

# San Pasqual Union School District

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## **BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING**

**Tuesday, April 18 2023, at San Pasqual Union School**

- Meeting called to order at 4:31 p.m. to allow public comment on closed session agenda items. Board Members Merz, Goe, Gourley and Murray were present. Member Baker not in attendance. Superintendent Burroughs and recording secretary Jenny Grassy were also present. No one addressed the Board. Adjournment at 4:32 p.m. for closed session.

### **Regular Session**

- Meeting reconvened at 6:19 p.m..
- Public was welcomed. The flag salute was recited.
- Report from closed session: In closed session, the Board retained and directed legal counsel to initiate legal action (social media litigation), by a vote of 4 to 0. Members Merz, Goe, Gourley and Murray approved a legal services agreement with Frantz Law Group for purposes of Social Media Litigation.
- Hearing of the Public: No one addressed the Board
- Member Murray motioned to approve the current agenda and minutes from the 03/14/2022 regular meeting. Member Gourley seconded the motion. Member Murray requested Consent Item S be moved out of consent to an Action/Discussion item. Motion passed 4/0 with aforementioned change.
- Middle School ELA teachers Mr. Timpe and Mr. Mizel gave a presentation on the middle school writing program (see website for presentation)
- Mr. Burroughs presented the LCAP survey results which included student, staff, and parent feedback on academic programming, student wellness, safety, and parent engagement. Board discussed troubling trends with student mental health, including increased rates of sadness and suicidal ideations among youth. School shutdowns, isolation, and social media are viewed as contributing factors. School will continue to support students via counselor and school social worker. Also planning a campaign to restrict cell phones and social media access while at school.
- PTO Report:
  - Step It Up raised over \$17,000
  - Teacher appreciation week being planned
  - Recruitment event on May 7th
  - Upcoming Events:
    - BMX Show 5/30

- Foundation Report
  - Brain Balance sessions have been well received by staff, may possibly add more sessions
  - New Legacy Wall plaques have been installed in Saints Plaza
  - Saints Golf Tournament being planned for Spring 2024
- Mrs. Grano shared details of Cinco de Mayo event planned for 5/5/23.
- Superintendent's Report:
  - 2nd Interim Budget
    - SDCOE reviewed and approved 2nd interim Budget
    - Commended district for fiscal responsibility
    - Warned of future deficit spending
    - 8.13% COLA for 2023/24 is still projected
  - Solar update
    - NEM 2.0 application was submitted
    - Awaiting response and approval
  - World of Work Symposium
    - Attended by Mr. Burroughs & Mrs. Zdunich
    - Educators across the nation joined together to seek ways to engage/re-engage students in relevant, real-world learning opportunities

### **Action/Discussion Items**

- Member Gourley made a motion to approve the Approval of Proposal/Estimate from EHM Architecture. Member Goe seconded the motion. Upon discussion, Member Gourley made a 2nd motion to table the item, and would like more information about combining architecture with the equipment quote. Member Gourley made a motion to approve the amended motion. Member Goe seconded the motion. Motion passed 4/0.
- Member Murray made a motion to approve the renewal of agreement with SmartSocial.com. Member Gourley seconded the motion. Motion passed 4/0.
- Member Goe made a motion to approve the amended three year auditor contract. Member Gourley seconded the motion. Motion passed 4/0.
- Member Murray made a motion to approve policy manual changes. Member Goe seconded the motion. Motion passed 4/0.
- Member Murray made a motion to approve the Alliance Agreement with Cal State San Marcos. Member Gourley seconded the motion. Board discussed AVID requirement for middle school. Motion amended to approve with AVID optional and direction to Superintendent to explore AVID options for middle school. Motion passed 4/0.

### **Consent Agenda**

Member Goe motioned to approve the consent agenda. Member Gourley seconded the motion. Member Motion passed 4/0.

**Comments by Trustees:**

- Member Goe expressed her gratitude for the passion our MS ELA staff shared for writing. She stated that the passion is contagious in the classroom. She is very excited about Cinco de Mayo.
- Member Gourley commented that the data report is troubling. She is confident that we have the right staff to tackle the issues and make positive changes to the trends. The work that is being done at SPU is amazing and she is thankful for the transparency.
- Member Murray thanked all the staff for what they presented to the Board. Middle School report, the upcoming Cinco de Mayo and also all the data is appreciated. She expressed that the more we know, the more we can do.
- Member Merz seconded everything. He is very excited about Cinco de Mayo.

**Regular meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.**

**NEXT MEETING:**

**May 9, 2023 at 4:30 p.m., Regular Meeting**

*(At 4:30 p.m. there will be an open session to allow for public comment on the closed session agenda items, followed immediately by a closed session.)*