

**SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JUNE 25, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER
OPEN SESSION** The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Collins at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Chambers located at City Hall, 2929 Tapo Canyon Road, Simi Valley.

PRESENT Board Members: Rob Collins, Jeanne Davis, Arleigh Kidd, Debbie Sandland, Dan White

Staff Members: Dr. Kathryn Scroggin, Superintendent
Michael Clear, Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Cary Dritz, Assistant Superintendent

PUBLIC COMMENTS There were no public comments regarding closed items.

CLOSED SESSION The Board adjourned to closed session at 5:32 p.m. to conduct the following:

- 3.1 The Board of Education will meet in closed session for SEA Negotiations (as per the Rodda Act). Dr. Cary Dritz, District Negotiator
- 3.2 The Board of Education will meet in closed session for CSEA Negotiations (as per the Rodda Act). Dr. Cary Dritz, District Negotiator
- 3.3 The Board of Education will meet in closed session in accordance with provisions in Government Code Section 54957, Public Employment Matters – Appointment, Employment, Performance Evaluation, Discipline, Dismissal, Release: Employment Matters Employee #2345
- 3.4 The Board of Education will meet in closed session in accordance with provisions in Government Code Section 54957, Public Employment Matters – Appointment, Employment, Performance Evaluation, Discipline, Dismissal, Release: Employment Matters Employee #4874 and Employee #7489
- 3.5 The Board of Education will meet in closed session in accordance with provisions in Government Code Section 54957, Public Employment Matters – Appointment, Employment, Performance Evaluation, Discipline, Dismissal, Release: Employment Matters Employee #1192

- 3.6 The Board of Education will meet in closed session in accordance with provisions in Government Code Section 54957, Public Employment Matters – Appointment, Employment, Performance Evaluation, Discipline, Dismissal, Release: Employment Matters Employee #2817
- 3.7 The Board of Education will meet in closed session in accordance with provisions in Government Code Section 54957, Public Employment Matters – Appointment, Employment, Performance Evaluation, Discipline, Dismissal, Release: Employment Matters Employee #3345
- 3.8 The Board of Education will meet in closed session in accordance with provisions in Government Code Section 54957, Public Employment Matters – Appointment, Employment, Performance Evaluation, Discipline, Dismissal, Release: Employment Matters Employee #3475
- 3.9 The Board of Education will meet in closed session in accordance with provisions in Government Code Section 54957, Public Employment Matters – Appointment, Employment, Performance Evaluation, Discipline, Dismissal, Release: Employment Matters Employee #6213
- 3.10 The Board of Education will meet in closed session in accordance with provisions in Government Code Section 54956.95; insurance pooling, tort liability losses; public liability losses; workers' compensation liability; Settlement Workers' Compensation Claim No. SIMN-005298

**CLOSED SESSION MSCU, Kidd/White, 5/0, to adjourn the closed session at 6:25 p.m.
ADJOURNMENT**

Motion #186

**RECESS/
OPEN
SESSION**

The Board took a short recess and reconvened in City Hall Chambers at 6:37 p.m. for open session. Board President Collins reported the following action taken in closed session:

**3.3 EMPLOYEE
MATTER**

MSCU, Sandland/Davis, 5/0, the Board of Education approved the transfer of Pam Carter to Burbank USD as a consultant on assignment.

- 3.4 EMPLOYEE MATTERS** MSCU, White/Kidd, 5/0, the Board of Education approved the assignments: Nora Kuntz Dean of Students at Hillside Middle School; and, Nicole Perryman Dean of Students at Sinaloa Middle School
- 3.5 EMPLOYEE MATTER** MSCU, White/Sandland, 5/0, the Board of Education approved Pam Castleman as the Coordinator, Curriculum and Assessments.
- 3.7 EMPLOYEE MATTER** MSCU, Sandland/White, 5/0, the Board of Education approved Bill Himelright as the Principal at Monte Vista.
- 3.10 WORKERS COMP** MSCU, Kidd/White, 5/0, the Board of Education approved the settlement of Claim No. Simn-005298.
- FLAG SALUTE** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Collins.
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA** MSCU, 5/0, Kidd/Davis, to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion #187
- MINUTES** MSCU, Davis/Kidd, 5/0, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of May 14, 2013.
Motion #188
- MINUTES** MSCU, Sandland/White, 5/0, to approve the minutes of the Special Board meeting of May 21, 2013.
Motion #189
- MINUTES** MSCU, Davis/White, 3/0/2, (Sandland and Kidd absent) to approve the minutes of the Special Board meeting of May 23, 2013.
Motion #190
- MINUTES** MSCU, White/Kidd, 5/0, to approve the minutes of the Special Board meeting of May 28, 2013.
Motion #191
- MINUTES** MSCU, Kidd/Davis, 4/0/1, (Sandland absent) to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of June 4, 2013.
Motion #192
- MINUTES** MSCU, Davis/Sandland, 3/0/2, (Collins and White absent) to approve the minutes of the Special Board meeting of June 18, 2013.
Motion #193
- PUBLIC COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA** Three blue cards were received in opposition to the increase in fees for classes held at the Senior Center through Adult Education. Kathee Pantaleo, Connie Lee and Joan Rosenthal addressed the Board to request reconsideration be given to the new fees. Ms. Pantaleo, Ms. Lee and Ms. Rosenthal all explained how important and valuable the classes are to senior citizens and the difficulty many people will have to pay the new fees on fixed incomes. Ms. Rosenthal asked the Board when there would be an answer to their request for the fees to be lowered.

Dr. Scroggin responded the new fee structure will be on the agenda for the August 6th meeting. President Collins spoke in response to the concerns expressed and affirmed how important seniors are and the importance of the senior center. He offered reassurance that a new fee structure will be in place for the August 6th meeting. President Collins thanked the many people in the audience for attending to communicate their concerns.

Seventeen yellow cards were received in opposition to the increased fees for classes at the senior center through Adult Education.

One yellow card was received in regard to the locksmith exam.

**PUBLIC
HEARING
2.1**

A public hearing was opened at 6:54 p.m. regarding Business & Facilities Action #2, Adoption of 2013/2014 Proposed District Budget. There were no public comments. The hearing was closed at 6:56 p.m.

**EMPLOYEE
ORGANIZATIONS**

Jim Jarrard, CSEA President, addressed the Board. He spoke regarding reduced staff positions at Adult Education, hiring custodians at 11 month work schedules and using vendors instead of staff relating to the technology plan. CSEA will review the reductions suggested at Adult Ed. CSEA opposes the change in custodial staff schedules from 12 months to 11 months. CSEA feels there is plenty of work to be done and funds to pay staff for 12 months. Mr. Jarrard mentioned savings to the district were meager in comparison to the loss of income for employees. CSEA would like to determine if staff could be used for implementing portions of the technology plan at a cost savings to the district. He thanked the Board for their assistance and support throughout the year. He referenced the CSEA website, Chapter310.com, available for viewing for CSEA news.

ICOC

Matt Nestor addressed the Board and gave a report. Mr. Nestor informed the Board of several things currently happening in the ICOC, including a change in membership and recent elections were held so members hold new positions. The committee had a member attend the Bond workshop recently held and the committee is actively participating in the process of Bond projects. There was discussion between the Board and Mr. Nestor. The Board thanked Mr. Nestor for his report and expressed appreciation for the ICOC's cooperation and service.

**SUPERINTENDENT
COMMENTS**

Dr. Scroggin: 1) Welcomed everyone to the last regular board meeting of the 2012/2013 school year, stating this evening business will be attended to for wrapping up the year and preparing for the 2013/2014 school year. This includes adopting the budget for the district; 2) congratulated all graduates and thanked teachers, support staff and administrators for their hard work all year, including the work involved in all the wonderful ceremonies which celebrated the successes of our students; 3) stated the Heroin Task Force held their final meeting of the

year. The Simi Valley Police Department, the Rancho Simi Recreation and Parks District, Not One More and the Simi Valley Unified School District all reported on new activities, projects and programs to continue to educate and prevent drug abuse. Dr. Scroggin said the minutes of the meeting along with a list of activities for each group will be posted on all agencies' websites. She also mentioned two members from the Faith community, Pastor Kevin Dieckleman of Simi Hills Church and Pastor Paul Weir of Simi Community Church, were added as members of the task force.

PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Scroggin and President Collins presented Certificates of Appreciation to exceptional donors:

Mr. Ravjeet Singh, Ganesh Machinery - \$44,990 lathe to Adult Ed

Simi Valley Education Foundation - \$60,100

Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne - \$22,154

Mr. Roy Hansen, Hansen Tank - \$10,000 for technology at Vista

Mr. Scott Sveiven, Scott & Sons Electric - \$10,624 for lights at the PAC at SSHS

Dr. Scroggin thanked all these partners in education for their generous donations to the Simi Valley Unified School District.

Dr. Scroggin introduced Darrel Priebe who presented a special certificate of appreciation for work on behalf of students with special needs from the Ventura County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) to the Amanda McPherson Foundation which was accepted by Phil and Mary McPherson.

In closing, Dr. Scroggin reminded there are no committee reports tonight and July is a "dark" month. Regular Board meetings resume on August 6, 2013. She wished everyone a great summer!

BOARD**COMMUNICATION**

Trustee Sandland: 1) expressed her support of the seniors who addressed the board this evening and assured the public the fees will be reviewed at the August 6th meeting. She would also like to investigate financial aid possibilities for seniors; 2) attended several graduations and is so proud of the educational opportunities available in our district; attended SVHS, Monte Vista, Apollo and Sinaloa graduations and all were wonderful events; 3) thanked the many agencies and organizations who support SVUSD and the generous donations received and honored this evening; 4) appreciated the support and good work of the Amanda McPherson Foundation; 5) thanked the Ed Foundation for the continued support of our schools; 6) reminded everyone of the dangers of texting and driving; 7) encouraged everyone to have a safe and wonderful summer.

Trustee White: 1) attended the Heroin Task force meeting and was reminded that this is still a problem to be addressed with continued

education. He would like to explore the possibility of more SROs; 2) thanked the Ed Foundation for their support; 3) appreciated the dedication of the McPhersons and the Amanda McPherson Foundation stating how special they are in the community; 4) enthusiastic seeing the advances being made with technology and the rapid implementation of many new technology improvements, including WiFi and student tablets. He feels this will benefit our students in many ways including the Common Core. He is excited about expanding the pilot to 1:1 for all students since it will enhance their learning and opportunities.

Trustee Kidd: 1) thanked the Ed Foundation for their work in support of the district's students and has witnessed first-hand the benefits of their work, encouraged participation with the Ed Foundation's E Waste events; 2) thanked the Amanda McPherson foundation and looking forward to the opening of Challenger Field scheduled for Feb 2014; 3) thanked Ganesh Machinery for their donation of the lathe to Adult Ed; 4) is interested in the possibility of streaming meetings; 5) referenced the Common Core and the challenges of implementing this. He feels the goals of Common Core will be beneficial for students in preparing for college and improving critical thinking; 6) attended Hillside, SVHS and Adult Ed graduations and what great ceremonies they all were; 7) wished everyone a safe and happy summer.

Trustee Davis: 1) mentioned Adult Ed and Monte Vista offer such great opportunities for all students; 2) thanked the Ed Foundation for all their energy and support; 3) thanked all the donors for their generosity and the Amanda McPherson Foundation for their support; 4) attended the Vista, Valley View and Royal graduation ceremonies and all were great events; 5) attended the Teachers Hall of Fame dinner at Cal Lutheran University and commented how wonderful this program is to honor teachers; 6) thanked all the community for coming and speaking to the Board regarding Adult Ed fees. The board will examine all possibilities for revising the fee schedule, and; 7) wished everyone a wonderful summer.

Trustee Collins: 1) assured the seniors that the board will review the fee structure and expressed support of seniors and their concerns; 2) thanked the Ed Foundation for their enthusiasm and support of the district; 3) attended Valley View promotion ceremony and thought it was so nice, attended the SSSHS graduation and what a great ceremony; 4) attended the Heroin Task Force meeting and thanked Cheri Toyen for her presentation on combating drug abuse and explaining the many programs available for education and assistance; 5) mentioned the recent retirement celebration and congratulated the many retirees; 6) wished everyone a safe and restful summer.

BOARD

There were 13 pieces of Board correspondence reported from Clerk

CORRESPONDENCE of the Board Kidd:

Between June 4 – 14, eight letters were received for various board members from Royal H.S. students. The letters covered such things as funding a mentoring program at the school; bullying & cyberbullying; housing for students at the community college level; concerns regarding solar implementation at the school; inequity of awards programs between sports, academics and music, qualification of teachers and updating teaching methods and formats.

On June 10, a letter was received from Simi Valley Hospital informing the Board of new and expanded health services including certification as a primary stroke center and the launch of the new heart care program.

On June 11, a letter was received for the board regarding concerns with teacher lay-offs and fee increases in the adult education senior program.

On June 11, a packet of petitions was received from Michelle Daniel, Adult Education teacher and spokesperson for the seniors who take Adult Education classes. The petitions were signed by students and collected from 14 different classes offered through Adult Ed at the Senior Center. All stated opposition to the recently approved fee increases, and requested the Board to reconsider their decision and find more creative alternatives to raising the fees.

On June 19, a letter was received for the board regarding concerns with fee increases at Adult Education senior classes.

On June 20, a letter was received for Board President Collins regarding a complaint regarding district interpreters.

The Superintendent or her designee will respond to the correspondence when appropriate.

**CONSENT
CALENDAR**

Two blue cards were received in regard to Personnel Services Consent #2, Approval of Classified Personnel Report.

Marsha Robison from Adult Ed addressed the Board. She mentioned Trailer Bill SB 91 which recently passed and asked what the district plans for the money allocated to Adult Ed.

Mary Beth Kotwitz, Office Manager at Adult Ed, also addressed the board about the changes in Adult Ed and referenced the reduction in positions and hours. She also mentioned changes in their staff being moved from the school and expressed concerns about these changes. She requested information about these moves.

Trustee Davis wanted to pull Personnel Services Consent #2, Approval of Classified Personnel Report. She requested more discussion and clarification on items included, specifically regarding the changes in staffing for Adult Ed. Trustee Kidd also requested more details on the Adult Ed personnel changes.

There was discussion among the Board. It was decided Personnel Services Consent #2, Approval of Classified Personnel Report, would be approved in the Consent Calendar, with the provision the specific personnel changes at Adult Education would be discussed further and more information would be provided to the Board.

Motion #194

MSCU, White/Sandland, 5/0, approved the Consent Calendar as presented.

Roll-call vote

AYES: Sandland, Davis, White, Kidd, Collins NOES: 0

1. ***BOARD/ADMINISTRATION***

#1 Approval of Travel Request-Board of Education/Superintendent

2. ***PERSONNEL SERVICES***

#1 Approval of Certificated Personnel Report

#2 Approval of Classified Personnel Report

#3 Approval of Certification of Athletic Coaches

3. ***EDUCATIONAL SERVICES***

#1 Acceptance of Gifts for Simi Valley Unified School District 2012-2013

#2 Ratification and Approval of Educational Field Trips

#3 Second Reading and Adoption of Administrative Regulation 5111 (Admission)

#4 Approval of Spring Release of the 2012-2013 Consolidated Application for Federal and State Programs

4. ***STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES***

No consent

5. ***BUSINESS & FACILITIES***

#1 Approval of Warrants May 27, 2013 through June 14, 2013

#2 Approval of Purchase Orders B13-00510 through P14-00004 in The amount of \$3,131,420.76

#3 Approval of Transfer of Funds for the Month of May, 2013

#4 Interim Housing for White Oak Elementary School, Bid No. 13F18IB2

#5 Authorization to Award RFP #13F14FP1, Security and Fire Alarm Monitoring and Maintenance, 2013

#6 Approval of the Deferred Maintenance Five-Year Plan

#7 Approval of Agreement No. A14.14 – Extension of Original Contract Between Simi Valley Unified School District and School Services Of California, Inc. - Continuation of Fiscal and Mandate Information Services, CADIE & SABRE Reports

#8 Approval to Increase Elementary and Secondary School Breakfast Price for 2013/2014

- #9 Adoption of Resolution No. 100-12/13, Approval of the Use of Proposition 30 Education Protection Account (EPA) 2013-2014 Funded Amounts
- #10 Approval of Agreement No. A14.12 Between Simi Valley Unified School District and California Compliance Services to Comply with FEHA and ADA Regulations
- #11 Approval of Agreement No. A14.13 Between Simi Valley Unified School District and Poms & Associates Insurance Brokers, Inc. for Loss Control Services
- #12 Approval for the Purchase of Workers' Compensation Excess Insurance through Safety National
- #13 Adoption of Resolution No. 98-12/13, Authorizing Maximizing PERS Reduction for Fiscal Year 2013/2014
- #14 Adoption of Resolution No. 99-12/13, District Matching Funds for Purpose of Deferred Maintenance Program
- #15 Authorization to Award Bid #13F11B199, Student Safety & Transit Offices and Training Room

ACTION ITEMS:

RESOLUTION FOR BOARD MEMBER ABSENCE Adoption of Resolution No. 94-12/13, Board Member Absence (Illness) Education Code Section 35120 states, "A member may be paid for any meeting when absent if the Board, by resolution duly adopted and included in its meeting, finds that at the time of the meeting he or she is performing services outside the meeting for the school District, he or she was ill or on jury duty, or the absence was due to a hardship deemed acceptable by the Board."

Motion #195 **MSC, Davis/White, 4/0/1, (Sandland abstained) to adopt Resolution No. 94-12/13 Board Member Absence (Illness) on, due to illness.**

Roll-call vote **Ayes: Davis, White, Kidd, Collins** **Abstained: Sandland**

RESOLUTION FOR BOARD MEMBER ABSENCE Adoption of Resolution No. 95-12/13, Board Member Absence (hardship) Education Code Section 35120 states, "A member may be paid for any meeting when absent if the Board, by resolution duly adopted and included in its meeting, finds that at the time of the meeting he or she is performing services outside the meeting for the school District, he or she was ill or on jury duty, or the absence was due to a hardship deemed acceptable by the Board."

Motion #196 **MSC, Sandland/Kidd, 4/0/1, (Collins abstained) to adopt Resolution No. 95-12/13, Board Member Absence (hardship) on, due to rotation schedule.**

Roll-call vote **Ayes: Sandland, Davis, White, Kidd** **Abstained: Collins**

RESOLUTION FOR BOARD MEMBER ABSENCE Adoption of Resolution No. 96-12/13, Board Member Absence (hardship) Education Code Section 35120 states, "A member may be paid for any meeting when absent if the Board, by resolution duly adopted and included in its meeting, finds that at the time of the meeting he or she is performing services outside the meeting for the school District, he or she was ill or on jury duty, or the absence was due to a hardship deemed acceptable by the Board."

**Trustee White requested no action on this resolution.*

EXPULSION HEARINGS Currently the Board of Education and/or District Office Administrators (through the Board approved stipulated expulsion process) hear all Expulsions. The Education Code authorizes three alternatives to the Board of Education hearing expulsions. These methods are found at EC 48918(d). Secondary Director Houghton explained the alternate methods to the Board.

There was discussion among the Board. Trustees shared their views and opinions with regard to a change in the process.

Motion #197

MSC, White/Kidd, 4/1/0, (Sandland/no) the Board approved an Alternative Method for Expulsion Hearings

**Note – Business & Facilities, Action Items #3, #4 and #5 were moved forward and presented to the Board.*

One blue card was received regarding Business & Facilities, Action Items #3, #4 and #5. Terry Howard addressed the Board. He felt local businesses did not have the opportunity to bid and requested delaying these decisions to offer opportunities to local businesses to bid and support the companies in the community. He felt local businesses could be competitive with the purchase of equipment and installation of the technology plan.

AMS.Net AGREEMENT FOR MATERIALS AND LABOR FOR WI-FI DISTRICT-WIDE On June 4, 2013, the Board of Education authorized allocation of \$7,868,857 in Measure C4 bond funds toward Technology. The initial phase of the Technology implementation plan includes WiFi for all classrooms and common areas in all schools and district facilities. A West Hills Community College District Purchase Order can be used to piggyback an agreement between AMS.Net and the District under Public Contract Code 20118 for the required materials and labor.

There was a question and answer session between the Board and Assistant Superintendent Clear. The Board expressed their support of local businesses. Mr. Clear explained the process of bidding, county approvals and timelines.

Motion #198 **MSCU, White/Kidd, 5/0, to authorize the District to enter an agreement with AMS.Net for material and labor for District-wide Wi-Fi systems.**

AMS.Net AGREEMENT FOR TECH CONSULTANT On June 4, 2013, the Board of Education authorized allocation of \$7,868,857 in Measure C4 bond funds toward Technology. The initial phase of the Technology implementation plan includes migration from Novell to Microsoft and this requires technology consultant services.

Motion #199 **MSCU, White/Sandland, 5/0, to authorize the District to enter an agreement with AMS.Net for Technology Consultant services.**

COMPUWAVE AGREEMENT FOR MATERIALS AND SERVICES FOR NEW COMPUTERS DISTRICT WIDE On June 4, 2013, the Board of Education authorized allocation of \$7,868,857 in Measure C4 bond funds toward Technology. The initial phase of the Technology implementation plan includes new computers for all faculty, staff and computer labs throughout the District. A contract between CompuWave and the County of Ventura can be used to piggyback an agreement between CompuWave and the District, under Public Contract Code 20118 for the required materials and services.

There was discussion among the Board and Assistant Superintendent Clear.

Motion #200 **MSCU, Sandland/Davis, 5/0, to authorize the District to enter an agreement with CompuWave for materials and services for new district wide computers.**

RESOLUTION #97-12/13 SIGNATURES California Education Code 42632 allows the Governing Board to authorize a person or persons to sign orders on its behalf. Persons named on Resolution No. 97-12/13 are authorized by the Board of Education to sign as indicated on the attached Certification of Signatures.

Motion # 201 **MSCU, Sandland/Kidd, 5/0, the Board approved Signatures of the Members of the Governing Board and Employees Authorized to Sign Orders Drawn on the Funds of the Simi Valley Unified School District.**

Roll-call vote **Ayes: Sandland, Davis, White, Kidd, Collins** **Noes:**

ADOPTION OF 2013/2014 PROPOSED DISTRICT BUDGET Education Code Section 42127(a) requires that the Board of adopt a budget no later than June 30 for the next fiscal year. A Public Hearing was held earlier this evening in accordance with District procedure. The proposed 2013/14 Budget is based upon revenue projections reflecting information received per the Governor’s proposed State 2013/2014 Fiscal Year Budget, and the Governor’s May Revise budget recommendations. Until Legislature approves the provisions of the May Revise and the Governor signs those provisions, the District must use the May Revisions to project its budget. Once those provisions have been approved by the

Legislature and signed by the Governor, the District will have to make appropriate modifications to the proposed budget. Upon the Governor signing the Final State Budget, further discussions concerning budget issues will need to take place, and a detailed presentation will be made at that time. The entire budget is available from the Office of Business Services for review.

Assistant Superintendent Clear gave a presentation which highlighted and explained the details of the 2013/2014 district budget. There was discussion between the Board and Assistant Superintendent Clear. The Board thanked Mr. Clear for his excellent presentation and Mr. Clear and his staff for their hard work preparing the budget.

Motion #202

MSCU, Sandland/Davis, 5/0, to adopt the 2013/2014 Proposed District Budget prior to June 30, 2013.

INFORMATION ITEMS

FIRST READING OF BB 9323 (MEETINGS) First reading of Revised Board Bylaws 9323 (Meeting Conduct) was presented to the Board for review to consider increasing the time limit for public speakers at Board meetings from three minutes to four minutes. This item is for information only.

QUARTERLY REPORT ON WILLIAMS & VALENZUELA COMPLAINTS In accordance with AR 1312.4 and Education Code Section 35186, information regarding the nature and resolution of all Williams Settlement Complaints have been provided to the Board and County Superintendent of Schools. According to information provided by the Ventura County Office of Education, one complaint was received during the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2012-2013, which related to the "insufficient" instructional materials provided at Royal and Simi Valley High Schools. The problem was addressed and resolved; the instructional Materials were found to be adequate and sufficient per Relevant Law. This item is for information only.

REVISED FIRST READING OF BP & AR 1330 EXHIBIT The Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 1330 (Use of School Facilities) was presented to the Board for review and was approved on June 4, 2012. The AR Exhibit was presented again with the addition of a fee for parking lot usage. This item is for information only.

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS Trustee Sandland requested information to parents regarding texting and driving. Information on this topic is on the District website, www.simivalleyusd.org and Dr. Scroggin added this subject was addressed by principals to students before school was out this year. Additional suggestions were discussed for increased awareness on the dangers of texting and driving.

Trustee Kidd requested a standing agenda item at every Board meeting regarding committee updates, information placed on our website, emailed to employees and handouts at school board meetings. In addition, Trustee Kidd would like to invite the public to attend committee meetings as appropriate. The other Board members were in agreement. Dr. Scroggin and Trustee Kidd will meet to discuss this further to finalize an agenda action item.

**PROPOSED
AGENDA ITEMS**

Trustees may propose agenda items to the Board of Education. The Board of Education will give direction to the Superintendent

Trustee White would like an update on Aeries program and implementation.

Trustee Kidd wants to reexamine and support Adult Ed, the staff and programs. The board was in agreement.

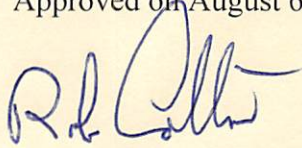
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regular Board Meeting August 6, 2013	6:30 p.m.	City of Simi Valley Council Chambers
Special Board Meeting-Expulsions August 13, 2013	5:30 p.m.	Floyd Binns Room Educational Services Center
Personnel Commission July 12, 2013	6:00 p.m.	Floyd Binns Room Educational Services Center
ICOC August 21, 2013	6:30 p.m.	Santa Susana High School

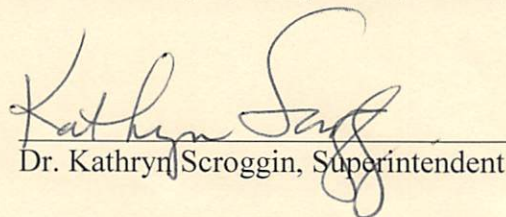
ADJOURNMENT **MSCU, White/Davis, 5/0, to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m.**
Motion #203

Approved on August 6, 2013

MSCU=Motion, Seconded, Carried, Unanimous



Rob Collins
 President of the Board of Education



Dr. Kathryn Scroggin, Superintendent

**SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
July 16, 2013**

- CALL TO ORDER** President of the Board Rob Collins called a special meeting of the Board of
OPEN SESSION Education to order at 5:31 p.m. in the Floyd Binns Room at the Educational Services Center, 875 E. Cochran Street, Simi Valley, CA 93065
- PRESENT** Board Members: Arleigh Kidd, Rob Collins and Debbie Sandland
Jeanne Davis (absent) and Dan White (absent)
- Staff: Dr. Kathryn Scroggin Superintendent
Dan Houghton, Assistant Superintendent Personnel Services
- FLAG SALUTE** The flag salute was led by Trustee Collins
- PUBLIC COMMENTS** None
- PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS** Trustee Sandland & Kidd: Discuss upholstery class
- CLOSED SESSION** MSC, Kidd/Sandland, 3/0/2 (Davis and White absent), the Board adjourned to closed session at 5:33 p.m. in accordance with Education Codes 48916 and 48918 subdivision (j) to discuss the following:
Motion # 204
- 1.1 The Board of Education will meet in closed session in accordance with provisions in Government Code Section 54957, Public Employment Matters – Appointment, Employment, Performance Evaluation, Discipline, Dismissal, Release: Employment Matters Employee #0418
 - 1.2 The Board of Education will meet in closed session in accordance with provisions in Government Code Section 54957, Public Employment Matters – Appointment, Employment, Performance Evaluation, Discipline, Dismissal, Release: Employment Matters Employee #6753
 - 1.3 The Board of Education will meet in closed session in accordance with provisions in Government Code Section 54957, Public Employment Matters – Appointment, Employment, Performance Evaluation, Discipline, Dismissal, Release: Employment Matters Employee #8335
 - ITEM 1.4 was removed from the agenda*
 - 1.4 The Board of Education will meet in closed session in accordance with provisions in Government Code Section 54957, Public Employment Matters – Appointment, Employment, Performance Evaluation, Discipline, Dismissal, Release: Employment Matters Employee #7644

ADJOURNMENT MSC, Sandland/Kidd, 3/0/2, (Davis and White absent) to adjourn the closed session
CLOSED SESSION of the July 16, 2013 Special board meeting at 5:40 p.m.

REPORT OUT Board President Collins reported the following action from closed session:

1.1 Employee Matter MSC, Sandland/Kidd, 3/0/2, (Davis & White absent) the Board of Education appointed Sean Goldman to the position of Director of Student Support Services.
Motion #205

1.2 Employee Matter MSC, Kidd/Sandland, 3/0/2, (Davis & White absent) the Board of Education appointed Shayna Ledesma to the position of Assistant Principal, Santa Susana High School.
Motion #206

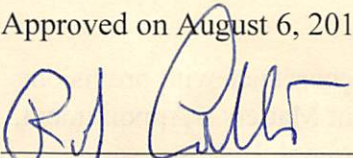
1.3 Employee Matter MSC, Sandland/Kidd, 3/0/2, (Davis & White absent) the Board of Education appointed Amy Simmons to the position of Assistant Principal Simi Valley High School.
Motion #207

1.4 Employee #7644 The Board of Education removed this item from the agenda.
Motion #208

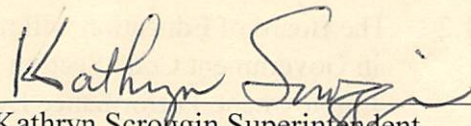
Announcement: The Board of Education scheduled a special board meeting for Friday, August 16, 2013, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. to discuss Board Goals.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING MSC, Sandland/Kidd, 3/0/2, (Davis & White absent) the Board of Education adjourned the meeting at 5:42 p.m.
Motion #209

Approved on August 6, 2013


Rob Collins
President of Board of Education

MSCU = Motion, Seconded, Carried, Unanimous


Kathryn Scroggin Superintendent
Secretary to Board of Education

**SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 6, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by
OPEN SESSION President Collins at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Chambers located at City Hall,
2929 Tapo Canyon Road, Simi Valley.

PRESENT Board Members: Rob Collins, Arleigh Kidd, Debbie Sandland
Dan White arrived 5:15 p.m.
Jeanne Davis arrived 5:20 p.m.
Staff Members: Dr. Kathryn Scroggin, Superintendent
Michael Clear, Assistant Superintendent
Dan Houghton, Assistant Superintendent
Ron Todo, Assistant Superintendent

PUBLIC COMMENTS There were no public comments regarding closed items.

CLOSED SESSION The Board adjourned to closed session at 5:15 p.m. to conduct the following:

- 3.1 Student Discipline: Discuss Recommendation of Student Waiver of Hearing Student Case #26
- 3.2 Student Discipline: Discuss Recommendation of Student Waiver of Hearing Student Case #27
- 3.3 CONFIDENTIAL STUDENT MATTERS: The Board will meet in closed session to discuss confidential student matters protected by state and federal law, including, but not limited to the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), California Education Code 49060 et.seq., 49073 et.seq., and California Constitution Article 1 section 1 to consider special education Settlement Agreement No. A14.57.
- 3.4 The Board of Education will meet in closed session for SEA Negotiations (as per the Rodda Act). Dan Houghton, District Negotiator
- 3.5 The Board of Education will meet in closed session for CSEA Negotiations (as per the Rodda Act). Dan Houghton, District Negotiator
- 3.6 The Board of Education will meet in closed session in accordance with provisions in Government 54956.9 (b) Conference with Legal Counsel – Exposure to Potential Litigation

- 3.7 The Board of Education will meet in closed session in accordance with provisions in Government Code Section 54957, Public Employment Matters – Appointment, Employment, Performance Evaluation, Discipline, Dismissal, Release: Employment Matters Employee #8874
- 3.8 The Board of Education will meet in closed session in accordance with provisions in Government Code Section 54957, Public Employment Matters – Appointment, Employment, Performance Evaluation, Discipline, Dismissal, Release: Employment Matters Employee #0798 (POSTPONED)
- 3.9 The Board of Education will meet in closed session in accordance with provisions in Government Code Section 54957, Public Employment Matters – Appointment, Employment, Performance Evaluation, Discipline, Dismissal, Release: Employment Matters Employee #8746
- 3.10 The Board of Education will meet in closed session in accordance with provisions in Government Code Section 54956.95; insurance pooling, tort liability losses; public liability losses; workers' compensation liability; Settlement Workers' Compensation Claim No. Simi-007155 and No. Simi-007165

**CLOSED SESSION
ADJOURNMENT**

Motion #2

MSCU, Kidd/Sandland, 5/0, to adjourn the closed session at 6:50 p.m.

**RECESS
OPEN SESSION**

The Board took a short recess and reconvened in City Hall Chambers at 7:00 p.m. for open session.

FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board President Collins.

CLOSED SESSION

President Collins reported the following action from closed session:

3.1 STUDENT

Motion #3

MSC, Sandland/White, 4/0/1 (Davis absent) the Board of Education approved the recommendation of Student Waiver of Hearing Student Case #26. (Board member Davis arrived at 5:20 p.m.)

3.2 STUDENT

Motion #4

MSC, Kidd/Sandland, 4/0/1 (Davis absent) the Board of Education approved recommendation of Student Waiver of Hearing Student Case #27. (Board member Davis arrived at 5:20 p.m.)

3.3 STUDENT

Motion #5

**MSCU, Sandland/White, 5/0, the Board of Education approved Student Settlement Agreement No. A14.57. (All Board members present)
The Board recessed at 5:30 and continued at 5:31 to allow Mr. Goldman to exit.**

3.4 SEA No Action

3.5 CSEA No Action

**3.6 EXPOSURE
TO POTENTIAL
LITIGATION**

Board President Collins offered the following counsel from Attorney Robert Thurbon, Thurbon and McHaney, L.P. regarding discussion under Item 3.6.

1. In a recent allegation the Board was accused of a potential Brown Act violation because an agenda for a special meeting was inadvertently posted twenty-three hours before the scheduled meeting instead of the required twenty-four hours. The oversight was brought to the Superintendent's and Board's attention and the Board meeting was rescheduled, and re-noticed to provide the required twenty-four hours notice. The meeting was not held until it was re-noticed and no Brown Act violation occurred.
2. The second allegation made by a Board member is that the Board took action in its May 28, 2013 closed session regarding confidential personnel matters concerning the Superintendent to accept the Superintendent's resignation/retirement. The Board determined that no action was taken at the May 28th closed session to accept a resignation/retirement or notice of intent to resign or retire, or to otherwise affect the employment status of the Superintendent. There was no reportable action taken in accordance with Government Code section 54952.6, 54957 and 54957.1.
3. The third alleged Brown Act violation concerns allegations that an individual Board member "leaked" confidential information that had been acquired by the Board member while present in a closed session authorized by Government Code Section 54957 regarding employment matters pertaining to the Superintendent. The Board directed legal counsel to report the facts and conclusions pertaining to the Board's May 28, 2013 closed-session meeting, and the facts pertaining to the alleged disclosure of confidential information by an individual Board member in accordance with Government Code Section 5496.3 (c)(3) to the Grand Jury for independent determination of these issues.

Motion #6

MSC, Davis/Sandland, 4/1 (White Dissented) the Board of Education will make a confidential report to the Grand Jury to determine if a violation of the Brown Act occurred.

**3.7 PERSONNEL
MATTER**

A hearing was opened before the Board of Education with Employee #8874 and CSEA Labor Relations Representation William Doyle at 5:31 p.m. The hearing was closed at 5:54 p.m.

Motion #7

MSC, Davis/Sandland 3/0/2, (Kidd & Collins Dissented) the Board of Education approved the Dismissal of Employee # 8874.

**3.8 PERSONNEL
MATTER**

Postponed

**3.9 PERSONNEL
MATTER***Motion #8*

MSCU, Sandland/White, 5/0, the Board of Education approved Margaret Gallagher as Principal at Knolls Elementary School.

**3.10 WORKERS'
COMPENSATION***Motion #9*

MSCU, Davis/Kidd, 5/0, the Board of Education agreed to a stipulated settlement on Workers' Compensation Claim No. Simi-007155 and No. Simi-0075165.

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA***Motion #10*

MSCU, Kidd/Davis, 5/0, to approve the agenda as corrected:
Trustee White removed Board/Administration Action Item #2 – Approval of Resolution #02-13/14 Board Member Absence (White/hardship) from the agenda.

MINUTES*Motion #11*

MSCU, Sandland/Kidd, 5/0, to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting of June 25, 2013 (all present).

MINUTES*Motion #12*

MSC, Kidd/Sandland 3/0/2, (Davis and White abstain) to approve the minutes of the special Board meeting of July 16, 2013.

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS
NOT ON THE
AGENDA**

Hedy Swercheck requested an agenda without backup be posted online as it takes too long to download the entire agenda.
June Ewart Community Coalition United spoke regarding the importance of Mental Health awareness in the community and encouraged everyone to attend the Mental Health First Aid training offered through Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District (RSRPD).
Jan Tamoto, teacher at Simi Valley High School had concerns and handed out a packet for each Board member to read at their convenience.

**EMPLOYEE
ORGANIZATION**

CSEA Chapter 310 President Jim Jarrard addressed the Board regarding cut of custodians from 12 to 11 months. 19 yellow cards were turned in showing support for CSEA comments in opposition to cutting custodian hours.

**SUPERINTENDENT
COMMENTS**

Dr. Scroggin: 1) welcomed the Board of Education and staff back from summer break stating staff has been preparing for the start of school on August 19 (Monday); 2) gave a technology update summarized as follows a) I.T. staff is busy converting to our new Student Information System called Aeries; b) the I.T. tech support staff has been installing computers, printers, SMART boards document cameras and other devices at our schools. At Santa Susana High School all staff computers were replaced and at Big Springs and Santa Susana Elementary the computer labs were redone; c) the phone system at Simi High School was upgraded to include caller ID and 4 digit dialing; d) the I.T. secretary is integral to the functioning of the I.T. department creating and maintaining accounts for a number of systems and facilitates purchases and contract renewals and handles hundreds of user calls; e) the I.T. networking staff was busy with bond modernization projects; upgrading the data center at the District Office to accommodate the new student information system and configuring individual tablets. In addition, Safari Montage was installed at

Santa Susana High School and moved forward with the wireless initiative. Dr. Scroggin then recognized the I.T. Department for a job well done especially under the tight timeline. Gratitude and thanks were extended to Tim Burnette, Sr. Applications Analyst on the Aeries project; Laurie Schmidt, I.T. Secretary; Andre Monostori, Network Systems Manager; and, to Scott Romanowski, our I.T. Director and the entire staff who worked so hard to implement and update our technology.; 3) Dr. Scroggin gave a brief bond update including replacement of door hardware for security purposes at several schools, flooring at some schools, painting at schools; a gas line replacement at Park View; modernizations at several schools, replacement of in-wall cafeteria tables at several schools. Thank you citizens of Simi Valley for passing the Measure C4 Bond; 4) the Surplus Property Committee met on July 8 to review the appraisals for the three properties and to discuss potential use of the land. In addition, the committee is soliciting community input regarding these properties via our website at www.simivalleyusd.org. The committee will review community input and make a recommendation to the Board at the September 10 Board meeting and will be posted on our website and distributed through school newsletters; 5) Dr. Scroggin stated she addressed the Kiwanis Club and thanked the Kiwanis as our partner in education; 6) thanked the Board of Education for their support of innovative programs for our students and for our teachers and principals who have worked hard to bring these opportunities to our students; 7) recognized, introduced and thanked her Administrative "A" Cabinet team: Mike Clear, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services; Ron Todo, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services; Dan Houghton, Assistant Superintendent Personnel Services; Jason Peplinski, Director Educational Services and Sean Goldman, Executive Director of Student Support Services; and 8) wished everyone a good rest of summer and reminded parents school starts August 19 (Monday).

**INTRODUCTION
OF SSS EXEC.
DIRECTOR**

Sean Goldman formally introduced himself to the Board of Education. Mr. Goldman has visited all school sites and met with principals and office staff and is looking forward to working with the Administrative team and Board of Education.

**BOARD
COMMUNICATION**

Trustee White: 1) Trustee White stated he welcomes the opportunity to be transparent as it leads to good governance; 2) Trustee White stated concerns with Superintendent Scroggin's retirement discussions, which he made public over the course of several months; 3) Trustee White shared concerns regarding discussions between other Board members excluding him; 4) Trustee White shared concerns regarding the strength of District's legal counsel; and, Trustee White stated he was the "leak" and strongly feels the Brown Act was violated.

Trustee Davis: 1) apologized for Trustee White's inappropriate behavior; 2) thanked everyone for being present and sharing their concerns with the Board. Trustee Davis feels the Board is transparent, they welcome and listen to public input and make decisions that enhance our student's education, and

are in the community's best interest and believes proper procedure was followed regarding Board actions as disputed by Trustee White; 3) thanked the I.T. Department for the wonderful job over the summer of implementing Phase I of the technology plan; 4) thanked June Ewart for the information on Mental Health First Aid and encouraged community participation; and, 5) looking forward to a great year and doing what's right for kids.

Trustee Kidd: 1) extended his sympathy to former Trustee DiFatta and her family; 2) welcomed the new assistant superintendents, directors, appointments and newly hired employees; 3) thanked the I.T. Department for work on the new technology and anxious to visit schools and classrooms to see what's new; 4) excited the Board will have the opportunity to vote on the solar contracts and looking forward to the presentation. Trustee Kidd stated the savings generated will go back to classrooms to benefit our students; 5) welcomed back all teachers and students to an exciting school year with the focus on the success of our students.

Trustee Sandland: 1) extended her thoughts and prayers to former Board member DiFatta at the loss of her husband; 2) thanked the I.T. Department who jumped in and really got the work done for our kids; 3) hoped everyone had a safe summer as school resumes on Monday, August 19; 4) welcomed the administrative cabinet members and trusts we are in good hands; 5) looks forward to school opening and first day school visits; 6) thanked the people present from the adult school and for sharing their concerns regarding senior fees; 7) apologized to the public for Trustee White's inaccurate comments which will be investigated by the Grand Jury; and, 8) thanked everyone for attending.

Trustee Collins: 1) thanked the I.T. Department and shared the teachers are very excited about WiFi; 2) shared the thank you he received for attending the grand opening of the RSRPD Bocce Ball courts and unveiling of the Don McClain sculpture; 3) welcomed and thanked the new administrative team and sent a special welcome to April Jacobson, Coordinator Categorical Programs; Pam Castleman, Coordinator Curriculum and Assessments, and welcomed the five teachers on special assignment (TOSAs) Jason Messinger, Brad Torti, Jamie Snodgrass, Dustin Ellis and Julie Ellis; 4) explained that the Board meets in closed session regarding confidential items such as personnel and negotiations. During the open session of the meeting, any action taken by Board motion and second taken in closed session is reported out; 5) publicly stated he disagrees with Trustee White's comments as they are inaccurate and that the Grand Jury will look into it in a confidential hearing and will report back to the community; 6) referenced Dr. Scroggin's July 15 guest opinion which opened with "the rumors of my resignation/retirement are greatly exaggerated. I have not finished exploring my options and intend to remain in my position until at least June 2014." Trustee Collins then expressed praise and thanks to Dr. Scroggin for her leadership, organization, and professional skills and hopes she will stay as long as he is on the Board; and; 7) invited community members to fill out blue cards to address the Board, and reminded

the public inappropriate or disrespectful remarks directed at the Superintendent or Board are not acceptable, including audience heckling.

**BOARD
CORRESPONDENCE**

There were two pieces of Board correspondence reported by Clerk of the Board Arleigh Kidd: 1) a letter addressed to the Board dated July 10, 2013 from the California State Senate regarding information on Prop 39 the CA Clean Energy Jobs Act; and 2) a letter addressed to the Board dated July 15 regarding wording on a particular document received by a parent.

**CONSENT
CALENDAR**

Trustee Davis requested Personnel Services Consent # 2 Classified Personnel Report be removed for further discussion and information.

The Board was in consensus that Personnel Services Consent #2, Classified Personnel Report would be approved on the Consent Calendar with the exception of the Adult Education (AE) positions which would be removed and discussed further with more information going to the Board of Education.

The Board was in consensus to move forward Personnel Services Action #1, Approval of Revised Student Fee Schedule for Adult Education Senior Classes to immediately following the approval of the Consent Calendar to allow for public speakers.

NOTE

Adult School Teacher Marsha Robinson, stated on behalf of Mary Beth Kotwitz, who turned in a blue card but had to leave before being called and therefore could not address the Board regarding the Classified Personnel Report Consent #2, Abolishment of H.R. position (Human Resources Assistant II) at Adult Ed.

Motion #13

MSCU, Sandland/Kidd, 5/0, the Board of Education approved the Consent Calendar with the above amendments.

(roll-call vote)

AYES: White, Sandland, Davis, Kidd, Collins NOES: 0

The consent items listed below were approved by the Board in one action.

