

SOUHSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
4991 Southside Rd. Hollister, CA 95023
REGULAR MEETING: Wednesday, March 2nd, 2022
In-Person Meeting

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 Section 54957 & 54957.6(a)
1. To consider appointment, employment, evaluation of performance, discipline, or dismissal of public employee.
 - a. Part Time Temporary Instructional Aide Position

ITEM III

- a. Closed Session ended @5:58pm – No Action Taken**
b. Roll Call – @6:00 p.m.

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 – Katie Evans 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. Board President, Mr. Ruth spoke to the public and indicated that we are meeting in person ahead of the schedule time. He indicated that all Board Members have read the public emails that have been sent to

them and understand their views. He indicated that he is ready to talk and share his viewpoints and where he stands regarding the mask mandate.

f. Comments from the public –

- Mrs. Howard, 3rd grade Southside School Teacher spoke on behalf of the SEA regarding where the group stand on the masking. Please see attached statement.
- Mr. Tony Avila, running for Board of Supervisors in District 4 spoke about freedom and what it means and cost to the community.
- Mr. Valenti, parent to a 2nd grade at Southside School introduced himself to the Board. He indicated that he is new to the school and wanted to get to know the Board.

ITEM IV. – DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

a. Officers' Report

1. Superintendent/Principal –

- a. Mr. Schilling informed the Board that the Positive COVID cases at Southside have declined. We have gone 4 weeks without any cases until 3/2/22 with one case reported on this day.
 - b. Mr. Schilling informed the Board that the second water station will be installed on 3/7/22.
 - c. Mr. Schilling gave an update from the SB Department of Public Health. He provided the Board with a graph from the SB Dept. of Public Health on COVID-19 cases and vaccine status in our county for the 5-18 age groups. He shared the information about COVID still in our community and 2000 Americans dying every day in the USA. He also noted that the Governor has lifted the mandate for school with 3/11/22 being the last day of wearing mask but highly recommending keeping using them.
2. Board Member comments – None
 3. President Comments – Mr. Ruth spoke during comments from the public and notes are under ITEM III – e.
 4. Parent Club—The Parent Club BOON fundraiser ends on 3/4/22. The Rabbit Run fundraiser will be on April 8th. The Mother & Son Event will be held on 3/26/22.

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 February 2nd, 2022, as presented
- b. Warrants report dated 2/1/22-2/28/22 through date range, as presented

Laura Forth made the motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated February 2, 2022, warrant report dated 2/1/22 – 2/28/22 and was seconded by Sarah Alford and carried the following vote: Yes –5; No/Absent/Abstain – 0

ITEM VI – DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

a. Second Interim Report (ACTION)

Rationale: Local educational agencies (LEAs) are required to file two reports during a fiscal year (interim reports) on the status of the LEA's financial health. The first interim report is due December 15 for the period ending October 31. The second interim report is due March 17 for the period ending January 31. County superintendents are to report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Controller the certification for all districts in their county within 75 days after the close of the reporting period. The interim reports must include a certification of whether the LEA is able to meet its financial obligations. The certifications are classified as positive, qualified, or negative. A positive certification is assigned when the district will meet its financial obligations for the current and two subsequent fiscal years. A qualified certification is assigned when the district may not meet its financial obligations for the current or two subsequent fiscal years. A negative certification is assigned when a district will be unable to meet its financial obligations for the remainder of the current year or for the subsequent fiscal year. In addition, the Superintendent of Public Instruction may reclassify the certification of any county office of education or reclassify a certification based on an appeal of a school district in accordance with the above standards.

Note: Mr. Schilling went over the 2021-2022 Interim Multiyear Projection – SACS Report key points with the Board.

Recommendation Motion: That the Board of Education review and approve the Second Interim Report as presented.

Katie Evans made the motion to approve the Second Interim Report and was seconded by Laura Forth and carried the following vote: Yes –5; No/Absent/Abstain – 0

b. Consolidated Application Southside School District (ACTION)

Rationale: The Consolidated Application (Con-App) is used by the California Department of Education (CDE) to distribute categorical funds from various state and federal programs to county offices, school districts and charter schools throughout California. Annually, each May, each local educational agency submits the spring release of the application to document participation in these programs and provide assurances the district will comply with the legal requirements of each program. Program entitlements are determined by the formulas contained in the laws that create the programs.

Recommended Motion: Approval of the Con-App for the 2021-2022 school year

NOTE: This Item was not ready. Cancelled the discussion and action until further notice.

c. Certificated Contract: Salary Schedule revision (ACTION)

Rationale: The pervious certificated salary schedule contains calculation errors needing correction

Recommendation: The current salary schedule for certificated employees contains errors in need of correction. To correct the calculations, changes were needed in the step and column figures. The main errors were noted in the differences in percentages between the step columns. The percentages were inconsistent between columns three and four when noting the similar steps for the columns.

Recommended Motion: That the Board of Education approve the new corrected certificated salary schedule for the 2022-2023 contract year retro-active to the first pay period.

