

SOUHSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
4991 Southside Rd. Hollister, CA 95023
REGULAR MEETING: Wednesday, Nov. 4th, 2020
By virtual attendance via ZOOM

MINUTES

ITEM I

a. Meeting called to order at 6:02pm by Mrs. Sarah Alford

b. Roll Call:

Board Members Present:

- Katie Evans
- Sarah Alford
- Laura Forth

Board Members Absent:

Michael Ruth
Carina Freeman

c. Recess to Closed Session

ITEM II

Notice is hereby given that a closed session of the Board will be held under the general provisions listed as follows:

- a. Personnel – Closed Session Pursuant to Government Codes 54954.5 and 54957.1
 - 1. Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Superintendent/Principal
 - Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code 545957

ITEM III

a. Closed Session ended @6:20pm – NO ACTION TAKEN – Regular Session began @6:30pm.

b. Roll Call –

Present:

Sarah Alford
Katie Evans
Laura Forth

Absent:

Michael Ruth
Carina Freeman

c. Pledge of Allegiance -Was led by Mr. Schilling

d. Approval of the Agenda – Laura Forth made the motion to approve the Agenda and was seconded by Katie Evans and carried the following vote: Yes – 3; No/Absent/Abstain – 2

e. Comments from the public – This is a time for the public to address the Board. A maximum of 5 minutes will be allotted to each speaker.

- 1. Sarah Radon, 1st grade teacher spoke and gave her opinion on why she believes the AM PM Hybrid Model for re-opening school is better than the AA/BB Hybrid Model.
- 2. Mrs. Howard spoke to the Board and expressed her feelings about accusations being made around town that teachers do not want to come back to work. She wanted the Board to know that this is false and that it hurts to be accused of this.

ITEM IV. – DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

a. Officers' Report

1. Superintendent/Principal –

- a.** Mr. Schilling informed the Board that we had our school picture day on 10/15/2020. It went well and students were excited to see some of their school mates. We maintained social distancing as much as possible. Picture make-up date is on 11/19/2020
- b.** Mr. Schilling thanked the Parent Club for organizing the virtual Halloween costume and pumpkin contest. We had a lot of students participate and the Parent Club gave out gift cards to the winners.
- c.** Mr. Schilling informed the Board that the county is still seeing some positivity cases of COVID-19. He also mentioned we are still in the purple tier and not much has changed. He mentioned that the Covid-19 CA website and the SBC Health Department website is a good source to get updated information.
- d.** Mr. Schilling informed the Board that we have been working with a few agencies to boost the internet service at the Migrant Camp. Those agencies involved are the SBCOE and Regional Migrant Office. We purchased equipment (router) with the Loss Funds to install. This will help connect 20-25 students at a time.

2. Board Member comments – NONE

3. President Comments – NONE

- 4. Parent Club-** Mrs. Madrigal, Parent Club President spoke about the Debrito Apple fundraiser- Apple will be ready to be picked up on 11/5. She also informed the Board that they have several things in mind for fundraiser including a fundraiser to bring back the Art Teacher. She said they are trying to do their best in fundraiser and the community to try and bring some normalcy to the children.

ITEM V – 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 with edits September 2nd, 2020 as presented
- b. Regular Board Meeting Minutes October 7th, 2020 as presented
- c. Warrants report dated 10/1/20-10/30/20 through date range, as presented

Laura Forth made the motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes with edits 9/2/20 as presented, the regular Board Meeting Minutes for 10/7/20 and the Warrants report dated 10/1/20-10/30/20 through date range, as presented and it was seconded by Katie Evans and carried the following vote: Yes -3;
No/Absent/Abstain – 2 Absent

ITEM VI – DISCUSSION

a. Re-Opening of School for in-person instruction (DISCUSSION)

Rationale: The status and rates of infection of the COVID-19 virus in San Benito county has been changed from “widespread” to “substantial” status based on the state designated criteria levels in the last three weeks. This change in status is from a level four, purple-most at risk, to a level three, red-substantial. Counties across our state are allowed to ease restrictions as they decrease on the state tiered rating levels of infection. By San Benito County being in red level 3, schools are allowed to open for modified in-person instruction. The Southside Board of trustees passed a resolution in September extending distance learning through January 18th, 2021. Originally, Southside set a review criteria of evaluating the return of students on a six-week review cycle. The Southside re-opening of school committee has met to discuss the options and possibility of in person instruction. The Southside staff has been asked to participate in an internal survey to explore in person instruction possibilities. Information will be presented and an open discussion with the board and will allow for questions and responses.

