

SOUTHSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
4991 Southside Rd. Hollister, CA 95023

REGULAR MEETING:
March 6, 2019

MINUTES

ITEM I

a. Meeting called to order at 7:09 p.m. by Mr. Michael Ruth.

b. Roll Call:

Board Members Present:

Board Members Absent: Katie Evans

Michael Ruth
Sarah Alford
Carina Freeman

Others Present:

Tami Erickson – Community Member
Wendy Abercrombie – Southside Teacher
High School Student
Mrs. Howard – Southside Teacher
Shannon Hansen – San Benito County office of Education

c. Pledge of Allegiance - was led by Mr. Schilling.

d. Action Taken in Closed Session- Reported by Mr. Ruth
No action taken

e. Agenda – Mr. Schilling suggested moving the item from h. 1. E. End of year activities, 8th grade trip from 5/30 to the correct date of 6/3

Ms. Freeman made a motion to approve the agenda and was seconded by Ms. Alford and carried the following vote: Yes – 3; No/Absent/Abstain – 0

f. Public Comments – There were no public comments.

g. Southside School Board vacancy

Laura Forth was the only applicant for the position. Public comment was opened up. Board members interviewed Ms. Forth. A majority vote was taken. Ms. Alford made a motion to approved Ms. Forth as the new Southside Board member. It was seconded by Ms. Freeman and carried the following vote: Yes – 3;

No/Abstain – 0. Mr. Schilling administered the oath of office and Ms. Forth was welcomed as a new Southside board member.

h. Officers Reports

Superintendent/Principal – Mr. Schilling gave an update on the San Benito County joint board meeting held on 3/28/19. Mr. Schilling announced that Ms. Rocha was back in the office after an extended medical leave. An update on the 8th grade trip to SJSU was given as well as an update on the Summer school. Lastly, Mr. Schilling provided an update on the end of year activities

Board Member Comments – There were no comments.

Board President - There were no comments.

Parent Club – Mr. Schilling said that the date of the V.I. SHE dance had been changed.

ITEM II – CONSENT ITEMS

a. Regular Board Meeting Minutes February 7, 2019 as presented

b. Warrants dated 2/1/19-2/28/19 through date range, as presented

Ms. Freeman made a motion to approve the agenda and was seconded by Ms. Alford and carried the following vote: Yes – 4; No/Absent/Abstain – 0

ITEM II – DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

a. Approval of the Second Interim Financial Report (ACTION)

Ms. Hansen presented the second interim report on the financial status of the district and the projected forecast for the next two years. She high-lighted the key points of the report and answered questions from the board about accounts and fund balances.

Ms. Freeman made a to motion to approve the report and was seconded by Mr. Alford and carried by the following vote: Yes – 4; No/Absent/Abstain – 0

b. Approval of the quarterly investment of funds Report for Period Ending December 31, 2018 (ACTION)

Ms. Hansen provided information on the report submitted by the county treasurer and the current investment of funds. Items were discussed in a group setting with in-formal questions and answers.

Ms. Freeman made a to motion to approve the report and was seconded by Mr. Alford and carried by the following vote: Yes – 4; No/Absent/Abstain – 0

c. ERATE funds (ACTION)

Mr. Schilling provided an email correspondence provided by Roy Sims the director of Technology for the San Benito County office of education. There was discussion and questions about the use of ERATE funds and how they were used. It was unclear to the board how the funds were used; how much the funds were and on if the total amount was being used to purchase item or to maintain a life time warranty of the items possibly purchased. The board asked that Mr. Sims attend the next board meeting to clarify questions about the ERATE funds.

Ms. Freeman made a to motion to approve the report and was seconded by Mr. Alford and carried by the following vote: Yes – 4; No/Absent/Abstain – 0

d. Approval of the 8th grade Activities and Behavior Policy (ACTION)

Mr. Schilling provided a draft copy of the 8th grade activities policy to the board and indicated that the policy was one adapted from a prior activities policy from the beginning of the year. The board reviewed the policy and had suggestions about terminology and rationale. Mr. Schilling stated that the policy was to reestablish guidelines for minimum standards for attendance, behavior and academics for participation in the 8th grade activities. Ms. Abercrombie talked about the need for the policy and that one had existed before. She talked about the policies maintained by other local schools and that they were much stricter than the policy being presented. Mr. Schilling was directed to edit changes to the policy and to email the changes to the board members who would then comment and vote on the policy via email.

A motion was made by Ms. Alford to approve the policy with additional edits and was seconded by Ms. Forth and carried by the following vote: Yes – 4; No/Absent/Abstain – 0

e. Approval of the Academic Calendars for the 2019-2020 & 2020-2021 school years (ACTION)

Mr. Schilling stated that this was the third time the calendars had been provided to the board and that the staff members had all contributed to the formation and approval of the calendars. Mr. Schilling stated that the calendars reflected a similar format to those approved by the high school and other local districts. A question was raised about the holiday in the October 2020-2021 and that if the holiday was intended to account for the San Benito county fair then the holiday date was incorrect. Mr. Schilling was asked to change the date from Oct. 23rd, 2020 to Oct. 2nd, 2020.

A motion was made by Ms. Forth to approve the calendar with additional edits and was seconded by Ms. Alford and carried by the following vote: Yes – 4; No/Absent/Abstain – 0

ITEM III – CLOSING ITEMS

- a. Next Regular Board meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, April 3, 2019** at 7:00 pm.
- b. Adjournment – Ms. Forth made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 pm., was seconded by Ms. Alford and carried by 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