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Ensuring High Levels of Learning for All Students

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

MINUTES

The Board toured Quartz Valley School from 3 – 3:23 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular meeting of the Governing Board of the Scott Valley Unified School District was called to order by Brandon Fawaz at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at Etna High School.

Roll Call - Members Present

Brandon Fawaz, President of the Board

Sandy Hogge, Clerk of the Board

Jason Finley

Jim Harris

Jennifer Thackeray

Members Absent: None

Public Comment regarding Closed Session items

- Aaron Elliott, concerns over extending the Superintendent's contract as well as concerns over the farmers/school grant (PLANT) and district's lack of interest to participate
- Jenn Rogge, concerns over SVUSD teacher retention, asked Board to look into why teachers are leaving
- Lea Van de Water, encouraged Board to talk and listen to teachers and staff before extending the Superintendent's contract

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session from 5:08 – 6:03 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

President Fawaz called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and led the Board and Audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jennifer Thackeray moved, seconded by Sandy Hogge, to approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting of the SVUSD Board of Trustees for May 15, 2024, with the removal of items 7.8 & 7.9 Extensions of Employment Agreements with CBO and Superintendent

The motion passed with a roll call vote of 5 – 0

Ayes:

Brandon Fawaz

Jason Finley

Jim Harris

Sandy Hogge

Jennifer Thackeray

Noes: None

Absent: None

Reportable action taken in Closed Session

- No reportable action taken in Closed Session

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR OPEN SESSION

Statement by Board President Fawaz:

I'm going to use this time to set the record straight. At the regular board meeting in March, we believed that public comment would not allow speakers to use names of staff members and therefore, told speakers during public comment not to use names.

Since then, with advice from legal counsel, we have learned differently and I want to go on the record to recognize that we were incorrect. We did not intentionally act out of line or in violation with the Brown Act. In an effort to *Cure and Correct*, as Board President I am entering into the Board minutes this entire message and specifically, the Board may not prohibit criticism, regardless of whether it implicates the performance of employees. Names and positions can be identified by the speaker and may not be prohibited. The legal citation for this is based on court rulings, namely:

-Perry Educational Association v. Perry Local Educators Association (1983)

-Leventhal v. Vista Unified School District (1997)

-Baca v. Moreno Valley Unified School District (1996).

-City of Long Beach (2018)

We apologize and have cured and made the correction by acknowledgment at this Board meeting.

Public Comments:

- Laurie Sweezey, CSEA President, announced Classified Employees week and 1st annual CSEA picnic will be held at the Etna City Park
- Sara Uwekoolani, concerns over not having an SEL Student Services Specialist at EHS
- Tia Palangvanh, concerns over not having an SEL Student Services Specialist at EHS

CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Approved Minutes

5.1.1 Regular Board Meeting: April 17, 2024

5.2 Approved Warrants

5.3 Approved Stipends

- 5.4 Ratified Employment listed on Closed Session Agenda
Employment for 2024-25 School Year
Principal, SVJH, Erin Fowle
Teacher, Spanish, FT, EHS, Ignacio Bucio
Teacher, English & Social Science, FT, SVJH, Delaney Downey
Teacher, Special Education/RSP, FT, Lacie O'Brien
Paraprofessional Special Circumstances, EES, M-Th 6.5 hrs/day, Friday 4.5 hrs, Tawny Campbell
After School Assistant, SVJH, M-Th 3.5 hrs/day, Friday 5 hrs, Megan Bennett
- 5.6 Approved Phone Allowance Agreement for 2023-24
- 5.7 Approved California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Representatives for 2024-25,
Etna High School Principal & Athletic Director

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda: Jennifer Thackeray, 2nd: Jim Harris

Roll Call Vote of 5 - 0

Ayes:

Brandon Fawaz

Jason Finley

Jim Harris

Sandy Hogge

Jennifer Thackeray

Noes: None

Absent: None

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 6.1 Reports
- 6.1.1 Tribal Report – Indian Parents Committee Public Comment/Questions
- Frieda Bennett, QVIR Education Director: Shared she attended a Cultural Competency Training and urged the school district to hold training on Cultural Competency
- 6.1.2 Principal Reports – 2023/24 school high-lights
- Fort Jones Elementary, Raylene Lang
Etna Elementary School, Tana Piersall
Scott Valley Junior High, Jim Isbell
Etna High School and Scott River High, Joy Isbell
- 6.1.3 Superintendent's Report
- 6.1.3.1 Resignations
- 6.1.2.1.1 Paraprofessional Special Circumstance, Emily Humphrey
6.1.2.1.2 Maintenance/Custodian, FJE, Dylan Hardaway
6.1.2.1.3 After School Assistant, SVJH, Daniel Harper
- 6.1.3.2 District News and Updates – no report

6.1.3.3 Superintendent's Student Advisory Council were presented with Scholastic Achievement Awards from Senator Brian Dahle's office. Ethan Knechtle, McKenna Tiner, Sawyer Shannon, Kaylee DeLeon, and Dani Miller. Not present: Elizabeth Harris and Bailee Houston

