

SOUTHSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
4991 Southside Road. – Hollister, CA 95023
REGULAR MEETING: Wednesday September 3, 2025
In-Person Meeting

MINUTES

ITEM I – Call to Order: 5:30pm

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

Roll Call:

Board Members Present:

- Mike Ruth
- Julie Corrigan
- Jessica Kim
- Julio Salazar
- Aaron Kaelin

Board Members Absent:

- b. Comments from the public-
- c. Closed Session ended at 6:40pm

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(b) & 54957.6(a)
1. Certificated Sunshine Letter
- b. STUDENT DISCIPLINARY MATTER & STUDENT RECORD CHALLENGE-
Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 35146, 54957 & Education Code 49070.
1. Discuss and consider disciplinary action regarding and record challenge for a student.
- c. STUDENT INTERDISTRICT ATTENDANCE REQUEST – Closed Session Pursuant to Education Code 49073.
1. Consider and act on the interdistrict attendance request for a student.

ITEM III

- a. Roll Call – Closed Session ended at 6:40pm. Regular Session started at 6:43pm

Present:

- All Board Members Present

Absent:

- b. Board President Mike Ruth reported that the 2% increase requested by the Certificated staff has been accepted by the Board. The Board also instructed Mr. Schilling to communicate with the family regarding the Interdistrict Attendance request.
- c. Pledge of Allegiance

- d. Approval of the Agenda – Julio Salazar made the motion to approve the agenda, and was seconded by Aaron Kaelin and carried the following vote: Yes – 5; No/Absent – 0/ Abstain – 0
- e. **Comments from the public-**
 - 1. TK teacher Mrs. Abercrombie attended the Resource Fair for teachers at San Andres HS. She informed the Board that the teachers received classroom items and were also given an opportunity to apply for a \$200 grant to receive stem materials. Seven Southside Teachers applied.
 - 2. Mrs. Amaranta asked the Board if her son’s interdistrict was accepted. The Board President informed her that Principal Mr. Schilling would communicate with her on the decision.
 - 3. Our 3rd grade teacher Mrs. Howard thank Mr. Mike Ruth and Mr. Julio Salazar for visiting the classrooms to talk about what their role is as Board Members. She also asked that they consider class sizes.

ITEM IV – DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

- a. Officers’ Report
 - 1. Superintendent / Principal
 - a. **Back to School Night-** Mr. Schilling informed the Board that it was an open forum where parents could walk around and visit the classrooms. The Parent Club had a table with parent sign-up and invited the Taco Truck for dinner. Overall, we received positive feedback.
 - b. **Enrollment** - Mr. Schilling shared with the Board the enrollment numbers as of 9.3.2025.
 - c. **Science Assembly** – Lawrence Hall presented two science-based assembly. One for TK – 4th grade and one for 5th -8th grade on wildfires.
 - d. **Bulldog Pride Assembly** – Mr. Schilling informed the Board that our 1st Bulldog Pride Assembly is on 9/12/25 and Patriotic Day is on 9/11/225. We will have several agencies visiting the school in the morning.
 - e. **Bulldog Care Updates** – Mr. Schilling informed the Board that weekly activities and email will be sent out.
 - 2. Facility Report
 - a. **Pressure regulator** – Mr. Schilling informed the Board that this week we had some issues with the school toilets and water pressure. We had to contract Maggoria Brothers to come out and fixed the problem. Mr. Schilling informed the Board that we might have to change the regulator.
 - 3. **Board Member comments-** Mr. Julio Salazar stated he had a good experience visiting the classroom. He was happy to experience the students participating in class and asking questions. The students were excited to learn what our Board Members do to help the school and Mr. Salazar was also asked if he could speak in Spanish for those students that are learning to speak English.
 - 4. **Board President Comments-** Mr. Mike Ruth thanked Mr. Julio Salazar for joining him in visiting the classrooms. He also thanked the Board Members for working through hard issues that arise.

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 August 31st, 2025 - as presented.
- b. Warrants report dated 8/1/25 – 8/29/25 through date range, as presented.

ITEM VI – DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

- a. Quarterly Investment of Funds report ending June 30th, 2025 **(ACTION)**

Recommended Motion: That the Board of Education review and accept the Quarterly Investment of Funds Report ending June 30th, 2025.

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.

Julie Corrigan made the motion to approve the Quarterly Investment of Funds Report ending June 30th, 2025 and was seconded by Jessica Kim and carried the following vote: Yes -5; No/Absent- 0 / Abstain – 0

- b. District Policy Review 5111.1: District Residency **(DISCUSSION/ACTION)**

Recommended Motion: That the board make a decision on the student status of enrollment.

Rationale: The parent of a former student requested via email that the board review and take action regarding the enrollment status for the former student. Members of the public have a right to place items on the school board agenda that are directly related to school district business. In this case the parent has requested a review of the policies and procedures related to investigations involving students, particularly those related to residency. Additionally, the parent has requested an appeal to the revocation of the student's enrollment at Southside Elementary.

