

**SYLVAN UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
November 13, 2018**

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 Beck, Yvonne Perez, Laura Wharff, Didi Peterson, John Patten, Marti Reed, Laura Granger, Dawn Mori, Carrie Albert, and Lemuel Vergara.

Audience Present: Michele Calton, Kthy Friedmann, Anthony Presto, Jami Vermeulen, Katie Bennett, Mary Ann Sanders, Kenni Friedman, Angela Quinteros, Amber Leonetti, Rebecca Harms, Tedde' Vaupel, Jennie Smith, Debbie Moniz, Michael Stagnaro, Jim Richards, Roxanne Bernal, Sean Smith, Holly Gaylor, Geeki Shirzad, Maryam Shirzad, Aruna Kandala, Nikkie Codromac, Ernie Hinojosa, Ryan Leonetti, Kevin Zuidema, Erica Amezcua, Dana Haskill, Barbara Medeiros, Carrie Silva, Midy Engle, Aree Terrill, Alexandra Gangi, Kinberly Langstone, Grace Baker, Karen Shaffer, Salli Danus, and about 15 other people.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m.

Adjourn to Closed Session: The meeting adjourned to Closed Session for the following:

- a. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL –
POTENTIAL LITIGATION
Number of Cases: One (1)**
- b. **AMENDED EXPULSIONS IN THE MATTER OF
STUDENTS: 2017/2018 – AH# 12, 13, 14, 16**
- c. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
Title: Employee Organizations: All Groups (Sylvan
Educators Association, California School Employees
Association, Chapter 73, and Unrepresented**

Reconvene to Open Session: The meeting reconvened to Open Session at 7:00 p.m.

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Board President Announcement: Mrs. Lindsey advised all attendees that in accordance with Board Policy, tonight's Board Meeting was being recorded. She also advised any persons wishing to address the Board on any agenda or non-agendized item must fill out a speaker card.

Report Out of Closed Session: Mrs. Lindsey reported that direction was given to staff regarding all matters.

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

AYES: Collins, Harvey, Lindsey, Miyakawa, Rawe

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Pledge of Allegiance: Mrs. Lindsey welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mrs. Angela Quinteros, principal at Orchard Elementary School introduced Maryam Shirzad a 5th grader, who has been selected to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Maryam led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Quinteros, shared that Maryam was selected to be recognized tonight because she is an amazing role model in the classroom and the school community. She has only lived in the United States for the past two years and English is her second language. In that short amount of time, she has earned honor roll and knows the value of education and does everything possible to better herself. Mrs. Quinteros stated that Maryam is part of the Orchard Leadership Academy and continues to inspire and motivate her peers. She is thoughtful inside and outside of the classroom.

Mrs. Lindsey presented Maryam with a certificate for her accomplishment.

Recognition Presentation: The school selected to be recognized at tonight's Board Meeting was Orchard Elementary School. Mrs. Quinteros introduced Vice Principal Jami Vermeulen. She thanked staff, parents, and students who attended the meeting to represent Orchard Elementary School. She then welcomed Leadership Academy students, Mrs. Stout, and Mrs. Mollett who presented a wonderful demonstration of the

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common vocabulary used by students and staff at Orchard Elementary School. Each word spoken was written by Orchard Elementary students. In addition to consistent vocabulary and the importance of being positive role models at school, students are provided with assemblies that teach students to be kind and respectful individuals. She shared that Orchard Elementary is an amazing school with the most caring, dedicated, and hard working staff. They are excited for all that they are and all they are working to achieve.

Student Discipline Action Items:

STUDENT DISCIPLINE ACTION ITEMS

- a. The motion was made by Mr. Rawe, seconded by Ms. Harvey, approving the recommendations of the Administrative Hearing Officer in the matter of the amended expulsion of Student 2017/2018 – AH # 12.

AYES: Collins, Harvey, Lindsey, Miyakawa, Rawe

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

- b. The motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Ms. Harvey, approving the recommendations of the Administrative Hearing Officer in the matter of the amended expulsion of Student 2017/2018 – AH # 13.

