

SONORA UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Board of Trustees Meeting

May 14, 2019

6:00 PM

100 School Street, Room FL-1, Sonora, CA 95370

Trustee Members Present:

Jim Riggs, President

Kim Norton, Clerk

Erik Andal, Member

Nancy Scott, Member

Ryan Grogan, Student Board Member

Trustee Members Absent:

Jeanie Smith, Member

Danielle Lario, Student Board Member

Others Present: Superintendent Mark Miller, Chief Business Official Dana Vaccarezza, Assistant Principal Sherryl Godfrey, SUHSD staff and students, and community members.

1. OPENING BUSINESS

1.1. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum

Establishing a quorum, Trustee Riggs called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Riggs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.3. Adopt Agenda

Motion by Trustee Norton, second by Trustee Scott to adopt the Agenda as presented.

Student: Aye (Grogan); Absent (Lario)

Ayes: Andal, Norton, Riggs, Scott

Absent: Smith

Motion Passes

2. PUBLIC COMMENT for non-agendized items

Rationale:

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Susan Gambaro showed slides of student art work and invited those present to attend the Metamorphoses Art Show.

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Britain Traub and Jordan Hampton recited the FFA Creed.

3. REPORTS, INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

3.1. Social Studies and Life Skills Department Presentation - Carol Smith

Carol Smith presented a slide show and communicated which teachers teach Social Studies and Life Skills courses. She shared that the teachers strive for common curriculum and test assessment to ensure that students receive the same education regardless of which teacher they have. She shared the enrollment numbers in classes this year and next. She commented that the Get Focused, Stay Focused program is still being rolled out and Life Skills is improving each year. And lastly, she shared the department's achievements, goals and their dreams.

3.2. Special Education Department Presentation - Robert Mayben

Robert Mayben handed out information about the Special Education department and explained that he has enrolled more students needing Special Education services for the next school year than are graduating this year so the district's number of students needing services will increase again next year. He listed the 10 programs where our district oversees Special Education services: Sonora High School, Cassina High School, Ted Bird High School, Sonora Adult School, Functional Living Skills, NeXus, ILS, Adult Transition, and Tuolumne Learning Center, as well as transitioning students to and from Gold Ridge Education Center.

3.3. Student Board Member Report

Ryan Grogan shared that all spring sports are playing well and competing in playoffs; Junior/Senior Prom is on Saturday; AP testing concludes tomorrow; seniors have turned in their portfolios and are practicing for their presentations; and student elections for next school year have been completed.

3.4. Recognition of Student Board Members - Jim Riggs

(Ryan Grogan & Danielle Lario)

Dr. Riggs recognized Ryan Grogan and Danielle Lario for serving as student board members this year.

Trustee Norton shared that Ryan Grogan has earned a block "S" for four years, has greater than a 4.1 GPA, plays sports, and received the most scholarships at scholarship night.

3.5. Classified Employee Report

Danny Hinkel handed out a list of classified employee recognition dates. He also gave an update on senior projects, highlighted new employees, and recognized Leadership for hosting a breakfast in honor of certificated and classified employees. He also mentioned that he appreciated the board involving staff in the budget planning.

3.6. Certificated Employee Report

Debbie Hopper provided a summary of the budget priority workshop and thanked the board for involving them in the budget planning. She presented a slide show of advanced photography students' work. She shared that counselors have taken students to Columbia College, enrolled students in Middle College for the next school year, and \$359,000 in scholarships was awarded to seniors during scholarship night. Students have been enrolled in the summer math bridge class, AP testing is almost complete, and band has performed at the Band Review, Motherlode Parade, and will have two more performances before the school year ends. She also shared that David Winslow is supporting a new student club who have named themselves STAND (Students Together Against Nicotine and Drugs).

3.7. Superintendent Report

Dr. Miller explained that the district must do a change order for the JCI projects as the well testing revealed that we will not be utilizing the well as anticipated. Instead, the district will move forward with improving the lighting at the crosswalk in front of Sonora High School and replace the water pipes leading to the science building. He thanked Trustees Andal and Scott for their work in getting stakeholder input for budget planning. He stated that negotiations have concluded with both groups for the 2018-19 school year. And he shared that Sonora High School has received a six-year WASC accreditation.

