

SOUHSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
4991 Southside Rd. Hollister, CA 95023
REGULAR MEETING: Wednesday, January 26th, 2022
By virtual attendance via ZOOM

MINUTES

ITEM I – Call to Order: 6:02 pm

ITEM II – Regular Session

a. Roll Call

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

b. Pledge of Allegiance

c. Approval of the Agenda - Sarah Alford made the motion to approve the agenda and was seconded by Katie Evans and carried the following vote: Yes – 5; No/Absent/Abstain – 0

d. Comments from the Public - None

ITEM III – DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

a. Officers' Report

1. Superintendent/Principal –

a. Mr. Schilling informed the Board that COVID cases at school have been trending down. Most cases have been in the upper grades. Southside is adapting to new guidance every day.

2. Board Member comments – None

3. President Comments – None

4. Parent Club—Mr. Schilling shared with the Board that the Parent Club provided 100th day cookies to all the students and staff to celebrate the 100th day of school on 1/26/22.

ITEM IV – 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 January 12th, 2022, as presented
Katie Evans made the motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated January 12th, 2022, and was seconded by Aaron Kaelin and carried the following vote: Yes –5; No/Absent/Abstain – 0

ITEM V – DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

a. Draft 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.

Recommendation: The board approve the SARC prepared by the Superintendent for Southside School reflecting the 2020-2021 school year.

Sarah Alford made the motion to approve the Draft School Accountability Report Card (SARC) and was seconded by Laura Forth and carried the following vote: Yes- 5; No/Absent/Abstain – 0

b. Increase Substitute Teacher Pay (ACTION)

Rationale: In order to provide a competitive wage for substitute teachers, it is recommended that Southside increase our substitute teacher wage. Currently our daily rate is \$140 per day. It is recommended that Southside increase the substitute pay to that equal with other local agencies to the amount of \$175 per day. The rate of \$175 is equal to the recently increased rate of the County office. Please see that attached rate sheet to see the comparative rates of local agencies. The suggested rate increase would be for \$175 for a full day, \$87.50 for a half day, and any substitute assignment lasting 30 days, then the 31st day and days thereafter would place the daily pay rate on the certificated salary schedule at step 1 Colum 1.

Recommendation: The board review and discuss substitute teacher pay increase to provide a competitive wage.

Laura Forth made the motion to approve the increase substitute teacher pay and was seconded by Sarah Alford and carried the following vote: Yes- 5; No/Absent/Abstain – 0

c. Discard obsolete surplus non-use property items (ACTION)

Rationale: The school has several out of date, non-use, and obsolete surplus technology items that are recommended for disposal. These items were originally purchased with public school funds, grant funds, or special program funds and need to be recognized as surplus property and disposed of properly. The items include old phones, old Chromebooks, old interactive boards, and miscellaneous technology items. The items will be disposed of in an E-waste recycling location where appropriate.

Recommendation: That the board approve the disposal of surplus non-use technology items.

Katie Evans made the motion to approve the discarding obsolete surplus non-use property items and was seconded by Sarah Alford and carried the following vote: Yes- 5; No/Absent/Abstain – 0

d. Vaccination Mandate for children ages 5-114 years of age (DISCUSSION)

Rationale: This is the opportunity for the board and the Superintendent to engage in a public discussion about the latest updates on the possible requirement for children ages 5-11 to be mandated by the state of California to receive a COVID vaccination. The Brown act does not allow of a closed session discussion of the board and the Superintendent on a topic such as this. This is not an open discussion with the public and is limited to participants of the board and school administration.

The Board discussed the new bill that that is awaiting approval in Sacramento – mandating the Covid Vaccine for school entry starting 1/2023

Notes: This topic will remain on the agenda for discussion and Mr. Schilling will give updated information as he receives it.

VII. Closing Items

- a. The next Regular Meeting of the Board is Wednesday February 2nd, 2022, at 6:00 pm.
- b. Adjournment

Sarah Alford made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 pm and was seconded by Katie Evans 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