

**SOUHSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**4991 Southside Rd. Hollister, CA 95023**  
**REGULAR MEETING: Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**ZOOM MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

**ITEM I**

**a. Meeting called to order** at 6:03 pm by Mr. Michael Ruth.

**b. Roll Call:**

Board Members Present:

- Michael Ruth
- Katie Evans
- Sarah Alford
- Laura Forth

Board Members Absent:

Carina Freeman

**c. Pledge of Allegiance-** was led by Mr. Schilling

**d. Approval of the Agenda**

**Guests:**

Shanon Romiti - Teacher

Suzanne Howard - Teacher

Suzanne Yamanishi- Food Service Manager

Kylie Waterman – Parent Club Vice President

Shirley Murphy

**e. Comments from the public:**

Mrs. Howard spoke on behalf of the SEA.

**ITEM II**

**Officers Report**

**1. Superintendent/Principal –**

- a. Mr. Schilling gave the Board an update on the school opening of Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Teacher set up their stations, parents and student came to pick up their materials that teachers had set up for them. Students were assigned chrome books. Internet did go down on Monday morning and the IT department was onsite to fix the problem. Mrs. Rocha helped parents and students with google accounts.
- b. Mr. Schilling informed the Board that the Local Emergency Dept. of Education provided the school with a lot of PPE, such as masks, some N95 masks, hand sanitizer and plastic shields. Gloves are a challenge to order currently.

- c. Mr. Schilling informed the Board that he will have an update from the Public Health Department next Wednesday. He has a Superintendent meeting on Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020. San Benito County numbers must go down before it will open again. San Benito County Public Health Department has information on their website.
- d. Mr. Schilling spoke to the Board about the Learning Continuum and Accountability Report Card. The draft will be reviewed by the SBCOE. The draft will be reviewed by the Board on 9/2/2020 and will need a final approval by 9/16/2020 so it can be submitted to the state on 9/30/2020.

- 2. **Board Member Comments** – None
- 3. **Board President Comments** – None
- 4. **Parent Club** – None

***ITEM III – CONSENT ITEMS***

These items are considered routine and may be enacted by the Board in one motion. There is no discussion on these items prior to the motion unless a specific item is removed from the consent list.

- a. Regular Board Meeting Minutes August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as presented
- b. Regular Board Meeting Minutes May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as presented
- c. Regular Board Meeting Minutes June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as presented
- d. Warrants report dated 7/1/2020 -7/31/2020 through date range, as presented

Laura Forth made the motion to approve the Regular Board Minutes as presented above and was seconded by Sarah Alford and carried the following vote: Yes – 4; No/Absent/Abstain – 1  
Absent

***ITEM IV – DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS***

- a. Consolidated Application Southside School District (ACTION)

Rationale: The Consolidated Application (Con-App) is used by the California Department of Education (CDE) to distribute categorical funds from various state and federal programs to county offices, school districts and charter schools throughout California. Annually, each May, each local educational agency submits the spring release of the application to document participation in these programs and provide assurances the district will comply with eh legal requirements of each program. Program entitlements are determined by the formulas contained in the laws that create the programs.

Recommendation: That the Board review and approve the Con-App for Southside School for the 2020-2021 school year.

Laura Forth made the motion to approve the Consolidated Application (Con-App) for 2020-2021 school year and was seconded by Katie Evans and carried the following vote: Yes – 4  
No/Absent/Abstain – 1 Absent

b. Revision of the Board Policy and Administrative Regulations for Southside Elementary for supporting and serving Homeless families and Homeless Youth.

Rationale: Children who are identified as meeting the Federal definition of "homeless" will be provided a free appropriate public education (FAPE) and other services needed to ensure an opportunity to meet the same challenging State academic standards to which all students are held. To that end, homeless students will not be stigmatized or segregated based on their status as homeless. The District shall establish safeguards that protect homeless students from discrimination based on their homelessness. The District shall regularly review and revise its policies, including school discipline policies that impact homeless students, including those who may be a member of any of the protected classes (Policy 2260).

Homeless children and youth, including "certified homeless youth" under State law, are defined as individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, and include children and youth who meet any of the following criteria:

- A. share the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason
- B. live in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to a lack of alternative adequate accommodations
- C. live in emergency or transitional shelters
- D. are abandoned in hospitals
- E. have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, or
- F. live in a car, park, public space, abandoned building, substandard housing, bus or train station, or similar setting.

Pursuant to the McKinney-Vento Act, an unaccompanied youth includes a homeless child or youth and not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian. Under State law an unaccompanied homeless youth who is sixteen (16) years of age or older and found to be an unaccompanied homeless youth eligible for services under Federal law shall be issued a certificate by the District's Liaison for Homeless Children on District letterhead documenting his/her status which is to be accepted by medical providers and the courts.

Additionally, pursuant to Federal and State law, children or youth who are experiencing homelessness also include migratory children who are living in circumstances described in A-F above.

The Superintendent will appoint a Liaison for Homeless Children who will perform the duties as assigned by the Superintendent. Additionally, the Liaison will coordinate and collaborate with the State Coordinator for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth as well as with community and school personnel responsible for the provision of education and related services to homeless children and youths.

Recommendation: As part of the consolidated application for Southside Elementary the district is required to update the board policies and the administrative regulations to serve and support families and students identified as homeless.

Katie Evans made the motion to approve to update the Board policies and the administrative regulations to serve and support families and students identified as homeless and was seconded by Sarah Alford and carried the following vote: Yes – 4; No/Absent/Abstain – 1 Absent

- c. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Southside Elementary Distance Learning Program between Southside Elementary School District and the Southside Educator's Association

Rational: As we continue to work together to plan for the 2020-2021 school year, the priority for educators and the administration continues to be the health and safety of our students, families, and community. We are alarmed by the rapid rise in COVID-19 cases throughout California and in local area. Therefore, we want to take this opportunity to establish protocols and safety procedures for our staff during the Southside School distance learning program. This agreement was established to maintain a safe working environment and a common understanding during our distance learning program. The MOU has been discussed and agreed upon by the administration and the Southside Educator's association and if approved will remain in effect until the district transitions to an alternate instructional program.

Recommendation: The Board review and approve the Distance Learning MOU between the SEA and the Southside Elementary School District.

Laura Forth made the motion to approve the Distance Learning MOU between the SEA and the Southside Elementary School District and was seconded by Katie Evans and carried the following vote: Yes – 4; No/Absent/Abstain - 1 Absent

#### ***ITEM VI - CLOSING ITEMS***

- a. Next Regular Board meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, September 2nd, 2020 at 6:00pm**
- b. Adjournment – Sarah Alford made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45pm and it was seconded by Laura Forth and carried by the following vote: Yes – 4; No/Absent/Abstain – 1 Absent

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John Schilling, Superintendent/Principal  
Southside School District

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