

SONORA UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes for a Special Board of Trustees Meeting

March 08, 2016 Tuesday, 4:30 PM

Sonora Union High School District, District Conference Room, FL1
100 School Street, Sonora, CA 95370

Members Present: Katryn Weston, Clerk/Acting President
 Jeanie Smith
 Jeff Norstrom (arrived at 4:46 pm)
 Rob Lyons

Members Absent: Kathy Ankrom, President
 Elyse Quenneville, Student Representative

Also present were Superintendent Patrick Chabot, Chief Business Official Kim Burr, Recording Secretary Cindy Costello, and members of the public.

1. OPENING BUSINESS

1.A. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum

- Establishing a quorum, Katryn Weston called the meeting to order at 4:36 pm.

1.B. Pledge of Allegiance

- Katryn Weston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.C. Adopt Agenda as Presented/Amended

- ✓ Motion by Jeanie Smith, second by Rob Lyons
- ✓ Ayes: 4 Katryn Weston, Jeanie Smith, Jeff Norstrom, Rob Lyons
 Noes: 0
 Absent: 1 Kathy Ankrom

2. PUBLIC HEARING

2.A. Public Hearing for Resolution #2015/16-22 Early Retirement Incentive - \$15,000 One-Time Incentive

- A Public Hearing was held for this resolution
- There was no public comment

2.B. Public Hearing for Resolution #2015/16-23 Early Retirement Incentive - 12 Years of Service

- A Public Hearing was held for this resolution
- There was no public comment

2.C. Public Hearing for Resolution #2015/16-24 Intention to Terminate Certificated Employees Due to a Reduction of Particular Kinds of Services

- A Public Hearing was held for this resolution

- Members of the public shared that 30-40 students have received fire related jobs after taking this class since its inception; they would like to be given time to rally students to increase class size for next year before making the final decision to terminate this class; although taking Columbia College fire courses is an option, most students are not ready for college level courses or are nervous about taking them while attending high school; students asked a student representative from Columbia College to approach the SHS Board to ask them to support our CTE programs; some non-CTE courses have low class sizes and we should remember the importance of all programs-especially those that give students skills for jobs and provide safety for our community; CTE courses are not a high cost to the District; CTE courses are a good opportunity for students to try a career and decide if they do or don't want to pursue it; the Fire Science class is equal to Fire 1 at Columbia College if students pass the end-of-year exam saving them time and money; and last year all Fire Science students went on to the Columbia College program or straight into jobs.
- Board members agree to the importance of CTE classes and encouraged staff to rally more students to sign up for this class; counselors are offering Fire Science to students when signing up for next year in hopes that the numbers will be 20+ and the class can continue; and this resolution does not reflect dissatisfaction with the program but must be approved for the purpose of complying with California Education Code and noticing staff of possible lay-offs.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The Board reserves the right to limit the time of presentations by individuals (five minutes) as well as cumulative time (twenty minutes) for any one issue. An individual addressing the Board is asked to do so from the podium.

Though the Board generally will not respond to public comments and inquiries, members listen carefully. Depending on the nature of the presentation, the Board President or Superintendent may respond or the President may call upon fellow Board members for brief comments, questions of clarification, provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information, or request the Superintendent to report back to the Board at a subsequent meeting concerning the matter.

In compliance with Board Policy and the Ralph M. Brown Act, the Board is not permitted to take action on non-agenda items. If appropriate, a Board member may direct the Superintendent to schedule an item for a future Board agenda.

Signing in, registration, and identification of name is not required in order to attend the meeting.

- There was no Public Comment for non-agendized items.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.A. Adopt Resolution #2015/16-22 Early Retirement Incentive - \$15,000 One-Time Incentive

- ✓ Motion by Jeanie Smith, second by Jeff Norstrom
- ✓ Ayes: 4 Katryn Weston, Jeanie Smith, Jeff Norstrom, Rob Lyons
Noes: 0
Absent: 1 Kathy Ankrom

4.B. Adopt Resolution #2015/16-23 Early Retirement Incentive - Twelve Years of Service

- ✓ Motion by Rob Lyons, second by Jeanie Smith
- ✓ Ayes: 4 Katryn Weston, Jeanie Smith, Jeff Norstrom, Rob Lyons
Noes: 0
Absent: 1 Kathy Ankrom

4.C. Adopt Resolution #2015/16-24 Intention to Terminate Certificated Employees Due to a Reduction of Particular Kinds of Services

Administration requests the Board's consideration and approval of Resolution #2015/16-24, which discontinues particular kinds of services and authorizes the District Superintendent to serve preliminary layoff notices pursuant to Education Code sections 44949 and 44955.

- ✓ Motion by Jeanie Smith, second by Jeff Norstrom
- ✓ Ayes: 4 Katryn Weston, Jeanie Smith, Jeff Norstrom, Rob Lyons
Noes: 0
Absent: 1 Kathy Ankrom

5. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD RE: CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

The Board of Trustees allows for members of the public to directly address them before going into Closed Session as per Government Code section 54954.3

Please see Public Comment Period above regarding our procedure for this item.

- There was no Public Comment for Closed Session items.

6. CLOSED SESSION

- The meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 5:18 pm.

6.A. Personnel Matters

Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release pursuant to Govt. Code section 54957

Notice of Release #1

Notice of Release #2

7. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION, REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

- The meeting reconvened to Open Session at 5:26 pm.

Notice of Release #1

- No actions were taken during Closed Session regarding Notice of Release #1.

Notice of Release #2

- ✓ Motion by Rob Lyons, second by Jeanie Smith
- ✓ Ayes: 4 Katryn Weston, Jeanie Smith, Jeff Norstrom, Rob Lyons
- Noes: 0
- Absent: 1 Kathy Ankrom

8. BOARD ACTION REGARDING MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

8.A. Personnel Matters

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- ✓ Motion by Jeff Norstrom, second by Rob Lyons
- ✓ Ayes: 4 Katryn Weston, Jeanie Smith, Jeff Norstrom, Rob Lyons
- Noes: 0
- Absent: 1 Kathy Ankrom

Notice of Release #2

- Action was taken during Closed Session regarding Notice of Release #2. See #7 Report on Actions Taken in Closed Session for more information.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Late agenda material can be inspected in the office of the Superintendent at 100 School Street, Sonora, California.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the protections and prohibitions contained in 42 United States Code 12132, if any person needs special assistance to participate in the meeting, please contact the superintendent's office at (209) 533-8510 ext 12. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the District to make reasonable arrangements or accommodations to ensure accessibility to the meeting.

- With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:36 pm.

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