Gulati

Yes Natu Tuatagaloa

Minutes:

A revised Personnel Action Report was presented to the Board after the agenda was posted.

IX.2. 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, as revised. Passed with a motion by Linda Jackson and a second by Greg Knell.

Yes Linda Jackson Yes Rachel Kertz Yes Greg Knell

Yes Ms. Maika Llorens Gulati

Yes Natu Tuatagaloa

Minutes:

A revised Personnel Action Report was presented to the Board after the agenda was posted.

IX.3. PERSONNEL (JOINT): Approval of Joint School District Personnel, Certificated/Classified

Motion Passed: Approval of all hiring, terminations, transfers, and retirements of employees in the Joint School District, as revised. Passed with a motion by Linda Jackson and a second by Greg Knell.

Yes Linda Jackson Yes Rachel Kertz Yes Greg Knell

Yes Ms. Maika Llorens Gulati

Yes Natu Tuatagaloa

Minutes:

A revised Personnel Action Report was presented to the Board after the agenda was posted.

IX.4. FINANCE: (ESD/HSD) Approval of Disposal of Obsolete Equipment/Textbooks for the San Rafael City School District

Motion Passed: Approval of the disposal of obsolete equipment. Passed with a motion by Linda Jackson and a second by Greg Knell.

Yes Linda Jackson Yes Rachel Kertz Yes Greg Knell

Yes Ms. Maika Llorens Gulati

Yes Natu Tuatagaloa

IX.5. EDUCATION SERVICES: (ESD/HSD) Approval of Education for Homeless Children and Youth Grant, 2015-2016

Motion Passed: Approval of the grant agreement for the Education for Homeless Children and Youth. Passed with a motion by Linda Jackson and a second by Greg Knell.

Yes Linda Jackson Yes Rachel Kertz Yes Greg Knell

Yes Ms. Maika Llorens Gulati

Yes Natu Tuatagaloa

IX.6. EDUCATION SERVICES: (ESD/HSD) Approval of Independent Contractor Agreement for Special Services between San Rafael City Schools and Academia Publishing for Development of School Accountability Report Cards (SARC) 2014-2015 School Year

Motion Passed: Approval of the Independent Contractor Agreement for Special Services between San Rafael City Schools and Academia Publishing for development of School Accountability Report Cards (SARC) 2014-2015 school year. Passed with a motion by Linda Jackson and a second by Greg Knell.

Yes Linda Jackson Yes Rachel Kertz Yes Greg Knell

Yes Ms. Maika Llorens Gulati

Yes Natu Tuatagaloa

IX.7. EDUCATION SERVICES: (HSD)Approval of Independent Contractor Agreement for Special Services for Parent Training with The Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE) and San Rafael High School for 2015-2016

Motion Passed: Approval of the Independent Contractor Agreement for Special Services for Parent Training with The Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE) and San Rafael High School for 2015-2016. Passed with a motion by Linda Jackson and a second by Greg Knell.

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

Yes Natu Tuatagaloa

IX.8. EDUCATION SERVICES: (HSD) Approval of Overnight Field Trip for San Rafael High School Varsity Boys Basketball Team to Participate in a Basketball Tournament in Redding, CA. on December 17-19, 2015

Motion Passed: Approval of this overnight trip for San Rafael High School Varsity Boys Basketball Team to participate in a basketball tournament in Redding, CA. on December 17-19, 2015. Passed with a motion by Linda Jackson and a second by Greg Knell.

Yes Linda Jackson Yes Rachel Kertz Yes Greg Knell

Yes Ms. Maika Llorens Gulati

Yes Natu Tuatagaloa

IX.9. EDUCATION SERVICES: (HSD) Approval of Overnight Trip to the Mt. Sac Cross Country Invitational for the Terra Linda High School Cross Country Team October 22-25, 2015

Motion Passed: Approval of the overnight trip to the Mt. Sac Cross Country Invitational for the Terra Linda High School Cross Country Team October 22-25, 2015 Passed with a motion by Linda Jackson and a second by Greg Knell.

Yes Linda Jackson Yes Rachel Kertz Yes Greg Knell

Yes Ms. Maika Llorens Gulati

Yes Natu Tuatagaloa

IX.10. EDUCATION SERVICES: (HSD) Approval of Overnight Field Trip for San Rafael High School Music Department to participate in the Southern California Performance Tour in Anaheim, California on April 9-12, 2016.

Motion Passed: Approval of the Overnight Field Trip for San Rafael High School Music Department to participate in the Southern California Performance Tour in Anaheim, California on April 9-12, 2016. Passed with a motion by Linda Jackson and a second by Greg Knell.

Yes Linda Jackson Yes Rachel Kertz Yes Greg Knell

Yes Ms. Maika Llorens Gulati

Yes Natu Tuatagaloa

IX.11. EDUCATION SERVICES: (ESD/HSD) Approval of Master Contract for Supplemental Educational Services (SES) for 2015-2016 School Year

Motion Passed: Approval of the Master Contract for Supplemental Educational Services (SES) for the 2015-2016 School Year. Passed with a motion by Linda Jackson and a second by Greg Knell.

