

SOUHSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
4991 Southside Rd. Hollister, CA 95023
REGULAR MEETING: Conducted virtually via Zoom
May 29th, 2020
MINUTES

ITEM I – Via Zoom Meeting

a. Meeting called to order at 12:31pm. by Mr. Michael Ruth.

b. Roll Call:

Board Members Present:

Michael Ruth
Katie Evans
Sarah Alford
Laura Forth
Carina Freeman

Board Members Absent:

Others Present:

Mrs. Howard – Southside Teacher
Mrs. Romiti – Southside Teacher

c. Pledge of Allegiance – was led by Mr. Schilling

d. Agenda – Katie Evans made a motion to approve the agenda. it was seconded by Carina Freeman and carried the following vote: Yes – 5; No/Absent/Abstain – 0 Absent

e. Public Comments – Mrs. Howard spoke on behalf of the SEA. She asked about the 3 levels of cuts for Southside.

ITEM II Discussion /Action Items

a. Officers’ Reports

1. Superintendent / Principal

- a.** Superintendent/Principal – Mr. Schilling gave the Board a public health update. He informed the Board that Some counties are opening everything but that is not the same for San Benito. He also informed the Board about possibly opening on a distant learning model but could be expensive. We would have to make sure we make proper accommodations to keep staff, parents, and students safe. He is hoping to get a plan to parents sometime in June regarding what opening will look like. The County Office of Ed is looking for guidance with the San Benito Health Department daily.
- b.** Superintendent/Principal – Mr. Schilling informed the Board that he submitted a plan to the SBC Health Dept. for a migrant summer school program and it was approved.
- c.** Superintendent/Principal- Mr. Schilling informed the Board that Southside would have a modified 8th grade graduation on June 3rd, 2020 from 4pm -5pm. Plan has been approved by the SBC Health Department.
- **Board Member Comments** – NONE
- **Board President Comments** – Michael Ruth asked about the School Facilities Adoption. Mr. Schilling informed him that we filed the documents with the SBC Planning Department.
- **Parent Club-** NONE

ITEM III – CONSENT ITEMS

- a. Regular Board Meeting Minutes May 6th, 2020 as presented
- b. Warrants dated 4/1/20-4/30/20 through date range as presented

Carina Freeman made a motion to approve the consent items and was seconded by Sarah Alford and carried the following vote: Yes – 5; No/Absent/Abstain – 0 Absent

ITEM IV – DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

a. Recommendation from the Budget Advisory Committee

Rationale: The release of the May budget revision on May 14th, 2020 from the California Governor’s office indicated a 54-billion-dollar statewide budget deficit. This resulted in a 10% cut to the Local Control Funding formula in educational spending for the 2020-2021 school year. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has caused a tremendous disruption to the educational system and multi-year fiscal implications to the California K-14 system. In anticipation of the need to review Southside revenues and reduce expenditures for upcoming school year, a budget advisory committee (BAC) was formed to make recommendations to the Board. The BAC participated in a survey to prioritize expenditures and program cuts. Some items on the recommendation list must be negotiate with the SEA bargaining unit to be considered. Page three of the supporting documentation contains the prioritization list.

Recommended Motion: Approval of program cuts and personnel furloughs.

Funding Source: A 10% reduction in the Southside budget = \$200,000.00

Board will hold a Special Meeting on June 4th, 2020

ITEM V – CLOSING ITEMS

- a. Next Regular Board meeting of the Board is **Wednesday, June 10th, 2020 at TBD.**
- b. Adjournment – Sarah Alford made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:16pm and it was seconded by Carina Freeman and carried by the following vote: Yes – 5; No/Absent/Abstain – 0 Absent

John Schilling, Superintendent/Principal
Southside School District

Michael Ruth, Board President
Southside School District, Board of Trustee