Recommendation: That the board participate in a discussion about the options available for in-person instruction.

The Board along with all the people present participated in a discussion regarding the -re-opening of school.

b. Academic Calendar Southside School 2022-2023 (ACTION)

Recommendation: The Board review the revised academic calendar for the 2022-2023 school year.

Recommended Motion: To approve the Southside School academic calendar for the 2022-2023 school year.

This item will be revised and will be tabled until the December meeting.

c. Authorize contract with *School Facility Consultants* for Funding Eligibility Services (ACTION)

Rationale: In order to protect the interests of the Southside School district and to explore the possibilities of new school construction in anticipation of future new home construction within the boundaries of the district, it is recommended that the district explore the funding sources for State School Facilities funds, Facility Modernization funds, New Construction funds and State Hardship funds to maximize the funding opportunities for Southside School. School Facility Consultant can provide the documentation required to pursue these funding sources and assist with the application process with the State of California. It is important that Southside School maximize the opportunities for school construction funding to mitigate impact of future home development and a possible new school construction project. It is recommended that the district enter into a contract for funding eligibility services with School Facility Consultants to conduct these services.

Recommendation: Authorize a contract with School Facility Consultants for funding eligibility and funding services for \$5,000.

Recommended Motion: Approve the proposed contract with School Facility Consultants services.

Katie Evans made the motion to authorize contract with School Facility Consultants for Funding Eligibility Services and it was seconded by Laura Forth and carried the following vote: Yes -3; No/Absent/Abstain – 2 Absent

d. Collection of Developer fees, Resolution # 20.21.06 (ACTION)

Rationale: The San Benito County Building and Planning Department has been collecting Developer Fees on behalf of the rural school districts in San Benito County (Southside, Cienega, Jefferson, Bitterwater-Tully, Panoche, Willow Grove, Spring Grove) for many years. The San Benito County Building and Planning Department has notified the county office of education that they will no longer collect the fees on behalf of the rural school districts. Resolution 20.21.06 authorizes the San Benito County office of Education to collect the developer fees for the Southside Elementary School District. Passing resolution 20.21.06 would authorize the San Benito County Office of Education to collect fees on behalf of Southside School District for an administrative fee of one percent (1%). The San Benito County Building and Planning Department was charging an administrative fee of (3%) for developer fee collection administrative costs.

Recommended Motion: Approve resolution 20.21.06 for the collection of developer fees.

Katie Evans made the motion to approve the Collection of Developer fees Resolution #20.21.06 and it was seconded by Laura Forth and carried the following vote: Yes -3; No/Absent/Abstain – 2 Absent

e. Support of Authorization for Eligibility Determination and Funding Authorization to sign Application and Associated Documents, Resolution 20.21.07 (ACTION)

Rationale: If the Southside Elementary School District intends to file applications for funding under the School Facility Program and/or wishes to submit applications for eligibility determination and funding for programs including, but not limited to, modernization, new construction, facility hardship, seismic mitigation, career technical education. Resolution 20.21.07 provides that the Southside Elementary School District Board of Education is in support of necessary applications under the School Facility Program and authorizes the Superintendent to sign all documents and papers associated with the applications for funding.

Recommended motion: That the board approve resolution 20.21.07 to authorize the Superintendent to sign all documents related to the applications for school facility funding.

Laura Forth made the motion to accept the Support of Authorization for Eligibility Determination and Funding Authorization to sign application and associated documents, Resolution #20.21.07 and it was seconded by Katie Evans and carried the following vote: Yes -3; No/Absent/Abstain – 2 Absent

VII. Closing Items

- a. Next Regular Board meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, December 15th, 2020 at 6:30pm.**
- b. Adjournment – Katie Evans made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32pm and it was seconded by Laura Forth and carried by the following vote: Yes – 3; No/Absent/Abstain – 2 Absent

John Schilling, Superintendent/Principal
Southside School District

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