San Pasqual Union School District

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at San Pasqual Union School**

## **Opening Session**

* Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. All members present. Superintendent Hargrave and recording secretary, Cece Bostrom also present.
* Public was welcomed and the flag salute was recited.
* Board present Jackson reminded the audience the reason the Board is having a special meeting is to allow the public to voice their opinion on the purposed development and impact it may have on the school. The Board is elected to promote the education of the children and wants to hear how the community feels and any concerns regarding the development and the school. He urged the audience to be respectful of the people speaking and allow them to finish. Comments will be given the 3 minute time limit.

## **Reports:**

* Don Underwood spoke on behalf of Concordia giving some of the highlights of the Safari Highlands project and clarifying some of the concerns regarding school parking, interdistrict boundaries, and transportation with the information they currently have.
* NeySa Ely spoke on behalf of the San Pasqual Valley Preservation SPVPA organization formed to protect the valley and be a voice for the community. The concerns highlighted by them were: Traffic, Fire, Sewer plant, and school growth.

**Public Comment:**

* Twenty one community/parent members addressed the Board and Concordia regarding:
* *Safety*
* *Traffic impact studies*
* *Waste treatment facility*
* *Student transportation*
* *School re-districting*
* *Effects of increased enrollment on students*
* *Staff and community*
* *Concern with developer running out of money before project is finished*
* *Rumors that the development has already been approved*
* *Student’s feelings being new*
* *Proposed solutions for parking and traffic safety*
* *Will current interdistrict students be forced to leave?*
* *Construction traffic*
* *Where will students attend high school?*
* *Fire station, where will it be built?*
* *Opposing expanding school boundaries*
* *Improve communication regarding development*
* *Increased student body and agreement with the city of San Diego*
* *Emergency evacuation*
* *Update on city process*

**Closing Comments**

Concordia:

Thanked everyone for their comments and feedback. Mr. Underwood apologized if he offended anyone in his comments. It was not his intention. He feels that the impact on the size of school would not change. If the development is approved it would be another 5 to 6 years from now where the school may receive a handful of students. The school traffic and parking changes is a decision the district will have to make and Concordia is willing to assist the district with a solution that would be in the best interest of the school and safety of the kids at this school. The property is served by City of San Diego and Concordia is working with them to purpose placing a fire station right at the top of the hill.

SPVPA:

Thanked everyone for coming, heard that we have lots of concerns and people still have concerns. Issues have been brought to you and everyone feels that issues have not being properly addressed by the city. The organization has a created a website you can visit to stay informed
safesanpasqualvalley.com.

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**Heidmann:** He appreciated everyone for coming out. He heard lots of strong opinions and strong emotions. The biggest concern was the safety of the children. I understand that people want more information and the city government will need to address some of those concerns and issues. We accept interdistrict transfer to keep population manageable and allow increase of interdistrict to fill funding. Many of these concerns are outside of district control. Traffic out here is not ideal the way it is, there is still danger and we have reached out to the city but this is out of our control.

Re-districting is way too early to even look at. This is the second time Concordia has addressed the board. Not much has changed, it is too early to say or make decisions.

**Baker:** She has children who have attended this school and she lives in the Savanah development. The feeling of community is what makes this school really great. It seems that the real concern for people is to safely get in and out. She appreciated everyone taking the time to come out.

**Hersey:** Four out of his six children attend this school and it is very important to him. He is an elective official by the public and represents the children’s safety, education, environment and culture of this school. We have heard you and we have learned many things. Our job as the Board is solely on the education and safety of the children. Appreciate Concordia coming out to talk to us and thank everyone for their time.

**Spivey**: Has three daughters here. He thanked everyone for being here and keeping the tone of the meeting calm. This community is a very unique place. When families are in need the community gives. Let’s keep the tone where it is. It is awesome to have a child here at this school.

**Jackson:** Not much to add but appreciates the turn out which resonated passion on this issue. He takes the responsibility on the Board very seriously. He received a flyer in his mailbox and wanted to clarify that this school is not for sale and will never be. He feels it is important to have your voices heard, to stay involved and stay informed.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.**

Shannon Hargrave, Secretary

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