

SOUHSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
4991 Southside Rd. Hollister, CA 95023
REGULAR MEETING: Wednesday, July 12th, 2023
In-Person Meeting

MINUTES

ITEM I – Call to Order: 5:30pm

- a. Meeting called to order** at 5:30 pm by Mr. Michael Ruth

Roll Call:

Board Members Present:

- Michael Ruth
- Julie Corrigan
- Laura Forth
- Julia Otterlei
- Julio Salazar (5:45)

Board Members Absent:

- b. Comments from public –**

S. Romiti- Mrs. Romiti talked about the certificated Sunshine proposal for the 2023-2024 school year and stated that opening the collective bargaining agreement will include smaller items and chunks of the document. Most item will be easily settled as clarification points. Additionally, she spoke on behalf of the San Benito Stage Company and wanted to thank the board for the generosity of allowing the theater camp to be held on the Southside campus.

J. Brown – Mrs. Brown spoke to the board and her statement is attached.

S. Carapinha – Mrs. Carapinha spoke to the board and her statement is attached.

S. Yamanishi – Mrs. Yamanishi spoke about the lunch program and requested the kitchen aide position be increased to 6 hours for scratch cooking needs. She said it would include fruit, muffins, smoothie, side salads, baked potatoes, and ethnic themed lunches. She talked about the classified staff insurance rate increase and for some it could be an additional \$164 per month out of pocket depending upon the plan. The 6% raise increase does not cover this and does not match COLA, the classified staff feels slighted. Her statements are included.

- c. Recess to Closed Session 5:39**

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. ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION)
-Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) or (3)
 1. “Existing Facts and Circumstances” related to student enrollment
- b. PERSONNEL - Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 & 54957.6(a)

1. Superintendent Evaluation
2. Conference with Labor Negotiator - Classified "Sunshine Letter."
3. Conference with Labor Negotiator - Certificated "Sunshine Letter."

ITEM III

- a. Roll Call – Closed Session ended at 7:03pm regular session started at 7:03pm

Present:

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

Absent:

- b. The board acknowledging the receipt of the certificated Sunshine letter. The Board directed Mr. Schilling to continue negotiations with the Classified Staff.
- c. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Schilling
- d. Approval of the Agenda – Julia Otterlei made the motion to approve the agenda and was seconded by Laura Forth and carried the following vote: Yes – 5; No/Absent/Abstain – 0
- **Comments from the public – No Comments**

ITEM IV. – DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

a. Officers' Report

1. Superintendent/Principal –

- a. Mr. Schilling shared that the end of year summer fair was happening tomorrow at 10am and invited the board to attend.
- b. Mr. Schilling stated that the kinder/TK enrollment is way up and currently has 30 students, including migrant education students.
- c. Mr. Schilling said the a few Southside staff will be attending training over the summer for the countywide math initiative.
2. Board Member comments – Mr. Salazar and Mrs. Corrigan both stated that they could not attend the board meeting on 8/2. It was suggested and agreed that the next board meeting would be moved to 8/9/23.
 3. Board President comments – None
 4. Parent Club – None

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 7, 2023, as presented.
- b. Warrants report dated 6/1/23- 6/30/23 through date range, as presented.

Laura Forth made the motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated 6/7/23 and warrants dated 6/1/23-6/30/23 and was seconded by Julia Otterlei and carried the following vote: Yes –5; No/Absent/Abstain – 0

ITEM VI – DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

a. 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 school board policies for Southside School

b. 2024-2025 Southside School Instructional Calendar Draft (DISCUSSION)

Rationale: The 2024-2025 calendar is currently being reviewed and this is the second opportunity for the board to review the 2024-2025 draft calendar. After contact with the high school, adjustments were made to the spring break section of the calendar to align the Southside break to the high school break. The draft calendar still needs to be reviewed by the classified and certificated bargaining units.

Recommendation: Review and discuss the revised 2024-2025 instructional calendar

VII. Closing Items

- a. The next Regular Meeting of the Board is Wednesday June 9th, 2023, at 6:00 pm.
- b. Adjournment

Julio Salazar made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 pm 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

Board meet 7/12

Janay Brown <jbrownloans4u@gmail.com>

Wed 7/12/2023 5:45 PM

To: John Schilling <jschilling@sbcoe.org>; Sylvia Rocha <srocha@sbcoe.k12.ca.us>

Southside School Board Members,

I am here tonight because like the other families that attend Southside on an inter district transfer, I received the email regarding the board's review scheduled for this evening. My first thought was that this review process was going to be a way to revoke my girls transfers as retaliation for me speaking at the May board meeting. As I told Mr. Schilling, I genuinely hope that's not the case.

My kids did have a very difficult year. The family as a whole dealt with one sickness after another from influenza B to Rhino Intero Virus to Hand Foot Mouth to Covid multiple times to possible appendicitis and the list goes on. This meant that they had to miss a lot of school, but what is hard to understand as a parent is that the school doesn't want our kids there sick but if you keep them home you are penalized.