Yes Linda Jackson Yes Rachel Kertz Yes Greg Knell

Yes Ms. Maika Llorens Gulati

Yes Natu Tuatagaloa

IX.12. STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES: (HSD) Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Contract with Huckleberry Youth Programs to Provide Bilingual Mental Health Counseling Services at San Rafael High School

Motion Passed: Approval of the MOU and Independent Contractor Agreement with Huckleberry Youth Services to provide bilingual mental health counseling at San Rafael High School. Passed with a motion by Linda Jackson and a second by Greg Knell.

Yes Linda Jackson Yes Rachel Kertz Yes Greg Knell

Yes Ms. Maika Llorens Gulati

Yes Natu Tuatagaloa

IX.13. STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES: (ESD/HSD) Approval of Out-of-State Travel for Amy Baer, Executive Director of Student Support Services to attend the Learning Disabilities of America Conference in Orlando, FL, on February 15-18, 2016.

Motion Passed: Approval of out-of-state travel for Amy Baer to attend Learning Disabilities of America Conference, February 15-18, 2016, in Orlando, FL. Passed with a motion by Linda Jackson and a second by Greg Knell.

Yes Linda Jackson Yes Rachel Kertz Yes Greg Knell

Yes Ms. Maika Llorens Gulati

Yes Natu Tuatagaloa

IX.14. STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES: (HSD) Approval of Out-of-State Travel for Cindy Bader, Assistant Director of Student Support Services to attend the LRP National Institute on Legal Issues of Educating Individuals with Disabilities in New Orleans, LA, on April 24-27, 2016.

Motion Passed: Approval of out-of-state travel for Cindy Bader to attend LRP National Institute on Legal Issues of Educating Individuals with Disabilities, April 24-27, 2016, in New Orleans, LA. Passed with a motion by Linda Jackson and a second by Greg Knell.

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

Yes Natu Tuatagaloa

IX.15. BOARD BUSINESS: (ESD/HSD) Approval of Agreement Between San Rafael City Schools and Think Connected, LLC

Minutes:

This item was pulled from the agenda. No action was taken.

X. DISCUSSION/ACTION SESSION

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

Motion Passed: Acceptance of the donations. Passed with a motion by Rachel Kertz and a second by Ms. Maika Llorens Gulati.

Yes Linda Jackson Yes Rachel Kertz Yes Greg Knell

Yes Ms. Maika Llorens Gulati

Yes Natu Tuatagaloa

X.2. FIRST READING: STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES (HSD) Initial Reading of New Board Policy 5141.25 Availability of Condoms at High Schools

Minutes:

Superintendent Watenpaugh reviewed that the Board heard a presentation by TLHS student Alba Alvarado last spring regarding women's health care access and the issues of teen pregnancy and the spread of STDs, with a proposal for a condom distribution program at Terra Linda HS. Since that presentation, Ms. Alvarado has been working with Executive Director of Student Support Services Amy Baer to outreach to the TL student, staff and parent community regarding her proposal. The proposed board policy was developed based on a sample policy from the California School Boards Association. Upon board approval of this policy, a pilot program to have 1 condom dispenser placed in a male restroom and 1 in a female restroom on campus would begin.

Ms. Alvarado addressed the Board on the importance of morals begin taught at home and of the teaching of abstinence as the best preventative against teen pregnancy and STDs. She noted the proposed program would address the issue of needed accessibility to birth control contraceptives. Ms. Baer noted that the American Academy of Pediatrics just came out in support of access to condoms for youth as an important pregnancy and STD preventative.

Trustee Jackson requested that in the second reading, the last line of the policy read "shall seek parent/guardian and student involvement"

XI. CONFERENCE SESSION

XI.1. Report Out Action from Closed Session

Minutes:

President Tuatagaloa reported the following Closed Session Action taken:

On a motion by trustee Jackson, seconded by trustee Kertz, the Board voted 5-0 to deny claim #514247, by the following roll call vote:

Natu Tuatagaloa - YES

Rachel Kertz - YES

Linda M. Jackson - YES

Greg Knell - YES

Maika Llorens Gulati - YES

On a motion by trustee Knell, seconded by trustee Kertz, the Board voted 5-0 to approve settlement agreement Case #489737, by the following roll call vote:

Natu Tuatagaloa - YES

Rachel Kertz - YES

Linda M. Jackson - YES

Greg Knell - YES

Maika Llorens Gulati - YES

On a motion by trustee Jackson, seconded by trustee Knell, the Board voted 5-0 to release a temporary certificated employee in the ESD, by the following roll call vote:

Natu Tuatagaloa - YES

Rachel Kertz - YES

Linda M. Jackson - YES

Greg Knell - YES

Maika Llorens Gulati - YES

XI.2. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Minutes:

Trustee Llorens Gulati requested an update on college and career centers and the Aviance program.

