

**SOUHSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**4991 Southside Rd. Hollister, CA 95023**  
**REGULAR MEETING: Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 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
- Aaron Kaelin

- 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 Section 54957 & 54957.6(a)**  
1. Conference with Labor Negotiator – Certificated “Sunshine Letters”

**ITEM III**

- a. Closed Session ended @6:10pm – NO ACTION TAKEN**

- b. Roll Call – @6:12 p.m.**

**Present:**

**Absent:**

Michael Ruth  
Sarah Alford  
Katie Evans  
Laura Forth  
Aaron Kaelin

- 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 Aaron Kaelin and carried the following vote: Yes – 5; No/Absent/Abstain – 0**

**e. Comments from the public –**

- Mrs. Radon, 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher at Southside spoke to the Board about the struggles, fears, and concerns of teaching during the pandemic, but she indicated those feelings disappeared this school year when students and staff returned to campus. She indicated it felt like a normal school year with once difference, the masks but students seem to not mind them.
- Mrs. Howard, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher at Southside School thanked Dr. Schilling for reaching out to parents about possibly volunteering in the library but and the Board to consider adding another paraprofessional employee.
- Ms. Casalegno, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Southside School shared that so far this year she has had a great experience with the student’s wearing masks in class. Ms. Casalegno mentioned they sometimes forget to take them off outside.

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

**a. Officers’ Report**

**1. Superintendent/Principal –**

- a. Mr. Schilling spoke to Board about the challenges regarding the road work in front of the school. Overall, it’s been okay. He indicated that traffics is usually cleared within 15 minutes.
- b. Mr. Schilling spoke to the Board regarding the Picetti Endowment. Mrs. Abercrombie submitted a grant for tables, umbrellas and trash cans that has been approved. The PO has been sent to the vendor and we should be receiving those items soon. Water fountains have been put on hold for the time being.
- c. Mr. Schilling informed the Board that Back to School will be held virtually on 9/8/21 either by zoom or google classroom. He also indicated that the High School and the HSD will be holding theirs virtually.
- d. Mr. Schilling spoke to the Board about the Migrant Transportation. The SBC Express has refused to transport our students to and from school. We have rented a County Van Pool to transport our students. This is covered under the migrant budget and is \$450 a month.
- e. Mr. Schilling informed the Board that legally we must have AED defibrillators on campus. We have purchased 2 units that will be funded through our safety dollars. One will be placed in the cafeteria and the other in the main office. Training will be conducted on how to use these units.

2. Board Member comments – None

3. President Comments – None

4. Parent Club—Kyle Waterman, Parent Club President informed the Board that the parent club sold popsicle cards last week. Popsicles are sold to the students every Friday. She also mentioned that the Debrito Apple fundraiser will begin in December. There first Parent Club meeting will be held on 9/8/22 @8am in the cafeteria.

## **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 August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021, as presented

Katie Evans made the motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and was seconded by Laura Forth and carried the following vote: Yes –5; No/Absent/Abstain – 0

## **ITEM VI – DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

- a. **Southside School 2020-2021 Unaudited Actuals (ACTION)**

**Rationale:** The Unaudited Actuals report is the final summary report of the financial activity for the district from the 2020-2021 school year. The report reflects the overall fiscal status of the district from the prior school year to include all payable and receivable, categorical awards, program compliance information, completed as a part of the closing financial records for the year. The presentation and approval of the report is required by the State as a part of the annual reporting cycle.

**Recommended Motion:**

That the Board of Education review and approve the 2020-2021 Unaudited Actuals Report as presented.

Laura Forth made the motion to approve the Southside School 2020-2021 Unaudited Actuals and was seconded by Katie Evans and carried the following vote: Yes –5; No/Absent/Abstain – 0

- b. **GANN Limit 2020/2021 – Resolution #21-22-04 (ACTION)**

**Rationale:** Proposition 4 passed in 1979 more commonly called the GANN amendment, established provisions for maximum appropriation limits for public agencies. The Southside school district must establish a GANN limit for the 2020-2021 school year and a projection for the 2021-2022 school year. This resolution will provide public notice that the calculations and documentation of the GANN limits for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years are made in the accord with applicable constitutional law.

**Recommended Motion:** That the board move to approve Southside school district resolution #21-22-04

Laura Forth made the motion to approve the GANN Limit 2020/2021 Resolution #21-22-04 and was seconded by Katie Evans and carried the following vote: Yes –5; No/Absent/Abstain – 0

- c. **Quarterly Investment of Funds report ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (ACTION)**

**Rationale:** The report and subsequent quarterly reports are required to go to the board for review and acceptance and should be documented as an action item in the board minutes.

**Recommended Motion:** That the Board of Education review and accept the Quarterly Investment of Funds Report ending June 30th, 2021.

Aaron Kaelin made the motion to accept the Quarterly Investment of Funds report ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and it was seconded by Sarah Alford and carried the following vote: Yes – 5; No/Absent – 0

**d. Certificated Variable Term Waiver (ACTION)**

**Rationale:** The variable term waivers issued by the California Department on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) is issued for candidates who were unable to complete their credential program. On April 23, 2020, the commission approved the use of Variable term waivers (VTW) for individual who have been impacted by the COVID-19 restrictions while they were participating in a Commission approved educator preparation program. This option is most appropriate for any educator preparation program that has candidates who have clinical practice/fieldwork, coursework, examination, or performance assessment requirements that cannot be met due to the health and safety conditions related to COVID-10 between March 19th, 2020, and August 31, 2021.

**Recommended Motion:** Approval of the CTC Variable Term Waiver for Mary Casalegno 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher.

Name: Mary Casalegno

Assignment: 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, 1.0 F.T.E

Employment Status: Based on a credential waiver

**Board Action:**

Board Member Yes No Abstain

Katie Evans   X            

Michael Ruth   X            

Sarah Alford   X            

Laura Forth   X            

Aaron Kaelin   X            

Laura Forth made the motion to approve the CTC Variable Term Waiver for Mary Casalegno 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and was seconded by Katie Evans and carried the following vote: Yes –5; No/Absent/Abstain – 0

**e. SISC FLEX PLAN (ACTION)**

**Rationale:** The purpose of the SISC Flex Plan is to allow Eligible Employees to pay medical, dental, and vision Benefit Costs and other healthcare and dependent care expenses using pre-tax dollars. The Self-Insured Schools of California (SISC) has, therefore, adopted the Plan as set forth herein and as amended from time to time, effective October 1, 2002, for the exclusive benefit of those employees who are eligible to participate. Effective January 1, 2010, the Plan is restated.

By participating in the Plan, each Participant understands and agrees that in the event the Internal Revenue Service or any state or political subdivision thereof should ever assess or impose any taxes, charges and/or penalties upon any benefits received under the Plan, the recipient of the benefit will be responsible for those amounts, without contribution from SISC or the Qualified Employer.

By adopting the SISC Flex Plan, Southside School district is providing an opportunity for district employees to participate in the flex plan. This is a completely voluntary participation program, and the employee is responsible for the terms of the plan.

**Recommended Motion:** That the board review and approve the SISC Flex Plan and resolution #21-22-05 for the Southside Elementary School District.

Sarah Alford made the motion to approve the SISC FLEX PLAN and was seconded by Katie Evans and carried the following vote: Yes –5; No/Absent/Abstain – 0

**VII. Closing Items**

- b. The next Regular Meeting of the Board is Wednesday October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 6:00 pm.
- c. Adjournment

Laura Forth made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 pm and was seconded by Sarah Alford and carried the following vote: Yes –5; No/Absent/Abstain – 0

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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