1. **BOARD/ADMINISTRATION**
 - #1 Second Reading and Adoption of Revised Board Bylaw 9323 (Agenda/Meeting Materials)
2. **PERSONNEL SERVICES**
 - #1 Approval of Certificated Personnel Report
 - #2 Approval of Classified Personnel Report (except Adult Education items)
 - #3 Approval of Agreement No. A14.25 – Student Teaching Agreement with the California State University, Fullerton
 - #4 Approval of Agreement No. A14.37 – Student Teaching Agreement with Loyola Marymount University
3. **EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**
 - #1 Acceptance of Gifts for Simi Valley Unified School District 2012-2013
 - #2 Acceptance of Small Donations For Simi Valley Unified School District
 - #3 Approval of Elementary Schools Starting and Ending Times

- for 2013-2014 School Year
- #4 Approval of Bell Schedules For Secondary Schools for the 2013-2014 School Year
 - #5 Approval of Educational Field Trips
 - #6 Approval of New and Revised Course Outlines for Simi Valley Adult School And Career Institute
 - #7 Approval of Renewal Agreement No. A14.21 between the Simi Valley Adult School and Career Institute No-Cost Agreement and MedResponse, Inc.
 - #8 Approval of Renewal Agreement No. A14.22 between the Simi Valley Adult School and Career Institute No-Cost Agreement and Olive View–UCLA Medical Center
 - #9 Approval of Renewal Agreement No. A14.20 between the Simi Valley Adult School and Career Institute No-Cost Agreement and Thousand Oaks Urgent Care Center
 - #10 Approval of Simi Valley Adult School and Career Institute’s List of Courses for the 2013-2014 School Year
 - #11 Approval of the Simi Valley Unified School District Adult School and Career Institute Calendar for the 2013-2014 School Year
4. **STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES**
- #1 Approval of Agreement No. A14.50 Between Simi Valley Unified School District and the Law Offices of Fagen, Friedman & Fulfroost LLP, for Legal Services
 - #2 Approval of Agreement Nos. A14.38-49 Authorizing the Superintendent to Approve Contracts to Provide Education for Simi Valley Unified School District Students Attending Nonpublic Schools During the 2013/2014 School Year
 - #3 Ratification of Out of State Travel Request, Student Support Services
 - #4 Approval of Agreement Nos. A14.53-55 Authorizing the Superintendent And/or Her Designee to approve Consultant Contracts for Speech Therapy Services
5. **BUSINESS & FACILITIES**
- #1 Approval of Warrants - June 30, 2013 Through July 31, 2013
 - #2 Approval of Purchase Orders B13-00263 Through B14-00157, In The Amount of \$1,657,005.39
 - #3 Approval of Transfer of Funds for the Month of June 2013
 - #4 Second Reading and Adoption of Revision to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 1330 (Use of School Facilities)
 - #5 Reject Legal Claims
 - #6 Approval of Purchase Orders B-13-00258 Through P14-0060, In The Amount of \$2,236,374.37
 - #7 Approval of Agreement Nos. A14.26 Through A14.29 Between Simi Valley Unified School District And Rancho Simi Recreation And Park District – Lease Of Classrooms At Crestview, Knolls, Mountain View And Wood Ranch Elementary Schools For Before And After School Child Care Programs
 - #8 Approval of Agreement Numbers. A14.30 Through A14.34 Between Simi Valley Unified School District And Simi Valley Family Y.M.C.A. – Lease Of Classrooms At Arroyo, Atherwood, Big Springs, Simi Elementary And Sycamore Schools For Before And After School Child Care Programs
 - #9 Authorization to Delete Uncollectible Accounts Receivables From The General Fund
 - #10 Ratification Of Simi Valley Unified School District Self-Insured Workers’ Compensation Program: Compromise And Release Settlement Or Stipulated Award
 - #11 Approval Of Agreement No. A14.16 Between Simi Valley Unified School District And T.C. Security & Fire Alarm Systems To Provide Fire Alarm And Intrusion System Monitoring Services

- #12 Approval Of Converting Four (4) Temporary Portable Classrooms to Permanent Classrooms at Royal High School

ACTION CALENDAR:

Personnel Services, Action #2, Approval of the Revised Student Fee Schedule for Senior Center Adult Education Classes was moved forward on the Action Calendar.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

An audience participant approached the podium but did not fill out a blue card. She thanked the Board and urged them to reconsider the current quotas. President Collins reminded her that since it was not an agenda item it would not be addressed by the Board – only the fee schedule.

Marsha Robinson addressed the Board in general terms regarding what is happening at Adult Ed. In her program part time teachers were laid off and rates raised from \$300 to \$600. Only two registrations were received with the rate increase because students cannot afford the increase. Ms. Robinson stated Board of Education's decision to increase fees affects the community negatively. Ms. Robinson also asked for an explanation of the Enterprise Fund (which will be discussed later in the agenda). Bottom line – programs and classes are being shut down due to quotas and fee increases.

Deborah Brown addressed the Board regarding proposed increases in the Senior Center's Adult Education classes. Ms. Brown works with seniors and their activities and states seniors enroll in classes for learning and social activity. The rate increases are a hardship for seniors on limited income and causes seniors to drop out of social activities. She requested the Board please consider the entire community of students (including seniors) when making decisions.

Dale Ann Roy attends the Senior Center Adult Education class –computers. Ms. Roy is worried about fee increases and quotas closing classes, rumors that the classes will be taken over by RSRPD and quality of teachers and their credentials who will teach the classes.

Former Councilwoman Vickie Howard addressed the Board regarding seniors and the fee increases. Ms. Howard was a member of City Council when the Senior Center was built to provide healthy, stimulating activities for seniors. Wonderful classes are offered for elder citizens. Keep our seniors active and value them as citizens. She requested the Board keep the classes affordable and reasonable stating the seniors need your help.

No blue card was submitted but audience participant Cindy Anders did turn in a yellow card and requested to approach the podium. Her concern was the money and questioned where the increased fees are going to?

24 cards yellow cards were submitted in opposition to raising fees for the Senior Center Adult Education Classes and several of those included senior center class quotas.

Adult Education Senior Center teacher, Michelle Daniel asked for clarification of the proposed revised fee. In 2013/14 the fee for a \$20 class would increase to \$25; in 2014/15 from \$25 to \$35; and, in 2015/16 from \$35 to \$50.

Another anonymous audience participant approached the podium and asked “Why are we continuing to increase fees for three years?”

**PROPOSED
REVISED
STUDENT FEE
SCHEDULE
FOR SR. CTR.
ADULT ED
CLASSES**

On May 14, 2013 the Board of Education approved an increase in the Senior Center Adult Education classes in an effort to decrease an operating deficit for the Adult School. The student fees have been re-examined and the proposed revision to the fee structure is now spread with increases occurring in smaller increments over a three year period. The Proposed Fee schedule is as follows:

For the 2013/2014 School Year classes will be increased by \$5.00.
For the 2014/2015 School Year classes will be increased by \$10.00.
For the 2015/2016 School Year, classes will be increased by \$15.00.

**AMENDED
STUDENT FEE
SCHEDULE
FOR SR. CTR.
ADULT ED
CLASSES**

After listening to audience input, Trustee Kidd proposed amending the revised fee schedule to spread a \$5 increase over six years. Discussion followed. The Board was in consensus that the proposed amendment was a good compromise for those on limited incomes and hopes for an improved state budget that will alleviate future increases.

Motion #14

MSCU, Kidd/Davis, 5/0, the Board of Education adopted an increase of \$5 (five dollars) each year over six years with yearly review of the revised student fee schedule for Senior Center Adult Education Classes.

**RESOLUTION
BOARD MEMBER
FOR
ABSENCE**

Adoption of Resolution No. 01-13/14, Board Member Absence (Illness) Education Code Section 35120 states, “A member may be paid for any meeting when absent if the Board, by resolution duly adopted and included in its meeting, finds that at the time of the meeting he or she is performing services outside the meeting for the school District, he or she was ill or on jury duty, or the absence was due to a hardship deemed acceptable by the Board.”

Motion #15

MSC, Kidd/Sandland, 4/0/1, (Davis abstained) to adopt Resolution No. 01-13/14 Board Member Absence (rotation) on July 16.

Roll-call vote

Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Collins

Abstained: Davis

**RESOLUTION
FOR
BOARD MEMBER
ABSENCE**

This item pulled and removed from the agenda by Trustee White.

**APPROVAL OF
APPOINTMENT**

Education Code requires that the Governing Board announce the name of their intended Personnel Commission appointee prior to September 30. The Board’s

PROCESS FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION'S APPOINTEE TO THE PERSONNEL COMMISSION

current appointee, Sherida Simmons, was reappointed by the Board of Education until December 1, 2013. The Board of Education's appointee will be an important member of the three-member Commission which positively contributes to the employment, retention and selection of classified employees. By approving this agenda item, the Board of Education will approve the appointment process for the Board of Education's appointee to the Personnel Commission.

Motion #16

MSC, Davis/White, 4/1 (Sandland Dissented) the Board of Education approved Option 1 Appointment process for the Board of Education's appointee to the Personnel Commission.

Trustee Davis requested expansion of the way the position is advertised to be sure the public and community are aware. Assistant Superintendent Houghton explained it is normally advertised on the VC Star Career Builder website and the district website and options will be explored for more community advertising.

Trustee Sandland stated she is happy with the current appointee, Sherida Simmons who has done a fair and commendable job and preferred Option 2.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 03-13/14 ENERGY SERVICE CONTRACT & FACILITY GROUND LEASE

Approval of Resolution 03-13/14 will give authorization to enter into an Energy Service Contract and Facility Ground Lease with SolarCity Corp. moving towards the Board of Education goal of implementing energy efficient operations and to construct energy savings systems.

Assistant Superintendent Clear introduced SolarCity guests Jeff Palmer Senior Project Manager and Dan Navarro, Commercial Project Manager who gave the Board a power point presentation.

In summary, there will be 29 separate contracts. Next week a pre-construction meeting is scheduled. A phase schedule was also provided to the Board. Discussion followed. Some of the concerns from the Board are impact on established play areas; vandalism to units; informing the public and community forums; seeking input from all stakeholders; available curriculum to teach our students about the importance of solar; and, should SolarCity cease to exist at some point in the future, what would or could happen? All questions were satisfactorily answered by SolarCity or Administrative staff.

Motion #17

MSCU, Kidd/Davis, 5/0, the Board of Education approved by a roll-call vote Resolution No. 03-13/14 giving authorization to enter into an Energy Service Contract and Facility Ground Lease with SolarCity Corp. excluding the district office.

Roll-call Vote:

Ayes: White, Davis, Sandland, Kidd, Collins

Noes: None

BOARD APPROVAL

The Royal High School Track Drainage & Resurfacing Project is one of the Health and Safety projects approved by the Board of Education on April 16,

**TO USE
ACCOUNT 210
BUILDING
FUND**

2013. Staff is recommending funding this project with remaining 1998 bond funds in the amount of \$1,033,722, and if required \$116,278 from C4 bond funds. Trustee White inquired about including Astroturf in the estimation. Assistant Superintendent Clear stated bond counsel advised since Astroturf was not included in the original stadium request it cannot be funded with C4 Bond Funds. It is estimated Astroturf would cost about \$800,000. And, to clarify at Simi Valley High School, the Astroturf was part of the original listing of projects.

Motion #18

MSC, Kidd/Davis, 4/1, (Trustee White dissented), the Board of Education approved the use of Funds totaling \$1,033,722 from Account 210, Building Funds for the Royal High School Track Drainage & Resurfacing Project, and C4 Bond Funds, if required, totaling \$116,278.

**AGREEMENT
A14.18
CONSULTANT
FOR RHS
TRACK
DRAINAGE &
RESURFACING
PROJECT**

The Bond Management office recommends approval of Agreement A14.18 to enter into an agreement with D.A. Hogan & Associates necessary for the Royal High School Track Drainage & Resurfacing Project in the amount not to exceed \$76,825.00. As stated above, the Royal Track Drainage and Resurfacing Project would utilize Account 210 until depleted, then use C4 C4 Bond funds as necessary.

Motion #19

MSC, Sandland/Davis, 4/1, (White dissented), the Board of Education Approved Agreement A14.18 with D.A. Hogan & Associates.

**APPROVAL OF
RESOLUTION
NO. 04-13/14 to
OPEN AN
ADULT ED
ENTERPRISE
FUND**

With the approval of the Annual State Budget Act by Governor Brown school districts are required to maintain existing Adult Education programs for the next two years. This allows school districts to retain authority to independently continue existing adult education programs, but provides that over time they join regional adult education consortia. To alleviate the impact to the unrestricted general fund and to maintain accounting flexibility, it is recommended that the district open an Adult Education Enterprise fund effective July 1, 2012. Per Ed Code, fee based revenues and expenditures may be accounted for in this type of fund. Since a portion of the existing adult education program is fee based, it is recommended that these related revenues and expenditures be recorded in the Adult Education Enterprise Fund. The revenue and expenditure transfers will be incorporated into the 2012-2013 year end closing process, once the new fund is established Discussion followed.

Motion #20

MSCU, Kidd/White, 5/0, the Board of Education approved Resolution No. 04-13/14 to Open an Adult Education Enterprise Fund.

Roll call vote:**Ayes: White, Sandland, Davis, Kidd Collins****Noes: 0**

INFORMATION CALENDAR:

INFORMATION REGARDING STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY Staff Development Day on August 15, 2013 will include all K-12 general education and special education instructional staff. Training will be provided to all teachers on the new student information system, Aeries. On August 15, sites will be working with teachers on items such as setting up grade books, using student demographic data, working with the parent communication portal, and general use of the Aeries system. Each site is at a difference place in the learning curve so teachers will be working on enhancing their usable skills of our new Aeries system. This item is presented for Board information only. Discussion followed with questions fielded by Director Peplinski.

AERIES STUDENT SYSTEM INSTALLATION UPDATE Per the Board of Education’s request, the following information is presented as an update regarding Aeries training, hardware and data conversion process. This item is presented for Board information only.

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS None

PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS Trustee Kidd – requested webcasts of the Board meetings using Granicus. The Board was in consensus they would like more information regarding webcasts (similar to what the City does for City Council meetings).

Trustee White requested initiating a superintendent search using an outside search firm. After discussion the Board felt this was premature and did not agree to move this item forward.

Trustee Sandland requested more information regarding the quotas at the Adult School and would like to reinstate the upholstery class. The Board was in agreement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Board Meeting-Expulsions August 13, 2013	5:30 p.m.	Floyd Binns Room Educational Services Center
Special Board Meeting-Protocol/Goals August, 16, 2013 Workshop	12 Noon – 4 p.m.	Floyd Binns Room Educational Services Center
Special Board Meeting-PersonnelCommission August 27, 2013 Application Review	5:30 p.m.	Floyd Binns Room Educational Services Center
Special Board Meeting-Tentative September 3, 2013	5:30 p.m.	Floyd Binns Room Educational Services Center
Regular Board Meeting September 10, 2013	6:30 p.m.	City of Simi Valley Council Chambers

Personnel Commission Meeting
August 14, 2013

6:00 p.m.

Floyd Binns Room
Educational Services Center

ICOC Meeting
August 21, 2013

6:30 p.m.

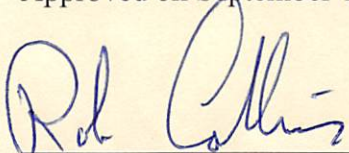
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ADJOURNMENT **MSCU, Davis/Sandland, 5/0, to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.**

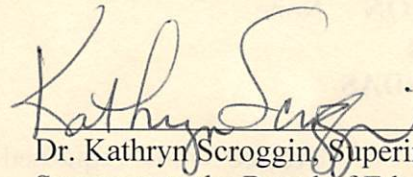
Motion #21

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Rob Collins
President of the Board of Education



Dr. Kathryn Scroggin, Superintendent
Secretary to the Board of Education

**SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
August 13, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER President of the Board Rob Collins called a special meeting of the Board of
OPEN SESSION Education to order at 5:34 p.m. in the Floyd Binns Room at the Educational Services
Center, 875 E. Cochran Street, Simi Valley, CA 93065

PRESENT Board Members: Rob Collins, Arleigh Kidd, Debbie Sandland
Jeanne Davis, Dan White (absent due to rotation)

Hearing: Executive Director Student Support Services Sean Goldman

PUBLIC None
COMMENTS

PROPOSED None
AGENDA
ITEMS

CLOSED The Board adjourned to closed session at 5:36 p.m. in accordance with
SESSION Education Codes 48918 subdivision (j) to discuss Student Expulsion Case 25.

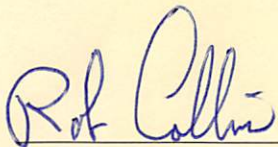
ADJOURNMENT **MSC, Kidd/Sandland, 3/0/2, (Davis and White absent due to**
OF HEARING **rotation) to adjourn the Closed Session at 6:10 p.m. Board President**
Motion #22 **Collins reported the following action from closed session:**

STUDENT #25 **MSC, Sandland/Kidd, 3/0/2, (Davis and White absent due to rotation)**
EXPULSION **to adopt Resolution No. 91-12/13 Student Case #25 was expelled from the**
Motion #23 **Simi Valley Unified School District first semester of the 2013-2014 school year.**
A rehabilitation plan will be implemented.

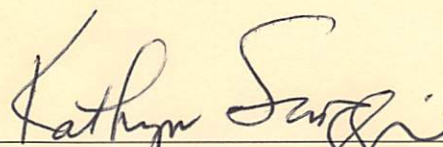
ADJOURNMENT **MSC, Sandland/Kidd, 3/0/2, (Davis and White absent due to rotation)**
Motion #24 **to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m.**

Approved on September 10, 2013

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Rob Collins
President of Board of Education



Kathryn Scroggin Superintendent
Secretary to Board of Education

**SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
August 16, 2013**

- CALL TO ORDER** Board President Collins called a special meeting of the Board of Education
OPEN SESSION to order at 12:04 p.m. in the Floyd Binns Room at the Educational Services Center,
875 E. Cochran Street, Simi Valley, CA 93065.
- PRESENT** Board Members: Rob Collins, Jeanne Davis, Arleigh Kidd,
Debbie Sandland, Dan White
- Staff Members: Dr. Kathryn Scroggin, Superintendent
Dan Houghton, Assistant Superintendent
Ron Todo, Assistant Superintendent
Mike Clear, Assistant Superintendent
Sean Goldman, Executive Director Student Support Services
Jason Peplinski, Director Educational Services
- FLAG SALUTE** The Flag salute was led by Board President Collins.
- PUBLIC COMMENTS** None – *see Public Comments end of meeting minutes.*
- CLOSED SESSION** The Board adjourned to closed session at 12:10 p.m. in accordance with Board of
Education policy, Education Code Section 35144 and Government Code Section
54956 and 49060 et.seq., 49073 et.seq., and California Constitution Article 1,
Section 1.
- ADJOURNED** **MSCU, Sandland/Kidd, 5/0, to adjourn the closed session of the special**
CLOSED SESSION **Board meeting at 12:36 p.m.**
Motion #25
- OPEN SESSION** The Board reconvened to open session at 12:37 p.m. and Board President Collins
reported the following action taken in closed session:
- 1.1** **MSCU, Sandland/Davis, 5/0, the Board of Education approved the Agreement of**
A14.69 **Settlement A14.69.**
Motion #26
- 1.2 SEA** **No action.**
NEGOTIATIONS
- 1.3 CSEA** **No action.**
NEGOTIATIONS

**CONSENT
ITEM***Motion #27***MSCU, Kidd/Sandland, 5/0, the Board of Education approved
the Classified Personnel Report for the Simi Valley Adult School.****WORKSHOP
INTRODUCTION**

Board President Collins welcomed everyone to the meeting. He then reviewed parameters for the meeting and asked that Board members raise their hands if they wish to comment. The Board nodded agreement.

**BOARD/
SUPERINTENDENT
GOVERNANCE
WORKSHOP**

The Board participated in a workshop facilitated by Superintendent Scroggin which included a review of Governance Protocol, Goals and Objectives established in 2009-2010, and the Beliefs, Vision, Mission and Motto Statements established 15 or so years ago. The purpose of the workshop is to encourage the Board to think creatively, to share ideas and establish parameters for the District as they review the documents.

The agenda was established as follows:

- Review of Board and Staff roles
- Review key concepts of governance Protocol/revise based on Board input
- Review/Revise District Vision/Mission
- Overview of current goals/progress
- Brainstorm/prioritize key goals and emphasis for 2013-2014 and beyond
- Developing Action Plans
- Developing Strategies to Implement Action Plans including “progress reports” for Board meetings, employees and the community

Governance Protocol

Dr. Scroggin reviewed the Board of Education Governance Protocol adopted in 2009-2010 and asked for Board input. She noted that neighboring districts have used our protocols as a model for establishing their own documents.

Board President Collins recommended adding the word “safety” in Protocol #1 “Every action and decision of the team will be directed toward promoting student safety, improving student learning and achievement.”

The Board was in consensus to make this one amendment to Protocol #1. There were no other recommended changes to this document. Dr. Scroggin will amend as suggested and present the Protocols back to the Board for review and discussion.

SVUSD Beliefs, Vision, Mission and Motto

Dr. Scroggin re-introduced the District Beliefs, Vision, Mission and Motto which were established by the Board of Education about 15 years ago.

Beliefs: The Board discussed the document sentence by sentence. The Board suggested to amend sentence 6: “Education is an alliance of parents, community, students and all school district employees.”. Dr. Scroggin will amend as suggested and present the Belief statement back to the Board for review and discussion.

Vision: The Board agrees with the Vision statement but recommended remove the word touching and change it to “We are ~~touching~~ ***improving*** the world one student at a time”. Dr. Scroggin will amend as suggested and present the Vision statement back to the Board for further discussion

Mission: The Board agrees with the current Mission statement but recommended the following amendments. The mission of the SVUSD in partnership with families and communities, is to provide each student the opportunity to develop values, knowledge, goals, skills (***both college and career***) and self-confidence to be lifelong learners and responsible citizens ***in a global economy***.

The Board was undecided and wants to revisit the Mission statement. Dr. Scroggin will amend as suggested in a few different versions and present the Mission statement back to the Board for further review and discussion.

Goals: In October 2009, the Board of Education established a set of three goals for SVUSD as follows:

Goal #1: Increase Parent Involvement

Goal #2: Focus on Student Learning and Achievement

Goal #3: Create School/Program for Middle School Students At-Risk

Each goal contained objectives on how to reach the desired goals.

Focus on Student Learning and Achievement

The Board made suggestions on how the District has improved or could improve student learning and achievement such as:

- Increased API scores
- Math CST up at elementary & middle school levels
- ELA up at SVUSD High Schools even though overall the national trend has gone down
- Check ways to decrease dropout rate & improve graduation rates
- Increase in A-G eligibility/CAHSEE pass rates

The Board would like further discussion on more ways to decrease the dropout rates and improve graduation rates.

Increase Parent Involvement

The Board made suggestions on how the District could increase parent involvement:

- Dad involvement links in to volunteerism
- Articulate ways to involve parents such as parent speakers bureau; portfolio days; Sr. projects mentor and speaker connections; parent portals
- PTA/PTSA's are good community partners and venues for reaching parents
- Tap into Parent Talent
- Aeries connects parents to schools and their students but it's important to teach parents how to access and use Aeries
- Use community liaisons to engage non or limited English speaking parents

- Encourage positive parenting
- Help elementary students transition to middle school
- Positive School Climate (suggestion for new goal) and list other items under this umbrella
- Change increase parent involvement to parent and Community involvement (“it takes a city to raise a child”)
- Continue relationships with our business partners (Simi Valley Education Foundation, Rotary, Kiwanis, Chamber of Commerce)
- provide internships for students to see what jobs are like in the real world.

Create Program for At-Risk Middle School Students

Staff explained the “Why Try” program. Trustee Davis requested an update presentation on the “Why Try” program at a Board meeting.

Generally, the Board agreed with the established objectives under Goal #3 but felt all students are at risk – even elementary school so wish to expand to include all grades.

A Look at the District/Reflections

1. The Board identified the SVUSD’s most significant strengths as:
 - Facilities (Bond) improvements and continue to improve sites
 - API scores continue to increase
 - Strong partnerships with PT/PTSA, SVEF etc. that create positive atmosphere in our district
 - Good relationship with our employee organizations
 - Thank dedicated staff at every school site and district office

2. Most Significant Areas for Growth
 - More Community involvement
 - Communications be prompt on returning emails and phone calls (Especially for special needs students)
 - Be a better team – everyone feeling equal
 - Implementing technology and keeping up with changes
 - Change perception that it’s better in other districts
 - Need a directory at the district office so visitors can find their way to departments

3. Most Significant Problems We Face (Weaknesses)
 - Declining enrollment
 - Budget
 - Communication – re high profile cases need to know the outcome
 - Fear factor of employees bringing problems to administration
 - Some students not career or college ready – how to help them
 - Reinstate the student welfare position who was a great liaison and encouraged kids to attend school

4. Most Significant Changes Needed

- Educate everyone in technology
- Common Core
- Aeries transition
- Make info easily available to the public
- Change the perception of quality of our district and how we do things better
- Competitive marketing/PR
- Positive PR- could use a PR person
- Suggestion Box – how can the public communicate ideas to the District easily?

5. Most Important Areas of Focus for Allocation of Time and Resources

- Budget and right size the district
- Implementation of LCFF and Common Core
- Use technology to communicate better and be transparent
- School safety
- Positive school climate
- Power of Partnerships (SVEF, Chamber, Costco, Target)

Some initial thoughts on potential goals from employee organizations (SEA & CSEA):

Technology
 Communications/PR
 Safety

Other thoughts on potential goals:

Custodial staffing (tied to goal of safety)
 Plan for teacher laptops (technology)
 IT staffing and support (technology) as we implement the 3 phases of the Technology Plan at 30 locations
 Response to SEA and CSEA comments at Board meetings (communications)
 Let employee organizations know who will respond to their requests

Recess

The Board took a short break at 1:57 p.m. and reconvened at 2:08 p.m.

**Reconvene
 Potential
 Goals
 (continued)**

Dr. Scroggin asked the Board to review the CSBA list of Potential Goals and opened the floor to Board discussion for updating SVUSD goals. The Board agreed our current three goals are still pertinent but made some suggestions for improvement

#1: Increase Parent (*add Community*) Involvement

#2: Focus on Student Learning and Achievement

#3: Create School/Program for Middle School Students At-Risk

- The Board suggested replacing goal #3 with wording from the CSBA List of Potential Goals #8: “*Maintain fiscal integrity for the district*”
- Move the old goal #3 Create school/program for Middle School Students At-

Risk to under focus on student learning and achievement.

**Establish
Priority
for Goals**

The Board of Education established the following priorities for SVUSD goals:

1. Continue to Focus on Student Learning and Achievement and add
Prepare all students to be college or career ready or..... reversed order....Prepare all students to be college or career ready and focus on Student Learning and Achievement.
 - Define what is student achievement and what is our goal
 - Common Core implementation
 - Improve Test scores
 - Improve grad rates
 - Involve all stakeholders (PTA/PTSA, Ed Foundation, Chamber....)

2. Increase (encourage strong, enhance, or foster) Parent Involvement
 - Foster strong parent and community partnerships
 - Transparency
 - Web site info easy and accessible (list agenda only for quick reference)
 - Partnerships
 - Collaboration
 - Look at objectives under goals
 - Getting parents involved – talk it up at school; hear how other schools are engaging parents
 - The Board suggested monthly or bi-monthly budget forums open to public
 - Educate parents on Common Core and how it will be implemented
Note: there is a page on Common Core for parents on our website
 - Educate parents on technology to follow student's progress (Back To School Night, PTA, All calls)
 - Have a handout for parents as they come in for parent conferences (summary sheet)
 - Aeries – Could we utilize Back to school night for parents to explain how to access Aeries – yes this is planned
– use PTA to have a workshop on how to access; use Parentlink all calls to explain

3. Maintain Fiscal Integrity for the District
 - Budget forums
 - LCFF interpretations and how it will affect the district
 - Progress on right size (downsize)
 - More info on website regarding Budget process and overview
 - Adult education funding and communication of how funding comes to us
 - Declining enrollment and its effect
 - Efficiency of day to day operations (solar)
 - Implement cost savings in general
 - Special Education cost and funding to run of programs
 - Cutting costs for existing vendors especially copy machines and custodial supplies
 - Surplus Property Committee
 - Revisit and evaluate established goals (accountability) – report card on achieving

- goals
- Assign an administrator to monitor goals and report accountability

Next Steps

The Board of Education defined next steps as being:

- Draft language for Board to review - include an action plan
- Distribute to Board for review and approval
- Distribute to employees, community, and parents for input

Action Plan Ideas

In summary, the Board will develop what fits for our District with SVUSD culture and needs. Evaluate ways to maximize resources that don't necessarily involve dollars.

Dr. Scroggin will develop a plan and present it to the Board for approval.

The Board will be provided progress reports for Board meetings and workshops.

Employees and the community at large will be provided progress reports

The Board requested an annual Safety Workshop, more Technology Workshops and that the workshops be held at a special board meeting – not a brief report at the regular school Board meeting.

The Board requested a monthly progress report on Technology, School Consolidation, etc.

BOARD COMMENTS

Board President Collins thanked the audience for coming and asked them to spread the word the SVUSD School Board seeks and welcomes community input.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS

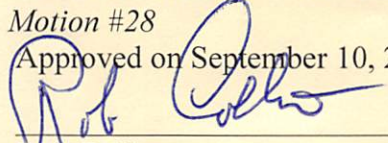
Steve Caswell, teacher at SVHS asked the Board to consider how to deal with a community that wishes to give input. He urged the Board to consider ways for the community to give their input (suggestion box) on issues that concern their students, their community.

Heather Gearhart, teacher at Katherine Elementary, wants access to all information that the Board receives - for example – the worksheets from today's meeting. How can the public get access? Dr. Scroggin responded her assistant would make them available after the meeting. Ms. Gearhart also requested Powerpoint presentations be on the website before the Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT MSCU, Kidd/Davis, 5/0, to adjourn the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

Motion #28

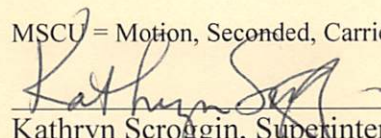
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Rob Collins

President of the Board of Education

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Kathryn Scroggin, Superintendent
Secretary to the Board of Education

**SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
August 23, 2013**

- CALL TO ORDER** President of the Board Rob Collins called a special meeting of the Board of
OPEN SESSION Education to order at 12:00 p.m. in the Floyd Binns Room at the Educational Services Center, 875 E. Cochran Street, Simi Valley, CA 93065
- PRESENT** Board Members: Rob Collins, Debbie Sandland, Dan White
Jeanne Davis (absent) and Arleigh Kidd (absent)
- Staff: Dr. Kathryn Scroggin Superintendent
Dan Houghton, Assistant Superintendent Personnel Services
- FLAG SALUTE** The flag salute was led by Trustee Collins.
- PUBLIC COMMENTS** None
- PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS** None
- CLOSED SESSION** MSC, White/Sandland, 3/0/2, (Davis and Kidd absent), the Board adjourned to closed session at 12:01 p.m. in accordance with Education Code 35144 and Government Code Section 54957 to discuss the following:
Motion #29
- 1.1 The Board of Education will meet in closed session in accordance with provisions in Government Code Section 54957, Public Employment Matters – Appointment, Employment, Performance Evaluation, Discipline, Dismissal, Release: Employment Matters Employee #5500
 - 1.2 The Board of Education will meet in closed session in accordance with provisions in Government Code Section 54957, Public Employment Matters – Appointment, Employment, Performance Evaluation, Discipline, Dismissal, Release: Employment Matters Employee #5679
 - 1.3 The Board of Education will meet in closed session in accordance with provisions in Government Code Section 54957, Public Employment Matters – Appointment, Employment, Performance Evaluation, Discipline, Dismissal, Release: Employment Matters Employee #6660
- ADJOURNMENT** MSC, White/Sandland, 3/0/2, (Davis and White absent) to adjourn the closed session
CLOSED SESSION of the August 23, 2013 special Board meeting at 12:07 p.m.
Motion #30
- REPORT OUT** Board President Collins reported the following action from closed session:

1.1 Employee Matter
Motion #31

MSC, Sandland/Kidd, 3/0/2, (Davis & Kidd absent) the Board of Education appointed Mr. Brian Cox to the position of Assistant Principal, Simi Valley High School.

1.2 Employee Matter
Motion #32

MSC, Sandland/White, 3/0/2, (Davis & Kidd absent) the Board of Education appointed Ms. Cynthia Fernandes to the position of Assistant Principal, Simi Valley High School.

1.3 Employee Matter
Motion #33

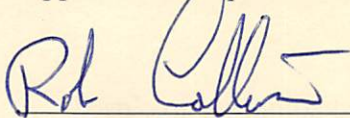
MSC, White/Sandland, 3/0/2, (Davis & Kidd absent) the Board of Education appointed Juan Pablo Leanos to the position of Assistant Principal, Apollo High School.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING
Motion #34

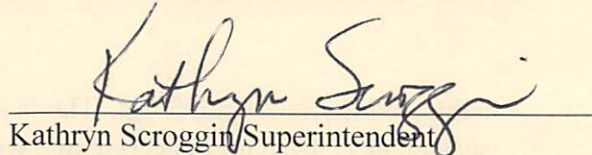
MSC, White/Sandland, 3/0/2, (Davis & Kidd absent) the Board of Education adjourned the meeting at 12:06 p.m.

Approved on September 10, 2013

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Rob Collins
President of Board of Education



Kathryn Scroggin/Superintendent
Secretary to Board of Education

**SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
August 27, 2013**

- CALL TO ORDER** President of the Board Rob Collins called a special meeting of the Board of
OPEN SESSION Education to order at 5:34 p.m. in the Floyd Binns Room at the Educational Services Center, 875 E. Cochran Street, Simi Valley, CA 93065
- PRESENT** Board Members: Rob Collins, Jeanne Davis, Arleigh Kidd,
Debbie Sandland, Dan White
- Staff: Dr. Kathryn Scroggin Superintendent
Dan Houghton, Assistant Superintendent Personnel Services
Andrea Crouch, Director, Classified Personnel
- FLAG SALUTE** The flag salute was waived.
- PUBLIC COMMENTS** None
- PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS** None
- ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION** **MSCU, Davis/White, 5/0, the Board adjourned to closed session at 5:35 p.m. in accordance with Education Code 35144 and Government code Section 54957 to discuss the following**
Motion #31
- 1.1 The Board of Education will meet in closed session in accordance with provisions in Government Code Section 54957, Public Employment Matters – Appointment, Employment, Performance Evaluation, Discipline, Dismissal, Release:
Employment Matters: Review of applications for the Board of Education’s Appointee to the Personnel Commission
- ADJOURNMENT** **MSCU, Davis/White, 5/0 to adjourn the closed session of the August 27, 2013**
CLOSED SESSION **special Board meeting at 5:55 p.m.**
Motion #32
- REPORT OUT** Board President Collins reported the Board of Education reviewed the applications for the position of Board of Education Appointee to the Personnel Commission and made the following two motions:
- INTERVIEW CANDIDATES** **MSC, Kidd/Davis, 4/0/1, (Sandland dissented), the Board of Education will hold a special Board meeting on Tuesday, September 3, 2013 to interview four candidates in an open session.**

PROCESS TO INTERVIEW BOARD

MSCU, Kidd/Davis, 5/0, the Board of Education agreed to the following process to conduct the interviews:

- Interviews will be conducted in open session
- Candidates will assemble before the Board prior to the interviews and each candidate will draw a number to determine order of the interviews. The candidate holding #1 will begin the round of questioning.
- The other candidates will wait in an adjoining room until their consecutive number is called then proceed to the Floyd Binns Room for their interview
- The intended nominee will be announced by the Board at the September 10, 2013 Regular Board meeting

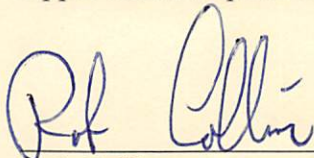
ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

MSCU, Sandland/White, 5/0, to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 p.m.

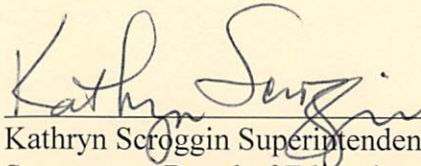
Motion #33

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Rob Collins
President of Board of Education



Kathryn Scroggin Superintendent
Secretary to Board of Education

**SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
September 3, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER President of the Board Rob Collins called a special meeting of the Board of
OPEN SESSION Education to order at 5:32 p.m. in the Floyd Binns Room at the Educational Services Center, 875 E. Cochran Street, Simi Valley, CA 93065

PRESENT Board Members: Rob Collins, Jeanne Davis, Arleigh Kidd,
Debbie Sandland, Dan White

Staff: Dr. Kathryn Scroggin Superintendent
Dan Houghton, Assistant Superintendent Personnel Services

Candidates: Malati Baker; Omkar Renade; Sherida Simmons; James Vandenberg

FLAG SALUTE The flag salute was led by Board President Collins.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Lisa Lopez spoke on behalf of Karen Burnside, Human Resources employee, who was not present. Mrs. Lopez read a letter written by Mrs. Burnside in support of Sherida Simmons as the Board candidate for the Personnel Commission.

PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS Trustee Davis is concerned about copy machines at our schools. Board agreed.

ACTION #1 RESOLUTION NO. 12-13/14 **MSCU, Sandland/Davis, 5/0, the Board approved Resolution No. 12-13/14 Authorization of Emergency Repairs at Vista Elementary School Pursuant to the Public Contract Code Section 22035. This resolution will repair the damage to the communications systems at Vista Elementary due to the fire.**
Motion #34

Roll-call vote **Ayes: White, Sandland, Davis, Kidd, Collins** **Noes: 0**

Discussion followed:
Trustee Kidd asked about funding. Mr. Clear explained both insurance companies will evaluate the loss and since the contractor takes responsibility, will offer a settlement.

Trustee White asked about a ball park figure to repair the damage which is not yet available. Trustee White requested bi-monthly updates on the Vista repairs.

Trustee Collins asked about a time frame to make the building usable. Mr. Clear stated originally the modernization was to be completed January/February 2014, but that will likely be extended due to the fire damage.

**OPEN SESSION
INTERVIEWS**

The Board met in open session in accordance with provisions in Government Code Section 54957, Public Employment Matters: Appointment, Employment, Performance Evaluation, Discipline, Dismissal, Release: Interview candidates for the Board of Education's Appointee to the Personnel Commission. Board President Collins clarified the intended appointee name would not be announced until the Regular Board meeting on September 10, 2013 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall Chambers.

The following procedure was followed:

- The Interviews were conducted in open session
- The Candidates assembled before the Board prior to the interviews and each candidate drew a number to determine the order of the interviews. The candidate holding #1 began the round of questioning.
- The other candidates waited in an adjoining room until their consecutive number was called then proceeded to the Floyd Binns Room for their interview.
- Each candidate was asked a series of five questions – one question per Board member. Responses were limited to two minutes. Following the questions, a clarification time was held.
- Candidates were invited to sit in the audience following their interview

**ADJOURN
OPEN
SESSION**
Motion #35

MSCU, Sandland/White, 5/0, the Board adjourned the open session at 6:28 p.m.

**ADJOURN
TO CLOSED
SESSION**

The Board of Education adjourned to closed session at 6:29 p.m. in accordance with provisions in Government Code Section 54957, Public Employment Matters Appointment, Employment, Performance Evaluation, Discipline, Dismissal, Release: Deliberations for the Board of Education's Appointee to the Personnel Commission

**ADJOURNMENT
CLOSED SESSION**
Motion #36

MSCU, Kidd/Sandland, 5/0, to adjourn the closed session of the September 3, 2013 special Board meeting at 6:43 p.m.

REPORT OUT

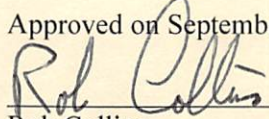
Board President Collins reported the Board of Education deliberated regarding the Board of Education Appointee to the Personnel Commission but the name of the intended appointee would not be announced until September 10, 2013 at the Regular Board meeting.

President Collins also reported the approval of the Emergency Repairs to the communications system at Vista Elementary (motion above).

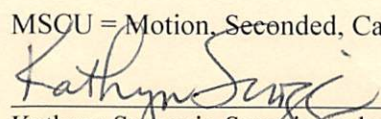
**ADJOURNMENT
OF MEETING**
Motion #37

MSCU, Sandland/White, 5/0, to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Approved on September 10, 2013


Rob Collins
President of Board of Education

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Kathryn Scroggin Superintendent
Secretary to Board of Education

**SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Date: September 10, 2013

**CALL TO ORDER
OPEN SESSION**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Collins at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall Chambers located at City Hall, 2929 Tapo Canyon Road, Simi Valley.

PRESENT

Board Members: Rob Collins, Jeanne Davis, Arleigh Kidd
Debbie Sandland & Dan White
Staff Members: Dr. Kathryn Scroggin, Superintendent
Michael Clear, Assistant Superintendent
Dan Houghton, Assistant Superintendent
Ron Todo, Assistant Superintendent

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to closed session at 5:32 p.m. to conduct the following:

- 3.1 Student Discipline: Discuss Recommendation of Student Waiver of Hearing Case #28
- 3.2 The Board of Education will meet in closed session for SEA Negotiations (as per the Rodda Act). Dan Houghton, District Negotiator
- 3.3 The Board of Education will meet in closed session for CSEA Negotiations (as per the Rodda Act). Dan Houghton, District Negotiator
- 3.4 The Board of Education will meet in closed session in accordance with provisions in Government Code Section 54956.95; insurance pooling, tort liability losses; public liability losses; workers' compensation liability; Settlement Workers' Compensation Claim No. Simi 007051
- 3.5 The Board of Education will meet in closed session in accordance with provisions in Government Code Section 54957, Public Employment Matters – Appointment, Employment, Performance Evaluation, Discipline, Dismissal, Release: Employment Matters Employee #7644

**CLOSED SESSION
ADJOURNMENT**

Motion #38

MSCU, Kidd/Sandland, 5/0, to adjourn the closed session at 5:49 p.m.

**RECESS/
OPEN SESSION**

The Board took a short recess and reconvened in City Hall Chambers at 6:30 p.m. for open session. Board President Collins reported the following action taken in closed session.

- 3.1 WAIVER OF HEARING #28**
Motion #39 MSCU, Sandland/Davis, 5/0, the Board of Education agreed to recommended Waiver of Hearing, Student #28.
- 3.2 SEA NEGOTIATIONS** No Action
- 3.3 CSEA NEGOTIATIONS** No Action
- 3.4 WORKERS' COMPENSATION**
Motion #40 MSCU, Kidd/Sandland, 5/0, the Board of Education approved the Stipulated Settlement Agreement for Worker's Compensation Case No. Simi 007051.
- 3.5 PERSONNEL MATTER**
Motion #41 MSC, Sandland/Davis, 4/0/1, (White dissent) the Board of Education voted to place the extension of the Superintendent's contract on the October 8, 2013 next regular Board meeting.
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Motion #42 MSCU, Sandland/Kidd, 5/0, to approve the agenda as amended:
Note: Public Comments Section will include Employee Organization Comments as it was inadvertently left off the agenda.
- MINUTES**
Motion #43 MSCU, Davis/Kidd, 5/0, to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting of August 6, 2013 (all Trustees were present).
- MINUTES**
Motion #44 MSC, Sandland/Kidd, 3/0/2, to approve the minutes of the special Board meeting of August 13, 2013 (Davis & White abstained).
- MINUTES**
Motion #45 MSCU, Sandland/Davis, 5/0, to approve the minutes of the special Board meeting of August 16, 2013 (all Trustees were present).
- MINUTES**
Motion #46 MSC, Sandland/White, 3/0/2, to approve the minutes of the special Board meeting of August 23, 2013 (Davis and Kidd abstained).
- MINUTES**
Motion #47 MSCU, Kidd/White, 5/0, to approve the minutes of the special Board meeting of August 27, 2013 (all Trustees were present).
- MINUTES**
Motion #48 MSCU, Sandland/Davis, 5/0, to approve the minutes of the special Board meeting of September 3, 2013 (all Trustees were present).
- PUBLIC COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA** Five blue cards (individuals requesting to speak to the Board) on items NOT on agenda were received.

Deanna Kraus and Becky Johnson spoke about fighting at Royal High School and requested a suspension be revoked and the fighters be expelled. They requested that board policy be revised to less than 22 days of suspension to qualify for an expulsion if the situation warrants. The Board will designate staff to investigate the incident.

Heather Gearhart, teacher at Katherine, spoke about solar contract concerns. Ms. Gearhart requests community involvement in decisions and not taking away of green space and playground areas. Ms. Gearhart requested the timeline for informing the community and a way to allow input from teachers and the community before construction begins.

For future note: our blue cards state "An individual requesting to speak cannot transfer his/her speaking privilege to another individual. Written statements presented to the Board will not be read aloud, but such correspondence is welcome and will be reviewed." The Board agreed to allow the reading this time, but reminded the audience it is not permitted.

Louis Schermerhorn, teacher of an Adult Education class at the Senior Center read a letter on behalf of Vicky Howard. Mr. Schermerhorn requested the Board please address class quotas as presented last time. The letter is on file in the Office of the Superintendent and will be reported as Board correspondence at the October 8, 2013 meeting.

Three yellow cards were submitted in opposition to quotas at the Senior Center.

Lourdes Viramontes, teacher at Simi Valley High School (SVHS), stated she and her co-workers/friends are happy working at SVHS. They applaud their principal, the staff and their students. Ms. Viramontes shared the school theme "Board Games". Chants such as "At the Top of Their Game" "Game On" and "Game Changers" are commonly heard all over campus. Even a new spirit cheer was developed for this theme. At Simi High we are thriving and happy and excited about teaching, learning and the academies being offered.

Steve Caswell, teacher at Simi Valley High School referred to the Acorn article that referenced the recall of two Board members. He requested the recall announcement scheduled for tonight be postponed. In addition, Mr. Caswell plans to submit a proposal to the Board to meet communication needs using the internet within the next 30 days stating this will be a way to get and give feedback in an organized and manageable format.

