

SOUHSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
4991 Southside Rd. Hollister, CA 95023
REGULAR MEETING: Wednesday, July 21, 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:

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

Board Members Absent:

- 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 Code 54957.6(a)**
1. Conference with Labor Negotiator – Classified & Certificated “Sunshine Letters”
 2. Government Code 54957 (Public Employee Appointment / Employment)

ITEM III

- a. Closed Session ended @6:01pm – Board accepted Mrs. Elena Verdegaal’ s resignation – Regular Session began @6:02pm.**

- b. Roll Call –**

Present:

Michael Ruth
Sarah Alford
Katie Evans
Laura Forth
Aaron Kaelin

Absent:

- c. Pledge of Allegiance** -Was led by Mr. Schilling
- d. Approval of the Agenda** – Sarah Alford made the motion to approve the agenda and was seconded by Laura Forth and carried the following vote: Yes – 5; No/Absent/Abstain – 0

e. Comments from the public –

- Shanon Romiti thanked the Board, Mr. Schilling, and Mr. Sanchez on behalf of the San Benito Staged for letting the organization use the facilities to hold camp for approximately 65 local teens from July 12th to July 16.
- Brian DeCarli, Southside School parent spoke to the Board about his concerns he has having his children wear mask all day at school and the impact it may have on them.
- Brianna Lee, Southside School parent reiterated what Mr. DeCarli stated.

ITEM IV. – DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

a. Officers' Report

1. Superintendent/Principal –

- a. Mr. Schilling informed the Board that our Gym / Cafeteria roof needs repairing. We have received 2 bids and we are waiting on a 3rd one. He will present these to the Board for review.
- b. Mr. Schilling spoke to the Board regarding the Picetti Endowment. The committee has met twice regarding grant proposals and utilizing the funds. The second cycle to request funds is before Jan. 1st. The committee will meet a 3rd time on July 22, 2021
- c. Mr. Schilling informed the Board that our Summer School program went well. We had 50+ students enrolled. Last day for regular summer school was June 30th and the migrant students stayed until July 8th
- d. Mr. Schilling informed the Board that we will be sending a welcome letter for the 21-22 school year to all the previous and new incoming students and parents. He also informed the Board that masks are required by the state of California for all schools.

2. Board Member comments – Board Member, Aaron Kaelin asked when the welcome letter to all parents would be sent out. Mr. Schilling informed that it would be the first week in August. Sarah Alford asked how private schools are not required to wear mask. She asked Mr. Schilling to investigate clarifying the mask mandate for schools. Is the mask mandate required or recommended?

Aaron Kaelin asked what the sanctions are on not following the state guidelines on wearing mask. Mr. Schilling responded that we can potentially lose funding, or the San Benito County Office of Education can take over.

- 3. President Comments –** Michael Ruth asked what the expectation are for Board members on meeting in person or if a plan is in place.
- 4. Parent Club—**They will be setting up as a regular school year. They will hold a meet and greet on the 1st day of school. The first fundraiser will be the DeBrito Apples and they will be requesting funding from the Picetti Endowment for trees to plant in the playground.

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 June 16th, 2021, as presented
- b. Warrant's report dated 6/1/21 – 6/30/21 through date range, as presented

Katie Evans made the motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes June 16th, 2021, and warrants report dated 6/1/21 -6/30/21 and was seconded by Sarah Alford and carried the following vote: Yes –5; No/Absent/Abstain – 0

ITEM VI – DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

a. Southside Classified Personnel Salary Schedule (ACTION)

Rationale: The district and the classified bargaining unit have agreed upon a revised salary schedule for the 2021-2022 school year. The revised schedule reflects an increase in hourly compensation for most positions. The new schedule also includes a consistent 4% increase for each yearly step of employment with the district. Lastly, the employee longevity steps have been adjusted to a most consistent pattern. The district and the bargaining unit have mutually agreed upon the new schedule.

Recommended Motion: The Board of Education accepts and approves the Southside Classified Personnel Salary Schedule for the 2021-2022 school year.

Laura Forth made the motion to approve the Southside Classified Personnel Salary Schedule and was seconded by Aaron Kaelin and carried the following vote: Yes –5; No/Absent/Abstain – 0

b. Revision of the Board Policy for the Southside School District for tobacco use and prevention for facility use (ACTION)

Rationale: The Governing Board recognizes the serious health risks presented by tobacco use and desires to ensure that, through adoption of consistent policies, district students are made aware of those risks and, to the extent possible, protected from them. The Superintendent or designee shall establish a coordinated school health system which includes a comprehensive behavioral health education component that teaches students the knowledge, skills, and attitudes they need to lead healthy lives and avoid high-risk behaviors, such as tobacco use. Secondly, the Board prohibits smoking and/or the use of tobacco products at any time in district-owned or leased buildings, on district property, and in district vehicles. (Health and Safety Code 104420, 104559) These prohibitions apply to all employees, students, and visitors at any school-sponsored instructional program, activity, or athletic event held on or off district property. Any written joint use agreement governing community use of district facilities or grounds shall include notice of the district's tobacco-free schools' policy and consequences for violations of the policy.

Recommended Motion: Approve board policy BP 1330

Sarah Alford made the motion to approve the Revision of the Board Policy for the Southside School District for tobacco use and prevention for facility use and was seconded by Laura Forth and carried the following vote: Yes –5; No/Absent/Abstain – 0

VII. Closing Items

- c.** The next Regular Meeting of the Board is Wednesday August 4, 2021, at 6:00 pm.
- d.** Adjournment

Aaron Kaelin made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:41pm and was seconded by Laura Forth and carried the following vote: Yes –5; No/Absent/Abstain – 0

John Schilling, Superintendent/Principal
Southside School District

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