

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

**May 02, 2017                      Tuesday, 6:00 PM**

Sonora Union High School District, Conference Room FL-1,  
100 School Street, Sonora, CA 95370

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**Members Present:** Kathy Ankrom, President  
                            Jeanie Smith, Clerk  
                            Rob Lyons, Member  
                            Kim Norton, Member  
                            Jeff Norstrom, Member

**Members Absent:** Levi Houghton, Student Representative

Also present were Superintendent Patrick Chabot, Chief Business Official Dana Vaccarezza, Recording Secretary Cindy Costello, SHS Principal Ben Howell, Alt Ed Principal Roy Morlan, SUHSD staff and students, and members of the public.

**1. OPENING BUSINESS**

**1.A. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum**

- Establishing a quorum, Kathy Ankrom called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

**1.B. Pledge of Allegiance**

- Kathy Ankrom led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1.C. Adopt Agenda as Presented/Amended**

**ADD:**

**5.K. Approve Resolution 2016/17-28 Rescinding Part of Reduced or Eliminated Certificates Services**

**REMOVE:**

**3.A.B. Counseling Department Presentation- Stacy Kroeze**

**7.A. & 9.A. Student 2016/17-I**

**Move:**

**6., 7., 8., and 9. Prior to 5.K.**

- ✓ Motion by Rob Lyons, second by Jeff Norstrom to approve the agenda as presented/amended.
- ✓ Board Vote: Unanimous

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Members of the public are welcome to address the board at this time regarding items that are not on the agenda. Under the Brown Act, the board is not allowed to discuss items that are not on the agenda, but members listen carefully, and may ask questions for clarity. Public comments are limited to five minutes per person as well as a cumulative time of twenty minutes for any one topic.

- There was no public comment.

**3. COMMUNICATIONS**

### **3.A. Presentation(s)**

#### **3.A.A. Close Up Washington DC Field Trip - Stephanie Rice**

- Stephanie Rice shared information and pictures from the Close Up Washington DC field trip.

#### **3.A.B. Counseling Department - Stacy Kroeze**

#### **3.A.C. Physical Education Department - Kathy Spotorno**

- Kathy Spotorno and Dan Dona shared the year in review for the PE department and information for the upcoming year and projected class sizes.

#### **3.A.D. New Course of Study, Math 1 Readiness - Debbie Hopper**

- Debbie Hopper explained why Math 1 Readiness is being proposed and how it will set up students who currently struggle in math to succeed in future years.

#### **3.A.E. Textbook Adoption, Life Skills - Maggie Hodson**

- Maggie Hodson shared the Get Focused, Stay Focused curriculum that teaches students to set goals for finances and careers. The curriculum is grant funded and A-G approved.

#### **3.A.F. Textbook Adoption, Social Science - Carol Smith**

- Carol Smith provided information on the History Alive! curriculum that would create a common learning format amongst all classes in this department. It is also Common Core aligned and offers a text to audio option in English and Spanish.

### **3.B. Information Items**

#### **3.B.A. Student Representative Communication**

- There was no student communication.

#### **3.B.B. CSEA Communication**

- There was no CSEA communication.

#### **3.B.C. Federation of Teachers Communication**

- There was no CFT communication.

#### **3.B.D. Superintendent Communication**

- There was no superintendent communication.

**3.B.E. Board of Trustees Communication**

- Kathy Ankrom attended and enjoyed the Beauty and the Beast drama production.

**3.C. Discussion Items**

**3.C.A. School Construction Projects - Pat Chabot**

- Pat Chabot explained that the roof has been installed on the pool building, contractors are painting the inside of the mechanical room, tiling the girls' locker room, and rebar has been laid for the decking.

**3.C.B. Procedures Regarding Student Use of Cell Phones**

- The teacher handbook and board policy were reviewed and discussion included the need for common rules district wide for consistency.

**3.C.C. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items**

- No items were suggested for future agendas.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

**4.A. Approve the Minutes for the Board Meeting held on April 18, 2017**

**4.B. Approve Bills and Warrants**

**4.C. Accept Donation(s) Listed Below**

\$750 from the Morse Family Trust for seniors who cannot afford the senior Grad Nite trip.

\$500 from an anonymous donor for the Water Polo Scholarship.

\$500 from an anonymous donor for the Pat Sieben Scholarship.

One 1991 Ford vehicle valued at \$500 from William Burkett for the Automotive program.

- ✓ Motion by Kim Norton, second by Jeff Norstrom to approve the consent agenda as presented.
- ✓ Board Vote: Unanimous

**5. ACTION ITEMS**

**5.A. Approve Personnel Matters**

Resignations:

Rusty Price, Physical Education Teacher, Effective June 8, 2017

Karen Sinclair, Girls' Golf Coach, Effective April 21, 2017

- ✓ Motion by Jeanie Smith, second by Rob Lyons to approve the personnel matters as presented.
- ✓ Board Vote: Unanimous

**5.B. Approve Resolution No. 2016/17-27 Establishing Advisory Committee**

The committee will explore the possibility of declaring the Dome and a portion of the Wildcat Ranch as surplus properties.

- ✓ Motion by Kim Norton, second by Jeanie Smith to approve the resolution as presented.
- ✓ Board Vote: Unanimous

**5.C. Approve Renewal of Agreement with County of Tuolumne-Sheriff's Office**

As needed, the district uses inmate work crews on non-student days to assist the maintenance and operations department with projects.