Trustee Jackson requested a Boys and Girls Club update.

XI.3. Board Member Reports

Minutes:

Maika Llorens-Gulati:

- The SchoolsRule funds distribution event is this Thursday at MCOE, 4:00 5:30 PM. All are invited.
- She attended the September 25th DELAC meeting, commending EL Director Oscar Medina for his work with parents. She asked that staff look into students are reclassified between the 5th to the 6th grade to make sure the reclassification is recorded for the student properly.
- She attended the Join the Conversation at Laurel Dell.
- She attended the Marin Latino leaders luncheon where county superintendent Mary Jane Burke presented.
- She attended the Protected Student Data presentation with trustee Jackson. She shared that the attorney present noted that giving parents access to the emergency card online is okay.
- The San Rafael Chamber New Teacher Welcome event is this week.
- She attended a SRHS girls tennis match; they played well.
- She attended the 2nd Elective Task Force meeting. She recognized Dr. MacLean, Dr. Watenpaugh and Exec. Director Amy Baer for their support with the task force. She requested that board members consider changing the name of the task force to better reflect the work of the committee.

Greg Knell:

- He met recently with EL Director Oscar Medina and Dr. Treutler, Director of Language Center at Universidad EAFIT in Columbia who shared his ideas for newcomer programs.
- -He attended Senator Mike McGuire's talk at the Communications Center where he addressed marijuana reform.
- He attended the Latino Leaders conference for school board candidates.
- He attended the Join the Conversation at Coleman.
- He met with Chief HR Officer Bob Pasley.

- He attended the Dixie candidates night with trustee Kertz.
- The Chamber Education committee met on the 6th, finalizing the new Teacher Welcome Mixer which is this week.
- He reported on an upcoming RX Safe meeting.

Linda M. Jackson:

- She attended Join the Conversation visits at Sun Valley, Laurel Dell, Coleman and Terra Linda HS.
- On the 23rd she attended the Marin Promise Graduating Ready for College Task Force meeting; the Task Force is in the storming stage.
- She attended an opera production at SRHS on the 24th.
- She and trustee Llorens Gulati attended the grand conclusion event for the College of Marin facilities.
- She was a CSBA validator for the Golden Bell awards, visiting Wall to Wall Academies program in Vallejo where the drop out rates have decreased significantly.
- She attended the recent DELAC meeting; a good turnout for a Friday night and a good review of EL test results.
- She attended Summerfest at SRHS.
- She attended the Latino Leadership meeting with county superintendent Mary Jane Burke and Venetia Valley principal Juan Rodriguez who was a guest speaker.
- She thanked staff for offering the October 6 DMS social media information night for parents; great speaker.
- She attended the grand opening of the Boys and Girls Club's new offices.
- She attended the MCOE class on student privacy and forwarded their packet of information to CTO Carrie Pedraza.
- She attended the SRHS Homecoming parade and game.

Rachel Kertz:

- She attended a Gerstle Park HOA meeting.
- She joined the Laurel Dell and Terra Linda HS Join the Conversation visits.
- She attended Summerfest.

- She met with SRFT leadership for ongoing communication.
- She attended the TLHS Moms Night Out fundraiser.
- She attended Dixie's Meet the Candidates event.
- She visited a recent K-5 principals meeting.
- She attended a VV PTA meeting.

Natu Tuatagaloa:

- He attended SRHS's Homecoming.
- He reported on SRHS volleyball games he has been attending.
- He has been attending bond campaign meetings.
- He participated in a conversation with SRFT regarding HVAC history and bond.
- He is in discussion with SRHS and TLHS principals regarding changes for the suspension of athletes cited for drug/alcohol use. In alignment with restorative practices the focus would be to allow these students to participate in practices, but not the games, at the discretion of the coaches.

XI.4. Superintendent's Activity Report

Minutes:

Superintendent Watenpaugh reported:

- The first round of Join the Conversation visits will be complete in early November, with another round to be scheduled in the spring. Thanks to all trustees and staff who have been able to be part of the visits.
- He reported on the newly formatted middle grades second elective task force which is exploring more opportunities for enrichment for students.
- He joined a meeting with county superintendent Burke and high school district superintendents to discuss common winter, spring and mid-winter calendar breaks. SRCS's current 16/17 adopted calendar has a different winter break. A change to align it with other districts will be discussed with SRCS unions' leadership.
- He has worked with K-12 principals to finalize their goals in alignment with the board/superintendent goals to bring more unification across the district.
- A plan for teacher recruitment to begin after winter break will be developed in the coming month.

XII. READJOURNMENT to Closed Session (if necessary)
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XIII. NEXT REGULAR MEETING - October 26, 2015
XIV. ADJOURNMENT (and Closed Session Report Out, if necessary): 9:00 P.M. (approximate time
Minutes: There being no further business, President Tuatagaloa adjourned the meeting at 8:13 PM.
President
Superintendent

- The California Department of Education recently announced schools that are eligible to

apply for this year's Gold Ribbon awards. All SRCS ESD schools are eligible.