EMPLOYEE-CSEA ORGANIZATION

Jim Jarrard, CSEA Chapter 310 President, addressed the Board regarding custodial positions being cut from 12 to 11 months. He requested the Board maintain current staffing for school custodians at the 12 month levels and requested the Board approve the Classified Personnel report which requested an increase of five 11 month regular Custodian I positions to 12 months, and, requested an increase of two 11 month regular Custodian II positions to 12 months. Mr. Jarrard thanked the Board for their consideration.

There were two yellow cards submitted in support of CSEA comments regarding custodians.

EMPLOYEE-SEA ORGANIZATION

Dayle Gillick SEA President, addressed the Board regarding the unnecessary distractions taking a toll on our District stating since the School Board election last November, there has been much negative press regarding our Superintendent and the Board. Now an intended recall of two Board members will cause more disruption and place our district in chaos. Paying for a recall election would divert funds away from the classroom. We are here to educate students and we have made good changes that benefit our District such as the implementation of solar; redirected money for new technology and WiFi; adding TOSA's committed to a smooth transition to Common Core; and committees such as Surplus Property and School Consolidation Task Force to right-size our District. Please do not put our District in more turmoil by initiating a recall election and please do not sign the recall petition.

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing was opened at 7:00 p.m. regarding Adoption of Resolution No. 05-13/14 on Sufficiency of Instructional Materials and Approval of the Use of Adequate Textbooks and Materials Funds to Provide Adequate Textbooks and Materials for Students. There were no Public Comments. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:01 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT BOARD REPS

Educational Services Director Peplinski introduced the 2013/14 Student Board Reps to the Board: Kiana Kenik, Apollo High School (AHS); Verenise Frias, Santa Susana High School (SSHS); Erin Gentry, Royal High School; and, Madisen Richards, Simi Valley High School (SVHS). Sarah Russo, Monte Vista School (MVS) was absent from tonight's meeting. The Board welcomed the Student Board reps. Following their introduction, Erin Gentry from Royal High School gave the following school reports:

Royal High School and its students are going through some major changes this year. From the computer system, to everyday routine... new changes have been made: Royal has an all new block schedule;

- Mondays school starts at 9:00 a.m. and includes periods 1-6. Tuesdays and Thursdays include periods 0, 1, 3, 5. Wednesdays and Fridays include periods 0, 2, 4, 6.
- Many students have new counselors and are currently going through last minute schedule changes
- Royal's Ronald Reagan Citizen Scholar Institute (CSI) room has been completed and is in use by students, teachers, and classes. This room includes ipads, flat screen TVs, and brand new desks and tables for everyday use
- New bathrooms are currently being installed on one end of campus
- Royal's ASB program has a new advisor; Ms. Wyenn
- The first varsity football scrimmage took place on Friday, August 30
- This is the first year that Royal is offering a zero period

Verenise Frias reports that **Santa Susana High School** is beginning the year with new opportunities, new technology, new staff, and new students. With the help of the Big Brothers and Big Sisters program, freshmen were given a thorough orientation before school began.

The school's recently announced API score saw solid growth. The API score climbed 4 points and reached the set goal of 871! The students received the good news with an excited smile. And despite the loss of a dear Santa Susana family member, they are determined to reach further and go beyond the next goal to be set.

A warm and spirited "welcome back" rally is around the corner on September 12. Students will have the opportunity to express their school pride and get pumped for the rest of the amazing year to come.

Madisen Richards reports that **Simi Valley High School** was "at the top of their game" from the very moment the 2013-2014 school year began. Not only had the Leadership and Renaissance students and staff developed a new school chant, but they also presented it to the campus in a giant flash mob, during lunch, on Friday, August 23rd, to culminate a terrific first week back at school. However, the school chant is just the beginning of what's to come for the Pioneers. Rather than developing a universal theme just for dances, the students and staff have expanded this year's theme of "Board Games" to all aspects on campus. The sayings, "Game On", "At the Top of Our Game", and "Game Changers" not only represent the ideas and attitudes of the Leadership and Renaissance students, but also the entire student body and staff, and will be used as phrases for events ranging from Homecoming to Renaissance Rallies, to Athletic Events, and everywhere in between.

Since students are "At the top of their game", they are working hard in preparing for upcoming events such as the College Fair (September 3rd), Club Rush (September 10th and 11th), Back to School Night (September 11th), Simi Royal Week (October 14th-18th), and Red Ribbon Week (October 23-31st), as well as the upcoming Homecoming Game vs. Calabasas (September 27th), and Homecoming Dance (September 28th). Both will keep with the theme of "Game On" and are inspired after the board game Candy Land.

The Pioneers are looking forward to a great rest of the school year!

Kiana Kenik reports that another successful school year at **Apollo High School** has begun! The school welcomed back former students, and new faces, on August 12th for registration. There are some new staff members this year at Apollo - Anthony Mize is teaching English, Stacy Stevens is teaching social science, and Pablo Leños is Apollo and Monte Vista's new Assistant Principal.

The year started off smooth, including the introduction of our new attendance and grade system called AERIES. Student support groups are also starting to meet. These groups include Action group, self esteem, anger management, and substance abuse support. The student support groups help show how much Apollo cares for its students by letting them know that they are there for them. Counselors are meeting with new students, one-on-one in their orientation class, to come up with a personalized quarter plan. This plan will help make sure that all students are enrolled in the right classes, and will earn the credit they need to graduate. On Friday, August 23rd, Apollo celebrated the new school year with its annual ice cream social. Staff members built custom sundaes in order to show their students Acceptance - which is one part of Apollo's Four-A philosophy.

Sarah Russo reports that **Monte Vista School** is off to a great start for our 2013-2014 school year with many new faces and events. We welcome back Mr. Dean May as our Principal and a newly appointed Assistant Principal, Mr. Pablo Leanos. We also welcome our new part-time Counselor, Ms. Tammy Herzer. Additionally, we have introduced three new teachers to the Monte Vista staff: Tracie Garfinkle, Ali Bowen, and Cindy Madden. Ms. Stefeni Navarro has also been added on as our new classroom Instructional Aide. We are all excited that they will be bringing their expertise to our school.

Monte Vista School continues to have great success in our Virtual Academy offering our students a wide variety of courses to choose from.

We are also excited that Monte Vista was accepted to continue participating in the "Shopping for Students" fundraising program at the Simi Valley Town Center. We continue with great success and participation from our Monte Vista families in our other fundraising programs through Ralphs, Albertsons, and Target Stores, as well as our Box Tops for Education program.

Monte Vista School was very excited to receive a generous gift from the Simi Valley Education Foundation. We are extremely grateful for this gift and look forward to putting it to good use!

Welcome back, everyone. Make this a great year!

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Scroggin: 1) welcomed everyone including our Student Board Reps to the new school year and congratulated and thanked all teachers, classified staff, administrators, PTA/PTSA volunteers and other friends of Simi Valley schools for their hard work in making the opening of school a successful one; 2) summarized the Governance workshop the Board held to discuss Governance Protocol and Goals for the 2013-2014 school year. The Board identified three important areas for further discussion: maintaining a focus on student learning and achievement; fostering strong parent and community involvement; and, maintaining fiscal integrity for our District. Our next step will be to hold another Board workshop for further discussion followed by outreach to employees, parents and our larger community to solicit input on both proposed goals and any additional goals; 3) addressed API scores were down state and county wide, despite the fact that students are making progress. Overall our District did decrease by 7 points from 837 – 830. In SVUSD Vista Elementary had the highest API score in Ventura County – 960! Simi Elementary, Vista Elementary, Sinaloa Middle School, Royal High School and Santa Susana High School all made gains in their scores. 16 elementary schools; all three middle schools and 2 high schools scored over 800; four schools are over 900. Our District will enter Year 3 corrective action which will be established by the State in November. All four of our Title I schools now have Program Improvement status. Santa Susana Elementary will be in Year 1; Abraham Lincoln will be in Year 3; and Berylwood and Park View will be in Year 5. 4) Trustee Kidd and Dr. Scroggin met to discuss District Committee Membership, specifically which committees lend themselves to the addition of members from other organizations and/or community. The next Board agenda will include a proposal for a pilot which includes the

Technology Committee and the Safety Committee as the first committees with expanded membership. Once the pilot is evaluated, representatives from these groups and/or additional groups can be added to other committees as appropriate; 5) stated reports will be given later by the School Consolidation Task Force and the Surplus Property Committee later this evening and will be posted on our district website; 6) Budget talk: our multi-year projection currently shows that due to deficit spending, we will not be able to meet recommended reserve levels in the 2015-16 school year. Staff recently met with representatives from the Ventura County Office of Education to discuss this and other related concerns. Staff continues to work with the School Consolidation Task Force to work on ways to implement ideas to generate more revenue and reduce expenditures. The County did note our district is in much better shape than last year.

BOARD COMMUNICATION

Trustee Davis: 1) welcomed everyone back to the new school year; 2) thanked the SVEF for their generous gift of \$29K to our schools; 3) as Board representative on the Task Force on Homeless shared some facts regarding homeless persons in Simi Valley and Ventura County; 4) stated support of June Ewart, advocate for Mental Health. She also shared a magazine article that stressed the relationship of keeping kids engaged and good mental health. She requested use as a model the Santa Susana High School TAP (Troubadour Advisory Program) intervention and mentoring program at all schools.

Trustee Kidd: 1) welcomed the new student board members and thanked Erin for the great school reports; 2) extended sympathy in the loss of Santa Susana High School employee Sally Carnan stating we will miss her; 3) welcomed everyone back to the new school year; 4) thanked the Simi Valley Education Foundation for their generous gift of \$29,000 and reminded everyone about the fundraiser "Tee Up for Kidz" on Sept. 27 (More info at www.svef.org); 5) stated he is happy to join the PTA/PTSA at all schools and encouraged everyone to join the PTA/PTSA of their choice; 6) read about the community forum on Facebook where cash mobs visit small businesses including our schools and thanked them for their support; 7) wished good luck to the Royal and Simi Valley High School football teams - both are off to a great start; 8) Trustee Kidd is anxious to visit schools to check out the new technology and see the solar upgrades. He does want to ensure a school site and community voice; 8) thanked the members of the Surplus Property Committee for their hard work and looking forward to the Surplus Property Committee Report; 9) publicly stated both Trustee Collins and Trustee Sandland have his faith and support.

Trustee Sandland: 1) had the opportunity to visit many schools on opening day and experienced our schools as warm and welcoming places for our children go to school and Simi Valley is a great place to live and work; 2) attended the Leadership Team Kickoff and really enjoyed the speaker and enthusiasm present; 3) plans to attend Back to School nights and do some school visits; 4) witnessed Aeries up and running smoothly on the first day of school; 5) welcomed all the student board reps and thanked them for their reports; 6) expressed concerns with the solar contract in regard to communication with staff and community and placement of ground mounts and wants to investigate and get more information. Trustee Sandland thanked the teacher from Katherine who shared her solar concerns; 7) requested quotas from Adult School be on the agenda and not limit classes due to quotas; 8) thanked SEA

President Gillick for her comments and support; and, 9) stated it is a pleasure to serve this community and looking forward to a great school year.

Trustee White: 1) stated Simi Valley is a great community, has great infrastructure and great families; 2) referred to and read excerpts from a letter he submitted on February 12, 2013 requesting resignation of the Superintendent; 3) stated there have been some improvement in individual programs but transparency and communication are still an issue. Some data Trustee White feels cannot be ignored is: enrollment is down, API scores are down and the County is concerned over the financial solvency of the District. Trustee White stated we need better schools and better leadership, as well as good marketing and good governance. Trustee White stated he had been asked to deliver and hereby serve Notice of Intention to Circulate a Recall Petition to Trustee Collins and Trustee Sandland. In addition, Trustee White is calling for a revision to board policy to impose a one-time term limit for Board members to address serious issues.

Trustee Collins: 1) stated our schools had a great opening day with a good start to the school year; 2) attended a Ventura County School Board Association (VCSBA) executive Board meeting and announced dates for future meetings: October 21 (topic-school culture and at-risk kids with a speaker from Gateway School); February 10 (topic-LCFF Where Are We Now); and, on April 29, a Boardmanship meeting hosted by CSBA and discussion of Common Core implementation; 3) Trustee Collins was asked by the County to sit on the School District Re-Organization Committee along with Mr. Greg Barker from the Moorpark District to replace two members stepping down. Trustee Kidd is the Board representative on the County Committee on School District Organization and will have an opportunity to vote at the December 16 meeting; 4) met along with administrative staff representatives from the Ventura County Office of Education (VCOE) on August 29 to discuss the SVUSD budget. In California, 60% of school districts are experiencing declining enrollment and this is a high priority item in our District and other districts. Overall VCOE offered compliments about what the District has done to get the SVUSD fiscal house in order; 5) SVUSD has faced five years of budget cuts but SVUSD managed to hold off on furlough days and raising class sizes until this year. Board President Collins complimented CSEA Chapter 310 President Jarrard and SEA President Gillick for their support and input on the budget and other committees; 6) thanked Teacher Viramontes for her positive comments regarding Simi Valley High School and the District; 7) Trustee Collins stated disappointment with Trustee White; 8) extended sympathy to the family of Sally Carnan; and, 9) interested in Mr. Caswell's "suggestion box" idea and looks forward to hearing more about it.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

There were nine pieces of Board correspondence to report: a letter addressed to the Board dated 8/6/13 from a teacher at SVHS; a letter addressed to the Board received 8/8/13 regarding wording on a particular document from a parent; an anonymous letter addressed to Trustee White regarding misuse of funds or lack of leadership; two letters from Attorney Green requesting Public Records; a copy to the Board of a letter from the District Attorney's Office dated

8/15/13 regarding possible Brown Act Violations; a letter addressed to Trustee White regarding the Knowledge Sharing Network/Chevron Energy Solutions K-12; two letters addressed to the Board regarding the Board's appointee to the Personnel Commission. The Superintendent or her designee will respond as appropriate.

RECALL SERVICE REFUSED President Collins publicly refused service of Notice of Intention to Circulate a Recall Petition and invited Trustee White to serve papers at his home not on public TV during a Board meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR *The consent items listed below will be approved by the Board in one action However, a Board member may remove an item for individual discussion and action.*

Motion #49 **MSCU, Kidd/White, 5/0, to approve the Consent Calendar as amended.**

(roll-call vote) AYES: White, Sandland, Davis, Kidd, Collins NOES: 0

Trustee White requested removal of Business & Facilities Consent #4, Approval of Agreement No. A14.70 between SVUSD and Robert E. Thurbon, Attorney for Legal Services stating due to his location in Sacramento he is not available to counsel the Board when needed and because of questionable past practice in another District.

Mr. Mitchell Green, resident and business owner expressed concerns with Agreement A14.70 (renewal of SVUSD/Thurbon contract) as related to Mr. Thurbon's conduct in another district (Lynn vs. Gateway School District) and violation of ethical and legal duties.

Board President Collins suggested inviting Attorney Thurbon to the October 8, 2013 Board meeting to give him a chance to answer any questions concerning his past practice. President Collins stated our Attorney has been exonerated from all charges, but feels Mr. Thurbon could explain himself and answer Board questions. The Board agreed to table Business & Facilities Item #4, Approval of Agreement A14.70 between SVUSD and Robert E. Thurbon Attorney for Legal Services until the October 8, 2013 Board meeting. Mr. Thurbon will be invited to attend the meeting.

Trustee White pulled Business & Facilities Consent #14 Conversion of Single Classroom to a Bathroom to Support Autistic Students. Trustee White requested clarification and specifics of how the \$265,000 will be spent. Sean Goldman Executive Director Student Support Services explained with the Success Academy at RHS they do not have adequate restroom facilities. Although the current restrooms are ADA compliant, they are very tiny and several large pieces of equipment designed for high school children is required. In addition, parents are concerned with current facilities.

Motion #50 **MSC, White/Kidd, 3/0/2, (Sandland & Collins dissented) to pull Business & Facilities Item #14, Approval of Converting one classroom into a restroom for the Special Day Class Program at Royal High School pending cost details and a timeline to be presented to the Board at the October 8, 2013 regular Board meeting.**

In addition, Trustee Davis requested a breakdown of what other districts are doing regards to high school ADA restrooms; and Trustee White requested cost per square foot of the construction.

1. **BOARD/ADMINISTRATION** (No consent)
2. **PERSONNEL SERVICES**
 - #1 Approval of Certificated Personnel Report
 - #2 Approval of Classified Personnel Report
 - #3 Approval of Agreement No. A14.72 between Simi Valley Unified School District and Poms & Associates Insurance Brokers, Inc., Continuation of Insurance Consulting and Brokerage Services
3. **EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**
 - #1 Acceptance of Gifts for Simi Valley Unified School District 2013-2014
 - #2 Approval of High School Booster Organizations for 2013-2014
 - #3 Approval of Out-of-State Travel, Secondary Education
 - #4 Approval of Agreement No. A14.76 Between the Simi Valley Unified School District No-Cost Agreement and Aspen Surgery Venture
 - #5 Approval of Educational Field Trips
 - #6 Approval of Agreement No. A14.81 Between the Simi Valley Adult School and Career Institute No-Cost Agreement with Alamo Hills Medical Group
 - #7 Approval of Agreement No. A14.82 Between the Simi Valley Adult School and Career Institute No-Cost Agreement with Moorpark Comprehensive Medical Group
4. **STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES** (No consent)
5. **BUSINESS & FACILITIES**
 - #1 Approval of Warrants July 31, 2013 through August 31, 2013
 - #2 Approval of Purchase Orders B13-00524 through P14-00401, In the Amount of \$23,154,083.32
 - #3 Approval of Transfer of Funds for the Month of July 2013
 - PULLED #4 ~~Approval of Agreement No. A14.70 Between Simi Valley Unified School District and Robert E. Thurbon, Attorney for Legal~~
 - #5 Authorization to Award Bid #13H22B201, Door Hardware Security Upgrades
 - #6 Approval of Simi Valley Unified School District's Participation in the Ventura County Office of the District Attorney's Thrive Program for 2013/2014
 - #7 Approval of Agreement No. A14.77 Between SVUSD and Child Development Resources of Ventura County, Inc., to Contract for Cafeteria Services – Head Start Program at Berylwood Elementary School for 2013-2014
 - #8 Notice of Action on Application for Late Claim Relief
 - #9 Township Elementary School Kindergarten Building
 - #10 Ratification of Simi Valley Unified School District Self-Insured Workers' Compensation Program: Comprise and Release Settlement or Stipulated Award.
 - #11 Vista Elementary School Site Improvements
 - #12 Approval of Agreement A14.79 between Simi Valley Unified School District and Schoolworks, Inc., Justification Study to Increase Developer Fees
 - #13 Approval of Agreement No. A14.61 between SVUSD and Terra-Firma Enterprises to Provide Technical Assistance for Emergency management Services
 - PULLED #14 ~~Approval of Converting One Classroom into a Restroom for the Special Day Class Program at Royal High School~~

ACTION CALENDAR**RESOLUTION
BOARD MEMBER
FOR
ABSENCE**

Adoption of Resolution No. 08-13/14, Board Member Absence (Hardship) Education Code Section 35120 states, "A member may be paid for any meeting when absent if the Board, by resolution duly adopted and included in its meeting, finds that at the time of the meeting he or she is performing services outside the meeting for the school District, he or she was ill or on jury duty, or the absence was due to a hardship deemed acceptable by the Board."

Motion #51

MSC, Kidd/White, 4/0/1, (Davis abstained) to adopt Resolution No. 01-13/14 Board Member Absence (rotation) at the August 13 and August 23, 2013 Special Board meetings.

Roll-call vote

Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Collin Abstained: Davis

**RESOLUTION
BOARD MEMBER
FOR
ABSENCE**

Trustee White requested pulling this item regarding his absence from the August 13, 2013 special Board meeting.

**ADOPTION OF
RESOLUTION FOR
PTA/PTSA
MEMBERSHIP
MONTH**

PTA/PTSA Council President Karyn Ring and Council Members Carla Lowe and Michelle Scharf came forward to receive a Resolution/Certificate from Board President Collins in honor of PTA/PTSA Membership Month. Board Member Sandland read the Resolution aloud and thanked the PTA/PTSA for their service. On behalf of the Board, Trustee Collins extended thanks to the PTA/PTSA for all they do for our schools and students.

Michelle Scharf handed out information regarding the "Super" memberships to each Board member and encouraged them to join the PTA/PTSA of their choice.

Motion #52

MSCU, Sandland/Davis, 5/0, the Board of Education adopted Resolution No. #07-13/14 Honoring PTA/PTSA Membership Month.

Roll-Call Vote

AYES: White, Sandland, Davis, Kidd, Collins NOES: 0

**CSBA ANNUAL
MEETING TO
ELECT
DIRECTOR'S AT
LARGE:
AMERICAN
INDIAN, BLACK
AND COUNTY**

The annual Meeting to elect members to the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Director's at American Indian, Black and County will be held at the CSBA Delegate Assembly Meeting in San Diego on December 4-5, 2013. Trustee Collins is the Ventura County Region 11B CSBA Delegate and will take part in the election.

Motion #53

MSCU, Kidd/Davis, 5/0, the Board of Education directed Trustee Collins to use sound judgment and participate in the scheduled election as the Ventura County Region 11B Representative at the Delegate Assembly meeting on December 4 – 5, 2013 in San Diego.

**RESOLUTION
BOARD MEMBER
FOR
ABSENCE**

Adoption of Resolution No. 10-13/14, Board Member Absence (Hardship) Education Code Section 35120 states, "A member may be paid for any meeting when absent if the Board, by resolution duly adopted and included in its meeting, finds that at the time of the meeting he or she is performing services outside the meeting for the school District, he or she was ill or on jury duty, or the absence was due to a hardship deemed acceptable by the Board."

Motion #54

MSC, Davis/Sandland, 4/0/1, (Kidd abstained) to adopt Resolution No. 10-13/14 Board Member Absence (rotation) at the August 23, 2013 Special Board meeting.

Roll-call vote

Ayes: White, Sandland, Davis, Collins

Abstained: Kidd

**ANNOUNCEMENT
OF INTENDED
PERSONNEL
COMMISSION
APPOINTEE**

The Board of Education announced their intended appointee (Sherida Simmons) to the Personnel Commission. Following this announcement, a special Board meeting and Public Hearing will be held on October 15, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the Floyd Binns Room at the District Office. Per Ed Code (45246), the intended appointee must be announced prior to September 30th. After 30 days, but before 45 days, a Public Hearing must be held where views may be expressed on the nominee.

Motion #55

MSCU, Kidd/Davis, 5/0, the Board of Education announced Sherida Simmons as their intended appointee to the Personnel Commission.

**RESOLUTION
NO.05-13/14 ON
SUFFICIENCY
OF
INSTRUCTIONAL
MATERIALS**

Educational Services Director Peplinski stated that Ed code 60119 requires the Governing Board to hold an annual public hearing regarding the sufficiency of instructional materials which means that each student has access to standards aligned textbooks or instructional materials during the day as well as for required homework. The Board of Education is required to adopt a resolution regarding the sufficiency of instructional materials in SVUSD in order to receive instructional materials funds for textbooks and instructional materials. All materials are available for viewing in the Curriculum Center.

Motion #56

MSCU, Kidd/Davis, 5/0, to adopt Resolution No. 05-13/14 on the Sufficiency of Instructional Materials in the core academic areas.

(roll-call vote)

AYES: White, Sandland, Davis, Kidd, Collins

NOES: 0

**APPROVAL OF
USE OF THE PUPIL
TEXTBOOK AND
INSTRUCTIONAL
MATERIALS FUNDS
TO PROVIDE
ADEQUATE
TEXTBOOKS AND
MATERIALS
FOR STUDENTS**

The Public Hearing on the Use of the Pupil Textbook and Instructional Materials Funds to Provide Adequate Textbooks and Materials for Students was opened at 7:00 p.m. and closed at 7:01 p.m. There were no public comments.

Education code 60119 specifies that each school district hold a public hearing annually and action by the Board of Education for determination of the adequacy of textbooks or instructional materials consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum. Funds for textbooks and instructional materials must be spent on materials that have been approved by the State Board of

Education for Grades K-8. Grades 9-12 do not have this restriction. In preparation for the 2013/2014 school year, books and materials were purchased and have been approved by the Board of Education and will be used to assist in the instruction of the Board approved California State content standards in each of the curriculum areas.

Motion #57

MSCU, White/Kidd, 5/0, to approve the use of the Pupil and Textbook and Instructional Materials Funds to Provide Adequate Textbooks and Materials for Students.

**ADOPTION OF
RESOLUTION
06-13/14
APPROVAL OF
BIDS VIA GSA**

Assistant Superintendent Clear explained many public agencies and other school districts “piggyback” on bids and contracts. This allows for cooperative purchasing by many state agencies. AB 2866 and AB 1684 gives K-12 schools authority to contract with suppliers awarded contracts by DGS for the acquisition of information technology, goods and services.

Motion #58

MSCU, Davis/Sandland, 5/0, the Board of Education adopted by a roll-call vote Resolution No. 06-13/14 regarding approval of participation in bids/contracts of other public agencies and California State contracts via General Services Administration.

Roll-call vote

Ayes: White, Sandland, Davis, Kidd, Colins Noes: 0

**ADOPTION OF
RESOLUTION
NO. 11-13/14
APPROPRIATION
LIMITATION
CALCULATION
(GANN LIMIT)
2012/2013**

All public agencies in California have been subject to an annual limit since 1979 when Proposition 4, authored by Paul Gann, was approved by the voters in the November State election, commonly called the Gann Limit, which restricts the amount of tax money which state and local governments, including public school districts may spend. Fiscal Services has calculated the actual appropriation limit use of \$103,042,449.94 for 2012/13, and the estimated appropriation limit use of \$112,709,812.69 for 2013/14.

It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution 11-13/14 Appropriation Limitation Calculation (Gann Limit) for 2012/2013, and the estimated appropriation limit use for 2013/2014.

Motion #59

MSCU, White/Kidd, 5/0, adopted by a roll-call vote, Resolution No. 11-13/14 (Gann Limit).

**(Roll-Call Vote)
APPROVAL OF
FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS
FOR 2013/14
YEAR END**

AYES: White, Sandland, Davis, Kidd, Collins NOES: 0

A requirement for 2012/2013 fiscal year-end closing is the filing of a J-200 report with the State Department of Education providing the actual revenues received, the actual expenditures paid and the actual ending balance for the fiscal year. Fund by fund, the District must report actuals by object code of revenue and expenditure and committed or restricted ending balance.

In addition, Mr. Clear gave a brief explanation of Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF). We will not know our final 2013-14 funding until July 2014. The First interim report is scheduled for presentation to the Board in December and Second interim will be presented in March.

Trustee Collins thanked Mr. Clear and staff for the concise presentation of the actuals in an easy to read and color coded format. The powerpoint and J200 will be available on the website and from the Office of Business & Facilities.

Discussion followed and Dr. Scroggin stated a budget workshop will be held in November giving the Board clarification on the status of the current budget and an opportunity to discuss LCFF, Prop 39 and other issues.

Motion #60

MSCU, White/Kidd, 5/0, to approve the Financial Statements for 2013-2014 Year End Unaudited Actual Data.

**TABLED:
SURPLUS
PROPERTY**

Assistant Superintendent Clear stated the Surplus Property Committee has voted unanimously to declare the following sites as surplus property Authorizing Offer of District Property for Sale to Public Entities and authorizing Public sale of property.

- a) A separate parcel of vacant land (52-1/2 +/- acres) commonly referred to as a Commercial Site located at the Southwest corner of L.A. Avenue/Blackstock, Simi Valley and valued at \$390,000.00
- b) A separate parcel of vacant land (73.26 +/- acres) commonly referred to as Long Canyon Property located southwest of Long Canyon Rd. at Winncastle Street, Simi Valley valued at \$700,000.00
- c) A separate parcel of vacant land (4.93 +/- acres) commonly referred to as Wood Ranch Conference Center site located at 222 East Country Club Drive, Simi Valley valued at \$2,330,000.00

Trustee Sandland requested tabling this item until the Board has an opportunity to visit the sites as stated above and made the following motion to do so:

Motion #61

MSC, Sandland/Davis, 3/0/2, (White & Kidd dissented) to table this item until the Board can visit the Surplus Property sites and requested a quick schedule for the visitation and placed back on the agenda for the next Board meeting.

Roll-call vote

Ayes: Davis, Sandland, Collins Noes: White, Kidd

INFORMATION ITEMS

**FIRST READING
OF BP/AR 4112.42
4212.42 & 4312.42
(DRUG & ALCOHOL
TESTING FOR
BUS DRIVERS)**

First Reading of Revised BP/AR 4112.42, 4212.42 & 4312.42 (Drug and Alcohol Testing for Bus Drivers) was presented to the Board of Education for review. This policy reflects mandated changes to more directly reflect prohibitions against drug and alcohol testing conducted under the federal testing program. Policy also adds language on confidentiality of test results and reports to the DMV. Mandated regulations reflect requirements pertaining to pre-employment, post-accident, random, reasonable suspicion, return-to-duty and follow-up testing. This item is presented to the Board for information only.

**FIRST READING
OF BP 5132.62
TOBACCO**

First Reading of Revised BP 5131.62 (Tobacco) is being revised to include "possession and/or use of electronic cigarettes". This items is presented to the Board for information only.

- INFORMATION REGARDING COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS (CCSS) IMPLEMENTATION FUNDING** Assistant Superintendent Todo explained funds have been appropriated by the State in the 2013-2014 school year to support the integration of academic content standards in instruction adopted pursuant to various Education Code Sections. As a condition prior to spending CCSS implementation funds, the District is required to develop a plan as to how the funds will be spent, including having a report in a public meeting and report on or before July 1, 2015 specific purchases made and the number of teachers, administrators, or paraprofessional educators that received professional development. This will move forward as an action item at the October 8, 2013 Board meeting.
- FIRST READING OF PB/AR 1312.3 (UCP)** Assistant Superintendent Todo explained revisions to first reading BP/AR 1312.3 (Uniform Complaint Procedures) to address prohibited discrimination and possible violations of state and federal laws governing educational programs. The revision mandates districts to adopt uniform complaint policies and Procedures consistent with the State's complaint procedures as specified. This item is presented to the Board for information only.
- INFO RE: SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION TASK FORCE** Assistant Superintendent Todo stated the School Consolidation Task Force (SCTF) purpose is to do initial research into the possibility of a closing a school site as well repurposing a school. The Task Force has begun to collect and analyze data such as capacity, enrollment, campus size, staffing, utility and custodial costs for all schools in SVUSD. The Task Force has set up a timeline to provide information and general recommendations to the Board in October. The next step will be to create a 7-11/ District Advisory Committee. This information is presented to the Board for information only. The power point is available from the Office of Educational Services and will be on the website.
- Trustee Sandland stated for the public there are no plans to close any schools at this time and, that if at all possible, re-purposing will occur. Assistant Superintendent Todo clarified in order to re-purpose a school, the school I.D. becomes defunct and a whole new identity is given to the school.
- ANNUAL DISCLOSURE OF FIXED ASSET DISPOSAL (13/14)** Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis, for State and Local Governments, requires the Simi Valley Unified School District to include the original cost of fixed assets in the statements of net assets as part of the entities government-wide financial reporting. An asset capitalization policy was adopted on April 19, 2005 which establishes a reasonable threshold for all types of assets and this policy facilitates the straight line method of depreciating those assets over their estimated useful lives. Any disposed assets that have been previously reported and depreciated are to be annually disclosed to the Board of Education. A complete report of the Annual Disclosure of Fixed Asset Disposal as of June 30, 2013 is available from the Office of Business & Facilities. This item is presented to the Board for information only.

**CONSIDERATION
OF ITEMS FOR
FUTURE
AGENDA**

Trustee Kidd requested information regarding webcasts of the Board meeting using Granicus. Trustee Kidd stated most public agencies film and post the board meetings on their websites. Trustee Kidd requests an action item to webcast School Board meetings. The Board agreed.

Trustee Sandland requested more information regarding class size quotas at the Adult School and would like to reinstate the upholstery class. Quotas will be brought forward first as an information item for discussion at the October 8, 2013 meeting then brought back as an action item including the upholstery class.

Trustee Davis would like an update on copy machines at the school sites. The Board agreed they would like an information item at the next Board meeting.

**PROPOSED
AGENDA ITEMS**

Trustees may propose agenda items to the Board of Education. The Board of Education will give direction to the Superintendent.

Trustee Davis: requested an information item to address Solar City concerns with communication and establishing a procedure for giving input.

Trustee Davis: requested an information item on the TAP (Troubador Activity Program) program at Santa Susana High School (a presentation will be made October 8, 2013).

Trustee White: requested an information item on drug testing of athletes.

Trustee Sandland: requested information in the Friday update for families who don't have access to a computer, what are the other options for access to Aeries.

Trustee Collins: would like to develop a system to get more community input and would like to hear more information as presented by Mr. Caswell on an electronic suggestion box.

Trustee Kidd: requested information on the Senior Center discount for multiple classes. Trustee Kidd was informed this discount is no longer available. He requests staff research to see if the discount can be reinstated.

Trustee Kidd: requested staff contact County Elections Division to get an accurate estimate on a recall election.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regular Board Meeting October 8, 2013	6:30 p.m	City of Simi Valley Council Chambers
Special Board Meeting- Public Hearing and October 15, 2013 Approval PC Appointee	5:30 p.m.	Floyd Binns Room Educational Services Center
Heroin Task Force Meeting September 23, 2013	6:00 p.m.	City of Simi Valley Council Chambers

Personnel Commission Meeting
~~September 11, 2013~~ cancelled
Rescheduled to September 9, 2013

6:00 p.m. Floyd Binns Room
Educational Services Center

ICOC Meeting

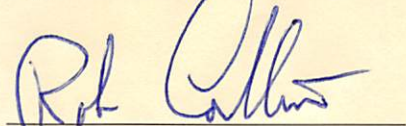
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ADJOURNMENT MSCU, Sandland/Davis, 5/0, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

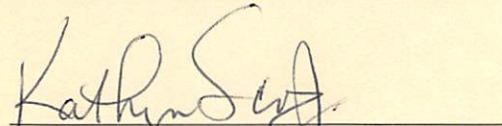
Motion #62

Approved on October 8, 2013

MSCU=Motion, Seconded, Carried, Unanimous



Rob Collins
President of the Board of Education



Dr. Kathryn Scroggin, Superintendent
Secretary to the Board of Education

**SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Governance Workshop Part II
October 1, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER Board President Collins called a special meeting of the Board of Education
OPEN SESSION to order at 5:32 p.m. in the Floyd Binns Room at the Educational Services Center,
875 E. Cochran Street, Simi Valley, CA 93065.

PRESENT Board Members: Rob Collins, Jeanne Davis, Arleigh Kidd,
Debbie Sandland, Dan White

Staff Members: Dr. Kathryn Scroggin, Superintendent
Dan Houghton, Assistant Superintendent
Ron Todo, Assistant Superintendent
Mike Clear, Assistant Superintendent
Sean Goldman, Executive Director Student Support Services

FLAG SALUTE The Flag salute was led by Board President Collins.

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS** None

**WORKSHOP
INTRODUCTION** Board President Collins welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**BOARD/
SUPERINTENDENT
GOVERNANCE
WORKSHOP** The Board participated in Part I of a workshop on August 16, 2013 facilitated by Superintendent Scroggin. Tonight's meeting, Part II, will continue work on revision of Board Beliefs, Vision, Mission Statement, Goals and Protocol, review action plan components and establish a timeline. Dr. Scroggin thanked the Board for their hard work at the Part I workshop which makes Part II easier.

Governance Protocol – the Board agreed the only change to the document is as proposed on 9/16: #1 Commitment to Student – focused decisions: Every action and decision of the team will be directed toward **PROMOTING STUDENT SAFETY** and improving student learning and achievement. See attached document.

Beliefs: approved as revised adding "**and all school district employees**"

Vision: We are **improving** the world one student at a time.

Mission: Revision 10/1/13: **skills necessary for both college and career readiness and the self confidence to be lifelong learners.**

Motto: Ok as is...A World of Learners

**GOALS AND
ACTION PLAN
FOR 2013-14**

#1 Focus on Student Learning and Achievement

Areas will be assigned to a staff person with regular reports provided to the Board and community

Add: Technology – see easel notes

Add: Evaluation of Implementation – see easel notes

Add: Aeries

The Board made suggestions and held discussion on the following:

- 1) Trustee White suggested we introduce an element of declining enrollment and show data who we are losing; Suggested we add declining enrollment under parent involvement - parents encourage students to stay.
- 2) API Scores – Dr. Scroggin explained there will be no API scores for the next two years as we transition to Common Core. Also, there will be no benchmarks or district assessment because of the transition. At secondary, SATs, ACTs, and AP tests will be available.
- 3) CAHSEE will stay the same and we can monitor that in specific grades.
- 4) Improve communications - the Board requests a presentation from Mr. Caswell to hear his idea of a web based “Suggestion Box” where employees and community can give input.
- 5) Administration is checking with other districts to see how graduation and dropout rates are calculated and SVUSD is looking at ways to track these students better and more consistently.
- 6) Trustee Davis suggested offer support to At-Risk Students who exhibit a pattern of poor grades and/or attendance.
- 7) Encourage Monte Vista as an alternative to learning in our district. Make sure parents know it’s available as an alternative to leaving the district and/or seeking charter schools. (Mr. Leonas, VP at Apollo is working on this)

#2 Foster Strong Parent and Community Involvement

The Board felt declining enrollment should be added under goal #2

Add: develop plans to address continuing declining enrollment

Regarding: Conduct open budget forums – Dr. Scroggin stated several meetings are being planned in key geographical areas (i.e., east, west and central) and parents/staff could choose which one was convenient to attend. Time and Dates to be announced.

Trustee White requests budget info be on the website before the Board meeting, not after. For example when the public hearing is posted on the web ten days before the Board meeting, put the budget info on the web at the same time. Note: Assistant Superintendent Clear explained the budget info is available at the district office for review five (5) days before the Board meeting. It is placed on the website after the Board approval.

Trustee Collins suggested a Board member attend a meeting at sites with an administrative staff person to answer questions.

Regarding Common Core Education: information will be located on our website; in a brochure; and each school will hold a meeting for parents at the school facilitated by their Principal. Each school will focus on the issues in each school community.

Dr. Scroggin added we are looking at ways to streamline our website and make it easier to navigate. We are looking into developing separate pages for the School Consolidation Task Force and the 7-11 DAC. We could add other committee specific sites as well.

Regarding: Exploring community partnerships which provide parents with resources to help support their children and schools. Administration is checking into a partnership with Simi Valley Hospital for volunteer student drug testing with results going only to parents. Costs to be determined but if the hospital donates to the program could be as low as \$15 per student. Director Peplinski and Cheri Toyen, Intervention Counselor/TUPE are working on this. Once we have developed a timeline with the hospital, it will be brought to the board for review.

Trustee White compared this proposed drug testing to the Westlake student athlete testing. Assistant Superintendent Houghton stated currently only Westlake football athletes take part in drug testing; it's voluntary, and if the student tests positive, parents meet with the Westlake football coach and there are consequences.

#3 Maintain Fiscal Integrity for the District

Dr. Scroggin shared on October 16 at the VCOE a BYOD (bring your own data) to a county training session on LCFF will be held. Dr. Scroggin invited two board members (Board President Collins and Clerk of the Board Kidd) to join SVUSD fiscal services team. The goal of the workshop is for district's to estimate LCFF.

The School Consolidation Task Force (SCTF) will report to the Board on Oct. 8 and recommend the Board authorize a 7-11 DAC (District Advisory Committee). The purpose of the 7-11 DAC is to focus on school closures. The SCTF is also looking at repurposing. By providing new, modern programs we hope to build up excitement and energy around some of these things through re-vitalizing; re purposing or re-aligning.

Executive Director Goldman is working on encroachment of special education funding on the general fund which is about \$17 M. By unraveling the multitude of accounts assigned to special education and looking at position control Director Goldman is working to uncover ways to save money and serve our students better.

Regarding the conversion to Solar - two community meetings are planned for Oct. 16 and will be advertised in the paper, on the district website and at schools. The purpose of the meetings is to get input, comments and ideas for building out solar at those schools.

SUMMARY

Dr. Scroggin stated so far we have identified the process to gather input and ideas from groups. Any other thoughts or ideas to help us achieve our goals or anything anyone wants to share about the direction we're going is welcome.

Employee segment – Dr. Scroggin stated we are creating a document with questions including adjustments and will be asking for input from employees. Currently we are looking at a program to categorize, count and separate information.

Parent community – looking at Principals doing an all-call asking parents to check the website along with a survey. Administration is also working through the PTA/PTSA and school site council to gather input.

Community – Administration has contacted Leigh Nixon who has contacts with local business.

Once we have gathered the info we can put it together,

TIMELINE

One week from now - Develop documents

Two weeks from document development - survey.

Note: Administration checking Parent link capability to do a survey.

Note: For those who don't have access to a computer, hard copy provided.

November 12, 2013 – adopt revisions.

Note: we can look at the process for the Superintendent's evaluation to see Board expectations for the Superintendent and for the Superintendent to help the Board meet the established goals.

BOARD COMMENTS

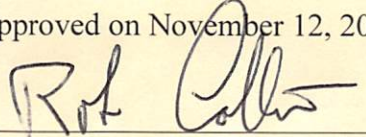
The Board nodded agreement with the proposed summary and timeline.

ADJOURNMENT

MSCU, Kidd/Davis, 5/0, to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

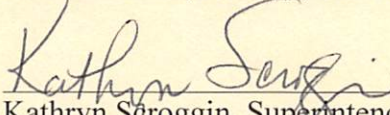
Motion #63

Approved on November 12, 2013



Rob Collins
President of the Board of Education

MSCU = Motion, Seconded, Carried, Unanimous



Kathryn Scroggin, Superintendent
Secretary to the Board of Education

**SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
October 8, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President
OPEN SESSION Collins at 5:33 p.m. in the City Hall Chambers located at City Hall, 2929 Tapo
Canyon Road, Simi Valley.

PRESENT Board Members: Rob Collins, Jeanne Davis, Arleigh Kidd
Debbie Sandland, Dan White
Staff Members: Dr. Kathryn Scroggin, Superintendent
Michael Clear, Assistant Superintendent
Dan Houghton, Assistant Superintendent
Ron Todo, Assistant Superintendent

PUBLIC COMMENTS There were no public comments regarding closed items.

CLOSED SESSION The Board adjourned to closed session at 5:34 p.m. to conduct the following:

- 3.1 The Board of Education will meet in closed session in accordance with provisions in Government Code 54956.9 (b): Conference with Legal Counsel – Potential Litigation
- 3.2 Student Discipline: Discuss Recommendation of Student Waiver of Hearing Case #1
- 3.3 Student Discipline: Discuss Recommendation of Student Waiver of Hearing Case #3
- 3.4 The Board of Education will meet in closed session for SEA Negotiations (as per the Rodda Act). Dan Houghton, District Negotiator
- 3.5 The Board of Education will meet in closed session for CSEA Negotiations (as per the Rodda Act). Dan Houghton, District Negotiator
- 3.6 **CONFIDENTIAL STUDENT MATTERS:** The Board will meet in closed session to discuss confidential student matters protected by state and federal law, including, but not limited to the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), California Education Code 49060 et.se.,49073 et.seq., and California Constitution Article 1 section 1 to consider special education Settlement Agreement No. A14.91

3.7 The Board of Education will meet in closed session in accordance with provisions in Government Code Section 54957, Public Employment Matters – Appointment, Employment, Performance Evaluation, Discipline, Dismissal, Release: Employment Matters Employee #4720

3.8 The Board of Education will meet in closed session in accordance with provisions in Government Code Section 54957, Public Employment Matters – Appointment, Employment, Performance Evaluation, Discipline, Dismissal, Release: Employment Matters Employee #0798

CLOSED SESSION MSCU, Kidd/Davis, 5/0, adjourned the closed session at 6:30 p.m.
ADJOURNMENT
Motion #64

RECESS The Board took a short recess and reconvened in City Hall Chambers at 6:40 p.m.
OPEN SESSION for open session.

FLAG SALUTE The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scout Troop 661 who were present in the audience working on a Scout Merit Badge.

CLOSED SESSION President Collins reported the following action taken in closed session:

3.1 POTENTIAL LITIGATION No Action

3.2 WAIVER OF HEARING MSCU, White/Kidd, 5/0, the Board of Education approved the recommendation of Student Waiver of Hearing Student Case #1.
Motion #65

3.3 WAIVER OF HEARING MSCU, Sandland/Davis, 5/0, the Board of Education approved the recommendation of Student Waiver of Hearing Student Case #3.
Motion #66

3.4 SEA MSCU, Kidd/Sandland, 5/0, the Board of Education directed staff to return to the bargaining table to negotiate the return of furlough days to teachers.
Motion #67

3.5 CSEA No Action

3.6 AGREEMENT A14.91 MSCU, Sandland/Kidd, 5/0, the Board of Education approved Special Education Settlement Agreement A14.91.
Motion #68

3.7 EMPLOYEE MATTERS MSCU, Davis/White, 5/0, the Board approved termination of Employee #4720.
Motion #69

3.8 EMPLOYEE MATTERS**No Action / Hold.****APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
*Motion #70***MSCU, Sandland/Davis, 5/0, to approve the agenda as amended:**
*Board President Collins stated Student Support Services Action #1, Adoption of Resolution #14-13/14 Commending Jennifer Furs for Recognition as an Outstanding Special Educator be moved forward to Superintendent's Presentation.***MINUTES**
*Motion #71***MSCU, Kidd/Davis, 5/0, to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting of September 10, 2013 (all present).****PUBLIC COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Sarah Martinez addressed the Board regarding support of the SSSH PAC and challenged Trustee White's estimated cost per student to build the facility (quoted at \$1,000) and source of his information. She calculated cost per student as \$370 per student over 30 years. Ms. Martinez stated the importance of the Performing Arts Center since it provides many opportunities for SSSH students and is an asset to our community.

