

SOUHSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
4991 Southside Rd. Hollister, CA 95023
REGULAR MEETING: Wednesday, November 8, 2023
In-Person Meeting

MINUTES

ITEM I – Call to Order: 5:30pm

- a. Meeting called to order** at 5:29pm by Mr. Michael Ruth

Roll Call:

Board Members Present:

- Michael Ruth
- Julie Corrigan
- Aaron Kaelin
- Julio Salazar

Board Members Absent:

- b. Comments from public –**

- a. Mrs. Yamanishi read a prepared statement; the statement is attached.
- b. Mrs. Yamanishi read a prepared statement by Maria Paniagua; the statement is attached.
- c. Mrs. Yamanishi read a prepared statement by Amanda Pina; the statement is attached.
- d. Mrs. Sandra Partrea spoke about the kitchen staff. She said they have a love and passion for students. She said they were a military family, and it would be a big loss to lose them.
- e. Mrs. Matteson spoke about the kitchen staff and said she agreed with all that had be said.

- c. Recess to Closed Session at 5:35pm**

ITEM II – Closed Session 5:35pm

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 6:07pm regular session started at 6:07pm**

Present:

- Michael Ruth
- Julie Corrigan
- Aaron Kaelin
- Julio Salazar
- Vacancy

Absent:

asked Mr. Schilling what the difference was between a BP and an AR. Mr. Schilling did not know. The document will be brought back with final edits at the next board meeting. Mr. Schilling will look into training for the board through the Keenan platform.

Julie Corrigan made the motion to approve the AR 9001 and was seconded by Julio Salazar and carried the following vote: Yes –4; No/Absent/Abstain – 0

b. Quarterly Investment of Funds report ending September 30th, 2023

Rationale: The report was pulled from the agenda due to the treasurers office inability to provide the report.

c. Southside Developer Fee Report (ACTION)

Rationale: Annually all agencies collecting fees must make accounting information Publicly available, within 180 days from the end of the fiscal year. Every five years Agencies must hold a meeting to make findings regarding fees for the prior five years The report must be made publicly available 15 days prior to board action to adopt a resolution affirming the reported information and making necessary findings. The report this meeting will be an update for the year. Mr. Schilling spoke to the report. Mrs. Corrigan asked if the fund could only be spent on new construction. Additionally she asked if we could be provided an itemized account of the funds.

Recommended: The board review and approve the annual developer fee report.

Julie Corrigan made the motion to approve the developer fee report and was seconded by Aaron Kaelin and carried the following vote: Yes –4; No/Absent/Abstain – 0

VII. Closing Items

- a. The next Regular Meeting of the Board is Wednesday December 13, 2023, at 6:00 pm.
- b. Adjournment

Julio Salazar made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 pm and was seconded by Aaron Kaelin and carried the following vote: Yes – 4; No/Absent/Abstain – 0

John Schilling, Superintendent/Principal
Southside School District

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

- b. Action taken in Closed Session: Mr. Ruth stated that he has directed Mr. Schilling to work with the business office.
- c. Pledge of Allegiance
- d. Approval of the Agenda – Julie Corrigan made the motion to approve the agenda with a change to remove item “B” from the agenda and was seconded by Julio Salazar and carried the following vote: Yes – 4; No/Absent/Abstain – 0
- e. **Comments from the public** – No comments

ITEM IV. – DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

a. Officers’ Report

1. Superintendent / Principal -

- a. YMCA program- Mr. Schilling stated that the YMCA program was reaching out to identified students and that the YMCA was taking the lead on the program. He stated the ELOP funds were supporting the program and that by using these grant funds, certain restrictions are attached to the funding. Mr. Kaelin asked how many families have been enrolled and what was the number needed to sustain the program.
- b. Lights on Parade- Mr. Schilling stated that Southside was going to participate in the parade this year and he invited the board to join.
- c. Taiko Drum assembly- Mr. Schilling stated the drum assembly was going to be on campus. He mistakenly said in December. Mrs. Yamanishi corrected him to state the assembly was in November on the 17th.
- d. Claim #615979 - \$51,303- Mr. Schilling stated the insurance claim for the gym damage was settled at the above amount.
- e. Parent engagement night- Dangers of social media 12/12/23 – Mr. Schilling stated the event was open to all rural schools and encouraged people to attend.

- b. **Board Member Comments** – Julio Salazar stated that he received a call last Saturday from a person who said that someone made a complaint of discrimination by Southside school regarding Science camp. He said that rumors are out there and as board members we need to talk about what is going on and about issues before people pass judgment. He said that in the past an issue came up under the prior Principal that drew local news attention. He said it was not good for the school. Mr. Schilling asked where the statements were made and Mr. Salazar said it was the Latino coalition. Mr. Ruth said he would like to talk with Mr. Salazar about this individually.

-Mrs. Corrigan said she wanted to wish everyone a happy thanksgiving

-Mr. Kaelin stated that the minutes from the last meeting indicated that the Bullying policy that was tabled from the last meeting was supposed to be on the November meeting. He asked that it be included on the December meeting agenda.

- c. **Board President Comments** – Mr. Ruth asked about the fence and the procedures for the drop off in the morning. A group discussion ensued members of the audience and the board talked about the entrance and possible challenges and solutions to having the front gate opened or closed in the morning. He asked that the fence be included as an agenda item for

the December meeting.