3.8. Board of Trustees Report

Trustee Andal shared that he would like to refine the process of the stakeholder budget workshop and do it again next year.

Dr. Miller shared that it was valuable for him to hear the discussion.

Trustee Scott shared that she too would like to repeat the process of the stakeholder budget survey that she distributed and refine it for next year. She was pleased with the amount of responses received.

Trustee Norton shared that she attended the Every 15 Minutes events, was in H-19 to communicate with staff, and she thought Carol Woods was a great presenter at scholarship night. She recommended reviewing BP 4112 and changing the hiring process back to requiring board approval now that we'll be hiring a principal.

Trustee Riggs would also like to review BP 4112 with such an important position needing to be filled. He would like to seek stakeholder input for hiring a new principal and recommends spending whatever time is needed to hire the right candidate; which may mean hiring an interim principal. He would also like to consider going back to two meetings per month.

3.9. Dome Property Next Steps-Continue Discussion

Dr. Miller recommends an action item at the June board meeting to assemble a committee to review the Dome.

Davina Lane urges the principle interest of the committee to be the parking problem. She would like to receive the cost of upkeep for the Dome from the district. She is concerned with weather further damaging the Dome and asked if the district would allow their non-profit group to provide weather protection to the Dome to protect it from further decay if they could raise the money.

Dr. Miller said that the district would accept funds for that purpose.

3.10. Worker's Compensation Actuarial Report - Dana Vaccarezza

Rationale:

The Workers' Compensation Actuarial Report is attached. This report is required to be brought to the Board annually as stated in AR 3460.

Dana Vaccarezza shared the Worker's Compensation Actuarial Report.

3.11. Suggestions for New Business

Rationale:

Block Schedule and Class Size Management have been placed on the June 18 agenda.

Items suggested for future agendas were: forming a committee to review the Dome, to continue placing superintendent evaluation on agenda, and revision of Board Policy 4112.

Shaun Crook suggested a slow process for hiring the new principal for future board meetings.

Mystery Bradford asked for the district to include parent input in the hiring of the next principal.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Rationale:

Consent agenda items combine routine business into one agenda item as a whole. Therefore, the consent agenda can be approved in one action rather than multiple motions on each item separately.

Recommended Motion:
Approve Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion by Trustee Andal, second by Trustee Norton to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented.
Student: Aye (Grogan); Absent (Lario)
Ayes: Andal, Norton, Riggs, Scott
Absent: Smith
Motion Passes

4.1. Approve Special Board Meeting Minutes Dated April 18, 2019

4.2. Approve Bills and Warrants for the Month of April 2019

4.3. Accept Donation(s)

Rationale:
Teichert Energy & Utilities Group, Inc. donated \$500 for the track and field clinic that was held on April 27th. Chicken Ranch Tribal Council donated \$500 for 7-on-7 Football Club senior project.

4.4. Approve 2018-2019 Lease Agreement with Tuolumne County Recreation Department

Rationale:
The district annually leases its facilities to the Recreation Department for summer recreation offerings to the public.

4.5. Approve 2019-2020 Lease Agreement with Tuolumne County Historical Society

Rationale:
Tuolumne County Historical Society leases two rooms in the Dome for storage.

4.6. Approve 2019-2020 Middle College Agreement with Columbia College

Rationale:
The District's agreement with Columbia College allows Sonora High School to offer Middle College to students.

4.7. Approve 2019-2020 Lease Agreement with Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools for SELPA

Rationale:

Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools leases locations on the Sonora High School campus for SELPA program services.

4.8. Approve 2019-2022 Joint Use Agreement with Tuolumne County Master Gardeners

Rationale:

The Master Gardener Program volunteers maintain the garden at the Alternative Education campus by teaching students healthy garden practices.

4.9. Approve 2019-2022 Agreement with JS West for Propane Fuel

4.10. Approve 2019-2020 Designation of California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Representatives to League

Rationale:

The District recommends approving the 2019-2020 CIF Designated Representatives as follows: SHS Principal, TBA; Karen Sells, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director, and Mark Miller, District Superintendent.