Josie Hirsh, Vice-chair of the ICOC, addressed proposed revision to the ICOC Bylaws (information item on tonight's agenda and going to the Board for vote in November). Mrs. Hirsh challenged Mr. Clear's statement the ICOC intended to disband and clarified the ICOC intends to stay intact until all funds are expended and projects completed. Mrs. Hirsh also shared concerns with the proposed student iPads in light of all the problems experienced in LAUSD. Since SVUSD approved using Bond funds to upgrade technology specifically to provide SVUSD students with computer tablets, the Bond's recommendation is to keep the tablets at school and in the classroom.

Mitchell Green read excerpts from a letter addressed to District Attorney Totten regarding alleged failure to comply with and violations of the Penal Code regarding immediate reporting requirements and possible obstruction of justice regarding Malia Brooks. The Board received a copy.

Lori Rede, mom and teacher, expressed sadness about the rumors regarding our District and expressed how the rumors are crippling our District. She questioned ethicality of the District funding half the salary of the SEA Union president. Ms. Rede supports transparency in the District.

Sue Martinez addressed Trustee White regarding the Recall petition stating she was hurt by his remarks and sad he is causing the District to be in turmoil. She pleaded for him to stop the Recall and stated support of Trustee Collins and Trustee Sandland.

Kali Sitton, parent, addressed the Board regarding a bullying issue with her daughter. Ms. Sitton did meet with the Principal but feels not enough has been done to insure the safety, health and welfare of her daughter.

Note: President Collins reminded the audience the Board cannot respond to items brought before them that are not on the agenda.

These items are noted by the Board, investigated by staff and reported back to the Board and inquiring party.

Mr. Wayne Evans addressed the Board regarding the extension of the Superintendent's contract expressing concerns with the contract such as the super majority vote language, lawyer fees, compensation package, salary, car allowance and severance pay. He stated his discontent with the current Board.

President Collins clarified for the public that comments regarding items listed on the Agenda (such as the Superintendent's contract) should be held until just prior to the agenda item being presented.

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing was opened at 7:13 p.m. regarding the recommendation from the School Consolidation Task Force (SCTF) to form a 7-11 DAC (District Advisory Committee) and will be addressed in detail under Educational Services Action #3. There was no public comment and the hearing was closed at 7:14 p.m.

EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS SEA

Mark Sheinberg, teacher and chair of the SEA negotiation team, requested the Board review contract language and return the seven furlough days per the contractual agreement (including staff development days) and returning the full school year to students.

There were 69 yellow cards submitted in support of returning the 7 furlough days to teachers per the contractual agreement.

Dayle Gillick, SEA President, addressed the Board stating SEA's disappointment with Trustee White and requested he stop the Recall. If the Recall moves forward it would steal funds from our classrooms by using General Fund monies. In addition, a Recall tarnishes District reputation (as was done in the 90's). Ms. Gillick urged the community not to sign the recall petition.

CSEA

Jim Jarrard, CSEA Chapter 310 President, addressed the Board stating 60 fulltime classified positions have been abolished due to budget cuts. CSEA requests the Board review the language and restore 4 classified furlough days and 7 certificated furlough days. In addition, Mr. Jarrard requests restoring classified personnel cuts.

4 yellow cards were submitted in support of returning 4 classified and 7 certificated furlough days per the contractual agreement.

STUDENT BOARD REPORTS

The student Board reports were given by Verenise Frias, Santa Susana High School:

Santa Susana High School has begun the school year with a successful Spirit Rally in which students proudly wore their school colors, and an energetic Club Rush where we had more than 30 clubs participate--more than we've ever had before. Clubs like mock trial, CSF, and academic decathlon club are already hard at work to build on the success of prior years.

Santa Su is honored to announce that two of our star students, Caitlin Scarberry and Eric Zhou, are National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test semi- finalists.

We've begun a Renaissance program at Santa Su that seeks to reward our students for academic achievement and our first Renaissance event will be held on November 7th. Our seniors are beginning the hard work of completing their projects which are the culmination of their academic experience at Santa Su.

With Halloween around the corner, we are looking forward to activities, creative costumes, and a lively atmosphere.

Madisen Richards shared that the Pioneers at Simi Valley High School took a trip to Candy Land this past weekend through their Homecoming Rally, Halftime Show, and Dance. All of the activities were sweet, to say the least, and were deemed the best the school and staff had ever seen! The Rally, which featured a skit making fun at the difference in time and effort it takes for both boys and girls to get ready for the Homecoming Dance, spotlighted senior students, as well as Fall Sports. The Halftime Show stayed with the Candy Land theme, and featured students playing a life-size version of the game in an attempt to figure out who the King and Queen were. Professional tumblers and dancers, as well as a student performer highlighted the show, and the win against Calabasas surely topped off the night! The Dance was simply the icing on the cake, as students enjoyed Homecoming in the gym, rather than the typical MPR location. A Candy Bar and Cotton Candy Machine truly tied in with the theme, and gave students the opportunity to get off of the dance floor for a sweet treat!

With Homecoming and its activities over, the Pioneers aren't backing down! They're staying at the top of their game and are currently planning Breast Cancer Awareness Week (Oct. 7th-11th), Simi vs. Royal Week (Oct. 14th-18th), and Red Ribbon Week (Oct. 21st-25th). With the first of many major events over, the Pioneers are looking forward to the rest of an amazing year!

Kiana Kenik at Apollo High School reports that last week they had a blood drive with the American Red Cross, and it turned out to be a great success. Many students participated and were proud they were helping to save lives. The students donated 34 units of blood, which was 120% of their goal! Apollo also held their first meeting of Interact Club. Interact Club is the student version of Rotary Club which gives students the opportunity to give back to their community and have a fun time while doing it.

Apollo is very proud to announce that they raised nearly \$500 for the Relay for Life team. They are co-sponsoring a team with an Apollo alumnus, Jeff Barcenas. Jeff lost his father to cancer and wanted to work with his former high school in fighting this terrible disease.

Last week Apollo had a lunch-time activity which included listening to music and having a fun game of volleyball. The activity helped represent one of its four A's - Acceptance. It's hard to believe that the first quarter has already come and gone...Apollo wishes all the other schools a great second quarter!

Sarah Russo reports that Monte Vista School had a great turnout at their annual Open House event! It was a great opportunity to provide our students and families with presentations from various representatives regarding information

about different career paths. These included the apprenticeship program from Southern California Electricians Training Institute, the Army Branch of the U.S. Military, as well as representatives from California State University Channel Islands. Many thanks go out to our presenters!

We are looking forward to our Dine Out Night at Toppers Pizza. This is scheduled for Tuesday, October 22 from 5:00 to 9:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Bring your friends and family!

This year, Monte Vista is gearing up for visit from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, better known as W.A.S.C. Our committees have been diligently working on preparing for our visit in April and look forward to sharing our progress.

Erin Gentry reports that Royal High School is in the middle of an excellent first semester. Students are finally getting acclimated to the new block scheduling system and figuring out how to maneuver through the recent change in our online grading system, Aries.

Royal hopes to beat Newbury Park in our Homecoming football game on Friday October 4 and have a fabulous homecoming dance on Saturday October 5. The theme for these events is "Off to Neverland" and both events will be held at Royal High School.

Other Significant events include: A drama arts production of "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder will be presented in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of the classic play sometime in November; As of September 27, Royal's varsity football team holds a 3:1 ranking, while JV holds 4:0; Royal's band won a trophy for "musical excellence" in the local Simi Valley Days Parade; Royal's Key Club is holding a childhood cancer awareness day on November 16 and will involve a possible dress up day; Students recently decked out in purple attire in order to honor an eighteen year old boy who graduated from Royal last year and was recently diagnosed with stage four, testicular cancer; Homecoming spirit days included pajama day, green and gold Thursday, and class colors day where students wore their class color to the school homecoming rally; and, Royal's ASB was invited to a leadership conference at Agoura High School on November 16.

**SUPERINTENDENT
COMMENTS**

Dr. Scroggin set the record straight regarding inaccurate information which has been circulated in the press and social media regarding our District and our schools;

1) regarding test scores – starting in 2003 with an API score of 749 SVUSD has improved. Beginning in 2004, API scores were 770; 2005/797; 2006/797; 2007/no base API; 2008/808; 2009/817; 2010/816; 2011/828; 2012/837; and, 2013/830; 2) regarding declining enrollment - declining enrollment does affect our budget because it reduces the amount of revenue the district receives. Declining enrollment figures have affected Conejo, Las Virgenes, Moorpark and Simi Valley. Not only is it an east Ventura County School Problem, it is a statewide problem linked to the economy. In a recent report prepared by the City entitled "Profile of the City of Simi Valley" for the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) statistics indicate that total jobs in Simi

Valley decreased 7.5% from 2007. In 2012, the education sector was the largest job sector representing 22.5% of the jobs in our city. Also affecting declining enrollment is the age group of our city’s population. According to the same report, 55-64 is the group expected to add the most population to the city and the group expected to experience the greatest decline is projected to be 35-54 which is the group that would have school age children. *Note the SCAG report is part of the Board agenda tonight under Educational Services Action #3 School Consolidation Task Force.* 3) regarding teachers losing their jobs – the fact is no teachers have lost their jobs. All the reduction in force notices were rescinded. The fact that we have less teachers with the elimination of positions was due to attrition. Along with that, administration works closely with SEA to maintain class size at the lowest number possible; 4) SVUSD employees have only taken two furlough days and although we have scheduled some this year, we are working with both SEA and CSEA to restore those days in accordance with contract language; 5) great things about SVUSD: Sinaloa was named as a School to Watch, Vista had the highest API score in Ventura County at 960; last year Santa Susana High School received the prestigious Golden Bell Award; and Royal High School has a partnership with the Ronald Reagan Library and Annenberg Foundation to implement their Citizens Scholar Institute. Royal has also been accepted as an applicant for the International Baccalaureate program. These are just a few of our schools highlights; and, 6) in closing, SVUSD will remain focused on maintaining fiscal solvency and integrity and have begun to put plans in place to do that. The record has been set straight.

**PRESENTATION
AND
RESOLUTION
NO. 14-13/14
COMMENDING
JENNIFER
FURS AS
OUTSTANDING
SPECIAL
EDUCATOR**

Sean Goldman, Executive Director of Student Support Services, presented Jennifer Furs, a Certified Educational Sign Language Interpreter at Simi Elementary School who works with deaf and hard of hearing students in 4th grade, a special certificate from Ventura County SELPA for her outstanding contribution to special education. In addition, the Board President Collins presented Resolution No. 14-13/14.

Motion #72

MSCU, Kidd/Davis, 5/0, the Board of Education presented the SELPA certificate and Resolution No. 14-13/14 commending Mrs. Jennifer Furs for her work with deaf and hard of hearing students at Simi Elementary.

Roll-call Vote: AYES: White, Sandland, Davis, Kidd, Collins NOES: 0 ABSENT: 0

**BOARD
COMMUNICATION**

Trustee White: 1) thanked everyone for coming; 2) congratulated Special Educator Jennifer Furs; 3) appreciates the input from both sides regarding the Recall and based on the information he has, will choose a path to get there and achieve what is best for our District; 4) stated when he was on the other side of the dais, expressed concern at the Board's lack of responsiveness to meeting the needs of parents & students in our community. Trustee White would like to change that. Trustee White stated there are still certain issues frustrating him and hurting our district such as transparency, declining enrollment, we need better marketing and better programs, we need to be competitive with nearby alternatives, and we need better customer satisfaction. Trustee White provided a chart that compared county enrollment vs. Simi Valley enrollment stating our District needs to recognize the seriousness of declining enrollment because declining enrollment means RIFs, layoffs, and increased class sizes.

Trustee Sandland: 1) we are doing great things in Simi Valley - we have great teachers, staff and wonderful schools; 2) thanked everyone for coming out; 3) thanked SEA President Gillick for her comments and wants to get focused on better education in our great city; 4) attended the Valley View MS open house where teachers explained to parents the switch to Common Core Standards with a shift to rigor and relevance. In addition, teachers were giving general good advice to parents of teenagers; 5) visited the three surplus property sites prior to the vote tonight; 6) thanked Dr. Scroggin for setting the record straight concerning inaccurate information on declining enrollment and API scores. Trustee Sandland challenged parents to stay in Simi Valley and seek out the good things at your neighborhood school and at other schools in our district. Trustee Sandland is proud to be a cheerleader for our schools and believes in our teachers, employees and schools; 7) Trustee Sandland is committed to returning the full calendar to students and restoring furlough days; 8) met individually with Trustee White and asked him to cease the Recall as the divisiveness is not good and it takes time and money away from our students; and, 9) thanked everyone again for coming, listening and sharing.

Trustee Kidd: 1) thanked the Student Board Rep for her report; 2) congratulated Special Educator Jennifer Furs; 3) visited the Royal High School restroom and considering all the options agrees the conversion of a room at the front of the school would be best for students and is badly needed; 4) looking forward to discussions tonight on surplus property, Granicus and expanding committees; and, 5) will be interviewing with a SSHS student reporter to discuss solar.

Trustee Davis: 1) thanked the student rep for the Board report; 2) thanked SEA for speaking; 3) stated "if your not part of the solution, you're part of the problem". Challenged Trustee White to provide concrete solutions not just criticism; 4) encouraged the community to educate yourself and separate fact from fiction and understand how the district is funded; 5) congratulated Special Educator Jen Furs on her award; 6) appreciated Director Peplinski's Friday update report summarizing good things in our schools; 7) stated she has been a teacher and administrator in our district since she was 21 and understands the education system is very different from the private sector; and, 8) stated her disappointment in Trustee White's insults, lies and threats and challenged him to come up with direct and succinct solutions to his concerns.

Trustee Collins: 1) thanked everyone for coming this evening and sharing different viewpoints; 2) attended the Heroin Prevention Task Force meeting on September 23 and is pleased with the progress the committee has made. The Heroin Task Force committee has brought the entire community together which is what communities do when there's a problem – come together and solve problems; 3) attended the AWA Awards at the Reagan Library and heard about the proposed water bond. Trustee Collins urged the public to research and educate themselves before voting on the water bond issue; 4) stated being a school Board member is very complex and asked Trustee White to stop the Recall. President Collins urged the Board to come together to improve the quality of education. Trustee Collins encouraged Trustee White to visit every school to meet the employees and see what great things are happening for the students; 5) shared last December, while he was in Sacramento at the Annual Education Conference, he accepted the prestigious Golden Bell award on behalf of Santa Susana High School which is typical of our schools; 6) thanked Director Peplinski for sharing all the great things going on at every school and read the comments regarding Big Springs as an example; 7) will attend, along with Trustee Kidd, the Ventura County School Board Association (VCSBA) dinner meeting on October 21; and, 8) will attend the Tri-County Coalition meeting on October 18 and invited other Board members to join him.

PUBLIC COMMENT Joann Piurkowsky spoke on behalf of parents who have moved their children out of our District. After giving a brief personal background, she stated we have a great City with amazing teachers who work miracles and parents who pick up the pieces the District cannot provide. She is disappointed and embarrassed with Board members. She encouraged transparency, looking at issues, admit mistakes and then listen to suggestions for improvements and fixes.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE There were five pieces of Board correspondence reported by Clerk of the Board Kidd: 1) A letter addressed to the Board dated September 4, 2013 that was received at the last Board meeting from Vicky Howard; 2) A letter addressed to the Board dated September 11, 2013 from SVHS teacher Tammy Harter regarding the Medical and Health Career Academy; 3) A letter addressed to the Board dated September 17, 2013 from Personnel Commissioner Sherida Simmons thanking the Board for her nomination; 4) A letter dated September 19, 2013 from Attorney Mitchell Green requesting public records on Malia Brooks; and, 5) A letter dated September 23, 2013 regarding a complaint from parents concerning report cards. The Superintendent or her designee will respond as appropriate.

**CONSENT
CALENDAR**
Motion #73

MSCU, Sandland/Kidd, 5/0, to approve the Consent Calendar as amended:

(roll-call vote)

AYES: White, Sandland, Davis, Kidd, Collins NOES: 0

1) Trustee White pulled Business & Facilities Consent #10 Agreement with Architects to Provide Architectural Services for the Conversion of the Storage Room in Classroom 9-4 at RHS for Special Day Class Program requesting more information and clarification. After discussion it was placed back on the agenda.

2) Trustee Collins highlighted and publicly thanked the donors for all the gifts to our District which on this report totals \$56,403.35 with a cumulative total for 2013-14 of \$122,221.99.

The consent items listed below were approved by the Board in one action.

1. **BOARD/ADMINISTRATION**

- #1 Approval of Scheduling Annual Organizational Meeting of the Governing Board for December 10, 2013, at 6:00 P.M.
- #2 Authorization to Revise Direct Costs for Duplication, AR 1340 Exhibit – California Public Records Act Request

2. **PERSONNEL SERVICES**

- #1 Approval of Certificated Personnel Report
- #2 Approval of Classified Personnel Report
- #3 Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 4112.42, 4212.42, 4312.42 (Drug and Alcohol Testing for Bus Drivers)

3. **EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

- #1 Acceptance of Gifts for Simi Valley Unified School District 2013-20
- #2 Approval of Educational Field Trips
- #3 Second Reading and Adoption of Revised Board Policy 5131.62 (Tobacco)
- #4 Second Reading and Adoption of Revised Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 1312.3 (Uniform Complaint Procedures)
- #5 Approval of High School Booster Organizations for 2013-2014
- #6 Approval of Agreement No. A14.88 Between the Simi Valley Adult School and Career Institute No-Cost Agreement and Southern California Orthopedics Institute

4. **STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES**

- #1 Approval of Program Specialist II, Student Support Services Job Description

5. **BUSINESS & FACILITIES**

- #1 Approval of Warrants – August 31, 2013 Through September 30, 2013
- #2 Approval of Purchase Orders B14-00325 through P14-00626, in the Amount of \$1,450,589.45
- #3 Approval of Transfer of Funds for the Month of August 2013
- #4 Approval of Agreement No. A14.85 between Simi Valley Unified School District and California Code Consultants For DSA Inspection Services For C4 Bond Projects
- #5 Santa Susana High School Site Improvements Project
- #6 Adoption of Resolution Numbers 19-13/14 Through 27-13/14, Authorized Bank Accounts and Signatories of the Simi Valley Unified School District For The 2013/2014 School Year
- #7 Reject Legal Claims Number VCBA06525A1
- #8 Approval Of 2013/2014 Insurance Rates For Policies Carried
- #9 Approval Change Order #2 for District wide WiFi Project
- #10 Approval of Amendment No. 11 to Agreement #A09.103 Between SVUSD & Amador Whittle Architects, Inc.to Provide Architectural Services for the Conversion of a Storage Room in Classroom 9-4 at Royal High School for the Special Day Class Program

ACTION ITEMS

ANNUAL MEETING TO ELECT MEMBERS TO THE VENTURA COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

The annual meeting to elect members to the VCCSDO is scheduled for Monday, October 21, 2013. The purpose of the annual meeting is to elect/re-elect members to fill vacancies or expired terms on the eleven member VCCSDO. The VCCSDO is comprised of two people elected from each of the five supervisorial districts and one at-large member.

Trustee Kidd is the representative for SVUSD and should be prepared to vote for appropriate and qualified candidates. Board President Collins and Board member Greg Barker have been nominated.

Motion #74

MSCU, Sandland/Kidd, 5/0, the Board directed Trustee Kidd to vote for the most qualified candidates in District 4 and one in District 5 to the Ventura County Committee on School District Organization for a term that will expire in 2016.

ANNUAL MEETING TO ELECT MEMBERS TO THE CSBA PRESIDENT-ELECT AND VICE PRESIDENT

The annual meeting to elect members to the California School Board Office of President-Elect and Office of Vice President will be held at CSBA's Delegate Assembly Meeting in San Diego on December 5, 2013. Trustee Collins is a member of the Delegate Assembly and should be prepared to vote for appropriate and qualified candidates.

Motion #75

MSCU, Davis/White, 5/0, the Board directed Delegate Collins to vote for the most qualified candidates who will provide the best possible leadership as President-Elect and Vice President of CSBA for a one year term.

AUTHORIZATION TO IMPLEMENT GRANICUS SYSTEM

The Board of Education inquired about live streaming webcasts of regular Board Meetings piggybacking on the City's current equipment and contract. The Board of Education instructed staff to actively investigate implementation of live webcasts, including a timeline and costs.

The original motion was amended by Trustee White to move forward and implement live streaming using Granicus based on the needs of our District as quickly as possible.

Motion #76

MSCU, White/Kidd, 5/0, the Board of Education authorized the District to proceed with the purchase of the Granicus system including set up of jump points for the agenda as quickly as possible.

AUTHORIZATION TO EXPAND MEMBERSHIP ON DISTRICT COMMITTEES

Dr. Scroggin explained she and Trustee Kidd had previously met to discuss expanding District committee membership.

The pilot proposal draft includes the following:

- Initially two committees, the Technology Committee and the Safety Committee could expand their membership.
- Each committee will add a position for a member of the community, a

representative from PTA/PTSA and a representative from the Education Foundation. These members will be approved by the Board. These members will also act as liaisons to their respective groups.

- We may consider giving these members an opportunity to speak briefly at Board meetings if they so choose.
- Representatives from these groups can be added to other committees as appropriate after the pilot is evaluated.

Motion #77

MSCU, Kidd/Davis, 5/0, the Board of Education authorized expanding membership on District committees as outlined by authorizing the Superintendent to contact the Technology and Safety Committees.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Goodwin, businessman and former CEO of a Fortune 500 company addressed the Board regarding approval of the Superintendent’s contract. It is his concern that there are provisions regarding the super majority vote that are unwise and inappropriate. Mr. Goodwin stated no other school district in Ventura County or Los Angeles County require a super majority vote. With only 9 months left on the superintendent’s contract, he requested postponing and tabling this agreement.

8 yellow cards were submitted in opposition to approving the Superintendent’s Contract.

APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT A13.107 FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT

Assistant Superintendent Dan Houghton explained approval of this item would establish the salary and approve employment Agreement A13.107 for the Superintendent. The Superintendent’s salary with eight (8) furlough days for 2013/2014 will be \$205,768 (a reduction of \$7,551). These furlough days would not be returned for 2013/2014 regardless of any adjustments for other employees.

Board Counsel, Attorney Thurbon responded to the Trustee White’s questions and concerns regarding automatic renewal, payout, administrative leave, concerns and criticisms, and reason for termination prior to the vote.

Motion #78

MSC, Sandland/Kidd, 4/0/1, (White nay), the Board of Education approved by the following roll-call vote the extension of the Superintendent’s Employment Agreement A13.107 by one year, through June 30, 2015.

Roll-call vote

AYES: Davis, Sandland, Kidd, Collins NOE: White
ABSTAINED: 0 ABSENT: 0

ADOPTION OF PLAN FOR COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS (CCSS) IMPLEMENTATION

Assistant Superintendent Todo stated approximately \$3,741,400 has been set aside by the State for SVUSD in the 2013-2014 school year to support implementation of academic content standards in instruction adopted pursuant to Ed Code Sections. As a condition prior to spending CCSS funds, the District is required to develop a plan as to how the funds will be spent, including having a report in a public meeting and report on or before July 1, 2015 specific purchases made and the number of teachers, administrators,

FUNDING

or paraprofessional educators that received professional development.

Motion #79

MSCU, Sandland/Kidd, 5/0, the Board of Education approved the plan for Common Core State Standards (CCSS) Implementation funding.

**ADOPTION OF
RESOLUTION
15-13/14
SAFE SCHOOLS**

Assistant Superintendent Ron Todo stated recent events have placed school safety in the national and state spotlight. In an era of limited resources, collaboration with local law enforcement and other government agencies will be required to maintain safe schools. This resolution will encourage the Legislature to provide the necessary resources to increase the number of trained adults on campus, the security of school facilities and collaboration with local agencies. Four components for school safety that have been identified by the Council of Educational Facilities Planners International (Spring 2013) Safe Schools: Best Practices Guide are Infrastructure; Crisis Communications; Staffing; and, Procedures.

Motion #80

MSCU, Kidd/Davis, 5/0, the Board of Education adopted Resolution No. 15-13/14 on Safe Schools.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: White, Sandland, Davis, Kidd, Collins NOES: 0 ABSENT: 0

**APPROVAL TO
ESTABLISH A
7-11 DAC
COMMITTEE**

Assistant Superintendent Todo stated the School Consolidation Task Force collected statistical and historical data in researching the possibility of consolidating, repurposing or closing school sites. The formation of a 7-11 DAC (District Advisory Committee) would review the information provided by the School Consolidation Task Force and make specific recommendations for specific sites to be consolidated, repurposed or closed. The consolidation or closing of any campus would be for the purpose of cost savings and would not impact the educational standards set for all SVUSD pupils.

Trustee Sandland is opposed to closing schools and hopes we can repurpose rather than close schools.

Motion #81

MSCU, Davis/Kidd, 5/0, the Board of Education approved the SVUSD School Consolidation Task Force recommendation to form a 7-11 DAC (District Advisory Committee).

**SURPLUS
PROPERTY
COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION
No. 13-13/14**

Assistant Superintendent, Michael Clear stated three properties had been declared as surplus. As per Ed Code, applicable public agencies have been informed of the public property. Bid opening will occur after appropriate advertising. Sale price for each property are: 1) .52+/- acres of vacant land located at southwest corner of Los Angeles and Blackstock Avenue (\$390,000); 2) 73.26+/- acres of vacant land known as Long Canyon Property (\$700,000); and, 3) 4.93+/- acres of land known as Wood Ranch Conference Center (\$2,330,000).

Clarification was requested on appraisal values as Trustee Sandland felt they were low and/or switched on the agenda item. Trustee Sandland then offered a revision to the resolution removing the Blackstock property. Two separate motions were then made:

Motion #82 **MSC, Sandland/Davis, 3/2, (Kidd and White nay) the Board voted to pull the Blackstock/Los Angeles Avenue property valued at \$390,000.**

Motion #83 **MSC, Kidd/White, 4/1, (Sandland dissented) the Board approved Resolution No. 13-13/14 declaring the Long Canyon Property and Wood Ranch Conference Center as surplus property authorizing offer of district property for sale to public entities and authorizing public sale of property.**

TERMINATION OF EMERGENCY REPAIRS WITH FIRE AT VISTA

Assistant Superintendent Clear stated emergency repairs to the fire alarm system, public address, phone and data systems have been implemented. Public Contract Code requires the Board to “terminate the action at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant so that the remainder of the Emergency action may be completed by giving notice for bids to let Contracts.....”. Following said Code, restoration of the Administration Building will be implemented through non-emergency means.

Motion #84 **MSCU, White/Davis, 5/0, the Board of Education authorized termination of emergency repairs associated with Resolution No. 12-13/14 at Vista Elementary School.**

REJECTION OF PREMIUM FOR EARTHQUAKE INSURANCE AND AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A WAIVER REQUEST

FEMA requires that school districts obtain earthquake insurance coverage for possible reimbursement for future earthquake damage. The District used an “Indication Quote” from our Insurance Broker as a reasonable estimate to seek required coverage. Based on this estimate, the annual premium would be \$587,149.00.

Motion #85 **MSCU, White/Sandland, 5/0, the Board of Education rejected the premium for earthquake coverage because of budget constraints and approved submitting a waiver to the California Insurance Commission in the event of an earthquake for buildings previously covered by FEMA.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS Regarding Business & Facilities Action #4, Approval of Agreement No. 14.92 Between SVUSD and Robert E. Thurbon, Attorney for Legal Services one yellow card was submitted card in opposition to renewing Agreement A14.92.

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES A14.92 ATTORNEY ROBERT E. THURBON

Assistant Superintendent Michael Clear stated SVUSD has contracted with the Law Offices of Robert E. Thurbon Attorney for consultation, representation and legal services in the areas of collective bargaining matters, other personnel matters, drafting and review of contracts and other business matters, facilities development and property law, student matters, district policies and procedures. Attorney fees for 2013/2014 are \$175 per hour; law clerk and paralegal services \$95 per hour, plus specific costs/disbursements and personal/travel expenses incurred on the District’s behalf. A question and answer period followed between Trustee White and Attorney Thurbon regarding alleged attorney misconduct, criminal charges, disqualification, injunction and dismissal of a prior case in another district,

location of office, and attorney/client privilege. All questions were satisfactorily answered and the item moved forward for approval.

Motion #86

MSC, Sandland/Davis, 4/1, (White nay) the Board of Education Approved Agreement No. A14.92 for Attorney Services of Robert E. Thurbon July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014.

INFORMATION ITEMS

**FIRST READING
NEW AR 4161.11,
4361.11
INDUSTRIAL
ACCIDENT/
ILLNESS
LEAVE**

New Administrative Regulation AR4161.11, 4361.11 (Industrial Accident / Illness Leave) is being presented to the Board for review. This new mandated policy identifies and clarifies District policy regarding employee leave due to industrial accident / illness. This policy is presented for information only.

**INFORMATION
REGARDING
SSHS TAP**

Principal Wendy Mayea, stated all SSHS student participate in the Troubadour Advisory Program (TAP) a class which meets for 23 minutes on Wednesday and Thursday. TAP supports the school-wide goal to guide all students toward academic and personal success. This is accomplished through a support system providing personalized academic guidance with teacher advocates who monitor student academic progress in order to meet graduation requirements and prepare students for career and/or postsecondary education. TAP advisors follow a curriculum specific to grade-level and curricular paths. Students can earn a passing grade by good attendance, participation and completion of activities and cooperation.

The Board thanked Principal Mayea for the great presentation and informing the Board about the TAP program. The Board supports the benefits of students staying with the same teacher for three years.

The Board would like to implement programs similar to TAP at SVHS & RHS.

**QUARTERLY
REPORT ON
WILLIAMS
VALENZUELA
UNIFORM
COMPLAINTS**

In accordance with Ed Code, the Superintendent or designee shall report summarized data on the nature and resolution of all complaints on a quarterly basis to the Board and County Superintendent of Schools. No complaints were received for first quarter of 2013-14.

**ANNUAL
FINANCIAL
DISCLOSURE
OF THE
DISTRICT'S
SELF FUNDED
WORKERS COMP
PROGRAM**

Labor code requires each public self-insurer to advise its governing board within 90 days after submission of the Self-Insurer's Annual Report of the total liability reported and whether current funding of those liabilities is in compliance with the requirements of Government Account Standards Board (GASB) Publication No.10. The item is presented for Information only.

**REVISION TO
SECTION 12 OF
ICOC BYLAWS**

Assistant Superintendent Clear stated amending Section 12 by deleting current language and inserting the following is being recommended: "The Committee shall automatically terminate and disband on the date the Committee submits a report to the Board under Section 3.2 or 3.3 above which reflects a final accounting of the expenditure of all Measure C4 Bond proceeds.

Discussion followed. The board requested clarification on what was said at the ICOC meeting regarding disbanding; and include wording of other revenue sources (such as state reimbursement and interest).

**CONSIDERATION
OF ITEMS FOR
FUTURE
AGENDAS**

Trustee Davis: requested an information item to address Solar City concerns with communications and establishing a procedure for giving input. Requests communication meetings between Solar City and community. Assistant Superintendent Clear responded the first two public meetings have been scheduled for October 15. Following these meetings, administration will report back to the Board.

Trustee White: requested an information item on drug testing of athletes. This request was discussed at the Board's goal setting meeting. Dr. Scroggin stated there is a second meeting scheduled between District administration and Simi Valley Hospital for voluntary, random testing for any and all students. Following the meeting, administration will report back to the Board.

Trustee Sandland: requested information in the Friday update for families who don't have access to a computer, what are the other options for access to Aeries. Trustee Sandland is concerned with Aeries and wants to be sure there are other options for people to access. Superintendent Scroggin responded alternatives would be detailed in an update to the Board.

Trustee Collins: would like to develop a system to get more community input and would like to hear more information as presented by Mr. Caswell on an electronic "suggestion box". The Board received information with an outline detailing a community collaboration forum for SVUSD. Mr. Caswell has been contacted by Assistant Superintendent Todo to discuss some preliminary aspects of the proposal and will report findings back to the Board.

**PROPOSED
AGENDA ITEMS**

Trustees may propose agenda items to the Board of Education.

Trustee White: requested we revisit the Use of Facility Fee increase passed two months ago that bumped fees for nonprofit groups from \$18-20 per hour to over \$100 per hour. Some community Groups cannot afford to use school facilities now. Requests a revised proposal similar to what we did for the senior adult school increase - smaller increments over a longer period of time. The Board agreed.

Trustee Kidd: requested information regarding districts who have not complied with the California Voters Rights Act. Requests a discussion item to see if SVUSD is in compliance with California Voters Rights Act in regards to voting at large vs. by area in school Board elections. The Board agreed.

Trustee Davis: wants the Board to consider a four or five minute time limit during Board communication since we ask the audience to do so. The Board agreed.

Trustee Collins: with the one year extension of the Superintendent's contract suggests the Board meet to develop a process to pick a new superintendent. The Board agreed.

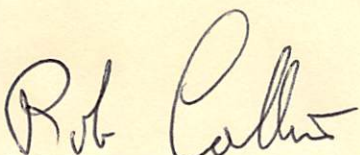
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Special Board Meeting and Public Hearing October 15, 2013 *Personnel Commissioner Appointment	5:30 p.m.	Educational Services Center Floyd Binns Room
<i>ADDED: Special Board Meeting October 29, 2013 (Expulsions)</i>	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Educational Services Center Floyd Binns Room</i>
Regular Board Meeting November 12, 2013	6:30 p.m.	City of Simi Valley Council Chambers
Re-Organizational Meeting December 10, 2013	6:00 p.m.	City of Simi Valley Council Chambers
Personnel Commission Meetings October 9, 2013	6:00 p.m.	Floyd Binns Room Educational Services Center
ICOC Meeting October 16, 2013	6:30 p.m.	Floyd Binns Room Educational Services Center

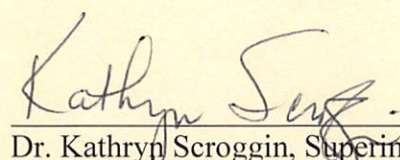
ADJOURNMENT MSCU, Sandland/Kidd, 5/0, to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 p.m.
Motion #87

Approved on November 12, 2013

MSCU=Motion, Seconded, Carried, Unanimous



Rob Collins
President of the Board of Education



Dr. Kathryn Scroggin, Superintendent
Secretary to the Board of Education

**SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
October 15, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER President of the Board Rob Collins called a special meeting of the Board of
OPEN SESSION Education to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Floyd Binns Room at the Educational Services
Center, 875 E. Cochran Street, Simi Valley, CA 93065

PRESENT Board Members: Rob Collins, Jeanne Davis, Arleigh Kidd
Debbie Sandland (absent/hardship)
Dan White (absent/hardship)

Staff: Dr. Kathryn Scroggin, Superintendent
Dan Houghton, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services
Andrea Crouch, Director, Classified Personnel

PUBLIC None
COMMENTS

PROPOSED None
AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC A Public Hearing was opened at 5:31 p.m. regarding the approval of the Board's
HEARING intended Personnel Commission Appointee. There were no public comments.
The Hearing was closed at 5:32 p.m.

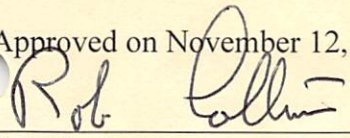
APPROVAL OF The Governing Board announced Sherida Simmons as the name of their intended
BOE Personnel Commission appointee at the September 10, 2013 Board meeting. Ed Code
APPOINTEE (45246) requires that after 30 days and before 45 days after the announcement, the
TO THE Governing Board hold a public hearing in which the public, employees, and employee
P.C. organizations may express their views on the nominee. After the hearing the Board of
Education may make its appointment or may make a substitute appointment or
recommendation without further notification or public hearing. The Board's current
Appointee, Sherida Simmons, was reappointed by the Board of Education until
December 1, 2016.

Motion #88 **MSC, Kidd/Davis, 3/0/2 (Sandland and White absent) the Board of Education
announced Sherida Simmons as the Board Appointee to the Personnel Commission
for the term of December 1, 2013 through December 1, 2016.**

ADJOURNMENT **MSC, Kidd/Davis, 3/0/2 (Sandland and White absent), to adjourn the meeting
OF MEETING at 5:33 p.m.**

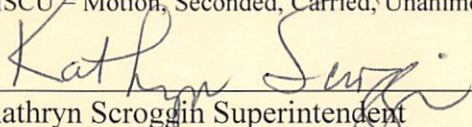
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Rob Collins
President of Board of Education

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Kathryn Scroggin Superintendent
Secretary to Board of Education

**SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 22, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER President of the Board Rob Collins called a special meeting of the Board of
OPEN SESSION Education to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Floyd Binns Room at the Educational Services
Center, 875 E. Cochran Street, Simi Valley, CA 93065

PRESENT Board Members: Rob Collins, Arleigh Kidd, Debbie Sandland
Jeanne Davis, Dan White

PUBLIC None
COMMENTS

PROPOSED None
AGENDA
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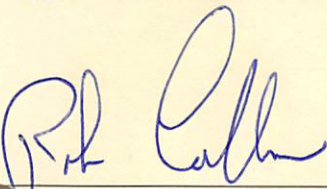
CLOSED The Board adjourned to closed session at 5:32 p.m. in accordance with
SESSION Education Codes 54957, Public Employment matters:
Performance Evaluation – Superintendent Evaluation

ADJOURNMENT **MSCU, White/Davis, 5/0, the Board adjourned the Closed Session at 5:43 p.m.**
OF CLOSED **Board President Collins reported the following action from closed session.**
Motion #90
The Board unanimously agreed (5/0) to use the same process as the last time the
Superintendent was evaluated.

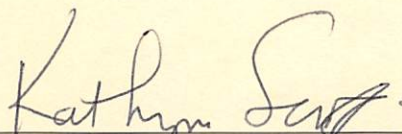
ADJOURNMENT **MSCU, Davis/Sandland, 5/0, the Board adjourned the meeting at 5:44 p.m.**
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Rob Collins
President of Board of Education



Kathryn Scroggin Superintendent
Secretary to Board of Education

**SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
October 29, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER President of the Board Rob Collins called a special meeting of the Board of
OPEN SESSION Education to order 5:34 p.m. in the Floyd Binns Room at the Educational Services
Center, 875 E. Cochran Street, Simi Valley, CA 93065

PRESENT Board Members: Rob Collins, Arleigh Kidd, Debbie Sandland
Jeanne Davis and Dan White (excused after deliberation and report
out on Student Expulsion Case #2)

School Staff: Tee Buckle, Assistant Principal Santa Susana High School
Wendy Mayea, Principal Santa Susan High School

Simi Valley PD: Officer Josh Lorencz and Officer James Wismar

Student Counsel: Attorney Warren M. Ellis, Munoz and Munoz
Board Counsel: Attorney Robert E. Thurbon, Thurbon and McHaney LLP

Witnesses for Student: Mr. Kelly, Mr. Bertoniere, Mrs. Windmiller,
Mr. Hilber and Mrs. Hilber

Student Case #2: Moises Hilber

Hearings: Executive Director of Student Support Services Sean Goldman
Superintendent Dr. Kathryn Scroggin

FLAG SALUTE The Flag salute was led by President Collins.

PUBLIC None
COMMENTS

PROPOSED None
AGENDA
ITEMS

HEARING The meeting was called to order and at parents request a hearing open to the public was
OPEN TO held for Expulsion Case #2 (Moises Hilber). Witnesses were sworn in as a group before
THE PUBLIC giving testimony to the Board. All parties affirmed the oath. President Collins presided
STUDENT #2 over the hearing. The meeting was recorded for the right of appeal and/or for Board
EXPULSION review. SVUSD's exhibit list was provided to family and legal counsel. The
following exhibits were objected to by Attorney Ellis: tab #7-13 and #20 because they
were based on hearsay and out-of-hearing statements. As District Counsel, Attorney

Thurbon recommended that all exhibits be admitted but reminded the Board they cannot make a decision based on hearsay alone. Attorney Ellis agreed and the District's exhibits were admitted. Attorney Ellis offered no additional exhibits.

**OPENING
STATEMENTS**

Opening statements were given by Director Goldman on behalf of the Simi Valley Unified School District, and by Attorney Ellis on behalf of Student Case #2 Moises Hilber and his parents.

WITNESSES

At 5:45 p.m. all witnesses were excused to the staff room until individually called.

**SVUSD
WITNESS #1:**

SVPD Officer James Wismar was sworn in separately as he arrived after the group oath had been administered. Officer James Wismar was questioned by Director Goldman to give a recount of the events of September 13, 2013 involving Student Case #2 Hilber. After conferring with school officials, Officer James Wismar cited Student Case #2 Hilber for violation of the Penal Code. Office James Wismar was cross-examined by Attorney Ellis. The Board of Education was given an opportunity to ask questions and get clarification on statements made. When there were no further questions or follow-up from Director Goldman or Attorney Ellis, Officer James Wismar was excused.

**SVUSD
WITNESS #2:**

Officer Josh Lorencz was questioned by Director Goldman who gave an account of the events of September 13, 2013 and his involvement with Student Case #2 Hilber. Officer Josh Lorencz stated he searched and recorded property of 4 other persons present with Student #2 Hilber, but did not recall specifically a search of Student #2 Hilber. The purpose of the search was for contraband (marijuana). Officer Josh Lorencz was cross-examined by Attorney Ellis. The Board of Education was given an opportunity to ask questions and get clarification on statements made. When there were no further questions or follow-up from Director Goldman or Attorney Ellis, Officer Lorencz was excused.

**SVUSD
WITNESS #3:**

Tee Buckle, Assistant Principal Santa Susana High School gave his account of the events of September 13, 2013. Mr. Buckle became involved after the police were on the scene. Mr. Buckle then contacted Principal Mayea. Mr. Buckle was questioned by Director Goldman and cross examined by Attorney Ellis. Reference was made to several exhibits giving verification for each exhibit and confirming the signature of Mr. Buckle. Clarification was given regarding the School District's Zero Tolerance Policy and Ed Code violation. Mr. Buckle stated school advice to students, should they find themselves in the possession of a weapon (knife) is to bring the weapon to the office to be held that day and have a parent retrieve the weapon after school. Board members were given an opportunity to ask questions and get clarification on statements made. When there were no further questions or follow-up from Director Goldman or Attorney Ellis, Assistant Principal Buckle was excused.

**SVUSD
WITNESS #4:**

Wendy Mayea, Principal at Santa Susana High School described the incident and stated Student #2 Hilber was disciplined according to policy for Ed Code violation. Other forms of discipline were not considered because of the offense, Zero Tolerance Policy and consideration for the safety of other students and staff. Principal Mayea

was questioned by Director Goldman and cross examined by Attorney Ellis. Board members were given the opportunity to ask questions and get clarification on statements made. When there were no further questions or follow-up from Director Goldman or Attorney Ellis, Principal Mayea was excused.

**END DISTRICT
WITNESSES**

There were no further witnesses called by Simi Valley Unified School District.

**BEGIN
STUDENT #2
WITNESSES**

Attorney Ellis had previously submitted a witness list to Director Goldman. Director Goldman approved the witness list as presented.

**STUDENT
WITNESS #1**

Mr. Kelly, cousin, was called on behalf of Moises Hilber as a character witness. There were no questions from Mr. Goldman or the Board.

**STUDENT
WITNESS #2**

Mr. Bertoniere, family friend, was called on behalf of Moises Hilber as a character witness. There were no questions from Mr. Goldman or the Board.

**STUDENT
WITNESS #3**

Mrs. Windmiller, family member, was called on behalf of Moises Hilber as a character witness. There were no questions from Mr. Goldman or the Board.

**STUDENT
WITNESS #4**

Mrs. Hilber, Mother of Moises Hilber testified on his behalf as a character witness stating support of her son with an appeal not to expel him because of this mistake. There were no questions from District or Board Members.

**STUDENT
WITNESS #5**

Mr. Hilber, Father of student testified on his behalf as a character witness stating support of his son with an appeal not to expel him ruining his chances for a promising future and second chance. There were no questions from District or Board Members

STUDENT #2

Moises Hilber gave testimony to his actions of September 13, 2013 and offered regrets and apology for his choices which resulted in the consequence of a recommendation for expulsion. The Board questioned Student Case #2 Hilber.

**CLOSING
REMARKS
MOTHER**

Mrs. Hilber clarified statements on behalf of her son and requested appeal of the recommendation for expulsion. In addition, she requested that all parents be made aware that students going to and from school are considered under the School's jurisdiction, a fact of which she was not aware.

**CLOSING
REMARKS
SVUSD**

Director Goldman offered closing remarks recommending expulsion of Moises Hilber from the Simi Valley Unified School District for violation of Ed Code (possession of a weapon).

**CLOSING
REMARKS
ATTORNEY**

Attorney Ellis stated there is no dispute that student was in violation of Ed Code (possessing a weapon) but asked the Board to consider intent and the student's future contending the student made a mistake and has no prior pattern of discipline for

ELLIS improper behavior with the police or at the school.

AJOURNMENT The Board adjourned for a short recess at 7:34 p.m. At this time, Superintendent

PUBLIC HEARING Scroggin; Attorneys, Witnesses, audience and recording secretary were all

STUDENT CASE#2 excused from the Board room.

