

SOUHSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
4991 Southside Rd. Hollister, CA 95023
REGULAR MEETING: Wednesday, May 3rd, 2023
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:

Board Members Absent:

- Michael Ruth
- Laura Forth
- Julie Corrigan
- Julia Otterlei
- Julio Salazar

- b. Comments from public –**
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 – Classified “Sunshine Letter”

ITEM III

- a. Roll Call – Closed Session ended at 5:50pm regular session started at 6:00pm**

Present:

Absent:

- Michael Ruth
- Laura Forth
- Julie Corrigan
- Julia Otterlei
- Julio Salazar

- b. The Board directed Mr. Schilling to continue negotiations with the Classified Staff.**
c. Pledge of Allegiance
d. Approval of the Agenda – Laura Forth made the motion to approve the agenda with a revision on item VI letter b. change the school year to read 2023-2024 and was seconded by Julio Salazar and carried the following vote: Yes – 5; No/Absent/Abstain – 0

- e. **Comments from the public** – Bill Sachau, Director of Special Services recognized the 7th and 8th grade students, Mrs. Abercrombie and Mrs. Romiti for the support and help they provide the ECE Center year after year.
- Mrs. Abercrombie, the 8th grade teacher thanked the Board and Mr. Schilling for allowing the 8th grade to attend Camp. She also addressed the climate at Southside School. Her statement is attached to minutes.
 - Mrs. Gregory, the 6th grade teacher, commented on the Annual Spring Play. She was very pleased with all the visitors that came to see the evening show. Her cast consisted of 19 students on stage and 3 backstage helpers. She thanked the Board for the continued support to keep the program for those students that are not into sports.
 - Kyle Waterman shared that her time at Southside is slowly coming to an end. She shared some thoughts about her time at Southside. Her statement is attached to the minutes.
 - Mrs. Yamanishi, Cafeteria Manager spoke to the Board about the climate of the school and bullying on campus by adults. Her statement is attached to the minutes.
 - Janay Brown, a parent at Southside School for 12 years spoke to the Board about the climate of the school and bullying by adults. Her statement is attached to the minutes.
 - Bailey Rianda, a parent at Southside School spoke to the Board about the climate and bullying on campus by adults. She would like staff, students, and parents to work together to make this a better experience for all involved.
 - Paloma Cruz, a 5th grade student spoke to the Board about the school student restrooms. She mentioned that students do not feel safe using the restrooms on campus for the following reasons-
Sinks are not stable
Sinks are clogged and leak.
Stalls do not lock properly.
Students can see through the cracks of the stalls causing privacy issues.
There needs to be menstruation products for the girls in the restroom.
The boys' stalls are too small for the older students.
The floor is always wet from the leaks that come from the sinks and toilets.
 - Juan Becerra, a parent at Southside School spoke to the Board about the divisiveness and bullying at Southside School. He suggested building healthy relationships with peers and parents. Building healthy relationships with neighboring schools when playing sports to show our students what healthy rivalry looks like. He mentioned this would be positive for healthy mental and physical health.

ITEM IV. – DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

a. Officers' Report

1. Superintendent/Principal –

- a. Mr. Schilling shared with the Board the damage caused to the roof of the multipurpose room over winter break. He has contacted a contractor to check for mold or asbestos. He will receive the reports in a few days.
- b. Mr. Schilling shared with the Board that Open House was held on 4/13/23 and thanked the Parent Club for providing a taco bar and Ohana Ice for parents and students.
- c. Mr. Schilling invited the Board Members to the 8th grade promotion which will be held at Swank Farms. He thanked the Kistler family for providing the location.
- d. Mr. Schilling informed the Board that CAASPP state testing started 5/1/2023.
- e. Mr. Schilling informed the Board that Southside is waiting to hear from the Migrant Region about funding the Migrant Summer Program.
- f. Mr. Schilling shared with the Board that he has received 1 bid for \$46,000.00 for the exterior fencing. He met with another contractor and is waiting for the bid. He will have 2 more bids soon.

2. Board Member comments – Board Member, Julio Salazar thanked Ms. Gregory and mentioned that he invited friends and family to the Spring Play and they all loved it.

Board Member, Laura Forth, Thanked Ms. Gregory for the Spring Play. She mentioned that her son loved and shined in the Play. He found something he is good at.

3. Board President comments – Board President, Michael Ruth thanked all the people that spoke. He asked the Board reconsider bringing back the discussions of the Board of Conduct and discuss the restroom repairs.
4. Parent Club –Mrs. Waterman shared with the Board that Open house was a success. The mother / son laser tag event was a success, and the students and moms had a great time. She mentioned that Staff Appreciation Day is on 5/4/23. The Parent Club will host a taco meal for the staff. Parent elections for the 2023-2024 are in process and this will be the last year for her.