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.1. Approve Minutes from Meeting Dated April 9, 2019

Motion by Trustee Norton, second by Trustee Scott to approve the Minutes as presented.

Student: Aye (Grogan); Absent (Lario)

Ayes: Andal, Norton, Riggs, Scott

Absent: Smith

Motion Passes

5.2. Approve Sonora High Ag Boosters Proposal Pursuant to BP & AR 1230

Rationale:

The Sonora High Ag Boosters have created bylaws pursuant to BP and AR 1230 and are seeking board approval.

Motion by Trustee Andal, second by Trustee Norton to approve the Bylaws as presented.

Trustee Scott has heard from the community that they would like some parents to be on the Ag Boosters board.

Trustee Riggs would like to see an annual or semi-annual financial report showing money received and how it is spent.

Student: Aye (Grogan); Absent (Lario)
Ayes: Andal, Norton, Riggs, Scott
Absent: Smith
Motion Passes

5.3. Discuss and Approve Revised Exhibit 1330 Use of School Facilities

Rationale:

The district brought the Facility Use Fee Schedule to the board for discussion at a previous meeting. Draft fee schedules have been created for board discussion and approval.

Motion by Trustee Andal, second by Trustee Scott to approve the Amended Exhibit as discussed.

Leslie Rathbun of Sonora Youth Football and Cheer appreciates the new fees.

Trustee Andal thanked Dana Vaccarezza for the work involved with lowering the fees.

Trustee Norton suggested an annual report showing the funds received from facility use and then put away for long term maintenance.

Dana Vaccarezza said that would be at the direction of the board. Currently, fees received for facility use are used for current maintenance expenditures.

Student: Aye (Grogan); Absent (Lario)
Ayes: Andal, Norton, Riggs, Scott
Absent: Smith
Motion Passes

5.4. Discuss and Approve Board Bylaw 9323 Meeting Conduct

Rationale:

The district recognizes that some board members prefer to abstain from voting in certain circumstances. After researching California School Boards Association recommendations and advice from legal counsel, the district recommends revising the language in Board Bylaw 9323.

Motion by Trustee Andal, second by Trustee Scott to approve the Bylaw as presented.

Trustee Andal agrees that the board members have a duty to stay informed and to vote. But if absent from a meeting they can't be informed enough to vote. He appreciates these changes.

Student: Aye (Grogan); Absent (Lario)
Ayes: Andal, Norton, Riggs, Scott
Absent: Smith
Motion Passes

5.5. Approve Issuance of Diplomas and Certificates of Completion - Sonora High School, Cassina High School, Ted Bird High School, and Adult Education

Rationale:

Each year the Board is asked to approve the list of those District students who are eligible to receive diplomas and certificates of completion.

Motion by Trustee Scott, second by Trustee Andal to approve the Issuance of Diplomas and Certificates of Completion as presented.

Student: Aye (Grogan); Absent (Lario)
Ayes: Andal, Norton, Riggs, Scott
Absent: Smith
Motion Passes

5.6. Approve Textbook Adoption Request for Advanced Placement European History

Rationale:

A new textbook is being requested by the social studies department for the Advanced Placement European History course. This book was chosen because it is highly regarded by other educators and is written in a style that is more direct and less dry than other texts, and has online support material. This book has been reviewed and approved by the social studies department, SHS principal and the SHS site council. Title: A History of Western Society; for the AP Course, Publisher: Bedford, Freeman, and Worth, Author: McKay, Crowston, Wiesner-Hanks and Perry. Estimated \$7,747.66 fiscal impact to the 2018-2019 Budget.

Motion by Trustee Andal, second by Trustee Scott to adopt the Textbook as presented.

Trustee Norton heard that the previous book was very difficult.