AND RECESS

CLOSED The Board adjourned to closed session at 7:36 p.m. in accordance with
SESSION Education Codes 48918 subdivision (j) to deliberate Student Expulsion Case #2,
Moises Hilber.

ADJOURNMENT/ **MSCU, Kidd/Sandland, 5/0, adjourned the Closed Session at 8:05 p.m.**
REPORT OUT **President Collins reported the following action from closed session regarding**
Motion #87 **Student Case #2 Hilber:**

STUDENT #2 **MSCU, Kidd/Sandland, 5/0, the Board of Education adopted Resolution**
EXPULSION **No. 17-13/14. Student Case #2 Moises Hilber was expelled from the**
Motion #88 **Simi Valley Unified School District for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school**
year but the expulsion was immediately suspended offering the student a second
chance. Also, parents may request the expulsion record be expunged when the
term of the expulsion is complete and the behavioral contract has been satisfied.

- Student may not return to Santa Susana High School during the expulsion period.
- Student must meet conditions as specified in the Discipline contract.
- The Board recommends monthly drug testing for six months.

RECESS: The Board took a short recess at approximately 8:10 p.m. and all personnel related to Student Case #2 left after the Board announced their decision. Trustee Davis and Trustee White were excused (due to rotation).

RECONVENE: The Board reconvened at 8:16 p.m. with three Board members, Trustees Collins, Kidd and Sandland present to review the recommended expulsion of Student Case #5. Trustee Davis and Trustee White were absent (excused due to rotation).

ANNOUNCEMENT Student Case #4 agreed to a Waiver of Hearing and was removed from the
STUDENT #4 agenda. The Waiver of Hearing is scheduled in November at the District Office.

ANNOUNCEMENT Neither the parents nor student Case #5 were present for the hearing.
STUDENT #5 Assistant Principal Bass was sworn in and presented evidence to the Board with a recommendation to expel Student Case #5.

CLOSED The Board adjourned to closed session at 8:21 p.m. in accordance with
SESSION Education Codes 48918 subdivision (j) to discuss Student Expulsion Case #5.

ADJOURNMENT **MSC, Sandland/Kidd, 3/0/2, (Davis and White absent due to rotation) to**
CLOSED **adjourn the closed session at 8:31 p.m.**
SESSION

Motion #89

**EXPULSION
STUDENT #5**

Motion #90

MSC, Kidd/Sandland, 3/0/2, (Davis and White absent due to rotation) to adopt Resolution No. 29-13/14. Student Case #5 was expelled from the Simi Valley Unified School District for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year.

The Board recommended weekly Anger management classes and enrollment in a Drug/Alcohol Rehabilitation program for six weeks. SVUSD is not responsible for costs incurred. Student may not return to Royal High School. In addition, a re-admittance hearing is required before the Board of Education before returning to Simi Valley Unified School District

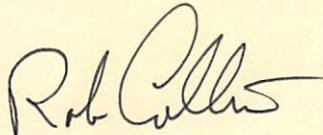
ADJOURNMENT

Motion #91

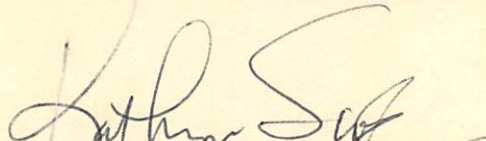
MSC, Sandland/Kidd, 3/0/2, (Davis and White absent due to rotation) to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Approved on December 10, 2013

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Rob Collins
President of Board of Education



Kathryn Scroggin Superintendent
Secretary to Board of Education

**SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION – SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AND
DECLINING ENROLLMENT WORKSHOP
November 5, 2013**

- CALL TO ORDER** President of the Board Rob Collins called a special meeting of the Board
- OPEN SESSION** of Education to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Floyd Binns Room at the Educational Service Center, 875 E. Cochran Street, Simi Valley, CA 93065.
- PRESENT** Board Members: Rob Collins, Jeanne Davis, Arleigh Kidd, Dan White
Debbie Sandland (arrived at 5:30 p.m.)
- Staff Members: Superintendent Dr. Kathryn Scroggin
Assistant Superintendent Michael Clear
Assistant Superintendent Dan Houghton
Assistant Superintendent Ron Todo
Director Educational Services Jason Peplinski
Executive Director Student Support Services Sean Goldman
- PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS** None
- PUBLIC COMMENTS** None
- REVISION TO AGENDA** Board President Collins announced Personnel Services Action #1, Approval of New Job Description Public Relations and Grant Writing was removed from the Agenda for revision and will come before the Board at a future Board meeting.
- APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEM #1** *Motion #92* **MSC, Davis/Kidd, 4/0/1, (Sandland absent) the Board denied the Application to Present a Late Claim for the Alleged Incident on June 7, 2012 and Grants the Application for Leave to Present a Late Claim for the alleged incident on September 18, 2012 for Legal Claim Number VCBA0653A1. Additional Information is available from SVUSD Risk Management.**
Note #1: Trustee White requested the minutes reflect more information regarding the details of the claim which cannot be revealed during public session due to confidentiality and will be provided to the Board in the 11/8/13 Friday update.
Note #2: This item is time sensitive and postmark deadline is today, 11/5/13 pending Board approval. Risk Management is standing by to hand deliver to the post office before 5:30 p.m.
- ADJOURN MEETING** *Motion #93* **MSC, White/Kidd, 4/0/1, (Sandland absent) the Board adjourned the Consent Item Approval portion of the meeting at 5:05 p.m.**

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – DECLINING ENROLLMENT WORKSHOP
NOVEMBER 5, 2013

RECESS

The Board recessed until 5:30 p.m.

**CONVENE
DECLINING
ENROLLMENT
WORKSHOP**

The Board of Education convened a Declining Enrollment Workshop promptly at 5:30 p.m. All five Board of Education members were present.

**WORKSHOP
SUMMARY**

A power point presentation was given by Assistant Superintendent Clear and Assistant Superintendent Todo. Topics covered included: East County Enrollment 2002-2013; SVUSD Enrollment 2002-2013; Ventura County Enrollment 2002-2013; Growth/Decline by Year 2002-2013; School Choice in SVUSD; SVUSD Elementary School of Choice; SVUSD Elementary School Capacity/School of Choice; SVUSD Secondary Schools; SVUSD Secondary Schools School of Choice; SVUSD Secondary School Capacity/School of Choice; Aeries Report dated October 31, 2013 Projected High School Enrollment; SVUSD Historical (cde.ca.gov) and Projected Enrollment; Private Schools – Enrollment (greatschools.org); Students Leaving SVUSD – Fall 2013; 2006-Present District of Choice to Oak Park; 2006 –Present District of Choice – Oak Park (by elementary school); Oak Park District of Choice (top five SVUSD schools transferring to Oak Park); Oak Park District of Choice by Grade level; Interdistrict Transfer 2009-Present; Interdistrict Transfers 2010-Present (the big three – Conejo, Moorpark & Oak Park); School of Attendance when Applying for IDT; The Big Three – A Closer Look.

In summary, it appears due to a variety of reasons such as depressed economy, parents looking or “shopping” for school placement; schools open to school of choice (such as Oak Park); moving out of area and/or out of state looking for affordable housing; and declining birthrate all contribute to the declining enrollment trend not only in Simi Valley, but in Ventura County and the State.

Discussion followed between the Board and Assistant Superintendent Todo. Some ideas shared included: promoting the journey of the “whole” child moving from elementary to middle to high school; aggressive marketing to stay ahead of the curve; rebranding schools, suggestions of ways to keep people here and/or bring them back; implementation of our three Phase Technology Plan and support to let teachers, parents and students know we’re serious about our commitment to improve technology; emphasizing the positive influence of a diverse culture district (such as we are); holding small, interactive meetings with parents to hear their concerns, thoughts and ideas (we’ve already started meeting parents from Wood Ranch and Sinaloa Middle School); hearing recommendations from the 7-11DAC District Advisory Committee (DAC); stressing with parents that our schools are a community for our children; providing communication in a variety of ways to reach everyone (emails, texts, all-calls, Facebook, twitter, live streaming of Board meetings, etc); putting more information on our website (such as enrollment forms); working on curbside appeal and first impressions with staff;

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NOVEMBER 5, 2013

teaching staff to be customer service oriented and take the time to spend with parents; make sure parents know teachers are available to help students before school, at lunch and after school; using the new PR person to advertise all through the year; school presentations at Board meetings (one school per meeting) focusing on great things happening on neighborhood campuses (already started last month with Santa Susana High School); road shows from all the schools (not just SSSHS); more academies; focusing on students in younger grades to encourage parents to stay past sixth grade; reinstating a parent involvement committee; and, more many great ideas which will be explored by administration.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS Superintendent Scroggin shared the following:

Regarding Technology, we are planning to add a position in our I.T. Department for tech support and to help transition our 3 Phase Technology Plan. Also, at the November 12 Board Meeting, a representative from Caldwell Flores Winters will give a presentation to the Board regarding a Proposed Technology Initiative survey in our community to see what interest there is which will allow moving forward with Phase II and III of our Technology Plan.

Regarding the School Consolidation Task Force and 7-11 DAC – the committee has public meetings scheduled for November 14, 20 and 21 and will be analyzing data and bringing a recommendation to the Board.

Regarding the Public Relations Grant Writer position which was removed from tonight's agenda, the item is being revised and will be coming to the Board at a future meeting for review. This position will focus on marketing and rebranding our schools, someone who will be focused and dedicated to those efforts and looking at ways to attract people back to SVUSD and seeking additional funding through grants.

Regarding our Goals and Action Plan Workshops – we have a survey being circulated by school principals, on our website, and has been shared with businesses in the community and are looking for ideas from the community on how to improve our district, what Board goals should be focused on and to give us an idea of our "clientele" and what their needs are. To date, we have 184 responses. All responses will be summarized and made available to the Board for the November 19 Goals and Budget workshop.

SUMMARY

Dr. Scroggin stated District administration will put together a roadmap of a plan to create priorities; gather input from the Board for suggestions for the priorities; provide an opportunity for the Board to review, re-prioritize and make suggestions for the priorities; and, to include some measurement tools of our progress.

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NOVEMBER 5, 2013

District Administration is also excited about the Board's decision to move toward live streaming and we hope to implement this feature in January 2014 which will allow our community to view our meetings as they happen, or later at their convenience.

In addition, the Ventura County Star is starting a new column entitled *Schools to Watch* which will feature highlights from County Schools' Board meetings.

Already in the works is a plan to utilize students at Santa Susana High School to compose a video that can be shared with parents and students highlighting great things in our District.

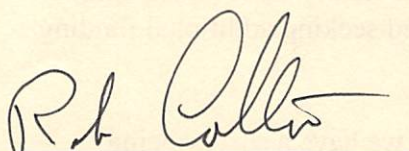
**BOARD
CLOSING
COMMENTS**

The Board thanked District administration for the informative workshop and indicated a desire to have a second Declining Enrollment Workshop. Trustee White suggested meeting at the RHS MPR.

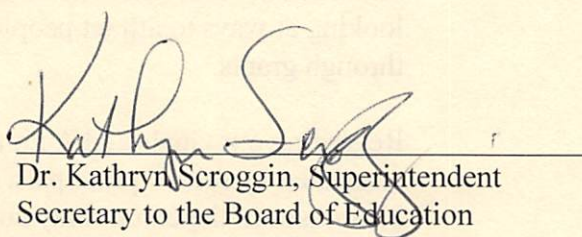
ADJOURNMENT MSCU, Davis/Kidd, 5/0, to adjourn the workshop at 7:00 p.m.
Motion #94

Approved on December 10, 2013

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Rob Collins
Board of Education



Dr. Kathryn Scroggin, Superintendent
Secretary to the Board of Education

**SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
November 12, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER
OPEN SESSION** The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Collins at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Chambers located at City Hall, 2929 Tapo Canyon Road, Simi Valley, California, 93065.

PRESENT Board Members: Rob Collins, Jeanne Davis, Arleigh Kidd, Debbie Sandland, Dan White
Staff Members: Dr. Kathryn Scroggin, Superintendent
Michael Clear, Assistant Superintendent
Dan Houghton, Assistant Superintendent
Ron Todo, Assistant Superintendent

PUBLIC COMMENTS There were no public comments regarding closed items.

CLOSED SESSION The Board adjourned to closed session at 5:31 p.m. to conduct the following:

3.1 The Board of Education will meet in closed session in accordance with provisions in Government Code Section 54957, Public Employment Matters – Discipline, Dismissal, Release

3.2 The Board of Education will meet in closed session for SEA Negotiations (as per the Rodda Act). Dan Houghton, District Negotiator

3.3 The Board of Education will meet in closed session for CSEA Negotiations (as per the Rodda Act). Dan Houghton, District Negotiator

Note: these claims were separated with a vote taken on each
3.4 The Board of Education will meet in closed session in accordance with provisions in Government Code Section 54956.95; insurance pooling, tort liability losses; public liability losses; workers' compensation liability; Settlement Workers' Compensation Claim No. Simi-007115, Simi-007086 and Simi-006499, Simi 006881

Note: this item was removed and discussed in open session
~~3.5 The Board of Education will meet in closed session for proposed Negotiable terms and conditions for renewal of a property lease.~~

**CLOSED SESSION
ADJOURNMENT** MSCU, Kidd/White, 5/0, adjourned the closed session at 5:55 p.m.
Motion #95

- CLOSED SESSION REPORT** The Board reconvened in City Hall Chambers at 6:29 p.m. Board President Collins reported the following action taken in closed session:
- 3.1 PERSONNEL** MSCU, Sandland/Davis, 5/0, the Board of Education met in closed session to discuss Public Employment Matters - Discipline, Dismissal, Release.
Motion #96
- 3.2 SEA NEGOTIATIONS** No action
- 3.3 CSEA NEGOTIATIONS** No action
- NOTE:** *Item 3.4 Workers Compensation claims were split out with a separate vote taken on each Claim Number.*
- 3.4 WORKERS' COMPENSATION No. 007115** MSCU, Davis/Sandland, 5/0, the Board of Education approved settlement of Workers' Compensation Claim No. Simi 007115.
Motion #97
- 3.4 WORKERS' COMPENSATION No. 007086** MSCU, White/Kidd, 5/0, the Board of Education approved settlement of Workers' Compensation Claim No. Simi 007086.
Motion #98
- 3.4 WORKERS' COMPENSATION No. 006499** MSCU, Kidd/Davis, 5/0, the Board of Education approved settlement of Workers' Compensation Claim No. Simi 006499.
Motion #99
- 3.4 WORKERS' COMPENSATION No. 006881** MSCU, Kidd/Sandland, 5/0, the Board of Education approved settlement of Workers' Compensation Claim No. Simi 006881.
Motion #100
- 3.5 RENEWAL OF PROPERTY LEASE** REMOVED – TO BE DISCUSSED IN OPEN SESSION
- FLAG SALUTE** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board President Collins.
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA** MSCU, Kidd/Sandland, 5/0, the Board approved the agenda as presented.
Motion #101
- MINUTES** MSCU, Sandland/Davis, 5/0, to approve the minutes of the special Board meeting of October 1, 2013 (all present).
Motion #102

MINUTES
Motion #103

MSCU, Davis/Kidd, 5/0, to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting of October 8, 2013 (all present).

MINUTES
Motion #104

MSC, Kidd/Davis, 3/0/2, (Sandland & White abstained due to rotation), to approve the minutes of the special Board meeting of October 15, 2013.

MINUTES
Motion #105

MSCU, Sandland/Kidd, 5/0, to approve the minutes of the special Board meeting of October 22, 2013.

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS
NOT ON
ON THE AGENDA**

Tammy Harter, HOSA Advisor SVHS, informed the Board of National HOSA week celebrated in November. The purpose of HOSA is to develop leadership and technical HOSA skill competencies through a program of motivation, awareness and recognition, which is an integral part of the Health Science Educational instructional program at Simi High School Medical and Health Career Academy. Ms. Harter thanked the Board and the community for their support of the MHC Academy at Simi Valley High School. The Board thanked Ms. Harter for sharing her enthusiasm regarding HOSA and the Medical Career Academy Program.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was opened at 6:36 p.m. regarding the approval of the 7-11 DAC District Advisory Committee. There were no public comments. The hearing was closed at 6:37 p.m.

**EMPLOYEE
ORGANIZATION
SEA**

SEA President Dayle Gillick addressed the Board regarding return of furlough days including two staff development days and to restore the student's full calendar ending June 6. She also requested a halt to the recall due to the negative impact and expense to the District estimated at \$260,000. She urged voters not to sign the petition.

**STUDENT
BOARD
REPORTS**

Student Board Representative, Sarah Russo, Monte Vista presented the Student Board Reports:

Monte Vista School wants to thank all those who participated in our first Dine-Out Night of the year at Topper's Pizza! We had a great turn-out and enjoyed getting the chance to share dinner and conversation with our Monte Vista families and friends. Monte Vista has begun its annual Veteran's Day drive by working with the "For the Troops" organization. Our drive began on November 1 and will run through to November 20. We are collecting supplies that fulfill the "Troops Wish List," that will aid our soldiers during their deployment in Afghanistan. We welcome all contributions from the Simi Valley community! Monte Vista School would like to wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving and hope everyone has a great and restful holiday!

Erin Gentry reports that Royal High School is having a great first semester. Progress reports have recently been given to students. Finals for first semester of the 2013-14 school year will occur on December 18-20. Significant events include: November 4th Royal held a scholarship night; Royal's student bathrooms were finished and look great; The Ronald Reagan Citizen Scholar Seal

applications are being reviewed for approval; Seniors are busy applying for college and meeting with the college career counselor, Mrs. Porter; a holiday band concert is scheduled for December 11; Grads-R-US on December 13; and a Winter vocal music concert on December 17 completes the calendar.

Verenise Frias reports that Santa Susana High School is not slowing down this year. So far, activity after activity have all been very successful. Recently, Red Ribbon Week was one of the most participated in spirit days this year and consisted of creative ideas like Tackle Drugs Tuesday and America Monday. Halloween always has a huge participation at SSSH and the atmosphere that day was very festive and lively. As seniors continue to work on their senior projects and fill out college applications, they have the senior sunrise this Thursday as well as exciting upcoming senior activities to celebrate their accomplishments and alleviate some stress. Our Mock Trial and Academic Decathlon Clubs are working hard and are determined to bring a first place trophy to our school this year. We are also looking forward to the many plays that our talented actors, directors, and technology department will be putting on very soon; like the Great Gatsby and Legally Blonde productions. With Renaissance, Winter Formal, and our second Activity Day on their way, Santa Susana students are eagerly awaiting the fantastic events that this year has to offer.

Madisen Richards shared that the Pioneers had a "spirited" end to October, with Simi versus Royal spirit week and football game, College and Career Day, Red Ribbon Week, and Halloween! The Pioneers proved themselves both on and off the field, with school spirit levels reaching new heights! A sea of maroon and gold filled the school and the game and, when all was said and done, everyone remained proud to be Pioneers! The following week the Pioneers said "No to Drugs" and celebrated National Red Ribbon Week with students wearing red and signing banners pledging to be drug free. The Medical Health Academy visited Valley View and spoke about the dangers of drugs. The Pioneer Boys' and Girls' Cross Country teams competed in the Ventura County Championships where Sarah Baxter shattered the course record and the girls team set a new team time record! Juan Jiminez and Garrett Lepine finished in the top ten for the boys, leading the Pioneers to finish 5th overall. Pioneers are looking forward to their upcoming events including Anti-Bullying Awareness Week, Senior Dinner, as well as a Turkey Bowl and Staff Thanksgiving Luncheon!

Kiana Kenik reports that Apollo High School is having a Care and Share food drive in zero period classes to collect canned food. It is a way to start off the Thanksgiving season and show the community how much Apollo cares! Last week Red Ribbon Week ended with its Halloween carnival. The Carnival brought students together by playing fun games and handing out silly prizes. Red Ribbon Week began with guest speakers from Not One More and ACTION Family Counseling coming in to tell students about their personal experiences related to drugs or alcohol. On November 18th Apollo is having its annual Thanksgiving Feast. This is one of Apollo's favorite events of the year as they enjoy coming together as a school community to share a meal. Apollo wishes all the schools and students a very happy holiday season!

**SUPERINTENDENT
COMMENTS**

Dr. Scroggin shared over the past few weeks we have reached out to our larger community to gather a variety of topics related to schools. The result is we are deepening our understanding of some of the ideas our teachers, support staff, parents and community members have regarding the direction they believe our District should go and how to support teachers and staff needs in order to continue to provide quality educational opportunities for all students and provide the things that will help parents choose to keep students in our District. Thank you all for your input and thanks to SEA President Gillick for being part of the conversations. As an update, we are working with the student system vendor to correct some of the issues teachers have faced. Additional training may be provided. The District is also planning to implement computer-based assessments in March and we'll be releasing the plan for implementation soon. Facility renovation or replacement is part of the discussion. Our plan to give every teacher a laptop is being reviewed by the Technology Committee. Also, we are working on our report card format and a committee will be formed to align the report cards to Common Core standards. Support Staff concerns about technology, staffing, purchasing and support for school staff are being reviewed and considered as well. Thank you to Jim Jarrard, CSEA President for opening this productive dialogue. In addition, staff has recently met with some parents who are deciding where to send their middle and high school students. A thank you is extended to PTA Wood Ranch parent Cindy Ball for hosting the first coffee. These parents have provided input and insight as to ways we can improve communication, reach a wider audience, improve customer service and continue to hold more parent meetings. On another level, we have reached out to our employees, parents and the business community to gather input regarding goals our Board is considering adopting. Thank you to everyone who submitted input and took the survey. A special thank you to Leigh Nixon, CEO Chamber of Commerce for her assistance in extending our survey to the business community. Staff is continuing to talk with teacher Steve Caswell, who has presented the Board with an idea to keep the dialogue about schools and education going on a regular basis. We hope to have a venue for community conversation in the near future. The purpose for talking about all of this is to let everyone know that as Thanksgiving approaches, we are thankful for the community in which we live and for the people who are all a part of this community. Through collaboration and honest dialogue, we can find the kind of strength that builds an even better educational system for our children's future. In closing, Dr. Scroggin wished all of our teachers, staff, students and their families a very happy Thanksgiving.

ICOC REPORT

An ICOC update was given by Cynthia Perez-Heron, Publicity Chair and Matt Nestor ICOC Chair. The ICOC met on October 16 at the District Office to discuss project status, expenditure reports, discretionary fund requests, seismic retrofit program, state allocation updates, the C4 Bond website, Bond Board Workshop and a Bond Performance Audit. The next meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2014; 6:30 p.m. at the District office. Please visit the C4 Bond website for detailed information and read the benefits from the C4 Bond projects. Please join us at upcoming Bond meetings.

**BOARD
COMMENTS**

Trustee Davis: 1) thanked Teacher Tammy Harter for the HOSA report and for bringing her students to the Board meeting tonight; 2) thanked the Student Board Rep for her report; 3) thanked the ICOC for all their hard work and report; 4) thanked SEA President Gillick for her comments not to sign the recall petition; and, 5) thanked SVUSD students, parents, administration and all employees for reaching out to people in our community; 6) thanked District Administration for their efforts toward transparency; and, 7) wished everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

Trustee White: 1) echoed enthusiasm for transparency in our District; 2) thanked the Board for the Declining Enrollment Workshop as it was a positive experience; 3) stated declining enrollment is an issue having gone from 14% of students leaving in 2000 to 27% in 2010. Trustee White stated declining enrollment is reversible and Trustee White appreciates District Administration getting the right message out to the community; 4) stated he enjoyed meeting with parents at Wood Ranch and Sinaloa and appreciated their input; 5) in his opinion feels the Board will need to be responsive to "real issues" such as school safety; academic opportunities, meeting a-g requirements; bolstering academic programs at all grade levels and measuring the results; 6) welcomed the TOSA's and feels encouraged they will help achieve Board goals and assist in implementing our technology program. Trustee White wants to quickly identify where we should spend our money, where we need resources and how we can get more for our dollars; and, 7) stated great things happen at our schools because there are great people working there.

Trustee Sandland: 1) thanked Tammy Harter HOSA advisor and the SVHS Medical and Health Career Academy students; 2) delighted to be able to rescind furlough days and reinstate the school year because we have managed our money well; 3) thanked SEA President Gillick for her comments and for all you do; 4) thanked the ICOC for their report and for managing the C4 funds; 5) disagrees with Trustee White's declining enrollment statistics, but declining enrollment is actively being addressed by staff and the Board; 6) Common Core is an exciting new program and way to teach and glad we are adding TOSA teacher support, as well as offering information to parents and staff regarding Common Core on our website; and, 7) in closing, Trustee Sandland wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Trustee Kidd: 1) thanked the Student Board rep for an informative report; 2) thanked the ICOC for their report; 3) stated he attended a meeting at the County and as District representative voted to elect Rob Collins and Greg Barker to the Ventura County Committee on School District Organization (VCCSDO); 4) congratulated Dr. Scroggin who was invited to attend the Superintendent's Summit in Tampa after being identified by the District Administration Leadership Institute as one of 70 exceptional superintendents and hopes Dr. Scroggin will reconsider attending; 5) congratulated Sarah Baxter on another championship and requested we honor the SVHS Cross Country Team at an upcoming Board meeting; 6) attended White Oak's Veteran's Day ceremony and thanked the

students and staff for a great program; and, 7) wished everyone a safe Thanksgiving break.

Trustee Collins: 1) thanked Tammy Harter for the HOSA program and good work being done in the Medical and Career Academy at Simi High School; 2) stated the Board goals and protocol are circulating in the community with the Board scheduled to meet again on Nov. 19 to review community input and finalize goals; 3) stated the Board held an effective Declining Enrollment Workshop with lots of ideas of how to bring students back to our District and thanked administrative staff for their hard work; 4) thanked Trustee Kidd for his vote at the Ventura County Committee on School District Organization where Trustee Collins was elected to replace Greg Stratton. There are currently no meetings scheduled; 5) referred to an article and photo in the VC Star celebrating the 50th day of school with a 50's day celebration at Simi Elementary; 6) thanked Director Peplinski for his Friday report of all the great things being done at all the schools; 7) congratulated Sarah Baxter four-time winner of the Girls' Marmonte League Cross Country Championship! Also congratulated Coach Roger Evans on leading the team to five championships and congratulated up and coming ninth grade student athlete Caitlin Wood who was a recipient of the "athlete of the week" award and beat Sarah's record when she was a ninth grader. Trustee Collins congratulated all the super and remarkable athletes on the Girls' Cross Country team at Simi Valley High School.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

There were two pieces of Board correspondence reported by Clerk of the Board Kidd: 1) a letter dated October 8, 2013 from Mitchell Green was submitted to the Board at the October 8, 2013 Board meeting during public comments regarding Public Integrity Unit; and 2) a letter dated October 21, 2013 from the C4 Independent Citizen's Oversight committee clarifying fulfillment of obligations on behalf of the citizens of Simi Valley.

*The consent items listed below were approved by the Board in one action.
No items were removed for individual discussion or action.*

CONSENT CALENDAR *Motion #106*

MSCU, Sandland/Davis, 5/0, to approve the Consent Calendar as amended:

- 1) Business & Facilities Consent #3 Transfer of Funds- replace the **September** attachment with the **October** attachment.
- 2) Personnel Services Consent #2, Classified Personnel Report was revised to reflect a typo in title from School Assistant Services II SVHS to a School Assistant Services III SVHS position. Please refer to our website for a revised copy of the changes.
- 3) Personnel Services Consent #5 - Approval of Agreement Between the Simi Valley Unified School District (District) and Simi Educators Association (SEA) to Rescind Furlough Days – Graduations will be held on ~~June 5, 2014~~ **May 29, 2014** and the last day of school for students will be June 6, 2014.
- 4) Personnel Services Consent #6 – Approval of Agreement Between the Simi Valley Unified School District (District) and California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter 310 to Rescind Furlough Days – change Graduations will be held on ~~June 5, 2014~~ **May 29, 2014** and the last day of

school for students will be June 6, 2014.

(Roll-call vote)

AYES: White, Sandland, Davis, Kidd, Collins NOES: 0 Absent: 0

1. **BOARD/ADMINISTRATION** (*No consent*)
2. **PERSONNEL SERVICES**
 - #1 Approval of Certificated Personnel Report
 - #2 Approval of Classified Personnel Report
 - #3 Second Reading and Adoption of New Administrative Regulation 4161.11, 4361.11 (Industrial Accident/Illness Leave)
 - #4 Approval of Memorandum of Agreement Between Simi Valley Unified School District and Simi Educators Association (SEA)-Adult Education
 - #5 Approval of Agreement Between The Simi Valley Unified School District (District) and Simi Educators Association (SEA) to Rescind Furlough Days
 - #6 Approval of Agreement between The Simi Valley Unified School District (District) and the California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter 310 to Rescind Furlough Days
3. **EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**
 - #1 Acceptance of Gifts for Simi Valley Unified School District 2013/2014
 - #2 Approval of Educational Field Trips
 - #3 Approval of Comprehensive School Safety Plans for All Elementary and Secondary Schools
 - #4 Approval of the Single Plan for Student Achievement for Each of the Elementary and Secondary Schools
 - #5 Approval of High School Booster Organizations for 2013-2014
 - #6 Approval of the List of Members for the 7-11 District Advisory Committee (7-11 DAC)
 - #7 Approval of the California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) and the California School Climate Survey (CSCS) to be Administered During the 2013-2014 School Year
 - #8 Ratify and Approve Out of State Travel, Educational Services
 - #9 Approval of Agreement No. A14.109 Between the Simi Valley Adult School and Career Institute No-Cost Agreement and Dr. Alex Khadavi/Encino Dermatology & Laser Medical Centers
 - #10 Approval of Agreement No. A14.109 Between the Simi Valley Adult School and Career Institute No-Cost Agreement and Dr. Alex Khadavi/Thousand Oaks Dermatology & Laser Medical Centers
4. **STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES**
 - #1 Ratification of Out-of-State Travel Request (Student Support Services)
5. **BUSINESS & FACILITIES**
 - #1 Approval of Warrants – September 30, 2013 through October 30, 2013
 - #2 Approval of Purchase Orders B14-00348 through P14-00903, in the Amount of \$2,314,716.98
 - #3 Approval of Transfer of Funds for the Month of October 2013
 - #4 Approval of Amendment No. 8 to Agreement #A05.80 between SVUSD and NTD Architecture to Provide Architectural Services for Installation of Four Additional Portable Classrooms at Vista Elementary School.
 - #5 Approval of Four Portable Classrooms at Vista Elementary School.
 - #6 Approval of Agreement No. A14.96 between SVUSD and Mechanical Engineering Consultants, Inc., to Provide Engineering Services for Preliminary Design of Energy Conserving HVAC Systems for Simi High School.
 - #7 Approval of Three (3) Portable Classrooms at Big Springs Elementary School

- #8 Approval of Agreement #A14.97 between SVUSD & Hovell & Pilarski Engineering, Inc. for Consultant Services Related to the Township ES Storm Drain & Erosion Control
- #9 Approval of Amendment No. 002 to Agreement No. A12.182 between SVUSD and Taller Dos Flores to Provide Architectural Services for Big Springs Elementary School, Portables Relocation
- #10 Approval of Change Order No. 3, District Wide Wi-Fi Project, AMS.NET
- #11 Approval of Change Order No. 2, Adult School and Career Center Modernization
- #12 Approval of A14.113 Keygent Advisors-Disclosure Dissemination Agent Agreement
- #13 Vista Elementary School Administration Building Demolition
- #14 Vista Elementary Classroom Conversion
- #15 Revision of Use of Facilities Fee Schedule
- #16 Approval of Amendment No. 9 to Agreement No. A05.80 between SVUSD and NTD Architecture, to Provide Architectural Services for Reconstruction of the Administration Building at Vista Elementary School
- #17 Replacement of Old Kindergarten Portable with Two District Owned Portable Classrooms at Hollow Hills Elementary School
- #18 Approval of Resolution #35-13/14 to Close the Adult Ed Enterprise Fund
- #19 Ratification of SVUSD Self-Insured Worker's Compensation Program: Compromise and Release Settlement or Stipulated Award (Risk)
- #20 Approval of Agreement A14.108 between SVUSD and Hovell & Pilarski for Consultant Services for the Sinaloa Middle School Tennis Court Renovation

ACTION CALENDAR:

RESOLUTION FOR BOARD MEMBER ABSENCE

Adoption of Resolution No. 30-13/14, Board Member Absence (rotation) Education Code Section 35120 states, "A member may be paid for any meeting when absent if the Board, by resolution duly adopted and included in its meeting, finds that at the time of the meeting he or she is performing services outside the meeting for the school district, he or she was ill or on jury duty, or the absence was due to a hardship deemed acceptable by the Board."

Motion #107

MSC, Kidd/White, 4/0/1, (Sandland abstained), to adopt Resolution No. 30-13/14 Board Member Absence (hardship/rotation) on October 15, 2013.

(Roll-call vote)

AYES: White, Davis, Kidd, Collins ABSTAINED: Sandland

RESOLUTION FOR BOARD MEMBER ABSENCE

Adoption of Resolution No. 31-13/14 was removed from the agenda by Trustee White.

NOMINATIONS FOR DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

CSBA's Delegate Assembly is a vital link in the association's governance structure. Delegates ensure that the association reflects the interest of school districts and county offices throughout the state. Region 11B has four representatives whose term will expire March 31, 2014. Incumbents who indicate their desire to re-elect will be nominated by their own district. Board President Collins has indicated a desire to re-elect. Paperwork is due to CSBA by January 7, 2014.

Motion #108

MSCU, Sandland/Davis, 5/0, the Board of Education nominated Trustee Rob Collins as a candidate for the CSBA Delegate Assembly.

**RESOLUTION
NO. 33-13/14
AUTHORIZING
PUBLIC SALE
OF LONG CYN
PROPERTY**

Assistant Superintendent Clear stated the Surplus Property Committee had voted unanimously to declare the Long Canyon site (73.26 +/- acres) as surplus property. The committee's declaration was confirmed at the October 8, 2013 Board meeting. Per Ed Code, applicable public agencies have been informed. Bid opening to the public will occur once the appropriate time period has lapsed and no offer has been made on the Property and after the appropriate advertising. The sale price shall be no less than \$700,000.

Assistant Superintendent Clear confirmed only one appraisal was done recently. Trustee Sandland is concerned about the low appraisal figure. Assistant Superintendent Clear stated the Board can change the asking price with reissued letters including the revised asking price. Trustee Sandland requested a second appraisal on the property as she has concerns that the appraisals are too low and made an amended motion. Discussion followed before the vote.

**AMENDED
2nd APPRAISAL**
Motion #109

MSC, Sandland/Davis, 2/3, to get a second appraisal on the Long Canyon property. The motion was not approved as there was not a quorum.

FINAL MOTION
Motion #110

MSC, Kidd/White, 3/2, the Board of Education adopted Resolution No. 33-13/14 Authorizing Public Sale of the Long Canyon Property for no less than \$700,000.

(Roll-call vote)

AYES: White, Kidd, Collins NOES: Sandland, Davis

**RESOLUTION
NO. 34-13/14
AUTHORIZING
PUBLIC SALE
OF WOOD
RANCH
CONF.CTR**

Assistant Superintendent Clear stated the Surplus Property Committee had voted unanimously to declare the Wood Ranch Conference Center (4.93 +/- acres) as surplus property. The Committee's declaration was confirmed at the October 8, 2013 Board meeting. Per Ed Code, applicable public agencies have been informed. Bid opening to the public will occur once the appropriate time period has lapsed and no offer has been made on the Property and after the appropriate advertising. The Sale price shall be no less than ~~\$2,330,00~~ revised to **\$3,000,000.**

Trustee Sandland shared the same concerns with the appraised value that she expressed with the Long Canyon Property and made an amended motion:

**AMENDED
2nd APPRAISAL**
Motion #111

MSC, Sandland/Davis, 2/3, Trustee Sandland requested a second appraisal on the Wood Ranch property. The motion was not approved as there was not a quorum.

After more discussion, Board President Collins suggested a revised sale price and made an amended motion:

**AMENDED
Sale Price**
Motion #112

MSC, Collins/Davis, 4/1, (Sandland Dissented) the Board of Education adjusted the sale price from \$2,330,000 to \$3,000,000. Trustee Sandland requested a sale price of \$3.5M. The motion was approved at \$3,000,000.

FINAL MOTION
Motion #113

MSC, Davis/Kidd, 4/1, (Sandland Dissented) the Board approved Resolution No. 34-13/14 Authorizing the Public Sale of the Wood Ranch Conference Center with a revised sale price of no less than \$3,000,000.

(Roll-call vote)

AYES: White, Davis, Kidd, Collins NOE: Sandland

**APPROVAL
OF AGREEMENT
SVUSD AND
GRANICUS**

The Board requested live streaming of Regular Board Meetings commencing as soon as possible. The City of Simi Valley has an agreement with Granicus. Since the School District holds Board meetings at City Hall an agreement has been reached where SVUSD could share the city equipment to implement live streaming and jump points on the agenda. SVUSD is working in conjunction with City representatives, Granicus representatives and our I.T. Department. Estimated implementation is January 2014 pending training and equipment upgrades at the City. Estimated cost is \$360 per month flat rate (with the first six months being discounted by 50%).

Motion #114

MSCU, Kidd/White, 5/0, the Board approved Agreement A14-107 between Granicus Inc. and SVUSD.

**APPROVAL
OF A14-114
RESEARCH
TECHNOLOGY
BOND**

Assistant Superintendent Clear stated SVUSD is considering the issuance of a Technology Bond for the November 2014 election. SVUSD has contracted Caldwell Flores Winters (CFW) to conduct a poll to determine if there is community support for a Technology Bond. Mr. Khushroo Gheyara of CFW made a presentation to the Board explaining how the survey would work and the timeline. The Board discussed the presentation and concerns with Mr. Gheyara.

Motion #115

MSCU, Sandland/Davis, 5/0, the Board of Education approved Agreement No. 14.114 between SVUSD and Caldwell Flores Winters and instructed CFW to use their good judgment whether or not to include a technology/safety aspect.

INFORMATION CALENDAR

**SEA
CONTRACT
REOPENERS**

Assistant Superintendent Houghton informed the Board of Education that SEA and the District are using an interest-based approach to negotiations. In the spirit of the interest based approach, the SEA and District are submitting a joint Reopener Contract Proposal for 2013-2014 identifying interests and related issues to be addressed in negotiations. On December 10, 2013 a Public Hearing will be held on the Reopener Proposal. Additional information can be obtained from the Personnel Services Office.

**REPORT OF
CLASS SIZE
K-12 FOR
2013/14**

Educational Services Director Peplinski stated in accordance with Article XII of the contract between SVUSD and SEA, principals are to make every reasonable effort to keep all academic class sizes no higher than 36 students. After the fourth week of each semester, principals are required to report to the Superintendent any classes which exceed this class size. Also reported is a summary of secondary classes which have an enrollment of less than 22 students and a rationale for maintaining the classes. A copy of the report is available from the Office of Educational Services, on our website, and was provided for information only.

**INFORMATION
REGARDING
SVUSD
TOSAs**

Assistant Superintendent Todo stated the TOSA (Teachers on Special Assignment) team's purpose is to provide exceptional instructional support for the teachers of SVUSD with a mission of collaboration, innovation, service and commitment. Other duties include working with teachers to develop district-wide curriculum maps, (pacing calendars) for K-12, helping with the implementation of local formative and summative benchmark assessments, assisting with professional development and data analysis to support district-wide instructional goals. Our TOSA team includes: Dustin Ellis, Instructional Technology TOSA; Jamie Snodgrass, English Language Arts and Math K-12 TOSA; Brad Torti, Categorical Programs; and, Julie Ellis, BTSA (Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment). TOSAs are funded by EIA, Title I, Title II and Title III funds.

**POWERPOINT
PRESENTATION**

A powerpoint presentation was given by the TOSAs. A copy is on file in Educational Services. Discussion followed between the Board and TOSAs. The Board thanked the TOSAs for their informative presentation and were encouraged by their ideas for professional development.

FIRST READING

Educational Services Director Peplinski stated AR 5145.12 (Search and Seizure) is being revised to reflect correct language. The revision will align the Board Policy and Administrative Regulation to CSBA recommendations to both include the wording "Appropriate personnel will advise students or persons of their right to refusal and the request to search". This information is being provided to the Board for information only. Discussion followed. This Administrative Regulation applies to K-9 trained dogs only and not service or therapy dogs on campus.

**ANNUAL REPORT
OF DEVELOPER
FEES AS
REQUIRED BY
SB 1693**

Under SB 1693 and Government Code Section 66001(d), reporting requirements for Developer Fees have become more detailed and requires annual reporting which includes a brief description of the type of fee in the account fund; the amount of the fee which is \$3.20 per sq. ft. for residential and \$0.51 per sq. ft for commercial/industrial; beginning and ending balances; fees collected and interest earned; identification of improvement; description of funds transferred; amount of refunds; and, any allocations. This item was presented for information only. Discussion followed.

**NETWRIX
SOFTWARE
PURCHASE**

Assistant Superintendent Clear stated on June 4, 2013, the Board allocated \$7,868,857 in Measure C4 Bond funds toward technology. The Purchase of Netwrix software is needed for proper operation of the new District-wide Network Operating System. The total costs associated with the purchase of Netwrix software is \$31,050.43 funded by C4 Bond funds. There was no discussion.

**LEGAL CLAIM
REJECTED**

Assistant Superintendent Clear stated File No. VCBA06494A2 was rejected on November 4, 2013 by operation of law. This item is presented for information only. There was no discussion.

**EXTENSION OF
GROUND
LEASE
SVUSD AND
BASS, SHAVER
MICHAELSON
(TROOP PLAZA)**

Assistant Superintendent Clear stated Bass, Shaver, Michaelson, a California general partnership is currently leasing property from SVUSD according to Agreement A84-112 is requesting an extension. The ground lease has a 55 year term which concludes on May, 2, 2040. The lessee is requesting an extension of nine (9) years to 2049 based on a refinance of the loan regarding property improvements and an extension by the for at least a 35 year lease agreement. This item is presented for information only. Trustee Sandland requested additional information regarding the payment schedule on this lease. Mr. Clear stated he would move the item forward as Action and would include information pertaining to the payment schedule.

**CONSIDERATION
OF ITEMS FOR
FUTURE AGENDAS**

Trustee Kidd: requested information regarding districts who have not complied with the California Voters Rights Act. Requests a discussion item to see if SVUSD is in compliance with CA Voters Rights Act in regard to voting at large vs. by area in school Board elections. Dr. Scroggin stated this information will be provided to the Board in a Friday update and will also be on the December 10 agenda.

Trustee Davis: wants the Board to consider a four or five minute time limit since we ask the audience to do so. This request will be on the agenda for December 10 as an action item. The Board agreed on a five minute limit for Board comments.

Trustee Collins: with the one year extension of the Superintendent's contract, suggests the Board discuss choosing a process to pick a new superintendent. The Board agreed and it will be placed on a future agenda as an open (not a closed session) Board item.

**PROPOSED
AGENDA ITEMS**

Trustee Kidd: Requested the Los Angeles Avenue/Blackstock property be placed back on the agenda as surplus property. Trustee Sandland disagreed unless we get another appraisal. Trustees Collins, White, Kidd & Davis want to move this item forward on the next agenda. Trustee Collins requested an indication of how values have increased since the last appraisal based on input from the real estate agent.

Trustee Davis continues to hear concerns from staff regarding copier machines and requested information regarding ratio of machines to users, contracts and

cost. Superintendent Clear stated he is working on a request and bid to replace a copiers in the District and can provide status of copiers to the Board via a Board update. The Board agreed to move this forward. Superintendent Scroggin stated information is being compiled for the Board and will be sent in a Friday update before the bid comes up for approval.

Trustee White would like information and discussion on ways to expedite the purchase and installation of security cameras faster and less expensively (options and costs) with a focus on secondary sites first. Dr. Scroggin stated information will be coming to the Board in an update.

Trustee White requested a review of high school athletic facilities stating there is a shortage of lights, lack of facilities, unsafe fields, and general declining quality of athletic facilities. For example at Royal High School we are fixing the drain and track (\$1,000,000) but what about the fields? Dr. Scroggin stated staff is scheduled to walk the field and bring back a proposal.

Trustee White: requested discussion whether we should supplement with additional vendor support for our I.T. department. Dr. Scroggin stated there is a proposal coming to the Board to add additional I.T. resources.

Trustee White: requested in the interest of transparency (EC44987) information regarding District funding the SEA representative. Dr. Scroggin stated we could provide information in the Friday packet to the Board, and it could be an information and public discussion item if the Board chooses. The Board agreed to an open discussion.

Trustee Collins: requested a school visit be scheduled to Gateway for himself and other Board members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Schools will be closed November 25-29 (Thanksgiving Recess)

Special Board Meeting – Goals Part II & November 19, 2013	Budget Workshop 5:30 – 7:00 pm	Educational Services Center Floyd Binns Room
Re-Organizational Meeting Regular Board Meeting December 10, 2013	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	City of Simi Valley Council Chambers
Personnel Commission Meeting December 11, 2013	6:00 p.m.	Floyd Binns Room Educational Services Center
ICOC Meeting January 9, 2014	6:30 p.m.	Certificated Conference Rm Educational Services Center

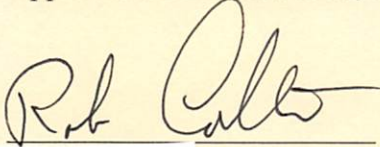
ADJOURNMENT

MSCU, Sandland/Davis, 5/0, to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

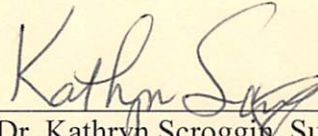
Motion #116

Approved on December 10, 2013

MSCU=Motion, Seconded, Carried, Unanimous



Rob Collins
President, Board of Education



Dr. Kathryn Scroggin, Superintendent
Secretary to the Board of Education

**SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Action Agenda, Governance Workshop Part III & Budget Workshop
November 19, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER Board President Collins called a special meeting of the Board of Education
OPEN SESSION to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Floyd Binns Room at the Educational Services Center,
875 E. Cochran Street, Simi Valley, CA 93065.