No action taken. The Board and Mr. Schilling discussed the issue.

- c. **Board Policy on Class Size (DISCUSSION/ACTION)**

Recommended Motion: The board consider changes to class size policy.

Rationale: The school board passed a class size policy on July 9th, 2025. After an open discussion at the end of the board meeting on 8/13/25, the board asked for the policy to be revisited at the next meeting of the board. At the meeting on 8/13 the board asked for clarification and to possible add additional regarding class size considerations.

- The Board, Mr. Schilling, and staff discussed and shared ideas on class size.
- Possible co teacher when migrants are attending from August to December
- Use long term sub frequently in classes that are larger than normal.

- Temporary combo class
- Hiring a temp aide from August through November

d. Sufficiency of Instructional Materials Resolution #25.26.05 (ACTION)

Recommended Motion: That the Board of Education approve resolution No. 25.26.05 regarding the sufficiency of instructional materials for the 2025-2026 school year.

Rationale: Per Education Code Section 60119, the governing board will hold a public hearing regarding the sufficiency or insufficiency of instructional materials. Public notice of the meeting was posted on 8/8/25.

Julie Corrigan made the motion to approve the Sufficiency of Instructional Materials Resolution #25.26.05 and was seconded by Julio Salazar and carried the following vote: Yes -5; No/Absent- 0 / Abstain – 0

e. Southside School 2024-2025 Unaudited Actuals (ACTION)

Recommended Motion: That the Board of Education review and approve the 2024-2025 Unaudited Actuals Report as presented.

Rationale: The Unaudited Actuals report is the final summary report of the financial activity for the district from the 2024-2025 school year. The report reflects the overall fiscal status of the district from the prior school year to include all payable and receivable, categorical awards, program compliance information, completed as a part of the closing financial records for the year. The presentation and approval of the report is required by the State as a part of the annual reporting cycle.

Jessica Kim made the motion to approve the Southside School 2024-2025 Unaudited Actuals and was seconded by Aaron Kaelin and carried the following vote: Yes -5; No/Absent- 0 / Abstain – 0

f. GANN Limit 2025-2026 – Resolution #25.26.06 (ACTION)

Recommended Motion: That the board move to approve Southside school district resolution #25-26-06

Rationale: Proposition 4 passed in 1979 more commonly called the GANN amendment, established provisions for maximum appropriation limits for public agencies. The Southside school district must establish a GANN limit for the 2024-2025 school year and a projection for the 2025-2026 school year. This resolution will provide public notice that the calculations and documentation of the GANN limits for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years are made in the accord with applicable constitutional law.

Aaron Kaelin made the motion to approve the GANN Limit 2025-2026 – Resolution #25.26.06 and was seconded by Julio Salazar and carried the following vote: Yes -5; No/Absent- 0 / Abstain – 0

g. Southside School District Sunshine Proposal for 2025-2026 (ACTION)

Recommended Motion: Review and accept the Sunshine proposal from the SEA and authorize the Superintendent to begin the negotiations.

Rationale: Per the collective bargaining agreement with the Southside Educator's Association (SEA), the association is to submit a sunshine proposal to the board of education at the start of the negotiation cycle. The board is to review the proposal and then authorize the Superintendent/Principal to begin the negotiations with SEA for the contract year.

Julie Corrigan made the motion to approve the Southside District Sunshine Proposal for 2025-2026 and was seconded by Jessica Kim and carried the following vote: Yes -5; No/Absent- 0 / Abstain – 0

h. Educator Effectiveness Block Grant (ACTION)

Recommended Motion: Review and approve the revised Southside Educator Effectiveness Block Grant plan.

Rationale: On October 21, 2021, the California Department of Education announced the California Educator Effectiveness Funds (EEF) 2021 Block Grant Program. The program provides funding to professional learning and to promote educator effectiveness, quality, and equity. Funds may be expended during 2021-22 thru 2025-26 fiscal years. The district has developed a plan on how the funds will be used to support professional learning for teachers, administrators, paraprofessionals, and classified staff as described in Education Code Section 41480(b). This plan was presented as an action item in December 2021, brought back as a revision in May of 2024, and now a final revision for approval. Changes to the plan include, a reduction in the Aeries training cost, elimination of the Ortan Gillingham training and Second steps curriculum. An increase in the teacher induction program and an increase in the MTSS PLI training and financial support for teacher attaining the necessary credentials to teach in California.

Julie Corrigan made the motion to approve the Educator Effectiveness Block Grant and was seconded by Julio Salazar and carried the following vote: Yes -5; No/Absent- 0 / Abstain – 0

ITEM VII – Closing Items

a. The next Regular Meeting of the Board is Wednesday **October 15th**, 2025, at 6:00 pm.

b. Adjournment at 7:51pm.

Julio Salazar made the motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Aaron Kaelin and carried the following vote: Yes -5; No/Absent- 0 / Abstain – 0