Student: Aye (Grogan); Absent (Lario)
Ayes: Andal, Norton, Riggs, Scott
Absent: Smith
Motion Passes

5.7. Approve Textbook Adoption Request for Advanced Placement US Government and Politics

Rationale:

A new textbook is being requested by the social studies department for the Advanced Placement US Government and Politics course. The author of this book was a key member of the committee charged with redesigning the curriculum. This book is designed to better prepare students for successfully passing the AP text. This book has been reviewed and approved by the social studies department, SHS principal and the SHS site council. Title: American Government Stories of a Nation; for the AP Course, Publisher: Bedford, Freeman, and Worth, Author: Karen Waples. Estimated \$7,198.13 fiscal impact to the 2018-2019 Budget.

Motion by Trustee Norton, second by Trustee Scott to adopt the Textbook as presented.
Student: Aye (Grogan); Absent (Lario)
Ayes: Andal, Norton, Riggs, Scott
Absent: Smith
Motion Passes

5.8. Approve Revised Director of Special Education Job Description and 2019-2020 Certificated Management Salary Schedule

Rationale:

The District has received the resignation from our current Special Education Teacher/Coordinator. In preparation for filling this position, the District wishes to update the job description to better align with the duties performed by the person holding this position. The salary schedule has been updated to reflect an increase in days worked per year from 190 to 200 days.

Motion by Trustee Andal, second by Trustee Scott to approve the Job Description and Salary Schedule as presented.

Trustee Riggs asked when the district intended to post the job.

Dr. Miller replied that the district planned to post the job opening the next day.

Student: Aye (Grogan); Absent (Lario)
Ayes: Andal, Norton, Riggs, Scott
Absent: Smith
Motion Passes

5.9. Approve Revised Learning Director Job Description

Rationale:

With the resignation of a Sonora High School counselor, the district needs to revise the Learning Director job description prior to flying the position. The revisions to the job description will better serve the students of SHS.

Motion by Trustee Norton, second by Trustee Scott to approve the Job Description as presented.

Mystery Bradford asked where she could find the job description.

Cindy Costello showed Ms. Bradford the job description in the agenda packet.

Student: Aye (Grogan); Absent (Lario)

Ayes: Andal, Norton, Riggs, Scott

Absent: Smith

Motion Passes

Note: Dr. Miller announced that he received word from Ben Howell. He has been approved as the superintendent/principal at Summerville Elementary School.

5.10. Approve Fund Transfer and Related Budget Revisions in the Amount of \$14,563 from the Deferred Maintenance Fund (14) to the Site Construction Fund (41) for Change Order #1 of the Johnson Controls, Inc. (JCI) Project

Rationale:

JCI and the District have discussed a change order for the current energy savings project agreement whereby \$124,322 of savings that were generated by not moving forward with developing the well for irrigation purposes would be used to offset the total cost or \$138,885 to make crosswalk lighting enhancements on the campus and replace the hot water piping for the science building. The difference in cost of \$14,563 (\$138,885-\$124,322=\$14,563) is being requested to be transferred to the Site Construction Fund (41) from the Deferred Maintenance Fund (14) to move forward with the change order.

Motion by Trustee Scott, second by Trustee Andal to approve the Change Order, Budget Revisions and Fund Transfer as presented.

Trustee Scott thanked Dr. Miller for adding lighting to the cross walk.

Student: Aye (Grogan); Absent (Lario)

Ayes: Andal, Riggs, Scott

Noes: Norton

Absent: Smith

Motion Passes

6. PUBLIC COMMENT for closed session items

Rationale:

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twenty (20) minutes. This is a time for members of the public to comment and for board members to listen.

Shaun Crook said that his son is enrolled in a SHS AP history class and thinks his son is better for sticking with it instead of dropping out like other students have been allowed to do. He also thanked the board members for continuing to talk with all parties involved in the law suit/sale regarding the Wildcat Ranch in hopes of finding a resolution. He hopes it will happen soon because the local Farm Bureau has full financial support from the California Farm Bureau and they plan to move full-speed ahead if the case goes to court.

7. CLOSED SESSION

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 8:14 pm.

Ryan Grogan departed from the meeting.