PRESENT Board Members: Rob Collins, Jeanne Davis, Arleigh Kidd,
Debbie Sandland, Dan White

Staff Members: Dr. Kathryn Scroggin, Superintendent
Dan Houghton, Assistant Superintendent
Ron Todo, Assistant Superintendent
Mike Clear, Assistant Superintendent
Sean Goldman, Executive Director Student Support Services
Shelley Barta, Director Fiscal Services
Lisa Nilles, Budget Analyst Confidential

FLAG SALUTE The Flag salute was led by Board President Collins.

PUBLIC COMMENTS There were no public comments on any of the items listed on the agenda.

PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS Trustee Kidd: requests replace two trees for every one tree removed due to solar ground mounts.

Trustee Sandland: requests an update on community input regarding solar panels.

Trustee Davis: requested more advertisement of public meetings and meetings should be timed so the community can attend (nighttime). The Board needs assurance the word is getting out regarding public meetings.

ES ACTION #1 BOOSTERS The Maroon & Gold Soccer Boosters have submitted plans and financial statements requesting approval. The school Principal has reviewed and submitted the authorization for Board Approval.

Motion #117 **MSCU, White/Sandland, 5/0, the Board approved the Maroon and Gold Soccer Booster Organization for the 2013-2014 School Year.**

B&F ACTION #1 Assistant Superintendent Clear stated on June 4, 2013, the Board authorized **AUTHORIZATION** \$7,868,857 in Measure C4 Bond funds toward Technology. The implementation **TO PURCHASE** plan includes evaluation of various types of technology such as Chromebooks, **CHROMEBOOKS** I-Pads and Tablets. Authorization is requested to purchase these items at a cost of **I-PADS, TABLETS** \$23,024.17.

Motion #118 **MSCU, White/Kidd, 5/0, the Board approved the purchase of Chromebooks, I-Pads and Tablets at a cost of \$23,024.17 for the Pilot Program.**

B&F ACTION #2 Assistant Superintendent Clear stated Resolution No. 32-13/14 is required to justify **RESOLUTION** the installation of new ground mount photovoltaic panels at the following locations: **NO. 32-13/14**

Abraham Lincoln Elementary	Katherine Elementary
Atherwood Elementary	Mountain View Elementary
Big Springs Elementary	Santa Susana High School
Hillside Middle School	White Oak Elementary
Justin Elementary	

Following a brief discussion, the Board made the following motion:

Motion #119 **MSCU, Sandland/Kidd, 5/0, the Board of Education adopted Resolution 32-13/14 New Ground Mount Photovoltaic Panel Project.**

ROLL-CALL **AYES: White, Sandland, Davis, Kidd, Collins**
VOTE **NOES: 0**

ADJOURN **MSCU, Kidd/Davis, 5/0, the Board adjourned the Action**
ACTION **Agenda which was immediately followed by the Goals Workshop**
AGENDA

Motion #120

BOARD/ Previously the Board participated in Part I and II meetings revising of Board Goals.
SUPERINTENDENT Superintendent Scroggin stated Part III, will finalize the revision of Goals
GOVERNANCE along with considering/discussing input from the community and business leaders.
WORKSHOP A copy of the survey results was distributed to the Board and is available to the the public from the Superintendent’s office, and online at www.simivalleyusd.org.
Dr. Scroggin thanked the Board and all those who participated in the survey (250 responses) The survey revealed the community is aware of the issues and most responses agreed or strongly agreed with the Board’s goals and action plan. The floor was opened to the Board for discussion.

Regarding:
Governance Protocol - approved as revised 10/1/13) and will move forward for Board approval on December 10.
Beliefs: approved as revised (10/1/13) and will move forward for Board approval on December 10.

Vision: approved as revised (10/1/13) and will move forward for Board approval on December 10.

Mission: approved as revised (10/1/13) and will move forward for Board approval on December 10.

Motto: Ok as is...A World of Learners

**GOALS AND
ACTION PLAN
FOR 2013-14**

#1 Maintain a Focus on Student Learning and Achievement

Goal #1 Action Plan Components:

- Prepare all students to be college and/or career ready
- Implement the Common Core Standards
- Increase the Graduation rate
- Reduce the Dropout rate
- Increase test scores
- Include the larger community in an open process which provides information and Invites input
- Increase the number of students meeting a-g requirements
- Monitor and evaluate the implementation of the district technology plan and the Aeries Student Information System

Survey Question: to what level do you agree or disagree that Goal #1 and the Action Plan should be a primary focus of SVUSD?

Strongly Disagree/Disagree/Neutral/Agree/Strongly Agree

There were no changes from the Board regarding Goal #1 and it can move forward as presented.

#2 Foster Strong Parent and Community Involvement

Goal #2 Action Plan Components

- Develop partnerships with community business and organizations
- Provide a clear plan which includes strategies and approaches which will help parents feel connected and welcome at our schools
- Conduct open budget forums
- Provide Common Core education *and also seek input and address concerns from* parents and others
- Develop Parent Conference Summary Sheets which provide parents with Information about Common Core and other relevant programs and resources
- Explore community partnerships which provide parents with resources to help Support their children and their schools
- Engage in dialogue with parents and the community regarding educational issues And find ways to collaborate to achieve our educational goals
- Add relevant information to our website including but not limited to contracts and Board information
- Develop and implement plans to address declining enrollment
- Prepare, present and disseminate information which highlights programs and Achievements at our schools.

Survey question: to what level do you agree or disagree that Goal #2 and the Action Plan should be a primary focus of SVUSD?
Strongly Disagree/Disagree/Neutral/Agree/Strongly Agree

One revision was discussed by the Board (see item 4 above regarding Common Core) The Board was in agreement to add the revised wording and move forward on December 10.

#3 Maintain Fiscal Integrity for the District

Goal #3 Action Plan Components

- Conduct budget forums or workshops
- Provide the employees and the public with information regarding LCFF and it's implication on SVUSD
- Develop and communicate plans for "right-sizing" (or "down-sizing") the district
- Develop plans to address continuing declining enrollment
- Monitor and adjust day-to-day facilities operations (e.g., effect of solar installation)
- Provide updated information for the public on our website
- Reduce the encroachment of Special Education spending on the general fund

Survey question: to what level do you agree or disagree that Goal #3 and the Action Plan should be a primary focus of SVUSD
Strongly Disagree/Disagree/Neutral/Agree/Strongly Agree

There were no changes proposed to Goal #3 and it can move forward on December 10.

Dr. Scroggin said a concern from the community is implementation of Common Core and we have already started educating parents on our website, at our school sites and through our PT(S)A's. We want to be sure it is well marketed and advertised.

**SUMMARY
& TIMELINE**

The Board was in consensus to move forward with our Action Plan as amended at the December 10th Board meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT
OF GOALS
WORKSHOP**

The Board adjourned the Goals Workshop at 5:45 p.m. immediately followed by convening the Budget Workshop.

**CONVENE
BUDGET
WORKSHOP**

The Board continued with a Budget Workshop presented by Assistant Superintendent Clear. The power point is on the District website and available from the office of Assistant Superintendent Clear. Items covered in the power point were:

- the 1st Interim Financial Reports
- enrollment /ADA
- LCFF State Funding
- Supplemental LCFF
- Revenue Revisions (restricted and unrestricted)
- Revenues
- LCFF Year 2 / Year 3

- Year 2 & 3 Revenue Projections
- Expenditures (1st interim adjustments still in process)
 - Return of furlough days (7 certificated & 4 for classified)
 - Multi-Year Projection for expenditure reductions such as Health & Welfare Savings, centralized custodial supplies, legal fee reductions, solar savings, Sunesys fiber reduction and copier lease savings.
- Next Steps – discussion followed.

**BOARD
DISCUSSION
AND
COMMENTS**

The Board was given the opportunity to discuss the presentation and to ask questions or seek clarifications on statements made. Please review the powerpoint on our website for detailed information regarding figures and projections. In January 2014 we will receive actual projections from the Governor. SVUSD plans to file a positive first interim budget to the County.

The Board requested an update on the 7-11 DAC and how closing or repurposing a school could impact the budget. Assistant Superintendent Todo reviewed the timeline (as recommended by Best Practices) for the 7-11 DAC hoping to give parents the month of February (School Choice Month) to select a new school for next year should any sites be closed or repurposed. The first meeting of the 7-11 DAC was held on November 14th; the next meeting is Wednesday, November 20; followed by Thursday, November 21 with an initial presentation to the Board in December. Hearings and a final recommendation would be made to the Board in January 2014. The 7-11 DAC meetings were posted as public meetings.

The Board stated they are receiving calls from the community regarding school closures. Any school closure would have a public hearing prior to the Board’s final decision.

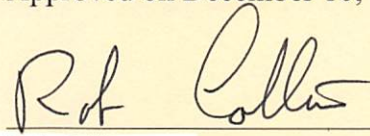
The 7-11 DAC is taking an objective look as to what recommendation comes to the Board. We are looking at closing or repurposing not redesigning a site. The focus of the 7-11 DAC has been what can we do with the school site to make this a better community s as whole.

**MOTION TO
ADJOURN**

Motion #121

MSCU, Sandland/Kidd, 5/0, the Board adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

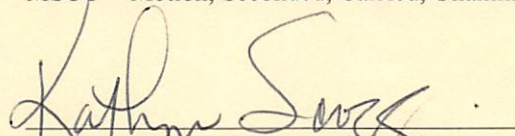
Approved on December 10, 2013



Rob Collins

President of the Board of Education

MSCU = Motion, Seconded, Carried, Unanimous



Kathryn Scroggin, Superintendent
Secretary to the Board of Education

**SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF DECEMBER 10, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Board President
OPEN SESSION Collins at 5:31 p.m. in City Hall Chambers located at 2929 Tapo Canyon, Simi Valley,
California.

PRESENT Board Members: Rob Collins, Jeanne Davis, Arleigh Kidd, Debbie Sandland
Dan White

Staff Members: Dr. Kathryn Scroggin, Superintendent
Michael Clear, Assistant Superintendent
Dan Houghton, Assistant Superintendent
Ron Todo, Assistant Superintendent

PUBLIC COMMENTS There were no public comments regarding closed items.

CLOSED SESSION The Board adjourned to closed session in the Community Conference Room
at 5:32 p.m. to conduct the following:

- 3.1 Student Discipline: Discuss Recommendation of Waiver of Student Expulsion Hearing Case #4
- 3.2 Student Discipline: Discuss Recommendation of Waiver of Student Expulsion Hearing Case #6
- 3.3 Student Discipline: Discuss Recommendation of Waiver of Student Expulsion Hearing Case #9
- 3.4 CONFIDENTIAL STUDENT MATTERS: The Board will meet in closed session to discuss confidential student matters protected by state and federal law, including, but not limited to the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), California Education Code 49060 et.seq.,49073 et.seq., and California Constitution Article 1 section 1 to consider special education Settlement Agreement No.A14.124.
- 3.5 CONFIDENTIAL STUDENT MATTERS: The Board will meet in closed session to discuss confidential student matters protected by state and federal law, including, but not limited to the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), California Education Code 49060 et.seq.,49073 et.seq., and California Constitution Article 1 section 1 to consider special education Settlement Agreement No.A14.125.
- 3.6 ~~The Board of Education will meet in closed session in accordance with provisions in Government Code Section 54956.95; insurance pooling; tort liability losses; public liability losses; workers' compensation liability; Settlement Workers' Compensation Claim No. Case No. Simi-006963~~
THIS ITEM WAS PULLED FROM THE AGENDA

- 3.7 The Board of Education will meet in closed session in accordance with provisions in Government Code Section 54956.95; insurance pooling; tort liability losses; public liability losses; workers' compensation liability; Settlement Workers' Compensation Claim No. Case No. Simi-005739, Simr-005987, Simp-005527, Simo-005466 and CT Claim (Claim number to be determined)

THIS ITEM WAS PULLED FROM THE AGENDA

- 3.8 The Board of Education will meet in closed session for SEA Negotiations (as per the Rodda Act). Dan Houghton, District Negotiator
- 3.9 The Board of Education will meet in closed session for CSEA Negotiations (as per the Rodda Act). Dan Houghton, District Negotiator

**CLOSED SESSION
ADJOURNMENT
AND RECESS** MSCU, Kidd/Sandland, 5/0, President Collins adjourned the closed session at 5:55 p.m. The Board took a short recess and moved from the Community Conference Room into City Hall Chambers to conduct the Organizational and Regular portion of the meeting.

**CALL TO ORDER
ORGANIZATIONAL** Board President Collins called the Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:01 p.m. in City Hall Chambers at City Hall.

FLAG SALUTE Trustee Collins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ELECTION OF
PRESIDENT
Org Item 3.1
Motion #122** MSC, Davis/Kidd, 4/1/0, elected Trustee Collins as President of the Board of Education for the term of December 2013 through December 2014, effective immediately.
AYES: Collins, Davis, Kidd, Sandland
NOES: White

**ELECTION
OF CLERK
OF THE BOARD
Motion #123** MSCU, Kidd/White, 5/0, elected Trustee Davis as Clerk of the Board of Education for the term of December 2013 through December 2014, effective immediately.
AYES: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins
NOES: None

Recess Board President Collins called a brief recess in order for Trustees Davis and Kidd to switch seats

**MOTION
RECOMMENDATION** *One motion will be taken at the end of the selection process to confirm the appointments to the various Committees under Organizational Item 3.4 Designation of Board of Education Representatives.*

**CERTIFICATION/
APPOINTMENT
OF SCHOOL
BOARD REP TO
VOTE IN
ELECTION FOR** The Board of Education appointed Trustee Kidd as the School District Board representative who shall have one vote for each member to be elected to the Ventura County Committee on School District Organization at its annual meeting in accordance with Ed Code Sections 35023 and 72403, effective December 10, 2013.

**MEMBERS OF THE
COUNTY
COMMITTEE ON
SCHOOL DISTRICT
ORG. Item 3.3**

**APPOINTMENT OF
REP ON VCSBA
ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

The BOE appointed Trustee White to serve as representative on the Ventura County School Board Advisory Committee, effective immediately.

**ELECTION OF SVEF
ADVISORY BOARD
REPRESENTATIVES**

The BOE appointed Trustee Collins and Trustee Sandland to serve as co-representatives (to alternate per mutual agreement) on the Simi Valley Education Foundation (SVEF) Advisory Board, effective immediately.

**ELECTION OF
CITY OF SIMI
VALLEY AD
HOC COMMITTEE**

The BOE appointed Trustee Sandland and Trustee Davis to serve as co-representatives on the City of Simi Valley Ad Hoc Committee, effective immediately.

**ELECTION OF
REPRESENTATIVE
TO CITY OF SIMI
VALLEY/SVUSD
LIAISON
COMMITTEE**

The BOE appointed Board President Collins and Trustee Kidd to serve as co-representatives on the City of Simi Valley/SVUSD Liaison Committee, effective immediately.

**ELECTION OF
REPRESENTATIVE
TO CITY OF SIMI
VALLEY/SVUSD
HOMELESSNESS**

The BOE appointed Trustee White to serve as representative on the City of Simi Valley/SVUSD Taskforce on Homelessness, effective immediately.

**ELECTION OF
RSRPD ARROYO
AD HOC
COMMITTEE
REPRESENTATIVE**

The BOE appointed Trustee Sandland to serve as representative on the Rancho Simi Recreation & Parks District Arroyo Simi Ad Hoc Committee, effective immediately.

**ELECTION OF
TRI-AGENCY
COMMITTEE
REPRESENTATIVES**

The BOE appointed Board President Collins and Trustee White to serve as representatives on the Tri-Agency Committee (School/City/Park District), effective immediately, including the Heroin Task Force Committee.

**TREE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
REPRESENTATIVE**

The BOE re-appointed Trustee Davis to continue to serve as representative on the City of Simi Valley Tree Advisory Committee, effective immediately.

**APPROVAL OF
BOARD MEMBER
APPOINTMENTS
TO 2013-2014
COMMITTEES**
Motion #124

MSCU, Sandland/Kidd, 5/0, to elect the aforementioned Trustees to the positions as stated effective immediately, December 10, 2013 through December, 2014.

AYES: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins **NOES:** None

Note to File

At the November 12, 2013 Board meeting, on a motion made by Sandland and seconded by Davis, by a vote of 5/0, the Board of Education nominated Trustee Rob Collins for the California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly for 2014-2015. The nomination paperwork for Trustee Collins will be submitted following published timelines/deadlines.

**RESOLUTION
#31-11/12
SIGNATURES**
Org Item 3.4
Motion #125

MSCU, White/Kidd 5/0, approved signatures of the Members of the Governing Board and Employees Authorized to Sign Orders Drawn on the Funds of the Simi Valley Unified School District.

(roll-call vote)

AYES: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins **NOES:** 0

**ADJOURNMENT
ORGANIZATIONAL**

MSCU, Kidd/Davis, 5/0, the Organizational Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m. followed by a short recess until 6:52 p.m. The recess was due to the large amount of blue and yellow cards that had been submitted and had to be organized and counted for reporting.

Motion #126

AYES: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins **NOES:** None

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

**RECONVENE
OPEN SESSION
REPORT OUT**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was reconvened and called to order by Board President Collins at 6:53 p.m. in City Hall Chambers. Board President Collins reported the following items from Closed Session:

**3.1 STUDENT
WAIVER OF
HEARING**
Motion #127

MSCU, Sandland/Davis, 5/0, the Board agreed to the recommendation of Waiver of Hearing for Student Case #4. Student may attend Gateway School.

AYES: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins **NOES:** None

**3.2 STUDENT
WAIVER OF
HEARING**
Motion #128

MSCU, Sandland/Davis, 5/0, the Board agreed to the recommendation of Waiver of Hearing for Student Case #6.

AYES: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins **NOES:** None

**3.3 STUDENT
WAIVER OF
HEARING**
Motion #129

MSCU, Kidd/White, 5/0, the Board agreed to the recommendation of Waiver of Hearing for Student Case #9.

AYES: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins **NOES:** None

- 3.4**
CONFIDENTIAL
STUDENT
MATTERS
Motion #130
- MSCU, Sandland/Davis, 5/0, the Board agreed to a special education Settlement Agreement A14.124.
- AYES:** White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins **NOES:** None
- 3.5**
CONFIDENTIAL
STUDENT
MATTERS
Motion #131
- MSCU, Kidd/Sandland, 5/0, the Board agreed to special education Settlement Agreement A14.125.
- AYES:** White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins **NOES:** None
- 3.6 & 3.7**
WORKERS'
COMPENSATION
CLAIMS
- REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA BY ADMINISTRATION.**
Will move forward at the January 14, 2014 meeting
- 3.8 SEA** **No Action**
- 3.9 CSEA** **No Action**
- APPROVAL OF**
AGENDA
- MSCU, Kidd/White, 5/0, to approve the agenda as amended:**
Trustee Collins proposed moving Student Support Services Presentation 6.1 forward on the communications calendar (School Psychologist Presentation)
Trustee Kidd proposed moving the Information Calendar to immediately after communications section but before the Consent Calendar to allow the public their chance to speak before the business part of the meeting.
- The Board was in agreement to these amendments to the agenda.
- Motion #132* **AYES:** White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins **NOES:** None
- MINUTES 10/29/13**
Motion #133
- MSC, Kidd/Sandland, 3/0/2, (White & Davis abstained) to approve the minutes of the special Board meeting of October 29, 2013 as presented.**
- AYES:** Sandland, Kidd, Collins **NOES:** None
ABSTAINED: White & Davis (note Trustees White and Davis were present for the first hearing (Student #2) but rotated out from the remaining hearings and therefore abstained from the vote on approval of the minutes from October 29, 2013)
- MINUTES 11/5/13**
Motion #134
- MSCU, Davis/Kidd, 5/0, to approve the minutes of the special Board meeting meeting of November 5, 2013 as presented.**
- AYES:** White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins **NOES:** None
- MINUTES 11/12/13**
Motion #135
- MSCU, Sandland/Kidd, 5/0, to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting of November 12, 2013 as presented.**
- AYES:** White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins **NOES:** None

MINUTES 11/19/13

Motion #136

MSCU, Sandland/Davis, 5/0, to approve the minutes of the special Board meeting of November 19, 2013 as presented.

AYES: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis Collins

NOES: None

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS
ITEMS NOT
ON THE AGENDA**

Frank Flores, student at Abraham Lincoln Elementary requested don't shut down Lincoln as it is his neighborhood school and his older sister went to Lincoln.

Mary Lawrence, teacher at Justin Elementary addressed concerns with the kindergarten class size (32:1) for teachers at Justin Elementary.

Ron Coons, neighbor to White Oak Elementary addressed concerns with solar panels at White Oak Elementary.

Leon Burlingame, neighbor to White Oak Elementary addressed concerns with placement of solar panels at White Oak Elementary.

There was one yellow card stating opposition to solar panel placement at White Oak.

**BOARD PRESIDENT
COMMENT**

President Collins stated SVUSD and Solar City are negotiating moving the panels (at some of the schools) with Solar City picking up the tab.

**PUBLIC
HEARING (SEA)**

A Public Hearing was opened at 7:10 p.m. for SEA Contract Reopener Proposal. There were no public comments and the hearing was closed at 7:11 p.m.

**PUBLIC
HEARING
7-11 DAC**

A Public Hearing was opened at 7:12 p.m. to discuss the recommendation to close and repurpose school sites by the 7-11 DAC. Speakers were called by school: Justin, Abraham Lincoln, Mountain View and Simi Elementary.

JUSTIN ELEMENTARY: Seven speakers voiced opposition to closing Justin:

Diana (no last name stated), parent, stated opposition to closing the school as it is of great benefit to her son;

Linda Peterson, teacher at Justin since 1995, summarized great programs at the school that meet the needs of every child on campus (handout given to Board);

Elaine Litster, parent of a Special needs child at Justin praised the Special Ed classes and summarized great things at the school;

Brian Clark, community member stated Justin is a wonderful school and agreed dedicating classrooms to the early childhood learning concept a good idea;

Michael Avendano, student at Moorpark College and former student at Justin, encouraged the Board be part of the solution not part of the problem and not tear student friendships apart.

Mary Lawrence, teacher at Justin, requests the District consider other options including keeping the school intact and using part of the school as suggested for the repurpose;

Peggy Bright, teacher at Justin, since 1987 stated opposed to closing any neighborhood schools (handouts for the Board).

In addition, there were 14 yellow cards submitted stating opposition to closing Justin Elementary.

MOTION TO POSTPONE PUBLIC HEARING TO ACCOMMODATE PRESENTATION Board President Collins made a suggestion to postpone the Public Hearing to make the presentation to Psychologist Kris Sourbeer, Outstanding School Psychologist for 2013.

MSCU, Kidd/Davis, 5/0, to postpone the public hearing at 7:32 p.m. to make the presentation to Kris Sourbeer and immediately after the presentation resume the public hearing.

PRESENTATION RESOLUTION NO. 43-13/14 Executive Director Sean Goldman invited Kris Sourbeer to receive a certificate of recognition as Outstanding School Psychologist for 2013. The Ventura County Association of School Psychologists (VCASP) also recognized her achievement at the SELPA monthly workshop meeting on November 15. Colleagues and friends Michelle Valdivieso and Andrea Heisser spoke highly of Mrs. Sourbeer and showed their support. Mrs. Sourbeer thanked everyone for the recognition and stated she has been honored to serve the students, parents and staff of the Simi Valley Unified School District.

Trustee Sandland read Resolution No. 43-13/14 aloud and thanked Mrs. Sourbeer for her wonderful years of service to the District.

Motion #137 **MSCU, Davis/Kidd, 5/0, to approve Resolution 43-13/14 Commending Kris Sourbeer as Outstanding School Psychologist for 2013.**

Roll-Call vote **AYES: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins** **NOES: None**

Dr. Scroggin and the Board of Education thanked Mrs. Sourbeer for her years of Service to the students, families and staff of the Simi Valley Unified School District.

RE-OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING **MSCU, Kidd/Sandland, 5/0, the 7-11 DAC School Closure and Repurpose Public Hearing was reopened at 7:40 p.m. beginning with Abraham Lincoln Elementary.**

ABRAHAM LINCOLN ELEMENTARY: Five speakers voiced opposition to closing Abraham Lincoln School:

Agustin Villasenor, parent, praised the value of the ESL program at Lincoln, Justin and Mountain View so please don't close the schools;

Don Anderson, community member, concerned with losing the history of Lincoln and Simi Elementary as well as student safety with walking farther to a school not in the neighborhood;

Richard Bradbury, parent, suggested polling the community businesses to try to determine how to save schools and increase the economy. He also stated support of Trustee White's ideas for increasing enrollment.

Jennifer Jones, parent, suggested contacting First Five to see if they could use closed classrooms to grow their program and expand before and after school childcare programs or programs already in place. (handout provided to the Board).

Magdalene McQuire, parent, spoke in Spanish to the Board with Mr. Villasenor translating. Summarized, she requested do not close Lincoln.

In addition, there were 18 yellow cards submitted in opposition to closing Abraham Lincoln.

MOUNTAIN VIEW ELEMENTARY: Seven speakers voiced opposition to closing Mountain View Elementary School.

Judi Malone, Mt. View PTA president, is concerned with school safety, API scores and closing the Technology Academy.

Michelle Sires, parent and new member of the community, was drawn to Mt. View because of high API scores, the Technology Academy, school size and location. She is also concerned with the message being sent to our children, our community and the surrounding areas.

Kris Sourbeer, School Psychologist, praised the Mountain View community effort to understand students with special needs and help kids flow between programs (gifted students, general education students and severely handicapped students) ;

Tracy Ae, parent, supports the teachers at Mt. View and trusts them to watch over her children.

Haley Lashlee, senior at SVHS and former student at Mt. View K-5. As a special needs student she requested the Board to not close Mt. View as it had made a positive impact in her life.

Leslie Hatland, teacher at Mt. View, stated all 3 schools have unique and special reasons to stay open. She urged the Board to think creatively, out of the box such as merging the smaller schools with the repurpose suggestions; running both programs simultaneously on the campus; offering combination programs of older students mentoring younger. Mrs. Hatland urged the students, parents, administration to work together to keep our schools open.

Diane Csoto, teacher and parent of students at Mt. View, stated Mt. View is an inclusive school of gifted (GATE), average learners, learning disabled, emotional disabilities and Autism students (handouts for the Board). Please don't close the school.

Mt. View had 57 yellow cards in opposition to school closing.

One child (unnamed) raised her hand and approached the podium. Her message was simple – she likes her new school - please don't shut down the schools because they're really good schools.

SIMI ELEMENTARY – six speakers were in opposition to closing Simi Elementary School:

Ed Dome encouraged looking for other ways to manage the budget deficit as our kids are our future. Simi Elementary has a chemistry that cannot be created but brewed by time and pride. Simi Elementary has great old school attitude so please don't repurpose it to something else.

Maria Vasque-Low, a deaf parent, praised the sign language program at Simi Elementary stating it is a valuable and much needed program unique to being taught at Simi Elementary.

Sue Koch, retired Principal from Simi Elementary, asked the Board to consider saving Simi Elementary because of the history and improving Simi Elementary with bond funds that were designated for the school and make it a K-8 school.

Erin Clinton-Hooper, homeowner, teacher and former Simi Elementary school student stated Simi Elementary has a warm, safe environment for children with tradition and a sense of historical value.

Leah Sogedie, is the voice of a parent "who stayed" praising the Simi El small school environment. Simi Elementary is historical, distinguished, has an incredible GATE program, is efficiently run, and has good leadership. Mrs. Signini asked the bond money allotted be distributed to Simi Elementary.

Ricky Smalling, is a taxpayer and contractor who volunteered his time to work with an engineer to figure out if volunteers provide free labor, what would it cost to retrofit Simi El. His plea is save the historical building, bring it back to its glory. Look for a better way other than closing the school.

There were 38 yellow cards submitted in opposition to closing Simi Elementary.

In addition, there were five yellow cards submitted stating opposition to closing any schools.

President Collins, on behalf of the Board of Education thanked everyone for coming out and sharing their concerns and ideas which the Board will consider before making their final decision regarding closing any schools (January 28, 2014).

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing that was opened at 7:12 p.m. to hear testimony regarding the 7-11 DAC recommendation to close Abraham Lincoln, Justin, and Mountain View Elementary school was closed at 8:40 p.m.

EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS COMMENTS

Dayle Gillick, President of SEA, congratulated President Collins on his re-election and congratulated Clerk Davis. Mrs. Gillick thanked the 7-11 DAC committee for their hard work and emphasized the recommendations are a result of financial necessity and has nothing to do with the quality of staff or schools, as all of our schools provide outstanding educational opportunities. Mrs. Gillick urged the Board to examine their fiscal responsibility and solvency for the future. She urged right sizing the District by closing and repurposing schools. Mrs. Gillick thanked the audience for all their ideas and encouraged the Board to look at all options.

Jim Jarrard, CSEA Chapter 310 President, stated he was a member of the DAC but was here to talk about how CSEA members will be affected by closing schools. He stated both bargaining units have worked with staff to meet District financial goals. Closing schools equals immediate savings and allows SVUSD to meet our projections to the County. Repurposing will require support staff but there is no doubt the changes will impact students, families, teachers and support staff, so please consider the impact on current employees.

**STUDENT
BOARD
REPORTS****Student Board reports were presented by Student Board Representative
Kiana Kenik, Apollo High School:**

Kiana Kenik, Apollo reported that Apollo HS collected over 500 nonperishable food items for our Care and Share food drive; this was our most successful canned food drive. Last Wednesday our science department took a field trip to Hobson State Beach to observe the marine ecosystem in the tide pools. This trip was the second field trip for the science department; November 21st we got to visit the Griffith Observatory and everyone had a great time. Apollo donates blood to the American Red Cross and we had a very successful blood drive. Each donor helped to save 3 lives! Everyone is very excited to spread a little cheer by purchasing our Santa grams to send to our favorite students and staff members on campus. Apollo wishes the other schools and students a happy and safe holiday season!

Sarah Russo reports that Monte Vista School had a nice turnout for their annual "For the Troops" drive. They would like to thank all those who contributed to this great organization and are hoping that they were able to help fulfill the needs of our soldiers during their deployment in Afghanistan. Monte Vista is looking forward to another "Dine Out Night." They are planning to dine at the "Red Robin" restaurant at the Simi Valley Town Center Mall on Tuesday, December 17th between 4:00 and 9:00 pm. They are extending an invitation to all those who would like to attend for good food and fun! As the winter break approaches, the Monte Vista School family would like to wish everyone a very Happy Holiday and hope that the New Year brings health and happiness.

Erin Gentry reports that Royal High School students are starting to study for their last tests as they are coming up on finals. Finals will take place on December 18 to 20 and will be split into a final for classes 3, 4 on Wednesday, 0, 2, 5 on Thursday, and 0, 1, 6 on Friday... and then Winter break! Royal's National Honor Society runs a program where every day at lunch, members are in the school library, ready to assist students in need of help for the upcoming SAT (December 7) and finals preparation. The students running this program are the best of the best at Royal High School and provide excellent assistance and guidance on how to study for and do well on upcoming exams. Royal's drama program recently performed the classic play "Our Town" and received great feedback from students and staff. The semester ends on December 20th, which is also the last day of school before break, and the last day of finals. Report cards will be mailed home the week of January 6th. Royal has had a great first semester and expects second semester to be just as successful!

Verenise Frias reports that, as the first semester is coming to an end at Santa Susana High School, they could not be happier with the success of their academics and spirited activities. There will be a huge activity during lunch on December 12th, called the Winter Fest, which will be packed with performances and interactive activities for the students. This week will be a festive and winter themed spirit week; including ugly sweater day and holiday hat day. Students are ecstatic about the fast-approaching winter formal, themed Midnight in Paris, which will be January 18th. The school and its students have been hosting various performances like The Great Gatsby, Slam Poetry Night, Instrumental Concerts, and many others. Santa Susana will also soon be hosting its first STEM Science Fair and their annual winter dance concerts. Students are definitely excited to see what the rest of the year has in store for them! Happy Holidays from the students and staff of Santa Susana High School!

Madisen Richards shared that the Pioneers had an exciting November and beginning of December. Seniors took a journey through "Life" at their Senior Dinner, which featured hosts who weren't necessarily so successful at the "Game of Life." These special guest stars included Miley Cyrus, Amanda Bynes, and Britney Spears (all played by teachers), with Taylor Swift saving the day! Leadership students hosted Pioneer Staff to an annual Thanksgiving luncheon. A good time was had by all. The Boys' and Girls' Cross Country teams experienced tremendous athletic success, qualifying for the State Meet in Fresno. The boys finished 8th overall for Division 2, in their first qualification to the state meet in school history! The Girls' team won its first ever Division 2 State Title, with Sarah Baxter winning her 4th straight Individual State Title. This past weekend, the girls then traveled to Portland, Oregon for the National Cross Country Championships sponsored by Nike. The team finished 9th overall, and Sarah Baxter finished in 3rd, taking a spot on the podium! With so much to be thankful for, The Pioneers are looking forward to remaining at the "Top of their Game" for the many months ahead!

Recess:

Board President Collins called a short recess beginning at 8:52 p.m. The Board reconvened at 9:02 p.m.

**SUPERINTENDENT
COMMUNICATION**

Dr. Scroggin 1) congratulated re-elected President Collins and Clerk Davis; 2) thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting; 3) acknowledged many in the audience were here because of the difficult decision to close and repurpose three schools (Justin, Abraham Lincoln, and Mountain View Elementary Schools). Dr. Scroggin also acknowledged that without exception, the teachers, and support staff at these schools go above and beyond every day to provide students with exceptional educational opportunities in a safe and supportive environment. The parents are very supportive at all of these schools and finally, our students love their schools, look up to their teachers and know there are many adults around them to care for and support them. No decision about closures will be made tonight. Public hearings are tentatively scheduled at the three schools in January 21 and January 22; followed by a tentative special Board meeting on January 28 to consider school closures. Beyond January 28, a workshop will be scheduled to discuss the redesign of the schools talked about by the School Consolidation Task Force: options such as a 5-8 school; a K-8 school; an early childhood learning center; and, other ways to attract and keep students in Simi Valley. At the workshop you will have an opportunity to voice your opinions. At the same workshop, identified schools will be discussed for repurposing. We want to give a lot of opportunity for creative thinking and opportunity to create new and exciting programs by gathering ideas from the community and parents. Dr. Scroggin recognized and thanked the DAC members who have given their time to thoughtfully review data to bring recommendations to the Board; 4) thanked the PTA/PTSA for recognizing the accomplishments of student winners in the Reflections Program held in November. This year's theme, "believe, dream, inspire" inspired all of us as we acknowledged the outstanding work done by our students in the area of the arts; 5) thanked the parents from Wood Ranch Elementary, Madera Elementary, Vista Elementary, Atherwood Elementary and other schools who have taken their time to reach out and dialogue with administrative staff regarding their vision for the schools their children will attend. We will continue these productive discussions that will allow us to partner and make good things happen in the coming months and beyond; and, 6) wished all teachers,

support staff, administrators, students and their families, friends and everyone present tonight a joyful holiday season.

**BOARD
COMMUNICATION**

Trustee Kidd: 1) thanked everyone for their comments and input; 2) thanked the Student Board rep for a thorough report; 3) congratulated re-elected President Collins and Clerk Davis; 4) congratulated the SVHS Cross Country team and student athlete Sarah Baxter as well as the Summer/Fall sports teams and Winter sports teams; 5) attended the CSBA Annual Education Conference (along with Board President Collins) and received information regarding education and funding; 6) will hold some of his comments for later on the agenda; and, 7) wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Trustee Davis: 1) thanked the audience for coming out and sharing their views. The Board takes their job seriously and understands the concerns with closing schools; 2) as Board representative on the Tree Advisory committee asked everyone to *SAVE THE DATE* of March 15 at 10 a.m. at Rancho Tapo Community Park for the City's annual Arbor Day Celebration which includes a 4-6 grade poster contest and a 6th grade science fair. The theme this year is *Trees are Treasures*. Visit our website at www.simivalleyusd.org for an application and detailed information; 3) congratulated the SVHS Girls' Cross Country team and student athlete Sarah Baxter; 4) congratulated the success of the Adult Education Nursing Aide Program as they had a 100% passing rate of the competency test from July 1 to September 2013; 5) congratulated both Katherine Elementary and Vista Elementary who qualified and can apply to be California Distinguished Schools; 6) thanked the 7-11 DAC committee for their recommendations stating the Board will be looking at all options; 7) thanked everyone for all the efforts in making our schools a great place to learn; and, 8) have a restful and great winter break see you in 2014.

Trustee White: 1) thanked the audience for coming as your input helps the Board make their decisions; 2) we've heard arguments for both sides of this issue, which shows the strength in the people of the community, the parents, teachers and staff who make up our schools. We will consider buildings, sense of community, history, and relationships. When we do consider the decision to close the schools, the Board will strive to provide continuity for your child. The Board will consider the logistics as we recognize the importance of child friendships and continuity as students progress from elementary, to middle to high school. School closures can provide opportunity to redesign current programs to better meet the needs of our students. Savings now might benefit students down the road (such as adequate college and counseling resources) and support in other areas to help students through the process. Closing any school will be a hard decision. Trustee White thanked the 7-11 DAC committee for their diligence and hard work making difficult recommendations. He again thanked the audience for their input.

Trustee Sandland: 1) this is a sad meeting having to look at closing schools. Trustee Sandland reminisced about the recommendation to close Sycamore Elementary, but the Board kept it open because of the importance of community/neighborhood schools. We have heard many options and input and the Board will evaluate the 7-11 DAC recommendations. Trustee Sandland has walked the grounds at each school recommended for closure and is committed to not close or totally repurpose any school; 2) regarding the large kindergarten class of 32 at Justin let's fix that; 3) the solar panels are a good idea but the panels are not well placed and we

will work with Solar City to rectify that; 4) we will get through this and try not to displace one child or one family with closing our schools; and, 5) Happy Holidays to everyone.

Trustee Collins: 1) thanked everyone for attending tonight. He echoed what other Board members have already said: it is emotional closing schools or changing boundaries. At one point SVUSD closed four schools after the housing boom, but we reopened one - Arroyo. His children went to Sycamore, and as Trustee Sandland stated, it was recommended to be closed but was saved. So, there is hope. Trustee Collins has some ideas where we can gather revenue and not close schools that he'll be sharing with administration; 2) attended the Annual Education Conference in San Diego with Trustee Kidd. As a Delegate Assembly member has brought back lots of information he'd like to share with other Board members. Sadly, there is no magic formula. The LCFF (Local Control Funding Formula) is not the boost to educational funding we thought it would be – it basically redistributes the money and benefits districts of low income or those with a large Hispanic student population. SVUSD is not in this category. The biggest change with LCFF is in school accountability. Sadly, California rates 49 or 50th in per pupil funding because our legislature has abandoned our schools; 3) wished everyone a Happy Holiday; and, 4) closed with two quotes from Nelson Mandela: "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world"; and, "There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way it treats its children".

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk of the Board Davis reported two pieces of Board correspondence:

- 1) A letter dated December 2, 2013 was received from a parent of a student at Mt. View Elementary regarding opposition to closing the school;
- 2) A letter was received December 6, 2013 from a parent of a student at Lincoln Elementary regarding opposition to closing the school. The parent is present tonight and addressed the Board during public comments with her concerns.

The Superintendent or her designee will respond as appropriate.

INFORMATION CALENDAR

The Board agreed to move the Information Items forward on the Agenda at this point to allow the public to hear School Closure recommendations.

FIRST READING BB 9010 PUBLIC STATEMENTS

This item was tabled will come back in January.

INFORMATION REGARDING SVUSD 7-11 DAC RECOMMENDATION TO CLOSE AND REPURPOSE JUSTIN ELEMENTARY

Assistant Superintendent Todo stated the 7-11 DAC (District Advisory Committee) met on November 21, 2013 and after reviewing data presented, decided that Justin Elementary School met the criteria to be recommended for closure and repurposing. The 7-11 DAC is recommending that Justin Elementary be closed, consolidated and repurposed. Park View Elementary is the receiving school for students who currently attend Justin. Due to Park View's Program Improvement status, parents could use School of Choice option to apply to go to another school. This item is for information only, and the Board of Education will receive the 7-11 DAC final recommendation at the January 14, 2014 Board meeting.

JUSTIN (cont.) **Statistics Summary:** Close and repurpose Justin as Early Childhood Learning Center
 Financial savings: dark one year dark closure \$465,812 (based on 12/13 figures)
 Repurposed (Early Childhood Learning Center) savings: (\$243,869)
 Justin currently at 45% enrollment since 2002
 Currently 62.4% in Justin boundaries do not attend Justin
 Operating expense \$1,574 per student
 Next year staffing formula would be 8 teachers on site, one teacher K-6, with one teacher assigned elsewhere.

PUBLIC COMMENT Rommey Nicho, Justin parent, has heard the statistics and admired us for doing our homework. She asked the Board to consider quality of education, safety of students in their neighborhoods, the trustworthy teachers and leaders at the school before making a decision to close Justin.

In addition, five cards were submitted in opposition to closing Justin.

INFORMATION REGARDING SVUSD 7-11 DAC RECOMMENDATION TO CLOSE AND REPURPOSE ABRAHAM LINCOLN ELEMENTARY Assistant Superintendent Todo stated the 7-11 DAC (District Advisory Committee) met on November 21, 2013 and after reviewing data presented, decided that Abraham Lincoln Elementary School met the criteria to be recommended for closure and repurposing. The 7-11 DAC is recommending that Abraham Lincoln Elementary be closed, consolidated and repurposed. Madera Elementary and Arroyo Elementary would be the receiving schools for students who currently attend Abraham Lincoln. The Board of Education will receive the 7-11 DAC final recommendation at the January 14, 2014 Board meeting. This item is for Board information only.

Statistics Summary: Close and Repurpose Abraham Lincoln Elementary as a Community/Student Resource Complex
 Financial savings: dark one year dark closure (\$401,508 based on 12/13 figures)
 Repurposed (Community/Student Resource Complex) savings: (\$247,890)
 Justin currently at 50% enrollment since 2002
 Currently 62.1% in Abraham Lincoln boundaries do not attend Lincoln
 Operating expense \$1,366 per student
 Next year staff formula would be 10 teachers on site (one less than current year)

SUPERINTENDENT CLARIFICATION Dr. Scroggin clarified that Public Hearings will be held at each individual school site tentatively scheduled January 21 and January 22.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Michelle Wilson, parent of a daughter with special needs stated with the Lincoln atmosphere of intimacy and uniqueness, her daughter receives the support and interventions needed to be a successful student. She urged the Board to look at ways to win people back to our schools.

Brynn Bennett-Crisp, Office Manager at Lincoln and parent of a student at Lincoln stated some of the great programs at Lincoln such as Title I and the Before and After School care and urged the Board to think creatively to keep the schools open.

In addition, one card was received in opposition to closing Abraham Lincoln Elementary.

INFORMATION REGARDING SVUSD 7-11 DAC RECOMMENDATION TO CLOSE AND REPURPOSE MOUNTAIN VIEW ELEMENTARY

Assistant Superintendent Todo stated the 7-11 DAC (District Advisory Committee) met on November 21, 2013 and after reviewing data presented, decided that Mountain View Elementary met the criteria to be recommended for closure and repurposing. The 7-11 DAC is recommending that Mountain View Elementary be closed, consolidated and repurposed. Berylwood Elementary and Crestview Elementary would be the receiving schools for students who currently attend Mountain View. The Board of Education will receive the 7-11 DAC final recommendation at the January 14, 2014 Board meeting. This item is for Board information only.

Statistics Summary: Close and Repurpose Mountain View Elementary as Monte Vista Independent Study School and a Professional Development Center

Financial savings: dark one year dark closure (\$455,642 based on 12/13 figures)
 Repurposed (as Monte Vista) savings: (\$236,682)
 Justin currently at 41% enrollment since 2002
 Currently 70.6 % in Mountain View boundaries do not attend Mountain View
 Operating expense \$2,212 per student
 Next year staff formula would be 6 teachers on site (one less than current year)

SUPERINTENDENT CLARIFICATION

Dr. Scroggin clarified that the Public Hearings will be held at each individual school site on January 21 and January 22.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None
 There were three cards submitted to the Board regarding opposition to closing Mountain View Elementary.

INFORMATION RE 7-11 DAC RECOMMENDATION SIMI ELEMENTARY

Assistant Superintendent Todo stated the 7-11 DAC could not recommend any repurposing of the facility. This is due to the costs involved and that there has been no direction from the Board in regard to how or when the Simi Elementary facility will be brought to standards. Additional information is necessary that ensures the buildings will be safe into the future. This item is for Board information only.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Aimee Ratermann, PTA president Simi Elementary and parent of students at the school shared Simi Elementary is a wonderful school built in 1926 with historical value. She urged the Board to either close the main building and use unused classrooms or portables and fix the school.