AYES: Collins, Harvey, Lindsey, Miyakawa, Rawe

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

- c. The motion was made by Mr. Rawe, seconded by Mrs. Miyakawa, approving the recommendations of the Administrative Hearing Officer in the matter of the amended expulsion of Student 2017/2018 – AH # 14.

AYES: Collins, Harvey, Lindsey, Miyakawa, Rawe

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

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STUDENT DISCIPLINE ACTION ITEMS Continued

ABSTENTIONS: None

- d. The motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Ms. Harvey, approving the recommendations of the Administrative Hearing Officer in the matter of the amended expulsion of Student 2017/2018 – AH # 16.

AYES: Collins, Harvey, Lindsey, Miyakawa, Rawe

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Communications:

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Communication:

- a. Mrs. Hendricks shared the following information with the Board:
- California School Boards Association (CSBA) Call for Nominations to the CSBA's Delegate Assembly.

Public Participation:

- b. None.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Supt's Update:

a. Superintendent's Update – STEAM UPDATE:

Mrs. Hendricks updated the Board of Trustees with information on the journey of the Sylvan STEAM Academy. We are currently in the second year of implementation of STEAM. When Sylvan STEAM fifth grade students leave K-5, staff wanted to have the STEAM focus continue to Middle School at Somerset. Two Somerset teachers have taken on two full classes for sixth grader students. Students have done really well and have improved in academics at Sylvan STEAM. Staff is planning to bring data to display growth in the program. Mr. Ferreira, principal at Somerset has reached out to staff and has two more teachers who are very interested in having students from the sixth grade STEAM enter their classroom for a period of ELA and Science to have STEAM focus continue through seventh grade. Mrs. Hendricks will provide more information at a future board meeting.

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Presentation: Healthy Air Living Schools:

b. Presentation: Healthy Air Living Schools:

Mrs. Hendricks introduced Anthony Presto, Outreach & Communications Representative for San Joaquin Valley Air District. The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District is an air quality management district. Mr. Presto discussed the air quality program and how it was created to protect students and adults from the bad air quality. The valley faces challenges due to the fact we are surrounded by mountains and meteorology that creates ideal conditions for air pollution formation and retention. Their goal is to protect students and adults from bad air quality and pollutants. RAAN (Real-Time Air Advisory Network) is an online and smart phone accessible information source to receive accurate and hourly air-quality information in any area, 24 hours a day. RANN can be accessed at www.myraan.com and the smart phone app can be downloaded by searching "Valley Air". Sherwood Elementary School will be the first pilot site for the Sylvan Union School District and will display a RAAN reader board in the front window that is visible by anyone passing by the school. Mr. Presto reminded everyone that letting your vehicle idle is an unnecessary source of increased air pollution and expressed the importance to remain mindful of our ozone. The Valley Air District offers free activity books for students K-6th grade. If you would like to get these for your students, send an email request to public.education@valleyair.org.

Presentation: Boys & Girls Club:

c. Presentation: Boys & Girls Club:

Jim Richards and Roxanne Bernal reviewed the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) highlights. Boys & Girls Club is a program based after school activity program. The Boys & Girls Club partnered with Sylvan Union School District five years ago and have Boys & Girls clubs at Sylvan Elementary, C.F. Brown Elementary, and Somerset Middle School. The BGC offers programs such as Passport 2 Manhood, Smart Moves, Smart Girls, and Healthy Habits to teach students life skills and how to make great choices. Mr. Richards shared that the conduct and number of students at the Sylvan Elementary and C.F. Brown Elementary clubs are two of the top sites in California. BGC will have more information available once their yearly impact report is completed.

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California School Dashboard Update:

d. California School Dashboard Update:

Mrs. Reed shared the fall update and the changes to the California School Dashboard. The public release date is scheduled for the week of December 3, 2018. The purpose of the changes to the California School Dashboard is to provide easier navigation and the option to review data in Spanish. Fewer clicks, simplified presentation style, gauges and colors have replaced the pie diagrams. More information will be brought back in January with actual district data.