6.1.3.4 District Literacy Leadership Team, Lisa Dean, Erin Fowle, Tana Piersall, Hannah Shickle, and Barb Thackeray gave Point Point presentation from 6:35 – 7:21 p.m., on the overview of practices, activities, and interventions, outcomes, and impressive student growth in reading and writing over the 2023-24 school year

REGULAR AGENDA

- 7.1 Approved Dual Enrollment Memorandum of Understanding with College of the Siskiyous
Motion to Approve: Jim Harris, 2nd: Jennifer Thackeray
Vote of 5 – 0
Ayes:
Brandon Fawaz
Jason Finley
Jim Harris
Sandy Hogge
Jennifer Thackeray
Noes: None
Absent: None
- 7.2 Approved 2nd Reading 2024/25 Etna High School Course Offerings
Motion to Approve: Jennifer Thackeray, 2nd: Sandy Hogge
Vote of 5 – 0
Ayes:
Brandon Fawaz
Jason Finley
Jim Harris
Sandy Hogge
Jennifer Thackeray
Noes: None
Absent: None
- 7.3 Approved 2024/25 Scott Valley Junior High Master Block Schedule
Motion to Approve: Jason Finley, 2nd: Jim Harris
Vote of 5 – 0
Ayes:
Brandon Fawaz
Jason Finley
Jim Harris
Sandy Hogge
Jennifer Thackeray
Noes: None
Absent: None

- 7.4 Approved Employment Contracts with Principals for 2024-25
Motion to Approve: Jennifer Thackeray, 2nd: Jason Finley
Vote of 5 – 0
Ayes:
Brandon Fawaz
Jason Finley
Jim Harris
Sandy Hogge
Jennifer Thackeray
Noes: None
Absent: None
- 7.5 Approved Unrepresented Classified Contracts for 2024-25
Motion to Approve: Jim Harris, 2nd: Jennifer Thackeray
Vote of 5 – 0
Ayes:
Brandon Fawaz
Jason Finley
Jim Harris
Sandy Hogge
Jennifer Thackeray
Noes: None
Absent: None
- 7.6 Approved Phone Allowance Agreements for 2024-25
Motion to Approve: Jennifer Thackeray, 2nd: Sandy Hogge
Vote of 5 – 0
Ayes:
Brandon Fawaz
Jason Finley
Jim Harris
Sandy Hogge
Jennifer Thackeray
Noes: None
Absent: None
- 7.7 Approved MOU with CSEA RE: 2024-25 Layoffs
Motion to Approve: Sandy Hogge, 2nd: Jim Harris
Vote of 5 – 0
Ayes:
Brandon Fawaz
Jason Finley
Jim Harris
Sandy Hogge
Jennifer Thackeray
Noes: None
Absent: None

- 7.8 Removed: Extension (Addendum) of Employment Agreement with Chief Business Official (CBO)
- 7.9 Removed: Extension (Addendum) of Employment Agreement with Superintendent
- 7.10 Approved 2nd Reading, Board Policies and Administrative Regulations - March 2024 Batch
- 7.10.1 BP/AR 0450, Comprehensive Safety Plan
 - 7.10.2 BP 0470, Covid-19 Mitigation Plan – Delete Policy
 - 7.10.3 BP/AR 3516, Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan
 - 7.10.4 BP/AR 3550, Food Service/Child Nutrition Program
 - 7.10.5 BP/AR 3551, Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund
 - 7.10.6 BP/AR 3553, Free and Reduced Price Meals
 - 7.10.7 BP 4111, 4211, 4311, Recruitment and Selection
 - 7.10.8 AR 4112.5, 4212.5, 4312.5, Criminal Record Check
 - 7.10.9 BP/AR 4118, Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action
 - 7.10.10 BP 4140, 4240, 4340, Bargaining Units
 - 7.10.11 BP/AR 4157, 4257, 4357, Employee Safety
 - 7.10.13 BP/AR 4218, Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action
 - 7.10.14 BP/AR 5126, Awards for Achievement
 - 7.10.15 BP 5141.21, Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions
 - 7.10.16 BP/AR 5144, Discipline
 - 7.10.17 BP/AR 6115, Ceremonies and Observances
 - 7.10.18 BP/AR 6141.2, Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs
 - 7.10.19 BP/AR 6175, Migrant Education Program
 - 7.10.20 BB 9320, Meetings and Notices
 - 7.10.21 BB 9323.2, Actions by the Board
- Motion to Approve: Jennifer Thackeray, 2nd: Jason Finley
- Vote of 5 – 0
- Ayes:
- Brandon Fawaz
 - Jason Finley
 - Jim Harris
 - Sandy Hogge
 - Jennifer Thackeray
- Noes: None
- Absent: None

BOARD REPORTS

Board Member Reports and/or comments, requests for information or future agenda items

- Jason Finley: congratulated the EHS baseball and softball teams on winning league and sections
- Jennifer Thackeray: Board will get to work on Superintendent's evaluation
- Brandon Fawaz: Parent shared they were against the elementary reconfiguration but now that we've gone through the year, says it's the best thing

Reconvened to Closed Session: 7:50 – 9:15 p.m.
No Reportable Action taken in Closed Session

ADJOURNMENT


President Fawaz adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.



Julie Hogun, Executive Assistant



Brandon Fawaz
President, SVUSD Board of Trustees



Sandy Hogge
Clerk, SVUSD Board of Trustees