Jennifer Furs, teacher, read a letter written by a deaf child who attends Simi Elementary entitled *Through the Eyes of a Deaf child*. At Simi Elementary, signing is taught as a second language and it's the only school in Simi that incorporates signing in the curriculum. Please don't close our school.

In addition, one yellow card was submitted in opposition to closing Simi Elementary.

BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Sandland thanked the 7-11 DAC and the audience for sharing their support and good ideas. Trustee Sandland is in support of keeping our schools open and recommends holding the workshop immediately to further discuss ideas for keeping each school open while adding other compatible programs at their campuses.

Trustee White had questions regarding the seismic retrofit of Simi Elementary. The 7-11 DAC could not make a recommendation because the school needed repairs to classrooms and earthquake retrofit. Renovations at the school were estimated at \$9M (\$6M for the main building/retrofit and \$3M other). Currently children do enter the main building for business in the office but the main building is not used as a classroom. Simi Elementary has other issues that need to be addressed as well. Discussion followed between the Board members, Assistant Superintendent Clear and Assistant Superintendent Todo. Some ideas offered were close the main building and a new office built in the same spot or another part of the campus; and/or could the Board get an architect drawing of what the retrofit would look like to see if it would retain the historical look. The Bond plan would be to keep it as historical as possible. Note: Approximately \$1M would be offered by the state for seismic retrofit or replacement of the main building if we choose one of those options.

President Collins thanked the 7-11DAC and stated he would like to share some of his ideas with the committee such as focus on declining enrollment; repurpose schools to become career magnet schools or high school career academies; more fundamental schools (which would likely shift students from a regular school to a fundamental or magnet school and not necessarily attract new students); would like to see Simi Elementary updated with bond money and volunteers; and, rebuild the rest of the school with bond money; make Simi Elementary a K-8 (fundamental) school to increase enrollment; sell and move the district office 3 years out perhaps move it to the Apollo site and revitalize and/or move Apollo, or, build a new administrative office on the Blackstock property. He intends to discuss his ideas at the Board Workshop on Declining Enrollment.

Assistant Superintendent Todo clarified the role of the 7-11 DAC according to Ed Code which is to consider surplus property and school closure. Dr. Scroggin clarified the Board would begin with a Redesign/Repurpose workshop, generate ideas, then form a committee to look at the redesign ideas.

Note: there is a 7-11 DAC committee meeting on December 12 at 5 p.m. at the District Office. Assistant Superintendent Todo asked for input from the Board to take to this meeting:

Trustee Sandland: implementation of programs and retain K-6 programs

Trustee Kidd: consider a dependent on-line Charter

Trustee White: indications on programs from staff

**INFORMATION
RE: BP/AR
5131.61 (DRUG
TESTING)**

Director Peplinski stated BP/AR 5131.61 (Drug Testing) is being revised to reflect corrected language from "athletic students" to "all students". This policy is being revised to reflect CSBA recommendations and verbage as well as current law. No discussion. Will move forward as second reading in January.

**CONSENT
CALENDAR**

The consent items listed below will be approved by the Board in one action. However, a Board member may remove an item for individual discussion or action.

Motion #138

MSCU, Kidd/Davis, 5/0, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

(roll-call vote)

AYES: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins

NOES: 0 ABSENT: 0

1. **BOARD/ADMINISTRATION** (No Consent)
2. **PERSONNEL SERVICES**
 - #1 Approval of Certificated Personnel Report
 - #2 Approval of Classified Personnel Report
3. **EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**
 - #1 Acceptance of Gifts for Simi Valley Unified School District 2013-2014
 - #2 Approval of Educational Field Trips
 - #3 Second Reading and Adoption of Revised Administrative Regulation 5145.12 (Search and Seizure)
 - #4 Ratification and Approval Out of State Travel Request, Educational Services
 - #5 Approval of Agreement No. A14.117 Between the Simi Valley Adult School and Career Institute No-Cost Agreement with Dr. Kouros Azar – Plastic Surgeon
 - #6 Approval of New and Revised Course Outlines for Simi Valley Adult School and Career Institute
 - #7 Approval of High School Booster Organizations for 2013-2014
 - #8 Approval of Out-of-State Travel Request, Secondary Education
4. **STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES**
 - #1 Approval of Agreement No. A14.122 Authorizing the Superintendent to Approve a Consultant Contract for Circle of Friends
5. **BUSINESS & FACILITIES**
 - #1 Approval of Warrants – November 30, 2013 Through December 30, 2013
 - #2 Approval of Purchase Orders B14-00382 through P14-01161, in the Amount of \$1,304,101.58
 - #3 Approval of Transfer of Funds for the Month of November 2013
 - #4 ARMS Identity Automation Software Purchase
 - #5 Approval of Change Order No. 1 Interim Housing Project for White Oak Elementary
 - #6 Approval of Change Order No. 1 Royal High School Buildings 5 & 8 Restroom Renovations Project
 - #7 Approval of Three (3) Portable Classrooms at Sinaloa
 - #8 Approval of Agreement No. A14.120 between SVUSD and Alpha Construction & Inspection, Inc. for DSA Inspection Services for Solar Panel Projects
 - #9 Authorization to Purchase Chromebooks, I-Pads and Tablets
 - #10 Ratification of SVUSD Self-insured Workers' Compensation Program: Compromise & Release Settlement or Stipulated Award
 - #11 Approval of Agreement No. A14.121 between SVUSD and Good Shepherd Lutheran School to Contract for Cafeteria Services for the Remaining 2013/2014 School Year and the First Semester of 2014/2015
 - #12 Approval of Agreement No. A14.123 between SVUSD and Mechanical Engineering Consultants for HVAC Design for Big Springs, Hollow Hills and Vista Elementary Schools
 - #13 Approval of Agreement A14.115 between Simi Valley Unified School District and Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Rudd & Romo, Attorneys for Legal Services

ACTION CALENDAR:

**RESOLUTION
IN SUPPORT
OF CALIF.
BULLYING
PREVENTION
DAY**

Motion #139

Superintendent Scroggin stated with the passage of SCR51 (Lieu) Bullying Prevention Day has been declared in California as December 12, 2013. The Simi Valley Board of Education recognizes the need for all of us as individuals, schools, and communities to take action on behalf of bullying prevention in California.

MSCU, White/Kidd, 5/0, the Board of Education adopted Resolution No. 40-13/14 in support of Bullying Prevention Day, December 12, 2013.

(roll-call vote)

AYES: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins NOES: 0

The Board requested an update on what the School District is doing to prevent bullying at a future meeting.

RECOMMEND TO TABLE ITEMS

MSCU, Davis/Kidd, 5/0, the Board agreed to table the following items until January 14, 2014 to allow for in-depth discussion.

Motion #140

Board/Administration Action #2: Adoption of Board Protocol 2013-2014 for the Simi Valley Unified School District.

Board/Administration Action #3: Adoption of Goals and Action Plan Components 2013-2014

Board/Administration Action #4: Adoption of Board Beliefs, Vision, Mission & Motto

ADOPTION OF SEA/DISTRICT CERTIFICATED CONTRACT REOPENERS FOR 2012-13

Assistant Superintendent Houghton stated following the public hearing on the reopener proposal held earlier tonight the Governing Board shall adopt the proposal. Representatives of the District and the employee organization shall then begin negotiating the Contract of Agreement.

Motion #141

MSCU, Sandland/Davis, 5/0, the Board of Education adopted the SEA/SVUSD Reopener Proposal for 2013-2014.

VOTE:

AYES: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins NOES: 0

APPROVAL OF NEW CLASSIFIED POSITION PUBLIC RELATIONS & RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

Assistant Superintendent Houghton stated Personnel Services is requesting Board approval of a 12-Month Regular, Classified Management position: Public Relations and Resource Development Coordinator. The new position will be responsible for administering and coordinating programs and activities to promote public relations, community awareness and partnerships and resource development, will provide leadership in assisting the District in building sustainability of program services through grant writing; and developing an effective communication and public relations plan for the District while supporting individual school sites in implementation of communication plans.

Motion #142

MSCU, Davis/White, 5/0 the Board of Education approved creating the new 12-month Public Relations & Resource Development Coordinator position.

VOTE:

AYES: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins

NOES: 0

MOTION MADE TO EXTEND THE MEETING UNTIL 11 P.M.

MSCU, Kidd/White, 4/0/1, to extend the meeting until 11 p.m.

Motion #143

AYES: White, Kidd, Davis, Collins

NOES: Sandland

**RES. 42-13/14
DECLARING
LA/BLACKSTOCK
AS
SURPLUS
PROPERTY**

Trustee Sandland requested this item be tabled and discussed at the January 14, 2014 Board meeting. By an informal consensus, the Board agreed to table this item.

**RES. 44-13/14
COMMIT
ADULT ED
AND
DEFERRED
MAINTENANCE
REVENUE
SOURCES TO
GENERAL
FUND**

Assistant Superintendent Clear stated given the CA Dept. of Education guidance and GASB 54 guidance, it is recommended that the District commit a substantial portion of the state aid for the Adult Education program and Deferred Maintenance program and that this amount be transferred to the appropriate fund. Futhermore, it is recommended that a portion of the state aid funding remain uncommitted and retained for general educational purposes in the Unrestricted General Fund.

Motion #144

MSCU, White/Kidd, 5/0, the Board of Education approved that a portion of the state aid funding remain uncommitted and retained for general educational purposes in the Unrestricted General Fund.

Roll-Call vote:

AYES: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins NOES: 0

**RES 45-13/14
TRANSFER
OF ADULT ED
BUILDING
FUND (12/13)
AND ADULT ED
ENDING
BALANCE (12/13)
TO GENERAL
FUND**

Assistant Superintendent Clear recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution 45-13/14 transferring \$1,032,667 from the Adult Education Building Fund to the Unrestricted General Fund and transfer \$2,000,000 from the Adult Education Fund Balance for 2012-2013 to the Unrestricted General Fund.

Motion #145

MSCU, Kidd/Davis, 5/0, the Board of Education approved Resolution No. 45-13/14 transferring \$1,032,667 from the Adult Education Building Fund to the Unrestricted General Fund and transfer \$2,000,000 from the Adult Education Fund Balance for 2012-2013 to the Unrestricted General Fund.

Roll-Call VOTE:

AYES: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins, NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

**FILING AND
QUALIFIED
CERTIFICATION
OF FIRST
INTERIM
REPORT**

Since 1984, a variety of legislation has been enacted that focuses on improving fiscal accountability in school districts. Changes to Ed Code Sections 1240(j) 42130 and 42131 modify the interim reporting periods (October 31 and January 31). School District governing boards must review and approve interim reports by December 15 and March 15, respectively. It is recommended that the Board approve a Filing and Positive Certification, which means the school district will be able to meet its financial obligations for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year

plus maintain a 3% contingency for economic uncertainties. This Certification is to be filed with the Office of the Ventura County Superintendent of Schools. Due to technical difficulty with the equipment, the presentation would not appear on screen so the Board referred to hard copy.

Assistant Superintendent Clear stated factors built into the multi-year projections are declining enrollment; closing and repurposing of two schools for year 2 and 3; class size at 26:1 in K-3; increase of class size to 28:1 in 2014/15; changes in health benefits; and potential savings for changes to the Workers' Compensation Program.

Assistant Superintendent Clear opened this item to discussion and comment by the Board. Board President Collins thanked Superintendent Clear and his staff for the detailed report.

Motion #146

MSCU, White/Davis, 5/0, approved the Filing and Qualified Certification of the First Interim Report.

VOTE:

AYES: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins NOES: 0

**RETURN TO
INFORMATION
CALENDAR**

Following the approval of the Action Calendar at 10:52 p.m., the Board discussed Board/Administration, Information #2: Information Regarding the CA Voting Rights Act.

**INFORMATION
REGARDING
CA VOTING
RIGHTS ACT**

The Board had previously requested information on the California Voting Rights Act. Attorney Thurbon, Board counsel, presented this information to the Board for review and discussion. Also discussed was a sample resolution directing the Superintendent to examine the District's at large trustee election model under the criteria of the CA Voting Rights Act including recommendations pertaining to initiation of a change to a by-trustee election model. The information is on online on the District website as part of the Board agenda or available from the superintendent's office. Attorney Thurbon proposed the Board postpone this item until January if they wish.

In summary, this Act (2001) has seen an evolution of litigation culminating in a case from 2012 that caused a wave of concern about whether districts should take a proactive approach to addressing the issue of at-large elections. An at-large election is when all voters elect all trustee members rather than a trustee area designation election model. Districts and other government agencies with at-large elections are susceptible to attorney fee costs, expert consultant costs and litigation fees to challenge racially polarized voting in elections. Attorney Thurbon suggested he will continue to collect data until the January 14th meeting estimating the cost of a preliminary analysis (estimated at less than \$5,000). In January, we can bring a resolution to the Board and include estimates or proposals from demographic consultants (estimated at a cost of \$15-35K) to prepare a plan. It is a two-step process. The first step is the Board would adopt a Resolution authorizing the expenditure to develop a plan to consider the process of changing the election; and should the Board would want to develop that plan, the plan would be developed and brought back to Board at a later time. Discussion followed.

As there are several active lawsuits in local neighboring districts, Trustee Kidd recommends safe harbor which is to do a study and make the switch to be proactive before a lawsuit.

The Board agreed to bring a resolution back for a vote at the January meeting to authorize the expenditure for a study and develop a plan which the Board would review and give direction.

Note: The following items are being carried forward to January 14, 2014.

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

From the November 12, 2013 Regular Board Meeting:

Trustee White requested a review of high school athletic facilities stating there is a shortage of lights, lack of facilities, unsafe fields, and general declining quality of athletic facilities. For example at Royal High School we are fixing the drain and track (\$1,000,000) but what about the fields? Dr. Scroggin stated staff is scheduled to walk the field and bring back a proposal.

Trustee White: requested in the interest of transparency (EC44987) information regarding District funding the SEA representative. Dr. Scroggin stated we could provide information in the Friday packet to the Board, and it could be an information and public discussion item if the Board chooses. The Board agreed to an open discussion. (scheduled for January)

From the November 19, 2013 Special Board Meeting:

Trustee Kidd: requests replace two trees for every one tree removed due to solar ground mounts.

Trustee Sandland: requested an update on community input regarding solar panels

PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Winter break December 23 through January 6th
School resumes January 7, 2014

Regular Board Meeting January 14, 2014	6:30 p.m.	Council Chambers
Special Board Meeting - Expulsions January 7, 2014 (rotation)	5:30 p.m.	Educational Services Center Floyd Binns Room
Personnel Commission Meeting January 8, 2014	6:00 p.m.	Educational Services Center Floyd Binns Room

ICOC Meeting
January 9, 2014

6:30 p.m. Educational Services Center
Certificated Conference Room

Note: A meeting of the 7-11 DAC will take place on Thursday, December 12 at 5:00 p.m. in the Educational Services Center, Floyd Binns Room.

Tentative Public Hearings:

Special Board Meeting/Public Hearing re: Mountain View Elementary: January 21 @ 6:00 p.m.

Special Board Meeting/Public Hearing re: Justin Elementary: January 22 @ 5:00 p.m.

Special Board Meeting/Public Hearing re: Abraham Lincoln Elementary: January 22 @ 7:00 p.m.

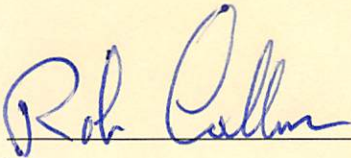
Special Board Meeting to Finalize School Closure/Repurpose: January 28 @ 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT MSCU, White/Davis, 5/0, to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 p.m.

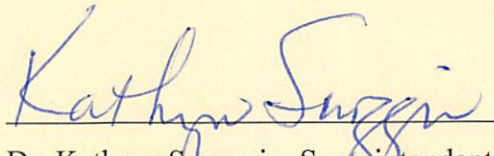
Motion #147

Approved on February 11, 2014

MSCU-Motion, Seconded, Carried, Unanimous



President Rob Collins
Board of Education



Dr. Kathryn Scroggin, Superintendent
Secretary Board of Education

**SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
January 7, 2014**

- CALL TO ORDER** Board President Collins called a special meeting of the Board of
OPEN SESSION Education to order at 5:35 p.m. in the Floyd Binns Room at the Educational Services Center, 875 E. Cochran Street, Simi Valley, CA 93065
- PRESENT** Board Members: Rob Collins, Jeanne Davis, Arleigh Kidd
Dan White and Debbie Sandland (absent due to rotation)
- Hearings: Director Student Support Services, Sean Goldman
- PUBLIC COMMENTS** None
- PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS** None
- CLOSED SESSION** The Board adjourned to closed session at 5:35 p.m. in accordance with Education Codes 48918 subdivision (j) to discuss Student Expulsion Case #8, Student Expulsion Case #10 and Student Expulsion Case #7.
- ADJOURNMENT OF HEARINGS** *Motion #148* **MSC, Davis/Kidd, 3/0/2, (White & Sandland absent due to rotation) to adjourn the Closed Session at 7:55 p.m. Board President Collins reported the following action from closed session:**
- STUDENT #8 EXPULSION** *Motion #149* **MSC, Davis/Kidd, 3/0/2, (White & Sandland absent due to rotation) to adopt Resolution No. 38-13/14. Student Case #8 was expelled from the Simi Valley Unified School District for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year. In addition:**
- Student is expelled but the expulsion order was suspended. Student may attend Monte Vista, SSHA or SVHS. The term of the expulsion is until 6/30/2014. Student may not attend RHS. Student is currently enrolled at Opportunities for Learning.
 - Student must meet conditions specified in the Academic/Discipline contract regarding credit attainment and attendance
 - Student Case #8 may not go on any school campus, except as specified above
 - A readmit hearing is required before administrators before returning to Simi Valley Unified School District

**STUDENT #10
EXPULSION**
Motion #150

MSC, Davis/Kidd, 3/0/2, (White & Sandland absent due to rotation) to adopt Resolution No. 52-13/14. Student Case #10 was expelled from the Simi Valley Unified School District for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year.

In addition:

- The expulsion order was suspended and student is to attend Monte Vista with child care for minor parent at Apollo for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year. The expulsion order is until 6/30/2014.
- Student must meet conditions specified in the Academic/Discipline contract regarding credit attainment and attendance
- Student Case #10 may not go on any school campus
- A readmit hearing is required before administrators before returning to Simi Valley Unified School District

NOTE:

STUDENT #7 is unable to attend. Parents were not were present

**STUDENT #7
EXPULSION**
Motion #151

MSC, Kidd/Davis, 3/0/2, (White & Sandland absent due to rotation) to adopt Resolution No. 37-13/14. Student Case #7 was expelled from the Simi Valley Unified School District for one (1) full calendar year. In addition:

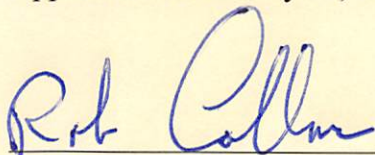
- Expulsion order is for one (1) full calendar year, student must attend weekly anger management counseling sessions until expulsion period ends. Student may not return to SVHS
- Student must meet conditions specified in the Academic/Discipline contract regarding credit attainment and attendance
- Student Case #7 may not go on any school campus
- A readmit hearing is required before administrators before returning to Simi Valley Unified School District

ADJOURNMENT
Motion #152

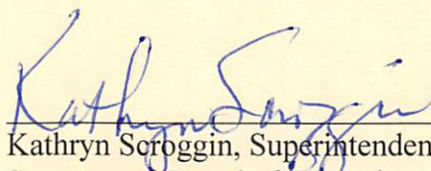
MSC, Davis/Kidd, 3/0/2, (White & Sandland absent due to rotation) to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Approved on February 11, 2014

MSCU = Motion, Seconded, Carried, Unanimous



Rob Collins
President of Board of Education



Kathryn Scroggin, Superintendent
Secretary to Board of Education

**SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 14, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President
OPEN SESSION Collins at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Chambers located at City Hall,
2929 Tapo Canyon Road, Simi Valley, California, 93065.

PRESENT Board Members: Rob Collins, Jeanne Davis, Arleigh Kidd, Dan White
Debbie Sandland (physically absent/present via teleconference)
**Trustee Sandland was present via teleconference from a
private residence location at 108 11 Avenue SW 29, Bowman,
North Dakota 56823 beginning at the approval of the agenda.*

Staff Members: Dr. Kathryn Scroggin, Superintendent
Michael Clear, Assistant Superintendent
Dan Houghton, Assistant Superintendent
Ron Todo, Assistant Superintendent

PUBLIC COMMENTS There were no public comments regarding closed items.

CLOSED SESSION The Board adjourned to closed session at 5:31 p.m. to conduct the following:

- 3.1 The Board of Education will meet in closed session: Student Discipline
Discuss Recommendation of Student Waiver of Hearing Student Case #11
- 3.2 The Board of Education will meet in closed session in accordance
with provisions in Government Code Section 54956.95; insurance pooling,
tort liability losses; public liability losses; workers' compensation liability;
Settlement Workers' Compensation Claim No. Case No. Simi-006963
- 3.3 The Board of Education will meet in closed session in accordance
with provisions in Government Code Section 54956.95; insurance pooling,
tort liability losses; public liability losses; workers' compensation liability;
Settlement Workers' Compensation Claim No. Case No. Simp-005527;
Simi-005739; Simr-005987; Simi-007319; and Simo-005466
- 3.4 The Board of Education will meet in closed session for SEA
Negotiations (as per the Rodda Act). Dan Houghton, District
Negotiator
- 3.5 The Board of Education will meet in closed session for CSEA
Negotiations (as per the Rodda Act). Dan Houghton, District
Negotiator

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CLOSED SESSION MSC, Kidd/Davis, 4/0/1 (Sandland absent), adjourned the closed
ADJOURNMENT session at 6:03 p.m. A short recess followed until 6:30 p.m.
Motion #153
Roll call vote AYES: White, Kidd, Davis, Collins NOES: None ABSENT: Sandland

CLOSED SESSION The Board reconvened in City Hall Chambers at 6:40 p.m. Board
REPORT President Collins reported the following action taken in closed session:

3.1 STUDENT WAIVER MSC, Kidd/Davis, 4/0/1, (Sandland absent) the Board of Education
Motion #154 approved the Waiver of Hearing Student Case #11.
Roll call vote AYES: White, Kidd, Davis, Collins NOES: None ABSENT: Sandland

3.2 WORKER'S MSC, White/Kidd, 4/0/1, (Sandland absent) the Board of Education
COMPENSATION approved the Stipulated Settlement Agreement for Worker's Compensation
Motion #155 Case No. Simi-006963
Roll call vote AYES: White, Kidd, Davis, Collins NOES: None ABSENT: Sandland

3.3 WORKER'S MSC, Kidd/Davis, 4/0/1, (Sandland absent) the Board of Education
COMPENSATION approved the Stipulated Settlement Agreement for Worker's Compensation
Motion #156 Case No. Simp-005527; Simi-005739; Simr-005987; Simi-007319; and
Simo-005466
Roll call vote AYES: White, Kidd, Davis, Collins NOES: None ABSENT: Sandland

3.4 SEA No action
NEGOTIATIONS

3.5 CSEA No action
NEGOTIATIONS

FLAG SALUTE The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Collins.

TELECONFERENCE At this time in the meeting (6:38 p.m.) a phone call was placed to Trustee Sandland at the North Dakota location and she was welcomed to the meeting via teleconference. Dr. Scroggin instructed the Board that due to the teleconference, every vote would be a roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF MSCU, Kidd/Davis, 5/0, (Sandland teleconferenced) the Board approved the
AGENDA agenda as amended: *remove Personnel Services Action #1: Approval of School*
Motion #157 *Calendars for the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 School years.*
Roll call vote AYES: White, Kidd, Sandland, Davis, Collins NOES: None

PUBLIC Miss Taylor Odegard, senior student and SVHS Chapter HOSA Historian
COMMENTS invited the Board to attend a HOSA conference being held on February 1,
RE: ITEMS NOT 8 am – 5 pm at SVHS.
ON THE AGENDA

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LIVE STREAMING ANNOUNCEMENT Tonight's meeting is being live streamed on our website at www.simivalleyusd.org Board tab, public meetings and videos.

PUBLIC COMMENTS SCHOOL CLOSURES

John Southwick, neighbor to Mountain View, is upset with school closing and not worth the \$236,000 being saved. He reminded the Board they are elected officials.

Jennifer Jones, parent, is in favor of 7-11 DAC to keep Lincoln open but sad about closing Justin and Mt. View. She plans to go to Sacramento for answers and will share her findings with the Board specifically regarding lottery money and education funding.

Michelle Sires, parent, is opposed to closing Mountain View and as a new resident chose Mountain View because it was a small and cozy community school that provided a great start to her children.

25 yellow cards were submitted opposed to closing Mountain View School.

There were 12 requests to address the Board regarding opposition to closing Justin Elementary School (9 will speak now and 3 will speak later); 150 student letters were submitted to the Board regarding opposition to closing Justin Elementary; and, 383 yellow cards were received stating opposition to closing Justin.

Brian Clark, parent, addressed the Board regarding concerns closing Justin. He supports the early learning center and expanding special education programs. He had concerns with traffic, crime and the safety of students walking farther from Justin. Mr. Clark showed pictures of the Belwood campus stating he does not want Justin to look like this. We have the gift of 3Ts: Technology, Teachers & Time.

Elizabeth Gasbar, Justin student, loves Justin, loves her teachers, loves her principal and has been there since preschool. She has good friends, great memories and several family members have attended there.

Mary Regis, Justin PTA President and parent, has concerns with the recommendation to close Justin and passed out pictures of Belwood School to the Board. Belwood is in disrepair with no pride in upkeep. How will you guarantee Justin will not fall into disrepair like Belwood? Please don't close the schools.

Guadalupe Rico, parent, travels to take her kids to Justin on a school choice. Justin has great teachers, it's safe, and has been beneficial to her son and other family members who have attended. Justin was a good start to their school careers.

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Veronica Dugar, parent of students at Justin, stated Justin has been a wonderful school that offers special dynamics that feels like family. The estimated savings from closing the school is not worth the detriment to the kids.

Zalma Quesada, student at Justin, entered kindergarten speaking no English. She praised her teachers who recommended her for GATE in 3rd grade. Now in 8th grade at Valley View she is in Honors and an advanced math class. She attributes her successful school career to her start at Justin.

Luke Jackson, parent of five girls, stated families are the foundation of the community and elementary schools the base of those pillars. The Jacksons moved to Simi Valley away from the dangers in the San Fernando Valley. If you close the school, it will look like Belwood School with taggers, drug dealers, vagrants, increased police activity and abandoned property. The solution is to attract more good families and children - not close schools. Closing Justin is a true injustice.

Esther Calderone, parent of students at Justin, urged the Board to reconsider the recommendation to close and repurpose Justin. She and her siblings attended Justin in the 70s and 80s. Mr. & Mrs. Calderone are teachers in another district and chose their neighborhood school. There are concerns with safety if children are walking farther. Has the Board considered providing transportation as stated in E.C. 39800 which states the Board may provide transportation to and from school, when in the judgment of the Board, it is deemed necessary. The Calderone's opinion is it would be necessary since children are being forced into displacement. Mrs. Calderon stated she appreciated all comments shared at the December meeting and called on the Board to reconsider the recommendation.

Richard Carter, parent, provided a handout to the Board and spoke against the recommendation to close and repurpose Justin Elementary. He's not sure why it is targeted for closing, but heard it's due to low performance. It seems Justin is being penalized for scores because of the close proximity to Vista Elementary. Whatever the reason, he urged the Board to come up with a redesign rather than a repurpose. Justin is the center of a safe neighborhood and an older, established community. He challenged the Board to face the challenges and fix them, not pass it on. Reconsider closing the school because of serious safety concerns with travelling farther and consider busing provisions.

EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS SEA

SEA President Dayle Gillick wished the Board a Happy New Year and continued by reemphasizing points from the recent past. She reminded the Board that their fiduciary responsibility is to keep the District financially solvent while maintaining high quality educational programs. If the Board deviates from the County approved District budget which included the closing of schools, then what is the new plan for fiscal solvency? Does the new plan include increasing class size, layoffs, reduction in school year, employee pay cuts and medical benefit reductions?

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Be bold, trust the data and evidence reported, seek input from the teachers, parents and community and be deliberate and intentional in your discussions regarding school closure and other issues that affect our budget plans.

CSEA

Jim Jarrard, CSEA Chapter 310 President spoke on behalf of classified employees. Mr. Jarrard wished the Board a Happy New Year. He stated there will be continued challenges in 2014 but he is confident district administration, the Board and the bargaining units will seek positive resolutions to complex issues facing our District. Employees continue working diligently to meet the constant changes and challenges in their workplaces. Mr. Jarrard is hoping fiscal efforts being implemented by the District will be enhanced by the Governor's budget to increase support staff and diverse alternatives in education that will further enhance opportunities for our students in 2014 and in the years to come.

STUDENT BOARD REPORTS

Student Board Representative, Madisen Richards, presented the Student Board Reports:

At SVHS, the Pioneers brought in the new year with the start of a new semester, a first for SVHS, as normally the second semester would begin a few weeks after students returned from winter break. With the change in place, students seemed eager for the fresh start, and the opportunity to begin the final two quarters of the school year! However, the new year brings new events and responsibilities, keeping the Pioneers on their toes, and at the top of their game! Events such as Winter Formal, on February 8th, which has taken a new location at the Vineyards, over the previous location of the Ronald Reagan Library, a Winter Sport's Pep Rally (January 24th), and the second Simi vs. Royal Week (February 10th-13th) will highlight just some of the many events that the Pioneers will be planning for the rest of the year! The rivalry week which will be a citywide competition, judged by district officials, of both spirit and volunteerism, between the two schools, will culminate with a basketball game at the Pioneers' home on Thursday, February 13th! The Pioneers are kicking off the new year on an exciting note, and are truly looking forward to the many events to come, while still remaining at the top of their game throughout the final semester!

Kiana Kenik reports that Apollo is happy to be back at school after a very relaxing winter break! Everyone is excited to start off the new quarter, welcoming so many new students into their school. Apollo's two counselors will be meeting with all new students to create quarter plans this week during Orientation classes. As the new quarter begins groups will be back in session starting next week. Groups will be offered in ACTION, self-esteem, anger management, smoking cessation and school to career. Apollo is very excited to announce that they have set a date for Prom which will be held on Friday, March 14th at the Odyssey. Last Friday afternoon Apollo held its awards ceremony for the 2nd quarter. 97 out of a possible 280 students received positive recognition for some sort of achievement. Students were recognized for academic achievement, most improved, citizenship, service, attendance and honor roll. Finally, Apollo is proud to announce that Balmore Orellana was its school winner for "The Beauty of Simi Valley" photo

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contest. Balmore will be recognized with other district winners at the February 3rd City Council meeting. Apollo wishes everyone a very successful and enjoyable start to the second semester.

Sarah Russo reports that Monte Vista School is about to start a “Pennies For Patients” drive to raise money for Leukemia patients. Dr. Carr, their WASC chair will be visiting this coming Thursday and they are in process of ordering Monte Vista shirts for the class of 2014.

Erin Gentry reports that Royal High School students are back in the swing of things as the 2014 school year begins after enjoying a long winter break. Royal's finals were concluded in the last few days before winter break. Now students and faculty are beginning new plans and looking forward to a great new year. Some upcoming events at Royal High School include: Beat Simi High School Pep Rally on January 22; Valentine grams will go on sale for all students in February and Senior Hug Day is on February 14; the Winter Formal dance on February 15; Spring Fling in March; a "Royal Event" on April 28; and the Junior Leadership Class will be visiting their Prom venue for 2015!

Verenise Frias reports that Santa Susana High School students and staff are excited and motivated to start the New Year and the new semester, especially with winter formal this Saturday the 18th! Students are looking forward to all the upcoming events like Renaissance on February 20th and our third activity day Mr. Troubadour on the 28th. This will be the first year that our school has the pleasure of hosting the STEM science fair and we are ecstatic to see all the interesting projects students will come up with! Clubs are also busy starting the New Year right; Academic Decathlon club and Mock Trial clubs are both putting the finishing touches on their performances for upcoming competitions. Legally Blonde, the musical, along with other theatre, choir, and dance shows are coming up soon and our students can't wait for all that this semester has to offer!

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Scroggin: 1) wished everyone a happy new year; 2) she began with a reminder that February is School Choice month; 3) highlighted some of the many special programs and some exciting new opportunities at our campuses. SSSH is the only high school in Ventura County to be awarded a Specialized Secondary Program (SSP) grant and the focus of this new program will be Robotics and Engineering. Dr. Scroggin thanked principal Wendy Mayea and teacher Mark Sheinberg for writing this successful grant. Another new proposal being considered is the development of a Performing and Technical Arts magnet program for Hillside Middle School. In addition, Royal will offer the International Baccalaureate Program and Simi High will offer an ROP Manufacturing class. Several other hallmark programs Dr. Scroggin highlighted are the Medical Careers Academy at SVHS, the Ronald Reagan Citizen Scholar Institute at Royal, Robotics and STEM programs at multiple schools, the Garden Grove Math and Science Impact Academy, Academic Decathlon and Mock Trial, Safe and Civil Schools Programs and an independent study program at Monte

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Vista. Our high schools have strong athletic programs, including Lacrosse, and all middle schools have intramural programs. SVUSD has strong school communities and caring staffs. Our teachers are outstanding and innovative. Support staff create a safe environment. All of this combines to make our schools places where each of our students learn and succeed. Because of our outstanding educational opportunities and strong support, SVUSD students continue to be accepted into prestigious colleges and universities. UCLA, Brown, Northwestern, MIT, USC, Vanderbilt, UC Berkeley, Harvard and Yale are just a few of the schools accepting recent SVUSD graduates. Dr. Scroggin asked the public to look for the district ads which will be appearing in the Star and Acorn beginning this Friday and extended an invitation to visit our schools.

Dr. Scroggin acknowledged many people attending the meeting were advocating against school closures. She stated closing schools are difficult and emotional decisions and have profound effects on students, parents, and neighborhoods. She clarified no decisions about school closures will be made at this meeting. Tonight the Board will consider the DAC Committee's recommendations and vote whether or not to accept these. Public Hearings will be held and final decisions about school closures will be made at a special meeting on January 28.

ICOC REPORT

None

BOARD REPORTS

Trustee Kidd: 1) welcome back and Happy New Year; 2) congratulated the Lew Roth award winners; 3) thanked the Student Board rep for the report; 4) announced live streaming is available tonight on our website and thanked staff; 5) looks like the Governor's proposed budget is better for education than expected and will attend a School Services presentation tomorrow on the budget; 6) congratulated Sarah Baxter winner of Gatorade State Girls' Cross Country for the 4th time; and, 7) congratulations to SSS who received a \$50,000 STEM grant.

Trustee White: 1) thanked everyone for attending as he appreciates the input; 2) stated he has heard excellent points and specifically thanked Justin student, Elizabeth Gasbar; and parents Mary Regis, Luke Jackson; and, Richard Carter for sharing; 3) reviewed some rationale for the school closure process and discussion. Trustee White addressed the cost of operating a small school but as a parent agrees money is not the issue it's the quality of educational services delivered to our students. Trustee White again thanked the parents for sharing and his focus will be determining what is best for the children; and, 4) he is concerned about the Belwood pictures; we will need to address that as we consider school closures.

Trustee Davis: 1) Happy New Year and welcome back; 2) thanked the student Board reporter; 3) thanked everyone for coming out and sharing their comments with the Board; 4) assured the audience the Board will be deliberate and fair when facing hard decisions; and, 5) reminded everyone to attend Arbor Day at 10 a.m. at Rancho Tapo Community Park on March 15.

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Trustee Sandland: 1) thanked the Board for letting her join long distance but stated she could not hear any of the public comments; 2) thanked everyone for coming tonight and sharing their support of the neighborhood schools; 3) wished everyone a Happy New Year; 4) thanked Dr. Scroggin for reviewing some of the opportunities available with school choice coming up in February; 5) stated school closure is a very serious issue and feels strongly we need to look at keeping our neighborhood schools open and explore other options before closing the neighborhood schools; 6) thanked the school sites and teachers at the smaller school sites; 7) supports the Hillside performing arts/technology magnet and suggested an elementary performing art/technology magnet program that would feed into Hillside and from Hillside to Santa Susana High School; and, 8) apologized for missing the meeting and for the background noise and thanked everyone for allowing her to participate by teleconference.

Trustee Collins: 1) thanked Trustee Sandland for her comments; 2) wished everyone a Happy New Year; 3) recently attended a conference which featured speaker Justice Judith McConnell on civic education and the future of our democracy addressing the decline of the public voting and jury selection. Justice McConnell stressed the importance of community and stated school choice is detrimental to the success of neighborhood schools; 5) Trustee Collins thanked the audience for their comments and agreed with statements made by Mr. Jackson and Mr. Carter; 6) stated our problems of declining enrollment, sagging economy, loss of jobs, an older population are discouraging trends for schools and understands the reasons parents move their children; 7) thanked the audience for attending as it's so good to hear you love your neighborhood schools and for your sense of community; and, 8) attended a funeral for Marie Powell an aide in our district for special needs students and spent over 50 years in our district.

**BOARD
CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no specific Board correspondence to report but the Board acknowledges the receipt of many letters and notes in opposition to the closing of schools.

The Board wishes to thank everyone for their input as it will help the Board determine their course of action.

*The consent items listed below were approved by the Board in one action.
No items were removed for individual discussion or action.*

**CONSENT
CALENDAR**

MSCU, Davis/Kidd, 5/0, (Sandland teleconferenced) approved the Consent Calendar as presented. No items were pulled for specific discussion or postponement.

Motion #158

(Roll-call vote)

AYES: White, Kidd, Sandland, Davis, Collins NOES: None

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1. **BOARD/ADMINISTRATION**

- #1 Adoption of Revised Resolution No. 41-13/14 (Part 2 only)
Certification of Verified authorized Signatures of Members
Of the Governing Board and Employees Authorized to Sign
Orders Drawn on the Funds of the Simi Valley Unified School
District

ACTION
Roll-call vote

2. **PERSONNEL SERVICES**

- #1 Approval of Certificated Personnel Report
- #2 Approval of Classified Personnel Report

3. **EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

- #1 Acceptance of Gifts for Simi Valley Unified School District 2013-2014
- #2 Approval of Educational Field Trips
- #3 Second Reading and Adoption of Revised Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5131.61 (Drug Testing)
- #4 Approval of High School Booster Organizations for 2013-2014
- #5 Approval of New and Revised Course Outlines for Simi Valley Unified School District
- #6 Approval of the Simi Valley Adult School and Career Institute's Application for Workforce Investment Act/Adult Education and Family Literacy Section 231 and English Literacy Civic Education Grant Funding for 2014-2015
- #7 Approval of Out-of-State Travel Request, Secondary Education
- #8 Approval of Agreement Numbers A14.127, A14.128, A14.129, A14.130, A14.131, A14.132, A14.133, A14.134 Between Simi Valley Unified School District and Supplemental Educational Services (SES Providers)
- #9 Approval of the Revised Plan for Common Core State Standards (CCSS) Implementation Funding

4. **STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES** (No consent)

5. **BUSINESS & FACILITIES**

- #1 Approval of Warrants – November 30, 2013 through December 30, 2013
- #2 Approval of Purchase Orders B14-00401 through P14-01384, In the Amount of \$837,485.03
- #3 Approval of Transfer of Funds for the Month of December 2013
- #4 Google Applications Vault Software Purchase & Setup
- #5 VEEAM Backup System Software & Setup
- #6 Installation & Configuration of Forefront Antivirus software

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- #7 Approval of Agreement No. A14.126 between Simi Valley Unified School District and Li & Associates, to Provide Structural Engineering for HVAC Design For Big Springs, Hollow Hills, And Vista Elementary Schools
- #8 Authorization to Purchase Additional Tablets and Information on Quantities of Tablets Purchased.
- #9 Purchase and Installation Computer Lab Tables for Vista and Crestview
- #10 Cases for Tablet Devices for Pilot Program
- #11 Approval of Agreement No. A14.137 between SVUSD and Amador Whittle Architects, Inc. to Provide Architectural Services for Installation of Three (3) Portable Classroom Buildings at Sinaloa Middle School
- #12 Township Elementary School Kindergarten Building Update

ACTION CALENDAR:

RESOLUTIONS FOR LEW ROTH AWARDS

Each year the Board of Directors of the Simi Ed Foundation honors individuals for extraordinary service to the students of SVUSD. These individuals will be honored at the Ed Foundation Lew Roth Awards Dinner on January 24, 2014. The Board of Education recognizes the recipients: Thomas Buckle, SSHA, Management; Jennifer Healy, Sinaloa, Certificated; Barbara Reese, Vista, Classified; Robert Sherden, RHS, Sp Ed; Mary Patch, Volunteer; Marilyn VanDyck, Big Springs-Lifetime. Trustee Kidd read the resolution aloud and the awards will be presented at the Lew Roth Award Dinner on January 24th.

Motion #159

MSCU, White/Davis, 5/0, (Sandland teleconferenced) adopted Resolution Nos. 46-51-13/14 honoring the Lew Roth Award Recipients for 2013-2014.

Roll-call vote

AYES: White, Kidd, Sandland, Davis, Collins NOES: None

RESOLUTION FOR BOARD MEMBER ABSENCE

Resolution No. 56-13/14, Board Member Absence (rotation)
Trustee White requested this item be removed.

RESOLUTION FOR BOARD MEMBER ABSENCE

Adoption of Resolution No. 57-13/14, Board Member Absence (rotation)
Education Code Section 35120 states, "A member may be paid for any meeting when absent if the Board, by resolution duly adopted and included in its meeting, finds that at the time of the meeting he or she is performing services outside the meeting for the school district, he or she was ill or on jury duty, or the absence was due to a hardship deemed acceptable by the Board."

Motion #160

MSC, Davis/White, 4/0/1, (Sandland abstained), to adopt Resolution No. 57-13/14 Board Member Absence (hardship/rotation) on January 7, 2014.

(Roll-call vote)

**AYES: White, Kidd, Davis, Collins NOES: None
ABSTAINED: Sandland (via teleconference)**

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**GOVERNANCE
PROTOCOL**

The SVUSD Board of Education believes a primary responsibility is to act in the best interest of every student. The Board originally adopted a Governance Protocol on May 29, 2007, revised on June 3, 2008 and October 6, 2009. The Board remains committed to reviewing the protocol periodically.

Motion #161

MSCU, Kidd/Davis, 5/0, (Sandland teleconferenced) the Board of Education renewed their commitment to the revised Governance Protocol for 2013-14.

Roll call vote

AYES: White, Kidd, Sandland, Davis, Collins NOES: None

**BOE REVISED
GOALS AND
ACTION PLAN**

The Board of Education Governance Protocol specifies that the Board set goals and prepare an action plan. The Board met on August 16, 2013, October 1, 2013 and November 19, 2013 to define and refine the goals and add action plan components. The Board thanked the 250 participants in the electronic community survey.

Motion #162

MSCU, Sandland/Davis, 5/0, (Sandland teleconferenced) the Board of Education approved the goals and action plan components.

Roll call vote

AYES: White, Kidd, Sandland, Davis, Collins NOES: None

**BOE BELIEFS,
VISION, MISSION
AND MOTTO FOR
13/14**

The SVUSD Board of Education is committed to providing a place where students can have a sense of hope and excel in a safe environment. A series of workshops were held on August 6, 2013, October 1, 2013 and November 19, 2013 to revise the beliefs, vision, mission and motto for students and District employees.

Motion #163

MSCU, Kidd/Davis, 5/0, (Sandland teleconferenced) the Board of Education approved the revised Beliefs, Vision, Mission and Motto statements for the 2013/2014 school year.

Roll call vote

AYES: White, Kidd, Sandland, Davis, Collins NOES: None

**RES. NO. 58-13/14
DISTRICT AT
LARGE TRUSTEE
ELECTION MODEL**

This resolution directs the Superintendent to prepare a report to evaluate historical data for previous District elections in light of California Voting Rights Act requirements. The Board should consider a change in the District's electoral system to a "by-trustee area" election model. A \$30,000 max limit has been established for a demographic study and trustee area map of the city. The Board asked questions and shared their concerns.

Attorney Thurbon, District legal counsel, advised the Board to take a proactive approach and do the analysis by hiring a demographic consultant who will make a recommendation. He will contact three in our area. A risk analysis looks at racial demographics of an area; historical elections to determine voting patterns; candidates, racial and ethnic breakdown of the population; and vote dilution. Several districts have been challenged on the California Voting Rights Act with pending lawsuits and/or fees if found in violation. With the upcoming election of two Board members in November 2014, Counsel can provide a timeline to the Board.

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Motion #164 **MSCU, White/Davis, 5/0, (Sandland teleconferenced) the Board of Education adopted Resolution No. 58-13/14 approving the process for considering a change in the District’s electoral system to a “by-trustee area” election model.**

Roll call vote **AYES: White, Kidd, Sandland, Davis, Collins NOES: None**

COMPLIANCE LETTER TO VCOE In accordance with Gov. Code Section 54960.2 (c)(1) the Board of Education shall consider and/or approve the unconditional compliance letter to be issued to the Ventura County District Attorney regarding alleged Brown Act violations.

Motion #165 **MSCU, Kidd/Davis, 5/0, (Sandland teleconferenced) the Board of Education adopted by roll call vote the Unconditional Compliance letter to be issued to the Ventura County District Attorney in accordance with Government Code 54960.2.**

Roll call vote **AYES: White, Kidd, Sandland, Davis, Collins NOES: None**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION APPROVAL OF SCHOOL CALENDARS Assistant Superintendent Houghton pulled this item.