Olivia did struggle this year academically. She went from honor roll all year in 4th grade to not make honor roll once this year. I do believe a lot of that had to do with her sicknesses keeping her out of school as well as some other factors. Holland also struggled and has struggled for a while now. She definitely needs extra help. I have been working with both girls since pulling them out on independent studies. I do see improvement as we continue to work on areas where they struggle. I have already been in contact with Mr. Glass regarding Holly. Both girls have been completing their summer reading. They really do want to come back and do better and I've been invested in helping them do better both academically and socially. Southside has been our home school for twelve years. I was pregnant with Olivia when Kadence started kindergarten and I gave birth to Holland the year I served as president on the Southside parent club. She would be passed around the other parent club moms being bounced on their knees while we performed our duties at various Southside functions. Southside is there second home which is why, in the end, they decided they wanted to return in the fall.

On a different note, the board member I spoke about at the May meeting reached out to me in June and we met. We had a good conversation and left on good terms. I am not an unreasonable person, I would prefer to get along with individuals rather than have tension and anger towards them. I do feel talking is key to that which is why I am here this evening. I believe you all know how I feel about the leadership this past year, but I have seen positive changes made over the past couple of months and am just asking for my daughters to have the same opportunity. They dealt with many things last year that were out of their control. Sicknesses, bullying, and their moms mental health struggles. I spent 3 days in the ICU just 4 days before Christmas. It was a very emotional year and they dealt with a lot of emotional trauma and anxiety. We have all been working really hard to get back to a good place. I hope you will consider the whole picture when you make your decision tonight. I also ask that you please keep this confidential, I don't share this information lightly. There are individuals, staff and parents, that would love nothing more than to use this as gossip.

Thank you for your time,
Janay Brown

Good evening board members,

I'd like to speak to you on behalf of my son James Carapinha. I realize that you will be voting to decide if he gets his inter-district transfer renewed for the next school year and I'd just like to say a few things.

James hasn't always been an easy child to work with, however we feel that Southside has had a very positive impact on him and helped him in many ways. He has had a difficult time making friends during most of his years in grade school. He doesn't pick up on certain social cues and doesn't retain or comprehend information like most of us. He's been to counseling outside of school, acupuncture, he has seen a naturopath, a psychologist and had an EEG performed. We are also working with James daily and trying to guide him and teach him respect and proper behavior while at school and outside of school.

During James year at Southside he has finally connected with other kids and made some very good friends. James is focusing more on trying to listen and not be a distraction in class or out on the playground. We are working together and have a plan in place for his 8th grade year to help his behavior improve at school and at home. He has agreed to see a school counselor and will see them as much as possible. We are willing to work with the teachers and school board to help James maintain good behavior and create a healthy environment for him and his classmates.

When James was accepted into Southside we were so relieved! We feel that having James transfer to another school would only make things more difficult for him and much harder for all of us in the long run as he transitions into high school. He will have to start over once again with new teachers and trying to make new friends. He will go through more struggles adjusting and trying to keep up with the other students.

I just ask that you please consider giving James another chance and consider allowing him to remain at Southside for the next school year.

Samantha
Carapinha

7/12/23

7/12/23

S. YAMAMOTO

Again, thank you, Southside School Board, for always supporting the Southside School Classified Staff.

At the end of June, the staff of Southside were given our election plan documents for our insurance benefits... we were shocked to find out that the cost of our benefits will require us to pay an additional \$164 towards our insurance every month. Raising our out-of-pocket monthly costs for classified staff depending on the plan selected to between \$357.56 to \$540.84 monthly.

The shock of this is that the 6% raise that the Classified staff will begin receiving this school year will not even cover the added expense, so we will be taking home less pay than this past year.

When we put forth our Sunshine letter in the Spring, this was a major point made about giving us a raise that would give us more take-home pay. We, like all others in the working world, pay more for gas, food, housing, insurance, etc. We must be compensated better to cover these expenses. We need to be compensated for the COLA not just for our benefits! I am letting you know that we feel slighted.

7/12/23 S. [unclear]!

Again Thank you, Southside School Board, for always supporting the Southside School Lunch Program! We have made great strides in the last few years. I'm here today to request that we bump our Food Service Aide up to 6hrs per day with benefits.

We will be doing more scratch cooking which will reduce food costs but increase labor costs. So, this will work. Here are my ideas that will increase our numbers:

Breakfast Offerings

- Daily Fresh Fruit Parfait Offerings
- Daily Homemade Muffin Offerings
- Weekly Smoothie Offerings
- Weekly Homemade Egg/Sausage/Muffin Offerings

Lunch Offering

- Serve Salads as a side
- Offering Grilled Cheese on Full days
- Offer weekly Pasta Day
- Offer Baked Potato Monthly
- Offer Ethnic Lunches (Teriyaki Bowls, Burritos, Chicken Chow Mein)

This is just a small number of possibilities.