- d. Parent Club – Mrs. Matteson stated that the parent club will be working on sign-ups for volunteers to support front gate supervision in the mornings. She said that the Dia De Los Muertos was a hit and the live music was especially popular. She said the Halloween celebration was a big success and went very well. She said the parent club ordered a new mascot for the school but arrived in the wrong color. Parent club is working on a Beef raffle and they are working on sending thank you letters to the supporters of the Science camp. Lastly, she said that a family volunteered to replace the wood poster sign in front of the school.

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 October 4th, 2023 as presented.
- b. Warrants report dated 10/1/23 – 10/31/2023 through date range, as presented.

Aaron Kaelin made the motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated October 4th, 2023, with a change to the end time of the closed session and the warrants reports dated 10/1/2023 – 10/31/2023 and was seconded by Julie Corrigan and carried the following vote: Yes –4; No/Absent/Abstain – 0

ITEM VI – DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- a. **Southside Board of Trustee Code of Ethics (AR 9001)**

Rationale: The Southside School District Governing board has been elected by the community to provide leadership and citizen oversight of the district. The Board shall ensure that the district is responsive to the values, beliefs, and priorities of the community. (Southside Board Policy, BB 9000(a), BB 9005 (a)). Section 9000 (a) outlines in section 3 (a) Establishing and adhering to standards of responsible governance. Section 9005 outlines the responsibilities of board members to govern responsibly and to hold themselves to the highest standards of ethical conduct. To that end the proposed administrative regulation further defines the role of the board by establishing a code of conduct to clarify the role and Governance standards of Southside board members.

Recommendation: The board review and approve AR 9001 Southside board member code of conduct.

Mr. Schilling shared with the Board that the regulation was being brought up for the third or fourth time and that it was requested from the October meeting. Mr. Ruth talked through the items listed on the regulation and agreed with the statements. The question was asked if the regulation should be signed by board members each year and all agreed it should. Mr. Ruth

Good evening Southside School Board.

My comments are the reasons for the Classified Sunshine Letter Dated October of 2023.

The Southside Classified staff is an integral part of Southside School. Your Classified staff are some of the longest serving members of the Southside Community, some have been here longer than most of the Teachers. Most of the Classified staff live paycheck to paycheck. With our October paycheck the new cost of our Health Benefits took effect. With that, we as Classified Staff, lost what little wage increase we received in August, and most of us are now making \$150 less per month than before our raise. So, we ask you to please consider an additional 5% increase to offset the increase in our health benefit costs.

Now, as the Food Service Manager, I'd like to again make the request to increase the Food Service Aide from 27.5 to 32.5 hours per week with Benefits. Christina Crandall, our Food Service Aide, has given 12 years to this school without Health Benefits. She also gave 10 years to this school without Retirement Benefits. It is time for the School Board to make things right. Christina has been filling in for other classified staff a great deal this school year. She has been coming in at 7:30am and staying until at least 1:30pm, helping everyone not just in the Kitchen.

I am also asking that the Food Service Manager position be increased from 30 hours per week to 35 hours per week. I have been arriving most days to start at 7:00am and staying until 1:30 most days. I often take paperwork home to complete.

I'm getting request for information about our program and my grants from the Accounting Department at the County Office, but from 7:00-1:00pm I am going nonstop with food and counts. We serve an average of 130-160 lunches on our most popular days. Trying to get all that prepared and ready is time consuming but seeing all the happy students getting yummy fresh prepared entrees, fruits and vegetables is awesome. Many days I need to take my computer home and do my emails and paperwork from home.

In the month of October, we served 50% more lunches than we did in October of 2022, and we served 12% more breakfast meals. Averaged across August through September our breakfast and lunch service is up 17%. With that our claims will increase and therefore our carryover of funds. We have the cafeteria funds, please make things right and at a minimum, give Christina her additional hours with health benefits.

Thank you.

Paniagua Statement

Suzanne Yamanishi <syamanishi@sbcoe.k12.ca.us>

Wed 11/8/2023 1:09 PM

To:Suzanne Yamanishi <syamanishi@sbcoe.k12.ca.us>

♥ to " Good afternoon ladies,

I'm so sorry I'm unable to make it tonight. My daughter switched her work schedule from Monday to Wednesday so I can make the Monday meeting (but now the meeting is Wednesday) unfortunately, my husband can't take her to work (she works in Gilroy) I wouldn't make it back on time, especially with traffic.

~~But I will be thinking about you ladies & praying in your favor.~~ Suzie & Christina yall deserve everything you're asking for, it's only right and fair. In my opinion you both deserve more than what you're asking for. Thank you ladies from the bottom of my heart for catering to our children with so much love, respect and having their best interest of what they put in their bodies. Thank for making sure they don't go hungry. Thank you for keeping them full throughout their school hours so they can focus on classwork vs a rumbling stomach. Thank you for all the time/ overtime & effort you put into the kitchen to have it as clean & and neat so y'all can run the next meal as smoothly as possible. All of your hard work, determination & countless hours doesn't go unnoticed. Thank you Suzie & Christina



- The Paniagua Family "

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Wed 11/8/2023 1:49 PM

To:Suzanne Yamanishi <syamanishi@sbcoe.k12.ca.us>

♥ to " I've worked with Suzie and Christina for 2 years now and they do so much for our kids! I appreciate every meal every kind word during lunch they go above and beyond for our kids to make sure they are satisfied at lunch. Suzie and Christina are always so on top of their work and organized and ready to greet those kids when they come into line. To whom it may concern please grant these ladies what they're asking for they deserve it plus more! I'm grateful for you ladies and our school and kid's appreciate you too! Thank you ♥ "

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