Center for Human Services (CHS) Mental Health Clinician Support for Sylvan Union School District:

e. Center for Human Services (CHS) Mental Health Support Clinician Support for Sylvan Union School District:

Mrs. Peterson provided information regarding services for students with emotional and behavioral challenges. Staff will be bringing an agreement for review and approval at the December board meeting. CHS' services will assist students in general education.

Technology Plan Update:

f. Technology Plan Update:

Mr. Patten shared results of the technology survey offered to staff members to evaluate how they are using technology in their classrooms. The technology department has been working hard to support professional development, Aeries, KeepnTrack, and infrastructure needs. Training will be offered to site administrators, registrars, and office managers in January to assist with Aeries tools and master scheduling. They will also be offering professional development training to all sixth grade teachers to assist with addressing the new sixth grade chromebooks. He reviewed technology funding and budget. Since the start of the 2018-19 school year, technology department expenditures have totaled \$55,627.18. Staff will be collecting the first round of BrightBytes data and will bring information back to the board in a Friday update or at a future board meeting.

Educational Options Update – Governance Goal:

g. Educational Options Update – Governance Goal:

Mrs. Albert shared that staff formed a committee to address

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concerns of students who are down the path of getting expelled. The committee has gathered information on independent studies and other methods for students who fall in this category. The next committee meeting will be held on November 27th. They plan to meet again on December 18th to narrow the focus on alternatives to be able to provide more information and a recommendation to the Board of Trustees in February 2019.

School Calendar 2019-2020 Update:

h. School Calendar 2019-2020 Update:

Mrs. Peterson provided an update on the progress of the 2019-2020 school year calendar committee. The group of classified and certificated staff members met for the first time on November 1st. Then next collaboration meeting will be on November 15th. During this time, drafts will be created and committee members will take copies back to their sites to share with other staff members. The committee plans to meet again on December 4th, with the intent to present the calendar committee's recommendation to the board at the December 11, 2018, board meeting.

Review Revisions to Administrative Regulation 5144.1 Suspension and Expulsion Due Process:

i. Review Revisions to Administrative Regulation 5144.1 Suspension and Expulsion Due Process:

Mrs. Albert and the Board of Trustees conducted the second reading of AR 5144.1.

Review Revision to Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 5116.1 Intradistrict Transfers:

j. Review Revision to Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 5116.1 Intradistrict Transfers:

Mrs. Albert and the Board of Trustees conducted a second reading of BP/AR 5116.1

Board Retreat Update:

k. Board Retreat Update:

The Board of Trustees had a discussion led by Mr. Collins to review the process the Board would like to take regarding their self-evaluation preformed at the Fall Board Governance Team Retreat. After discussion, the Board of Trustees agreed to review

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INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION CONTINUED

the three questions and next steps at the January 15, 2019, Board Meeting before the start of closed session. At this time, each board member will have the opportunity to discuss and share their desired outcome of the Board moving forward.

Safety and Facilities Update: Board Questions:

I. Safety and Facilities Update: Board Questions:

Mrs. Perez and Mrs. Hendricks asked the Board if they had any questions. No questions were asked.

Action Items:

ACTION ITEMS

Approve Revisions to 2018-19 Governance Goal: Educational Options:

- a. The motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Rawe, approving the revisions to the reporting dates of the Educational Options Committee updates.

AYES: Collins, Harvey, Lindsey, Miyakawa, Rawe

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Adopt Revised Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5116.1:

- b. The motion was made by Ms. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Collins, approving the revisions to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5116.1 Intradistrict Transfers.

AYES: Collins, Harvey, Lindsey, Miyakawa, Rawe

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Approval of Kaiser Permanente Grant Award to Install Filtered Water Bottle Filling Stations:

- c. The motion was made by Mrs. Miyakawa, seconded by Ms. Harvey, approving the Kaiser Permanente Grant Award to install filtered water bottle filling stations at some school sites.

