

SOUHSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
4991 Southside Rd. Hollister, CA 95023
REGULAR MEETING: Wednesday, January 13th, 2021
By virtual attendance via ZOOM

MINUTES

ITEM I – Call to Order: 5:30pm

- a. Meeting called to order** at 5:30pm by Mr. Michael Ruth

Roll Call:

Board Members Present:

Board Members Absent:

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

- b. Comments from public** - NONE

- c. Recess to Closed Session**

ITEM II – Closed Session 5:30pm

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 @6:30pm – NO ACTION TAKEN – Regular Session began @6:30pm.**

- b. Roll Call –**

Present:

Absent:

Michael Ruth
Sarah Alford
Katie Evans
Laura Forth

- 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 Sarah Alford and carried the following vote: Yes – 4; No/Absent/Abstain – 0

- 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. – Mrs. Howard, 3rd grade Southside School teacher made a comment about how budget reports are presented from the San Benito County Office of Education. She also invited Board members to the Jan. 28th virtual CTA meeting where the Board president will be speaking.

ITEM IV. – DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

a. Officers’ Report

1. Superintendent/Principal –

- a. Mr. Schilling informed the Board that we had an analysis of HVAC systems. Verdegaal Heating has made the recommendation to have the proper ventilation in place according to COVID guidelines. Verdegaal will put a proposal together and send it over. This is needed for the re-opening of school.
- b. Mr. Schilling informed the Board that Southside School District along with Districts excepts HDS are working on applying for the Homeless Youth Grant. By participating with other districts those funds can be accessible to Southside School. He will be working with the SBCOE on the application process and should be ready to submit by the end of January.
- c. Mr. Schilling informed the Board that we are still waiting for the chrome-books ordered with the Care funds. The vendor, CDW has notified Southside that they are still on back order. They are working on their September orders.
- d. Mr. Schilling informed the Board that Mrs. Rocha has sent the public notice of the Board vacancy to the freelance to get published.

2. Board Member comments – NONE

3. President Comments – NONE

4. Parent Club—Mr. Schilling informed the Board the Parent Club is behind on rolling out their program of the yard signs that will be presented to students but next week they will be recognizing all students presented by teachers from October 2020 to January 2021.

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 December 15th, 2020 as presented
- b. Warrants report dated 12/1/20-12/18/20 through date range, as presented

Sarah Alford made the motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated 12/15/2020 as presented and the Warrants report dated 12/1/20-12/18/20 through date range, as presented and it was seconded by Katie Evans and carried the following vote: Yes -4; No/Absent/Abstain – 0 Absent

ITEM VI – DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

a. Extension of the Distance Learning Program for the re-opening of School for In-person Instruction (DISCUSSION/ACTION)

Rationale: On 12/30/20 Governor Newsom presented a new “Safe Schools for All” plan. The plan included four pillars of Funding, Safety & Mitigation, Oversight & Assistance, and Transparency & Accountability. The plan included a desire to begin in-person instruction on school campuses for students in grades TK-2 and students most disproportionately impacted. The plan has not yet been approved by the legislature or mandated by the Governor’s office. Despite the shared desire to host in-person instruction, San Benito County remains in the “widespread” tier under the California

Department of Health Blueprint for a Safer Economy Framework. As of 1/5/21 San Benito County is still bound by the regional stay at home order. Based upon the guidelines for our county to move to a less restrictive tier, the county must demonstrate infection case rates and case counts that reflect the criteria of the lower tier. As of 1/6/21 the County metrics indicate an infection rate of 80.3 cases per 100,00 and a positivity rate of 15.4 over a 7-day period. In order for the County to move from purple to red, tier 4 to tier 3, our positivity rate must be between 4 and 7 for a two-week period. A result of these restrictions and for the safety of our staff and students, it is recommended that the District postpone the return of students for in-person instruction to 3/1/21.

Recommended Motion: The Board of Education approve the extension of the Southside Distance Learning Program to March 1st, 2021

Katie Evans made the motion to approve the Extension of the Distance Learning Program to a TBD status and it was seconded by Sarah Alford and carried the following vote: Yes-4; No/Absent/Abstain – 0 Absent

b. School Accountability Report Card (SARC) (ACTION)

Rationale: Since November 1988, state law has required all public schools receiving state funding to prepare and distribute a SARC. A similar requirement is also contained in the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act. The purpose of the report card is to provide parents and the community with important information about the school. The SARC is an effective way for the school to report on its progress in achieving goals. The public may also use a SARC to evaluate and compare schools on a variety of indicators.

Recommended Motion: That the Board of Education review and approve the SARC as presented.

Katie Evans made the motion to approve the School Accountability Report Card (SARC) and it was seconded by Sarah Alford and carried the following vote: Yes-4; No/Absent/Abstain - 0

VII. Closing Items

a. Next Regular Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 3rd 2021 at 6:30pm.

b. Adjournment – Sarah Alford made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:13pm and it was seconded by Laura Forth and carried by the following vote: Yes – 4; No/Absent/Abstain – 0 Absent

John Schilling, Superintendent/Principal
Southside School District

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