NOTE: The Board ask that the SBCOE review the 3rd Certificated Salary Schedule before they vote on it.

d. Academic Calendars Southside School 2022-2023 & 2022-2024 (ACTION)

Rationale: The calendar of been reviewed by the staff and is being brought back to the board a third time along with the new 2023-2024 academic calendar. The academic calendar for Southside School for both years, reflects many of the same student breaks and off days from that of San Benito High School academic calendar.

Recommendation: The Board review and approve academic calendar for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years.

Recommended Motion: The Board approve the academic calendars for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years.

Aaron Kaelin made the motion to approve the Academic Calendars for 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 with a change on the 2022-2023 calendar to reflect 180 Instructional Days versus 179 and was seconded by Sarah Alford and carried the following vote: Yes –5; No/Absent/Abstain – 0

e. Updating Southside School District Policy Titles (ACTION)

Rationale: Our district subscribes to GAMUT Policy Plus – a service provided by CSBA to help us update and maintain current school board policies. The program gives us access to 700 sample policies, regulations, bylaws and exhibits that are updated by CSBA on a regular quarterly basis. We also receive ongoing consulting services and a customized district website to host and manage our own district policies. CSBA has updated the program with a new technology platform has a built-in translation feature, and uses a uniform codification system (e.g., policy numbering system) that allows us to search across CSBA’s sample policies and the adopted policies of more than 600 other districts in California and enables CSBA to push updates directly to our site as drafts whenever updates are released. There is no additional cost for the new program and features.

As part of the transition to the new platform CSBA has identified policies that are unique to our district so they can be added to the codification system in GAMUT. This will allow us to keep our unique policies. In creating the list, CSBA identified several policies that are unique to our district but are like existing CSBA sample policies. CSBA is recommending that we rename the policies to match the CSBA title in the codification system, so we are alerted to updates that are likely to impact our unique policy. The only change will be to the title of policy.

Recommendation: The board review and approve the Southside School District Policy Titles within the CSBA GAMUT system.

Recommended Motion: The approve the updating of the Southside Policy titles listed in the attachment to this item.

Katie Evans made the motion to approve the Updating of Southside School District Policy Titles and was seconded by Laura Forth and carried the following vote: Yes –5; No/Absent/Abstain – 0

f. Policy Deletions (ACTION)

Rationale: Our district subscribes to GAMUT Policy Plus – a service provided by CSBA to help us update and maintain current school district policies. The program gives us access to over 700 sample policies, regulations, bylaws and exhibits that are updated by CSBA on a regular basis. We also receive ongoing consultation services and a web-based location to manage our own district policies. CSBA has updated the program with a new technology platform that allows us to search across CSBA codification system. As a part of the transition, to the new platform, CSBA identified some policies that refer to state or federal programs/funding that no longer exist. Because the policies are outdated, it is recommended that we delete these policies from the policy manual.

Recommendation: That the board review and approve, and rescind the policies listed in the attachment to this item.

Recommended Motion: Move to rescind the policies listed in the attachment to this item.

Laura Forth made the motion to approve the Policy Deletions and was seconded by Aaron Kaelin and carried the following vote: Yes –5; No/Absent/Abstain – 0

g. Updating Policy Numbers (DISCUSSION)

Rationale: Our district subscribes to GAMUT Policy Plus – a service provided by CSBA to help us update and maintain current school district policies. The program gives us access to over 700 sample policies, regulations, bylaws and exhibits that are updated by CSBA on a regular basis. We also receive ongoing consultation services and a web-based location to manage our own district policies. CSBA has updated the program with a new technology platform that allows us to search across CSBA codification system.

As a part of the transition, to the new platform, CSBA identified some policies that are unique to our district and need new policy numbers assigned to them, so they are consistent with the codification system in GAMUT. Policy numbers are a way of indexing the policies and are not a part of the policies themselves. Therefore, renumbering policies does not require board action. This information/discussion item is to provide notice of the new numbers that have been assigned to the policies in the attachment to this item.

h. Vaccination and Masking Requirements for Schools (DISCUSSION)

Rationale: This is the opportunity for the board and the Superintendent to engage in a public discussion about the latest updates on school required masking and 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.

i. Add additional Action Item to the Agenda (ACTION)

Sarah Alford made the motion to add an additional action item to the agenda and was seconded by Laura Forth and carried the following vote: Yes –5; No/Absent/Abstain – 0

j. Enforcement of Masking in the Classrooms (ACTION)

Sarah Alford made a motion to change the enforcement of the masking requirement. The masking requirement would remain in place and the change was that students were no longer placed in an alternative location outside the classroom for instruction but allowed to enter the classroom after being reminded of the requirement. Parents would then be contacted about the student’s refusal to wear the mask.

Sarah Alford made the motion to and was seconded by Laura Forth and carried the following vote: Yes –3; No/Absent/-2; Abstain – 0

VII. Closing Items

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

Sarah Alford made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30pm 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