

SOUHSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
4991 Southside Rd. Hollister, CA 95023
REGULAR MEETING: Wednesday, October 4, 2023
In-Person Meeting

MINUTES

ITEM I – Call to Order: 5:30pm

- a. Meeting called to order** at 5:32pm by Mr. Michael Ruth

Roll Call:

Board Members Present:

Board Members Absent:

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

- b. Comments from public –**

- c. Recess to Closed Session at 5:40pm**

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. Superintendent Evaluation
 2. Conference with Labor Negotiator – Certificated “Sunshine Letter”

ITEM III

- a. Roll Call – Closed Session ended at 6:25pm regular session started at 6:30pm**

Present:

Absent:

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

- b. No action taken in Closed Session.**

- c. Pledge of Allegiance**

- d. Approval of the Agenda – Julie Corrigan made the motion to approve the agenda with a change to add emergency contract from the Ace Fence and Gate and was seconded by Julia Otterlei and carried the following vote: Yes – 4; No/Absent/Abstain – 1**

- e. **Comments from the public** – 5 public attendees spoke.
 - 1. Joey Kistler
 - 2. Tiffany Moore
 - 3. Brittney Slibsager
 - 4. Gary Hartman
 - 5. Jacquelyn Firestine
 All statements are attached.

ITEM IV. – DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

- a. Southside School Board Vacancy- The Board and Mr. Schilling appointed Aaron Kaelin the Board and Mr. Schilling provided the Oath of Office. Board members start date is 10/4/2023.
- b. Officers’ Report
 - 1. **Superintendent / Principal -**
 - a. Mr. Schilling informed the Board that approximately 40 parents showed interest in the YMCA after school program. The program will run 5 days a week from 3:15 to 5pm.
 - b. Mr. Schilling informed the Board that the San Benito Art Council will be helping with the mural on campus.
 - c. Mr. Schilling informed that Anna Valdez our new Instruction Aide for the TK / K class started work on 9/19/2023.
 - d. Mr. Schilling gave the Board an update on the Gym. The repairs, lighting, tile, and dry wall work have been completed. The next phase is painting the inside of the gym, which will be done after the fencing project.
 - e. Mr. Schilling informed the Board that Southside will be holding a family picnic lunch this month and a movie night on 10/6/2023. The movie will be “A Million Miles Away”.
 - 1. **Board Member Comments** – Julia Otterlei responded to the public regarding comments that were made during public comments by attendees. She indicated that Mrs. Tiffany Moore’s comments were lies and fabrications. She then read a statement of assumed facts from her cell phone. She stated that Cameron had pulled her son Ryker’s penis on two separate occasions. She expressed her desire to have Cameron expelled from school. She stated that she had statements from several parents that had expressed similar incidents with Cameron and their children. She also stated that she and the school had video footage of the incidents. She stated that she felt the student’s father, Mr. Kistler, was making his son out to be a victim when her son was the victim. Julie Corrigan suggested that the Board bring back Board of Conduct and said as Board Member “we have to sit here and just listen to public comments and take whatever is being said”.
 - 2. Board President Comment – No Comments
 - 3. Parent Club – Mrs. Barnes shared that Patriotic Day was a success. The Debrito Apple fundraiser is wrapping up but did not meet the projected goal. She shared that Pink Out Day will be held on 10/13/2023 and Dia De Los Muertos will be celebrated on 10/27/2023. The cafeteria staff will be serving a traditional Mexican meal for all students.

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 for September 6th, 2023, as presented.
- b. Warrants report dated 9/1/23 – 9/30/2023 through date range, as presented.

Julie Corrigan made the motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated September 6th, 2023, and the warrants reports dated 9/1/2023 – 9/30/2023 and was seconded by Julio Salazar and carried the following vote: Yes –4; No/Absent/Abstain – 1

ITEM VI – DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

a. Bulldogs CARE (DISCUSSION UPDATE)

Rationale: Building a positive climate and culture of our school is a priority this school year. The board has discussed programs, options, and initiative to address the need to build a positive Southside community this school year. Thank you, Mrs. Romiti, and the Southside staff for taking the lead on the project to build a positive school culture from within. The Bulldogs CARE program was developed by the dedicated Southside staff.

Recommended Motion: N/A

Mr. Schilling shared with the Board that Integrity was what the staff chose for the month of September. He shared that during the Bulldog Pride Assembly one student will be awarded the Bulldog Care Award chosen by the principal. He shared that he and staff discussed developing culture, climate, social and emotional education once a month. Mr. Ruth asked if a form or some type of metric can be developed to evaluate it with age-appropriate material. Mrs. Otterlei asked if the Bulldog Care t-shirts had been created and ordered.

b. School Board Policy – Bullying Policy 5131.2 (ACTION)

Rationale: A comparison of policies from surrounding district Bullying policies were used to draft a Southside policy and to make a recommendation to the board. The current document is a revised version based upon the policy form North County Joint Union SD. The new version includes staff input from portions of the high school policy. This is the second reading of the policy, and the board has asked for clarification of what *cf.* stands for. CF refers to a collection of interconnected policies for a topic, such as bullying, conduct, harassment etc. Since all school districts have similar policies related to and dependent upon different sets of legal codes (ed code, penal code, federal code, labor code etc.). The collective policy has a reference of c – compare, f - findings.

Recommended Motion: For the Southside board to review and adopt BP 5131.2 school board policy on Bullying prevention.

No discussion or action taken at this meeting. Our new Board Member, Aaron Kaelin requested to review it before approval. This item will be added to next month's agenda.

c. Southside Food Service Updates (DISCUSSION)

Rationale: The food service department would like to update the board on the meal service, labor, upgrades, and orders.

Recommended Motion: The board join in a discussion with food services and ask questions about the program.

Suzie Yamanishi discussed the Lunch Program with the Board and provided financial charts for the Board. She informed the Board that this school year the cafeteria will be offering more fresh handmade options. She shared that the school has added a walk-in freezer.

d. Southside School Bathrooms (DISCUSSION)

Rationale: This is a follow up discussion with the board from a previous conversation about student bathrooms

Recommended Motion: N/A

Mrs. Otterlei asked if any repairs had been made to the bathrooms. Mr. Schilling informed the Board that Mr. Sanchez is working on fixing the small repairs and will get bids for the bigger repairs. He shared with the Board that currently the state is proposing making bathroom all gender bathrooms.

e. ACE FENCE & GATE PROPOSAL – (ACTION)

Rationale: Install a 13’ x 7’ three side enclosure with 6’ return and (1) walk gate at corner (around tank & well water) use 6’ standard chain link.

Recommended Motion: For the Southside Board to review and approve the Ace Fence & Gate Proposal.

Julio Salazar made the motion to approve the Ace Fence & Gate Proposal and was seconded by Aaron Kaelin and carried the following vote: Yes –4; No/Absent/Abstain – 1

VII. Closing Items

- a. The next Regular Meeting of the Board is Wednesday November 8, 2023, at 6:00 pm.
- b. Adjournment

Julie Corrigan made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm and was seconded by Julio Salazar and carried the following vote: Yes – 4; No/Absent/Abstain – 1

John Schilling, Superintendent/Principal
Southside School District

Michael Ruth, Board President
Southside School District, Board of Trustee