AYES: Collins, Harvey, Lindsey, Miyakawa, Rawe

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

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ACTION ITEMS Continued

***Adopt Resolution
2018/2019 - #12:
Making Findings
Pertaining to
Designation of
Specific Material,
Product, Thing, or
Service for Use on
Maintenance
Projects:***

- d.** The motion was made by Mr. Rawe, seconded by Mr. Collins, adopting Resolution 2018/2019 - #12: Making Findings Pertaining to Designation of Specific Material, Product, Thing, or Service for Use on Maintenance Projects.

AYES: Collins, Harvey, Lindsey, Miyakawa, Rawe

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

***Approve Revisions to
Board Bylaw 9250:
Remuneration,
Reimbursement, and
Other Benefits:***

- e.** The motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Rawe, approving the revisions to Board Bylaw 9250: Remuneration, Reimbursement, and Other Benefits.

AYES: Collins, Harvey, Lindsey, Miyakawa, Rawe

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

***Approve Revised
2019 Board Meeting
Schedule:***

- f.** The motion was made by Mr. Rawe, seconded by Mrs. Miyakawa, approving the revisions to the 2019 Board Meeting Schedule.

AYES: Collins, Harvey, Lindsey, Miyakawa, Rawe

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

***Expenditure of
Construction Funds:***

- k.** The motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Ms. Harvey, approving the Expenditure of Construction Funds for the Sylvan Window Project, Ustach Project, and the Orchard HVAC Project.

AYES: Collins, Harvey, Lindsey, Miyakawa, Rawe

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

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Consent Agenda: **CONSENT AGENDA:** The motion was made by Mrs. Miyakawa, seconded by Ms. Harvey, approving the Consent Agenda after removing Consent Item “a” (*Approve Board Meeting Minutes*) for separate vote.

- a. PULLED FOR SEPARATE VOTE;
- b. The Ratification of the following Personnel Actions:

The employment of:

Certificated:

Certificated Management retirement = 1

Classified:

Classified hired = 6

Classified resignation = 2

Classified retirement = 2

Classified change in assignment = 1

- c. The ratification of checks as listed;
- d. Approval of the Professional Growth/Conference Attendance;
- e. Approval of the Employees Assistance Program (Sutter Health) Agreement;
- f. Approval of the Williams Act Quarterly Report;
- g. Approval of the Overnight Field Trip Request;
- h. Approval of the service agreement renewal with Therapeutic Pathways, Inc.
- i. The approval of the listed donations:
 - The donation of \$100.00 from The Benevity Community Impact Fund to Freedom Elementary School for school recognition and supplies for students.
 - The donation of \$20.00 from Your Cause Corporate Employee Giving Programs to Freedom Elementary School

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for the purchase of student supplies and recognition.

- The donation of \$2,000.00 from Stanislaus County Office of Education to Ustach Middle School for 6th grade Outdoor Education.

TOTAL VALUE: \$2,120.00

AYES: Collins, Harvey, Lindsey, Miyakawa, Rawe

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Consent Agenda Pulled for Separate Vote:

The motion was made by Mrs. Miyakawa, seconded by Ms. Harvey, approving the October 30, 2018, Board Meeting Minutes.

AYES: Collins, Harvey, Lindsey, Miyakawa

NOES: Rawe

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Superintendent's Report:

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mrs. Hendricks shared the following information with the Board of Trustees:

- 3rd Annual Standiford Elementary Leadership Day will this Thursday, November 15th at 1:20 PM.
- The Annual CSBA Conference will be held November 29-December 1st.
- A copy of Fall 2018 Newsletter was placed at each Board members desk.
- Upcoming Agenda items for the next Regular Board Meeting:
 - CSBA Delegate Nomination
 - Annual Reorganizational Meeting
 - Resolution: Appoint Authorized Agents

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT Continued

- First Interim Report
- Resolution: Religious Freedom Day
- CSBA Debrief and Discussion
- Employees Making A Difference Recognition

Board Reports:

BOARD REPORTS

None at this time.

Mrs. Lindsey thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Future Agenda Items:

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Next Regular Board Meeting: December 11, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

Final Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by Board President Mrs. Lindsey at 8:32 p.m.

WITNESS:

Mr. Collins, Vice President of the Board

Date