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 April 12th, 2023 as presented.
- b. Warrants report dated 4/1/23-4/30/23 through date range, as presented.

Julie Corrigan made the motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated 4.12.22 and was seconded by Laura Forth and carried the following vote: Yes –5; No/Absent/Abstain – 0

ITEM VI – DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

a. Board Policy – Bullying 5131 (DISCUSSION)

Rationale: The board has asked Mr. Schilling to review the policies from surrounding districts and to make a recommendation to the board.

Summary of the Bulling Policies (5131.2) from 4/12/23

Comparison of policies from: Hollister School District
North County Joint Union (Spring Grove) Hollister High School

-HSD and SG have the same policy in most areas. The order of the documents is different but contain much of the same language. SG does not have a referral process like HSD to individuals who are not employed by the district. As an example, referral to a restorative justice program or to child welfare attendance personnel.

-All policies contain staff development and posting of procedural steps on the district website.

-The High school policy is different from the other two. It includes language about suicide prevention, title IX, student instruction, and much more about a referral to law enforcement.

Recommendation: To use the format and content of the Spring Grove policy.

Recommended Motion: For the Southside board to review and adopt a version of the North County Joint Union school board policy on Bullying prevention.

The Board asked that staff give their input. It will be brought as an action time in the next board meeting.

**b. 2023 - 2024 Southside School Instructional Calendar Revision (ACTION)
2024 - 2025 Southside School Instructional Calendar Draft (DISCUSSION)**

Rationale: The approved 2023-2024 instructional calendar is currently different from the San Benito High School calendar. The high school adjusted the 2023-2024 academic calendar for students. For the Southside academic calendar to mirror the high school changes were required. Approval of this action would correct the differences and provide a similar calendar between Southside and San Benito High School. Additionally, the 2024-2025 calendar is currently being reviewed and this is the first opportunity for the board to review the 2024-2025 draft calendar.

Recommended Motion: Approve the revised 2023-2024 instructional calendar.

Laura Forth made the motion to approve the 2023-2024 revised instructional calendar and was seconded by Julio Salazar and carried the following vote: Yes – 5; No/Absent/Abstain – 0

c. School Board Policy (DISCUSSION)

Rationale: The board has requested to have the opportunity to discuss the policies for the district as an open discussion item. It has been requested to be an ongoing item moving forward.

Recommendation: That the board discuss the topic of the school board policies for Southside school.

d. Quarterly Investment of Funds report ending March 31st, 2023(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 March 31st, 2023.

Julie Corrigan made the motion to approve the Quarterly Investment of Funds Report ending March 31, 2023, and was seconded by Laura Forth and carried the following vote: Yes – 5;
No/Absent/Abstain – 0

- e. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) San Benito County office of Education (SBCOE) and Southside School District for the 2023-2024 school year for the following services: Fiscal Services, Student Transfers, Teacher Induction Services, Special Education Transportation, Year End Budget Transfers, Resolution to Transport Warrants, and Authorized Signatures**

Rationale: The purpose of the MOU's is to define the scope and cost of the Partnership between the SBCOE and the district as it relates to Fiscal Services, Student Transfers, Teacher Induction Services, Special Education Transportation, Year End Budget Transfers, Resolution to Transport Warrants, Authorized Signatures, Educational Services and Human Resources Services. The SBCOE will act as the service provider for the district and the specified programs identified in the resolutions and agreements. The terms of the MOU's will be valid based upon the terms of the agreements.

Recommended Motion: Approve the 2023-2024 MOUs as stated.

- Fiscal Services
- Student Transfers
- Teacher Induction Services
- Special Education Transportation
- Resolution to Transport Warrants
- Authorized Signatures
- Year End Budget Transfers
- Educational and Human Resources Services

Laura Forth made the motion to approve the 2023-2024 MOUs stated above and was seconded by Julie Corrigan and carried the following vote: Yes – 5; No/Absent/Abstain – 0

f. School Resource Officer (DISCUSSION)

Rationale: School safety is a concern across our nation and the board will discuss the position of school resource officer and the viability of having an officer on campus.

Recommendation: That the board discuss the topic of a school resource office for Southside school.

Board Member Julia Otterlei met with Mr. Presser and will be getting more information. She mentioned we need to form a subcommittee with staff and parents to discuss a safe campus.

VII. Closing Items

a. The next Regular Meeting of the Board is Wednesday May 31st, 2023, and June 7th, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

b. Adjournment

Laura forth made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:14pm and was seconded by Julio Salazar 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