7.1. Student Matters Pursuant to Education Code Sections 35146, 48900 et seq. and 48912 (b); Recommended for Expulsion: Student 2018/19-T

7.2. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Nonreelect pursuant to Government Code section 54957

Rationale:

Resolution No. 2018/19-19 Non-Reelection of Probationary Certificated Employee

7.3. Conference with Legal Counsel-Existing Litigation pursuant to Government Code 54956.9

Rationale:

Name of Case: Tuolumne County Farm Bureau vs. Sonora Union High School District

One Case: Case Number: CV62157

7.4. Public Employee Performance Evaluation pursuant to Government Code section 54957; Title: Superintendent

8. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The meeting reconvened to Open Session at 9:13 pm.

8.1. Report Out from Closed Session

There were no actions to report.

8.2. Student Matters Pursuant to Education Code Sections 35146, 48900 et seq. and 48912 (b); Recommended for Expulsion: Student 2018/19-T

Motion by Trustee Andal, second by Trustee Smith to approve the expulsion as presented.
Ayes: Andal, Norton, Riggs, Scott
Absent: Smith
Motion Passes

8.3. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Nonreelect pursuant to Government Code section 54957

Rationale:
Resolution No. 2018/19-19 Non-Reelection of Probationary Certificated Employee

Motion by Trustee Norton, second by Trustee Andal to approve the Resolution as presented.
Ayes: Andal, Norton, Riggs, Scott
Absent: Smith
Motion Passes

8.4. Conference with Legal Counsel-Existing Litigation pursuant to Government Code 54956.9;

Rationale:
Name of Case: Tuolumne County Farm Bureau vs. Sonora Union High School District
One Case: Case Number: CV62157

Motion by Trustee Andal, second by Trustee Norton to rescind, in its entirety, the sale of the Wildcat Ranch to the Park Foundation.
Ayes: Andal, Norton, Scott
Noes: Riggs
Absent: Smith
Motion Passes

8.5. Public Employee Performance Evaluation pursuant to Government Code section 54957; Title: Superintendent

There was no action to take.

9. ACTION ITEMS

9.1. Discussion and Potential Action on Purchase and Sale Agreement with Park Foundation for Wildcat Ranch

Rationale:

The District and Board wish to hold open session discussion concerning the Wildcat Ranch with the liberty to take action should the need arise. APN: 097-130-04

No motion was made.

9.2. Discussion and Potential Action on Budget Transfer to General Fund (01) for Legal Costs

Rationale:

The District could need Board approval to transfer funds dependent upon a decision made by the board in Action Item 9.1.

Dr. Miller explained that the district funds currently large enough to support the hefty expenditure are:

1. General Fund: Lowers reserve balance for three years and puts the district in qualified status in the Multi-Year Projection.
2. Technology Fund: Lowers funds for computer, Chromebook, and server upgrades.
3. \$400,000 designated to Ag.
4. Any combination thereof.

Motion by Trustee Andal, second by Trustee Scott to designate the funds to come from the General Fund.

Mystery Bradford asked what the \$400,000 Ag funds are designated for.

Dr. Miller replied that they are designated for Ag related improvements like facilities.

Trustee Andal wanted more time to think about the options. He expressed that the district could pay for the expense out of the General Fund for now and then transfer money later from another fund if desired.

Trustee Riggs wanted a demonstration of the impact of each of the options.

Motion by Trustee Riggs, second by Trustee Scott to table this item to the next meeting.

Ayes: Andal, Norton, Riggs, Scott

Absent: Smith

Item tabled to next meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Rationale:

Pursuant to Board Bylaw 9322, late agenda material related to open session can be inspected in the superintendent's office at 100 School Street, Room FL-2, Sonora, California. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if any person needs special

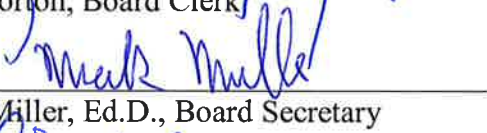
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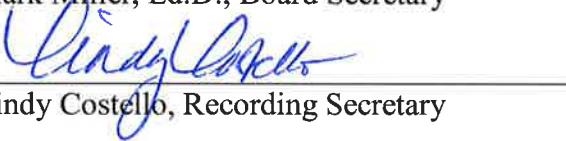
With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.



Kim Norton, Board Clerk



Mark Miller, Ed.D., Board Secretary



Cindy Costello, Recording Secretary