- ✓ Motion by Rob Lyons, second by Jeanie Smith to approve the agreement as presented.
- ✓ Board Vote: Unanimous

**5.D. Approve Renewal of Agreement with the Teachers College of San Joaquin/San Joaquin County Office of Education**

This program supports candidates enrolled in TCSJ's Intern Teacher Credential Program.

- ✓ Motion by Kim Norton, second by Jeff Norstrom to approve the agreement as presented.
- ✓ Board Vote: Unanimous

**5.E. Approve 2017/18 Lease Renewal with Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools for SELPA Programs on District Site**

Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools leases district property for the Independent Living Skills (ILS) and NeXus program classrooms.

- ✓ Motion by Jeanie Smith, second by Rob Lyons to approve the lease agreement as presented.
- ✓ Board Vote: Unanimous

**5.F. Adopt New Textbook for Life Skills**

After careful consideration, the District recommends adopting Career Choices and Changes to be offered as part of Life Skills curriculum. This is part of the Get Focused, Stay Focused program and is A-G approved for UC electives.

- ✓ Motion by Kim Norton, second by Jeanie Smith to adopt the textbook as presented.
- ✓ Board Vote: Unanimous

**5.G. Adopt New Textbook for Social Science**

After careful consideration, the District recommends adopting History Alive! World Connections, History Alive! Pursuing American Ideals, Government Alive! Power Politics and You, and Econ Alive! The Power to Choose to be offered as Social Science curriculum. These textbooks were chosen for the interactive

activities and ease of use for Spanish speakers, and are aligned with Common Core standards.

- ✓ Motion by Jeanie Smith, second by Rob Lyons to approve the textbook as presented.
- ✓ Board Vote: Unanimous

#### **5.H. Adopt New Course of Study - Math 1 Readiness**

This course is designed to identify students who have gaps in their math knowledge and catch them up; making them ready for Math 1. The course of study is attached to this agenda item.

- ✓ Motion by Rob Lyons, second by Jeff Norstrom to approve the new course of study as presented.
- ✓ Board Vote: Unanimous

#### **5.I. First Reading with Consideration to Waive Additional Readings and Approve BP 5145.6 Parental Notifications**

Policy updated to clarify methods which may be used to notify parents/guardians. Policy also updated to clarify that the district shall notify the parent/ guardian of a student regarding the rights or responsibilities of the parent or guardian pursuant to Education Code 48980. Note: CSBA does not have an AR recommendation.

- ✓ Motion by Rob Lyons, second by Jeanie Smith to waive additional readings and approve the policy as presented.
- ✓ Board Vote: Unanimous

#### **5.J. First Reading with Consideration to Waive Additional Readings and Approve BP 6111 School Calendar**

Policy updated to clarify that a district calendar shall be aligned with assessment and accountability schedules in order to support the district's goals for student achievement. Note: CSBA does not have an AR recommendation.

- ✓ Motion by Jeff Norstrom, second by Rob Lyons to waive additional readings and approve the policy as presented.
- ✓ Board Vote: Unanimous

#### **5.K. Approve Resolution 2016/17-28 Rescinding Part of Reduced or Eliminated Certificates Services**

Sonora Union High School District administration has determined that there is a need to restore the 0.4 FTE Social Science Teacher and 0.4 FTE Science Teacher; as well as partially rescind positions as follows: 0.2 FTE Photography Teacher, 0.2 Art Teacher, and 0.2 FTE Auto/Welding Teacher positions. These positions were eliminated or reduced on January 26, 2017.

- ✓ Motion by Rob Lyons, second by Jeanie Smith to approve the resolution as presented contingent upon approval of Margie Bulkin.
- ✓ Board Vote: Unanimous

## 6. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Members of the public are welcome to address the board at this time regarding items designated for closed session. Public comments are limited to five minutes per person as well as a cumulative time of twenty minutes for any one topic.

- There was no public comment regarding closed session items.

## 7. CLOSED SESSION

- The meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 8:42 pm.

### 7.A. Student Matters

Expulsion, return from expulsion, extension of expulsion, discipline pursuant to Education Code Sections 35146,48900 et seq. and 48912(b).

Student 2016/17/G

Student 2016/17/H

Student 2016/17/I

### 7.B. Personnel Matters Pursuant to Government Code section 54957

Public Employee: Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Non-reelect/Layoff

### 7.C. Public Employee: Superintendent Evaluation pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

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

- The meeting reconvened to Open Session at 9:07 pm.
- No actions were taken during Closed Session.

## 9. BOARD ACTION REGARDING MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

### 9.A. Student Matters

Expulsion, return from expulsion, extension of expulsion, discipline pursuant to Education Code Sections 35146,48900 et seq. and 48912(b).

Student 2016/17/G

- ✓ Motion by Kim Norton, second by Jeff Norstrom to approve the expulsion as presented.
- ✓ Board Vote: Unanimous

Student 2016/17/H

- ✓ Motion by Jeanie Smith, second by Rob Lyons to approve the expulsion as presented.
- ✓ Board Vote: Unanimous

Student 2016/17/I

**9.B. Personnel Matters Pursuant to Government Code section 54957**

Public Employee: Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Non-reelect/Layoff

- No matters were presented for voting.

**9.C. Public Employee: Superintendent Evaluation pursuant to Government Code Section 54957**

- No matters were presented for voting.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

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- With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 pm.



Jeanie Smith  
Board Clerk



Patrick A. Chabot  
Board Secretary



Cindy Costello  
Recording Secretary