APPROVAL OF SCHOOLS CLOSED TO SCHOOL OF CHOICE Mr. Ron Todo, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, presented information regarding schools recommended to be closed to School of Choice for 2014-2015. Hollow Hills Fundamental and Vista Fundamental Schools should remain closed as they are magnet schools and their enrollments are determined by lottery.

Motion #166 **MSCU, Davis/White, 5/0, (Sandland teleconferenced) the Board of Education approved by a roll call vote, Hollow Hills and Vista be closed to School of Choice for 2014-2015.**

Roll call vote **AYES: White, Kidd, Sandland, Davis, Collins NOES: None**

DAC FINAL RECOMMENDATION SIMI ELEM Mr. Ron Todo, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, presented the DAC 7-11 Committee’s final report and recommendation not to close and repurpose Simi Elementary School until further studies on the cost of retrofitting the main building and structural condition of the other buildings can be reviewed. Last week the Board received more information from the structural engineer which will be discussed later tonight.

Motion #167 **MSC, Davis/Sandland, 4/0/1, (Sandland teleconferenced) the Board of Education approved and accepted by roll call vote, the DAC 7-11 Committee’s final recommendation for Simi Elementary which is do not close the school but to do further study of the rest of the facility.**

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Roll-call vote **AYES: Kidd, Sandland, Davis, Collins** **NOE: White**

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS
LINCOLN** **None**

**DAC FINAL
RECOMMENDATION
A LINCOLN** Mr. Ron Todo, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, presented the DAC 7-11 Committee’s final report and recommendation not to close and repurpose Abraham Lincoln Elementary.

Motion #168 **MSC, Sandland/Kidd, 4/0/1, (Sandland teleconferenced) the Board of Education approved and accepted by roll call vote, the DAC 7-11 Committee’s final recommendation to not close and repurpose Abraham Lincoln Elementary School.**

Roll call vote **AYES: Kidd, Sandland, Davis, Collins** **NOE: White**

**DAC FINAL
RECOMMENDATION
MOUNTAIN VIEW** Mr. Ron Todo, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, presented the DAC 7-11 Committee’s final report and recommendation to close and repurpose Mountain View Elementary School. A potential plan is to repurpose the site as Monte Vista Independent Study School and a Professional Development Center for SVUSD staff.

Motion #169 **MSC, Kidd/White, 4/0/1, (Sandland teleconferenced) the Board of Education approved and accepted by roll call vote, the DAC 7-11 Committee’s final recommendation to continue the process for school closure and repurpose of Mountain View Elementary School.**

Roll call vote **AYES: White, Kidd, Davis, Collins** **NOE: Sandland**

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS
MT. VIEW** **None**

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS
JUSTIN** Peggy Brite, teacher at Justin, thanked the students and parents who spoke opposed to closing Justin Elementary and appreciated their comments. She requested the Board consider the importance of the community schools.

Audra Steele, parent and teacher at Justin, submitted a proposal to the Board which included: 1) expand the First Five program at Justin; 2) expand CBET community English based tutoring program on campus; 3) establish a transitional developmental kindergarten; 4) eliminate kindergartens at fundamental schools; 5) establish a preschool at Justin similar to Conejo’s preschool program. These recommendations came from the 7-11 DAC. Exhaust every option before you close a school.

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Melanie Lalonde, teacher at Justin, 17 years frustrated with the time line and process to make recommendations to close schools stating it was done in haste and rushed with conflicting information.

**DAC FINAL
RECOMMENDATION
JUSTIN**

Mr. Ron Todo, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, presented the DAC 7-11 Committee's final report and recommendation to close and repurpose Justin Elementary School. A potential plan is to repurpose the site as an Early Childhood Learning Center. This would accommodate the District's pre-school special education programs and services.

Motion #170

Following much Board discussion a motion was made by Trustee White/seconded by Trustee Kidd. The motion failed by a vote 1/0/4, (Sandland teleconferenced) the Board of Education did not approve, by roll call vote, the DAC 7-11 Committee's final recommendation to continue the process to close and repurpose Justin Elementary School. Discussion followed. A reminder was given regarding the Special Board Meeting on January 22 at 5:30 p.m. to further discuss school closures and repurpose options and impact on the budget.

Roll-call vote

AYE: White NOES: Kidd, Sandland, Davis, Collins

RECESS

Board President Collins called a recess from 9:10-9:25 p.m.

**2012 CONFLICT
OF INTEREST
CODE**

Mr. Michael Clear, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Facilities, presented information to the Board regarding a Conflict of Interest Code for the Simi Valley School Financing Authority. Under terms of the code, district positions are designated which require disclosure.

Motion #171

MSCU, Davis/Kidd, 5/0, (Sandland teleconferenced) the Board of Education adopted the 2012 Conflict of Interest Code for the Simi Valley School Financing Authority.

Roll call vote

AYES: White, Kidd, Sandland, Davis, Collins NOES: None

**RELOCATION
OF PORTABLES**

Mr. Michael Clear, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Facilities, explained to the Board it is desirable to relocate staff from the Administration Building at Simi Elementary School due to the age and condition of the building. Two District-owned portable buildings can be set up at the front of the school.

Motion #172

MSCU, Davis/Kidd, 5/0, (Sandland teleconferenced) the Board of Education approved by roll call vote, the relocation of two District-owned portable buildings from Sinaloa Middle School to Simi Elementary School.

Roll call vote

AYES: White, Kidd, Sandland, Davis, Collins NOES: None

BOARD

Trustee Kidd proposed that Educational Services, Information #1 Regarding

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SUGGESTION **SVUSD Plan to Redesign Hillside Middle School be moved forward on the agenda. The Board agreed.**

INFORMATION CALENDAR

INFORMATION REGARDING HILLSIDE REDESIGN Director Peplinski presented information from the 7-11 DAC Committee regarding the operational efficiency of SVUSD school sites. A potential plan for Hillside Middle School is to create a 5-8 Performing Arts/Technology Magnet that mimics Santa Susana High School. A powerpoint presentation was given to detail the specifics and positive impact of the plan. This item is presented for information only. Discussion followed. Generally, the Board was supportive of the proposed configuration for Hillside M.S. Some of their concerns were a 5-8 configuration; how will it be marketed; a redesign may increase student enrollment; possibility of offering a full year science and meet A-G requirements.

BOARD DIRECTION The Board gave direction to staff to continue looking at this model and looking for funding partnerships and resources to make it a hallmark program.

1ST READING REVISED BB 9010 Board Bylaw 9010 (Public Statements) is being presented to the Board for review to consider limiting the time for BOE comments and communication during regular and special Board meetings.

Trustee White had concerns with the wording regarding information disclosed from closed session, violations of the Brown Act, and the proposed five minute time limit would not allow the full spirit of governance.

Attorney Thurbon clarified points of concern with the bottom line the law will trump board policy. Attorney Thurbon will review the language of the proposed board policy and report his findings back to the Board.

This item is presented for information only.

INFORMATION SEA PRESIDENT SALARY AND REIMBURSEMENT Assistant Superintendent Houghton presented information regarding the Simi Educators Association’s President salary reimbursement as specified in the SEA contract. This item is presented for information only.

Counsel responded with the opinion that we have to honor the contract language so as not to force the issue of an unfair labor challenge. Attorney Thurbon stated CTA’s position was sound analysis and legal argument and counsel is not prepared to recommend the District pursue litigation. Discussion followed with Trustee White requesting a second opinion as to whether salary reimbursement is a misuse of public funds. Trustee Collins requested an opinion from Attorney Thurbon stating most districts follow the same procedure of release time with reimbursement.

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Dr. Scroggin stated as this is a negotiated item, administration will provide the Board with a list of duties and assignments of the association president that are district directed and not of direct benefit to the union.

C4 BOND AUDIT The C4 Bond was passed by the citizens of Simi Valley in March 2004. A requirement of the passing of the bond on a 55% vote is that a performance audit be conducted on an annual basis. Article XIII, Section 1(b)(3)(c) states "A requirement that the school district board, community college board, or county office of education conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the funds have been expended only on the specific projects listed."

A scope of work was developed by the Independent Citizens Oversight Committee for the audit. The report reflects expenditures and transfers for the 2012/13 fiscal year.

Renee Graves, the auditor from Vincenti, Lloyd & Stutzman presented an overview on the C4 Bond audit. The auditor's conclusion showed that in all significant respects, SVUSD has properly accounted for the expenditures associated with the Measure C4 bond funds, and such expenditures were made on authorized bond projects. A complete copy of the report is on file in the Bond office. The Board thanked Ms. Graves for the thorough report and was very satisfied with the clean audit.

QTR. REPORT ON WILLIAMS AND VALENZUELA UNIFORM COMPLAINTS In accordance with AR 1312.4 and E.C. Section 35186, the Superintendent or designee shall report summarized data on the nature and resolution of all complaints on a quarterly basis to the Board and the County Superintendent of Schools. The report shall include the number of complaints by general subject area with the number of resolved and unresolved complaints. These summaries shall be publicly reported on a quarterly basis at a regularly scheduled Board meeting. No complaints were received during this Quarter covering 10/1/13 – 12/31/13. This item is presented for information only.

1st READING AR 3581 The purpose of AR 3581 (Electronic Records) is to set forth SVUSD's electronic records retention and to further confirm SVUSD personnel responsibilities to ensure full compliance with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations. This item is presented for information only.

CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST C4 BOND FUNDS SYCAMORE Sycamore Elementary School is requesting consideration for allocation of Measure C4 bond funds to purchase new sound equipment for the multi-purpose room at a cost of \$2,600 which will leave a balance of \$93.79. A complete packet of including involvement of stakeholders and project description is available in the Bond Office.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT JUNE 30, 2013 The annual financial audit of all school district funds for 2012/2013, as required by the Education Code, has been completed. The financial audit report is filed with the Board of Education, the County Superintendent of Schools, the County Clerk, The Department of Education, and the Department of Finance in accordance with the code, and posted on the Simi Valley Unified School District website.

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At this time, the Board is to review and acknowledge the audit report management comments and prior year findings. Administrative staff will review the recommendations presented in the audit report and will implement them to the extent possible under current staff and financial limitations.

Matt Miller, representative from Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP presented the annual audit report. Mr. Miller reported a very positive report overall. More information and a complete copy of the report is available in the office of Business & Facilities. The Board thanked Mr. Miller for his thorough report and patience.

The following item will be pulled and moved to the Special Board Meeting as an Action item scheduled January 22.

**NEW SYNTHETIC
FIELD AND TOP
COAT FOR TRACK**

On August 6, 2013, the Board approved allocating \$1,033,722 toward replacing the RHS track and drainage system. The District is now considering replacing the existing grass football with new synthetic turf. In order to allocate funds toward new synthetic turf, the scope of proposed work on the track would be reduced to include only a new top coat on the existing track and new drainage systems. The new drainage systems can be paid for with C4 Bond funds and are estimated to cost \$560,845. A new funding source is necessary for the cost of synthetic turf which is estimated at \$532,568.

The following item will be pulled and moved to the Special Board Meeting as an Action item scheduled January 22.

**SIMI ELEM
MODERNIZATION
AND RETROFIT**

At Simi Elementary School, the estimated total cost for seismic retrofit and modernization of the main building is \$6,300,000. The estimated cost to modernize the rest of the campus is \$3,169,402. Assistant Superintendent Clear explained the district can request priority funding from the State by April or May of 2014 and if granted, would have 90 days to enter a construction contract.

**CONSIDERATION
OF ITEMS FOR
FUTURE
AGENDAS**

Trustee Kidd requested information regarding the lease on Belwood School and who is responsible for maintenance of the property. Assistant Superintendent Clear will research the lease agreement and provide information to the Board.

**PROPOSED
AGENDA
ITEMS**

Trustee White has concerns with athletic facilities & fields. Assistant Superintendent Clear will inspect the athletic fields and provide information to the Board in February.

Trustee Kidd requested replace 2 trees for every 1 tree removed due to solar panels and include the neighbors in the decision. Assistant Superintendent Clear responded a landscaping plan will be prepared for the schools with different options for different sites and will come to the Board for review. Trustee Kidd commended Solar City for moving panels at White Oak and Santa Susana High School at their cost.

Trustee Sandland requested an update on community input on solar panels. She is concerned with the school district being a good neighbor to the community.

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Dr. Scroggin commented the District continues to reach out to the community. Dr. Scroggin met with the Eric Levitt, City Manager and agreed SVUSD will contact Environmental Services to collaborate more to get ideas from them and the community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Public Hearing January 21, 2014	CONFIRMED	6:00 p.m.	Mountain View 2925 Fletcher St., Simi Valley
Special Board Meeting January 22, 2014	CONFIRMED	5:30 p.m.	Educational Services Center Floyd Binns Room
Public Hearing #1 January 22, 2014	CANCELLED	5:00 p.m.	Justin 2245 N. Justin Ave., Simi Valley
Public Hearing #2 January 22, 2014	CANCELLED	7:00 p.m.	A. Lincoln 1220 Fourth St., Simi Valley
Special Board Meeting January 28, 2014	IF NEEDED	5:30 p.m.	Sinaloa Middle School 601 Royal Ave., Simi Valley
Special Board Meeting February 4, 2014	EXPULSIONS	5:30 p.m.	Floyd Binns Room Educational Services Center
Regular Board Meeting February 11, 2014		5:30 p.m.	Council Chamber City Hall
Personnel Commission Regular Meeting February 12, 2014		6:00 p.m.	Floyd Binns Room Educational Services Center
ICOC Meeting Date & Location TBD		6:30 p.m.	

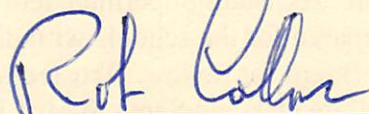
ADJOURNMENT

MSCU, Kidd/Davis, 5/0, to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 p.m.

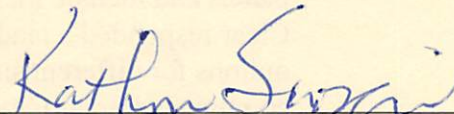
Motion #173

Approved on February 11, 2014

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Rob Collins
President, Board of Education



Dr. Kathryn Scroggin, Superintendent
Secretary to the Board of Education

**SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
Date: January 21, 2014**

- CALL TO ORDER
OPEN SESSION** The special meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Collins at 6:02 p.m. in the MPR of Mountain View Elementary School, located at 2925 Fletcher Street, Simi Valley.
- PRESENT** Board Members: Rob Collins, Jeanne Davis, Arleigh Kidd,
Debbie Sandland and Dan White
Staff Members: Dr. Kathryn Scroggin, Superintendent
Ron Todo, Assistant Superintendent
Facilitator: Leigh Nixon, President and CEO, Chamber of Commerce
- FLAG SALUTE** The Flag Salute was led by Board President Collins.
- SUPERINTENDENT
WELCOME** Dr. Scroggin, Superintendent, welcomed all parents, students, staff and Board Members to the Public Meeting.
- ES INFO #1
REGARDING
1 DAC
CLOSE
AND
REPURPOSE
MT. VIEW
ELEMENTARY** Ron Todo, Assistant Superintendent and Chair of the 7-11 District Advisory Committee (7-11 DAC), reviewed the goals of the committee and the process by which the SVUSD committee reviewed data and made recommendations to the Board of Education to close four schools in order to right-size the SVUSD, making it fiscally sound. Mr. Todo announced that the Board of Education will be holding another Special Board Meeting and public hearing at the District Offices (875 E. Cochran Street, Simi Valley) on January 22 at 6:00 p.m., in regards to the role of school closure and right sizing a school district. Furthermore an additional Special Board Meeting will be held on January 28 at 6:00 p.m., at Sinaloa Middle School in regards to the Board voting in regards to school closure.
- INTRODUCTION
OF FACILITATOR** Dr. Scroggin then introduced Leigh Nixon, President and CEO, Chamber of Commerce as the facilitator of the meeting.
- PUBLIC HEARING
OPENED** The Public Hearing regarding closure and repurpose of Mountain View Elementary was opened at 6:16 p.m.
- 46 blue cards (individuals requesting to speak to the Board) on the agenda were received. 812 yellow cards were received (individuals stating their support of keeping Mountain View Elementary open; not wanting to speak to the Board).
- PUBLIC
COMMENTS
MT. VIEW** **MOUNTAIN VIEW ELEMENTARY:** 46 speakers voiced opposition to closing Mountain View Elementary.
- Dayle Gillick - President of the SEA, a member of both the School Consolidation Task Force and the 7-11 District Advisory Committee, supports not closing Mountain View

Elementary until the Board develops an overall plan for the district to be fiscally responsible.

Shannon Leyba – Student and alumni. Faced many challenges herself and stated MountainView teachers were very good and the campus is a good environment for special needs students.

Rick and Stephanie Hyatt – Concerned with vacant school; vacant houses in the neighborhood, crime, what the district is doing to bring kids back into MountainView; Customer Service?; Runkle Canyon projected enrollment?

Jennifer Jones – Abraham Lincoln parent, sad that MountainView is still on the proposed closing list. There is a public relations position opening, should talk to the community and find out ways parents and the community can increase revenue.

Anna Wilson – Why does SVUSD offer School of Choice? The economy has left many houses vacant, it's not Mtn.View's fault that there aren't kids in the neighborhood any longer.

Jonathan Uhlman – Alumni and student graduating from SSHA. Received a good education at Mountain View; most proud that he has started a robotics program at SSHA, which has just received a \$50K grant for STEM. Many parents won't stay in the district if Mountain View closes.

James Cunningham – student, teachers put in a lot of effort, this is my second home, and it is safe and sound.

Jeanine Meyers – Nieces and Nephews and grandchildren are students at Mountain View, hope the Board reconsider the decision to close this school.

John Jurek – Concerned about the closure of a school with a unique and special culture. Does not want his son transferred to another school, concerned he would not receive the same services at another school. Please take Mountain View off the chopping block!

Chloe Fromer – student, technology is the main part of learning, SmartBoards, and great memories with my friends every day.

Kaitlyn and Karissa Bauman – students; we have a big heart for Mountain View. Kids have a voice, and the kids don't want Mountain View to close; if it closes the biggest special education program in Simi Valley would be shut down. Don't ask us to give up our school, make the right decision.

R. C. Sweeney – student, all my memories will disappear, closing it will break hearts, please don't close our schools.

Jami Bray – parent, incredible teachers; believes it is not true that larger schools offer better educational opportunities; please do not close a school whose testing results are above the district average.

Kris Oeland – we chose this school, this is a family, we know each other's names and faces, staff welcomes us every day, we do not want to go to another school.

Traci Ae – thanked Justin and Lincoln for coming out and supporting Mountain View. Disappointed that at the last Board Meeting a quick vote was taken and Mountain View was left on the chopping block. We want to stay at our neighborhood school.

Mark Seabaugh – father, Mountain View offers art and music programs to their students. We do not want to move to a sub-standard institution like Berylwood, Simi El will cost \$6m to retrofit an unsafe building and the Board considered closing Mountain View to save \$236K. The district wastes money on portables, playgrounds and salaries. Find the money somewhere else.

Markie Seabaugh – student, please don't shut down my small school, it's a big family to me.

Gina Smith – parent of Autistic son, thanks Principal Goldman for giving her son his voice back; concerned that her son will not do as well in another school setting.

Kim A. Carrell – grandfather, lived in Simi for more than 35 years; second generation attending Mountain View. Grandson has Autism, and Mountain View is his third school; now there is no behavior problems, interact with special needs and general education students.

Kirk Bauman – Runkle Canyon development gave this school board over 2 million dollars to serve this community. What kind of message does that send the developers? This school has White Boards, technology and the students do not want to go elsewhere.

Cinnamon Lizarzaburu – PTA Board member, stated Mountain View students thrive and learn. Consider the time and money spent on transition; has the same effort been put into keeping Mountain View open as given in closing Mountain View? Maybe if more effort had been made, more families would have stayed.

Jasmine Moreno – Wants to fight for her childhood elementary school, now a proud successful student enrolled in the medical HOSA program. Ms. Goldman is an amazing leader.

Kori Stricker – pass – blue card stated, lives across the street, keep Mountain View open.

Judi Malone - PTA President – parents need to know where does that money go (i.e., furlough days, etc.)?

Marcus Evans – student, wants the school to stay open, it's clean, safe, patriotic, has SmartBoards, technology, and everyone helps special education student feel better, lots of assemblies and fire drills. Please keep our school open.

Lizzie Barajas – student, all kids have been very nice to me and I like the teachers; we would miss the beautiful view, great field trips, technology, and there is no bullying on this campus.

Tina Clarke – parent stated her son Logan Clarke started at a private school, shopped around and this is the best place for Logan; made great strides in reading. The district needs to figure out how to stop open enrollment. Think some families were misled to what programs are available. All kids (regular ed and special ed) have issues. Our teachers care about our kids.

Elayne Liva, mom and an alumni shared a letter written by her sister who is a teacher in Las Vegas. “Someplace wonderful that does wonderful things. Familiar with special needs, love and care provided – strongly urge you to reconsider not closing Mountain View Elementary.”

Dorothy Ae (Aloha) – We want you to work with us, not against us. Hear our voices and carry them forward. Welcome to beautiful Mountain View. There is no other school like it in the valley. Wonderful leaders, Dr. Scroggin you were a principal here; we’re so appreciative of Ms. Goldman. We are family, we belong to this school and we will fight to keep it open.

Jeremy Sweeney – a former student, and his wife is also a former student, daughter is a current student. Mountain View is family to us, going back to the 80’s and our daughter loves this school.

Maria G. Lazo - pass – blue card stated in support of keeping Mountain View open.

Amarillis DeJesus – mom, brought her son from Puerto Rico two years ago and the district sent me to Mountain View. This school provides the best services for her son who at nine spoke no words, within a year he was speaking in complete sentences. Mother does not want to see schools closed and services stopped like they were in Puerto Rico

Anne Diveliss – my grandchild was not happy at other schools, now he is happy, he doesn’t cry or say he won’t go to school. Don’t turn your backs on us, my grandson counts and he can make a difference. Don’t close Mountain View at the cost of students attending here.

John Southwick – Neighbor, a lot of good families want to figure out a way to make up the \$236K to save Mountain View. Why spend \$150K on solar panels if no one will be here to use them?

Chuck Ruben - 2nd generation, kids and grandkids. Make the right decision! If Mountain View is not going to get a fair shake, vote the decision makers out.

Edward Grap – pass – blue card stated – in opposition to closing Mountain View.

Heather Ream/Grap – Is closing Mountain View the best financial decision? Customer Service is a high point. Will our children have preferential placement if relocated to a school of our choice? Use awesome ads to attract Runkle kids and others who have left.

Michelle Sires – PTA Member, concerned about research showing negative effect on academics, drop out and graduation rates when students are sent to lower achieving schools; If students transfer to better performing schools, it affects students positively, but Mountain View parents don't have that option.

Sam Eric – student, this school is very lovely and nice. Every kid makes friends, helping kids that are new, we don't fight, are treated equal and are a family.

Anna Pearson – parent of six and PTA President, feels angry that it has taken a lot of work by a lot of fabulous people making this school feel the sense of community. This is my children's' neighborhood school. Think of the children first.

Mischelle Ray parent, district employee and daughters, Lilia and Sierra, – mother of four and alumni. Moved here forty years ago and started in 2nd grade. Memories are being made here now, this is so important to us. Bigger is not always better. I have to believe that this school will stay open. (Lilia Ray - I love my school and don't want to lose my friends. Sierra Ray – a small school makes us have big hearts.)

**CLOSE PUBLIC
HEARING**

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:59 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

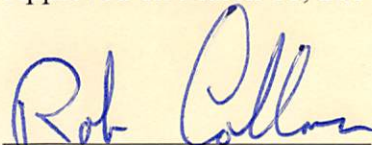
Special Board Meeting – Wednesday, January 22, 2014, 6 p.m. at SVUSD, 875 E. Cochran Street, Simi Valley, CA

Special Board Meeting – Tuesday, January 28, 2014 6:00 p.m. at Sinaloa Middle School, 1402 Royal Avenue, Simi Valley, CA

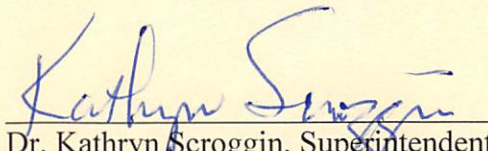
ADJOURNMENT President Collins adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m. There was no second.

Approved on March 11, 2014

MSCU=Motion, Seconded, Carried, Unanimous



Rob Collins
President of the Board of Education



Dr. Kathryn Scroggin, Superintendent
Secretary to the Board of Education

TITLE: APPROVAL OF REVISED MINUTES TO ACCURATELY REFLECT THE MOTION THAT WAS MADE ON BUSINESS & FACILITIES ACTION #2 SIMI ELEMENTARY'S SCHOOL MODERNIZATION AND SEISMIC RETROFIT COST ESTIMATES FROM THE JANUARY 22, 2014 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Board/Administration
Action #3

April 15, 2014
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Prepared by: Dr. Kathryn Scroggin, Superintendent

Background Information

After further consideration of the transcript from the January 22, 2014 Board meeting regarding Business & Facilities Action #3 Simi Elementary School Modernization and Seismic Retrofit Cost Estimates from the January 22, 2014 Special Board Meeting, it has been determined that minutes should be revised to accurately reflect the motion that was made on Business and Facilities Action #2, Simi Elementary's School Modernization and Seismic Retrofit Costs Estimates.

Minutes From 1-22-14:

MSCU, Sandland/White, 5/0, the Board of Education approved by a roll-call vote Simi Elementary School Modernization and Seismic Retrofit Cost Estimates Pending the structural engineer report of the other buildings on campus.

Minutes Revised To:

MSCU, Sandland/White, 5/0, the Board of Education approved by a roll-call vote to move forward with the next seismic engineering study of Simi Elementary School.

Fiscal Analysis

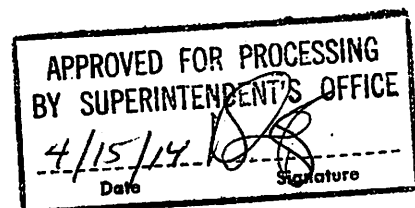
No change.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board approve the revised Minutes as clarified above.

On motion of Trustee Kidd, seconded by Trustee DAVIS and carried by a roll-call vote of 5/0, the Board of Education approved the revised minutes to the January 22, 2014 Special Board Meeting.

Ayes: White, Kidd, Sandland, Daves, Collins
Noes: 0
Absent: 0
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**SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REVISED MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

January 22, 2014

Revised April 15, 2014

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CLOSED SESSION
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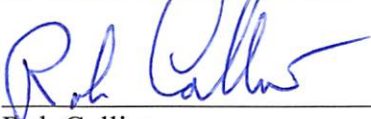
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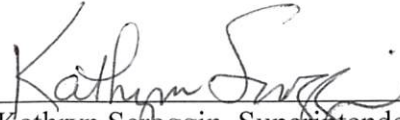
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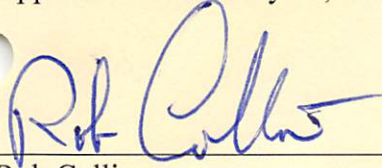
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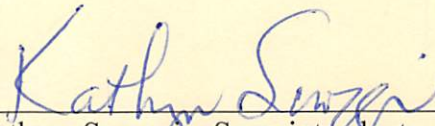
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**SUPERINTENDENT
WELCOME** Dr. Scroggin stated at the Board Meeting held on January 22, 2014 the Board asked for a structural evaluation of Simi Elementary. At the time this agenda was printed, the report was not available. The report is now available and Dr. Scroggin asked Tony Joseph, Bond Program Manager to read the summary.

Tony Joseph read the conclusion of the structural engineers' assessment. All buildings except the main building have cosmetic issues, but are structurally sound. The main building has structural integrity issues.

Dr. Scroggin requested Tony Joseph to describe the location and soil assessment portion of the report.

Tony Joseph explained the report states the site itself sits on very sandy, corrosive soil. If the soil becomes wet it can cause deterioration of any metal in the soil, as well as additional settling of any building on the site.

President Collins stated that a copy of the structural engineering report will be available to the public after the meeting.

**ES ACTION #1
RELOCATION OF
SIMI
ELEMENTARY
TO ANOTHER
DISTRICT
CAMPUS**

Superintendent Scroggin stated the Simi Elementary main campus has had many issues with the facility and its infrastructure. Some of these issues are broken water mains; possible broken sewer line under a classroom which has caused the floor to sink; gas lines underground which are old and brittle causing periodic leaks; old septic tanks; deteriorating roofs; a septic tank which is in danger of collapsing. It was recommended by LI & Associates Structural Engineers, to either upgrade or vacate the administration building in the near future. Because of this, two student restrooms can no longer be used by the students. In addition, structural engineers have inspected the rest of the campus. Unfortunately, that report is not yet ready for review. It is being recommended that the Board give direction to move Simi Elementary to another campus.

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS**

President Collins opened the floor for public comments at 5:37 p.m.

Clerk of the Board Davis reported the number of blue and yellow cards received. The total number of cards received.

Thirteen (13) Blue cards were submitted during the meeting.

Sixty-seven (67) Yellow cards were received during the meeting; (26) yellow cards were received in opposition of closing Simi Elementary; (30) yellow cards were received in opposition to closing Simi Elementary and if closed, would prefer to relocate to Berylwood Elementary; (9) yellow cards were received in opposition to closing Simi Elementary and if closed, would prefer to relocate to Mountain View Elementary; (1) yellow card was received in support of Berylwood Elementary; and (1) yellow card was received in support of Mountain View Elementary. **Note: Some cards were unsigned and some were submitted by the same people, in the different categories. Cards continued to be brought forward during Public Comments and before the close of the meeting.*

President Collins will reopen public comments prior to any Action. Clerk of the Board Davis called the names from the Blue Cards:

Christi Hanretta – In opposition to the relocation of Simi Elementary before the school year ends. A teacher for 21 years at Simi El; staff feels very strongly about what they do at Simi El; confused why suddenly it's a danger and staff/students have to leave the site; mixed information/signals. Hope to at least finish school year on Simi El campus.

Kristin Rice and Jill Robles (partner teachers) – In response to closing Simi Elementary. Both 4th grade teachers at Berylwood. Concerned about the Simi El Facebook website and the negative statements about Berylwood. We as teachers know great things are happening at every site and amazing things are happening at Berylwood; until you come over and visit us, meet our children, please don't judge us.

Jennifer Furs – Keep Simi Elementary open and repair/fix as other sites are maintained. She never heard of a leaky gas line in 12 years; repairs have to be done and the report says Simi Elementary is structurally secure; there are never lines at the bathrooms; why is the oldest school last on the list for modernization and not first?; we feel very safe. If the Board decides to close Simi Elementary it is breaking up a solid program; we want to stay on campus and keep raising our test scores; Get the work started now!

Tracie Bowden – In support of the closure of Simi El. Declined to speak.

James Lauro – Simi Elementary has been neglected for a long time; very frustrating to hear now we are unsafe; concerned of fear tactics; scaring staff; just a political move to close the school? If the building is unsafe; when was it decided the building was unsafe? What about notification of families and staff members; OSHA standards, public awareness.

Cindy Munsterman – Reserves the right to speak later.

Amy Ratermann – In support of staying at Simi Elementary or going to Berylwood, if we have to move. PTA President of Simi Elementary. The Simi Elementary School Accountability Report Card dated July 2013 states an exemplary rating. Simi El has been passed over when every other school has been repaired; portable bathrooms should be moved onto the campus. If the school is so unsafe someone would have closed the school down; so much history, built in 1926, oldest school around.

Jennifer Jones – In support of closing Simi Elementary. Gave a written statement to the Board in favor of closing Simi Elementary; fiscally responsible, move historical building to Strathearn; turn Berylwood into a fundamental school and/or change the name to Simi Elementary; fixing Simi Elementary too big of a project.

Leah Segedie – In support of moving children to Mountain View. Never knew about gas leaks; filing a Williams Act Complaint, district must resolve this in 45-60 days, or it goes to the County; any parent can fill out the Williams Act; District has to take it very seriously.

Ed Dome – School Safety. – The engineering report said the other buildings are sound, soil is an issue; keep the school open and maintained; Simi El has a good program and good staff.

CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT

President Collins concluded Public Comments at 6:01 p.m. and turned the floor over to Dr. Scroggin.

Dr. Scroggin stated that there have been many maintenance issues at the Simi Elementary School site; deteriorating roofs, broken and repaired water main, possible sewer line break causing floors to sink; because of the age of the site it is likely these leaks will happen more frequently, the site has old septic tanks and one septic tank in danger of collapsing. The Geo-Technical report Tony Joseph read stated the soil is naturally highly corrosive to exposed pipes. To correct the problem all subterranean water pipes and sewer lines exposed to the soil need to be located, evaluated for leaks and repaired or replaced; a global maintenance problem. Even small leaks, over time, may cause localized soil collapse. The information gathered and observed gives concern to buildings #4 and #5. Obviously, to assess all these issues, it is difficult to accomplish when people are on campus.

Williams Settlement complaints can be filed if a condition exists creating an emergency or urgent threat to students or staff. A requirement of the Williams Settlement Act requires that a significant number of restrooms must be open to accommodate students and staff. Two bathrooms were closed in the main building that contribute to looking at a campus, through no fault of its own, that is aging and rapidly approaching the acceleration in the deterioration of the campus; including, water main breaks, discovery of septic tanks that need to be removed, and soil that is suspect of the failure of some of the infrastructure. This is a serious

problem that needs to be addressed, decisions have to be made on what needs to be done and what resources are available.

When students are relocated to another campus it can be very traumatic. Dr. Scroggin is familiar with relocation, as the principal of SVHS in 1994, she helped facilitate the move of SVHS students and staff to the RHS campus after the Northridge earthquake. At first the move was stressful (mostly due to the disaster) but it also became an opportunity for students and staff to work together and form relationships that would not have occurred otherwise. There are things that the Board will have to consider once a decision to relocate is made, such as, the cost of moving, providing transportation, and other ancillary costs that may not be readily apparent. It may be necessary to hire a professional moving company to do the move. The Board would also have to look at cost to transport students to the new location.

Dr. Scroggin stated that after listening to input from parents and staff (on site, at past meetings, via phone calls, written communications, emails, and this evening), future consideration to retrofit, repair and modernize Simi Elementary should be looked at immediately. At this time Dr. Scroggin recommended to amend the agenda item to close Simi Elementary by abandoning the proposed move to Berylwood and recommending the relocation to Mountain View Elementary campus.

Trustee White inquired about the bathroom situation. Tony Joseph responded two restrooms that are attached to the main building have been closed; a main pipe rupture caused the closing of another bathroom, but is currently back in service. Older bathrooms on campus are not as large, are inadequate, and not located as conveniently to classrooms as the closed bathrooms were; and, the older bathrooms are functional but have not been modernized to be ADA compliant.

President Collins – There is a suggestion to do a thorough study in regards to soil collapse, how long would that take? School safety is our number one priority. What would be the time frame to correct those items? Tony Joseph responded – All water pipes would need to be replaced to reduce the chance of soil collapse; slow leak hard to find; modernizing would take about a year. Infrastructure repair and maintenance is usually done during the summer, and then the retrofit would take significantly longer. Repairs have to go through a bidding process, so the cost would depend on the study.

Trustee Sandland – Regarding gas leaks, the school has been open since 1926, how is that compared to other schools? Is it something to be concerned about? When have any water pipes at Simi Elementary ever replaced? Why not fix the leaks and why not repipe? Trustee Sandland stated she has been on the Board a long time, she feels responsible and sorry about not looking at the maintenance issues at Simi Elementary; now having heard that the report states the buildings are structurally sound, just fix the pipes and she votes not to relocate Simi Elementary to another campus.

Trustee White – in regards to the Main Administration building do we need to secure and fence the main building? Tony Joseph responded the Structural Engineer periodically has been assessing the site. During the most recent visit, he came to the conclusion the building continues to settle, and therefore is not stable and in an earthquake it has a higher potential to collapse. It would make sense to put a suitable fence around the main building to keep people a safe distance away from the vicinity in the event of an earthquake.

President Collins - There seems to be some suggestion about the neglect of Simi Elementary and maintenance, what does the Bond Department do for routine maintenance? Tony Joseph responded that staff is out at every campus.

A little history of Simi Elementary and how the Bond Department goes about modernizing: In 2006, the Board allocated \$2.6 million to modernize Simi Elementary. In its current condition the site needs about \$10 million to be brought to the same standards as other schools. SVUSD has designated a budget for each school and the Bond Department does the best to make that money last, evaluating the condition of the facilities, prioritizing what can be fixed and aligning the budget to the projects, competitive bids and implementation of the work. Incidentals like temporary housing costs reduce the budgeted amount. The last five years we have received good bids. We have modernized many campuses.

President Collins and Trustee Kidd – What do we do to evaluate and inspect our schools to make sure they are safe? Tony Joseph responded we go through each school and evaluate the conditions, draft a report of the condition of facilities and identify what scope of work needed at each site.

President Collins – Stated that everyone heard Dr. Scroggins' recommendation to move students to Mountain View; he asked if there were any further questions from the Board, and then the public will have time to make comments.

Jeannie Davis – How much money is needed to bring Simi Elementary up to Code (water, gas, ADA and all necessities)? Tony Joseph responded that the Administrative Building has an estimated \$6.3 million cost. The modernization of the site is projected to cost approximately \$3.3-\$4.3 million dollars; this does not include the Administrative building. It would be difficult to bring the site up to ADA standards without having an administrative facility.

Trustee White – If we go forward, the structural report says the Administrative building is highly likely to suffer major damage in an earthquake event, due to structural shifting. We need to put a fence around it right away. Keep people away; what costs or where does that leave us?

Michael Clear – If the Board so directs us to place a fence around the building as suggested by Tony Joseph, it can certainly be done.

President Collins – The Board directed staff to place a fence as in any construction site, and it should happen immediately, to keep public off site.

President Collins reopened the floor to Public Comments at 6:25 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cindy Munsterman - In opposition of closing Simi Elementary. Employee on campus for eight years and children are enrolled there. Simi Elementary has been passed over. There have been many opportunities to fix it. The site is 86 years old, no wonder there are problems. How many schools are ADA compliant? We are not talking about fixing the main building; fix the surrounding campus, don't move us, don't disrupt us. The SARC stated the site is safe as of July 2013. It is rumored the gas leak was due to the installation of solar panels; we didn't vote on that. Years ago oil was found bubbling up on the ground; that situation was fixed, why wasn't the foundation shored up at that time? The community loves

that school. Just because a site is old, doesn't mean it is disposable. We want to stay on site for the remainder of the year, fix our school, bathrooms are suitable, put a fence around the main building, children are happy, never feared a gas leak, no one ever moved students or staff; Buzzword, repurpose, take it over as the new district offices? Reviewing our options, there is not enough room for our students at Mountain View, they can't stay together; Simi Elementary would need a larger facility, no parking (Berylwood would be a better choice); don't close Simi Elementary, please fix it.

James Lauro – Asked if the Structural Engineer was present and how were the measurements done? Measurements are taken from the distance of the floor line or the actual wood floor? The Structural Engineer is not present.

Margaret Twomey – 6th grade teacher. If you decide that you want to close the school, can the students still walk across the stage for graduation? For the kids it means a lot since so many kids before them were able to do so.

Clerk of the Board Davis read the additional yellow cards that had been turned in after the meeting had started.

Kristi Hanretta – Speaking for Staff again, there needs to be 2 motions – one motion whether we have to relocate at all and a 2nd motion to talk and let the community express their opinions regarding a location. Staff, parents and students should be part of the choice where Simi Elementary is being relocated to. We are shocked that the only option is to move to Mountain View. We feel parents have the right to be a part of that decision.

President Collins – Requested Dr. Scroggin to review the pros and cons of why Mountain View Elementary was chosen to share the campus with Simi Elementary. Dr. Scroggin responded that Mountain View staff expressed an interest to welcome Simi Elementary. There is space to accommodate all staff and students. Berylwood Elementary classes are set up spread around the campus, which would not be able to accommodate Simi Elementary classrooms to be placed in one area.

Trustee Sandland – The report stated Simi Elementary condition of the soil and scope was replace gas and water pipe systems – it would be part of modernization part and parcel, could we move emergency rooms onto campus, address on a timely manner?

Tony Joseph – I am certain that the soil does accelerate the deterioration. Now about additional outside resources to replace water and gas lines, there is none at this time.

Trustee Sandland – Is there any way to find out about additional resources before we make a final decision.

Tony Joseph – The gas line was replaced at Park View and there are plans for three other schools to be modernized this summer.

Trustee Sandland – Why hasn't Simi Elementary been on this list? Tony Joseph responded, that at the January 24 Board Meeting, an agenda item was brought forward and Simi Elementary was outlined as one of the proposed projects for basic modernization; replace gas and water pipe systems if the modernization project was implemented.

Clerk of the Board Davis – again read additional yellow cards that had been turned in after the meeting had started.

CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT

President Collins: Concludes Public Comment at 6:40 p.m.

PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Trustee Sandland - Implementation of the modernization of Simi Elementary; modernize the school immediately and keep it open for students and staff.

President Collins responded that in two weeks a decision will be made about what to do with Simi Elementary. Trustee Sandland inquired if anyone looked at the Mountain View Parking lot?

Motion #180

MSC, White/Kidd, 4/1, the Board of Education approved the relocation of Simi Elementary to Mountain View Elementary for the remainder of the school year.

VOTE:

AYES: Collins, Davis, Kidd, White **Noes:** Sandland

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

MSCU, Collins/White, 5/0, to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Motion #181

VOTE:

AYES: Collins, Davis, Kidd, Sandland, White **Noes:** None

Approved on March 11, 2014

MSCU = Motion, Seconded, Carried, Unanimous

Rob Collins
Rob Collins
President of Board of Education

Kathryn Scroggin
Kathryn Scroggin Superintendent
Secretary to Board of Education



**SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER
OPEN SESSION** The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Board President Collins at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Chambers located at City Hall, 2929 Tapo Canyon Road, Simi Valley.

PRESENT Board Members: Rob Collins, Jeanne Davis, Arleigh Kidd,
Debbie Sandland, Dan White

Staff Members: Dr. Kathryn Scroggin, Superintendent
Ron Todo, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services
Dan Houghton, Assistant Superintendent Personnel Services
Mr. Mike Clear, Assistant Superintendent Business & Facilities

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS** There were no public comments regarding closed items.

CLOSED SESSION The Board adjourned to closed session at 5:31 p.m. to conduct the following:

**CLOSED SESSION
ADJOURNMENT** **MSCU, Kidd/Davis, 5/0, to adjourn the closed session at 6:24 p.m.**

Motion #182

Vote: Ayes: White, Kidd, Sandland, Davis, Collins Noes: 0

**RECESS/
OPEN SESSION** The Board took a short recess and reconvened in City Hall Chambers at 6:33 p.m. for open session.

FLAG SALUTE The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Collins.

**CLOSED SESSION
REPORT** President Collins reported the following action taken in closed session:

**3.1 WAIVER
OF HEARING** **MSCU, Davis/White, 5/0, to approve Recommendation of
Student Waiver of Hearing Student Case #12.**

Motion # 183

Vote: Ayes: White, Kidd, Sandland, Davis, Collins Noes: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0

**3.2 WAIVER
OF HEARING** **MSCU, White/Kidd, 5/0, to approve Recommendation of
Student Waiver of Hearing Student Case #13.**

Motion #184

Vote: Ayes: White, Kidd, Sandland, Davis, Collins Noes: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0

**3.3 WAIVER
HEARING***Motion #185*

Vote: Ayes: White, Kidd, Sandland, Davis, Collins Noes: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0

MSCU, White/Kidd, 5/0, to approve Recommendation of Student Waiver of Hearing Student Case #15.**3.4 SEA
NEGOTIATIONS****No Action****3.5 CSEA
NEGOTIATIONS****No Action****3.6 WORKERS'
COMPENSATION***Motion #186*

Vote: Ayes: White, Kidd, Sandland, Davis, Collins Noes: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0

MSCU, Sandland/Davis, 5/0, the Board of Education agreed to a Settlement Workers' Compensation Claim No. Simi-005630, Simi-006632 and Simi-007206.**3.7 PERSONNEL****No Action****3.8 PERSONNEL****No Action****3.9 PERSONNEL***Motion # 187*

Vote: Ayes: White, Kidd, Sandland, Davis, Collins Noes: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0

MSCU, Davis/White, 5/0, regarding Public Employment matters in accordance with Government Code Section 54957, 45 day notice of release will be given to public employee.**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA***Motion #188*

Vote: Ayes: White, Kidd, Sandland, Davis, Collins Noes: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0

MSCU, Sandland/Kidd, 5/0, to approve the agenda as amended: Business & Facilities, Information #1: Move bond poll results forward**MINUTES
DEC. 10, 2013***Motion #189*

Vote: Ayes: White, Kidd, Sandland, Davis, Collins Noes: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0

MSCU, Kidd/Davis, 5/0, approved the minutes of the regular and organizational Board meeting of December 10, 2013.**MIN 1-7-14***Motion #190*

Vote: Ayes: Kidd/Davis/Collins Noe: 0 Absent: 0 Abstained: Sandland & White

MSC, Kidd/Davis, 3/0/2 (Sandland & White abstained) to approve the minutes of the special Board meeting (expulsions) January 7, 2014.**MIN 1/14/14***Motion #191*

Vote: Ayes: White, Kidd, Sandland, Davis, Collins Noes: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0

MSCU, Kidd/White, 5/0, approved the minutes of the regular Board Meeting of January 14, 2014.**MIN 1//21/14***tion #192*

Vote: Ayes: White, Kidd, Sandland, Davis, Collins Noes: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0

MSCU, White/Kidd, 5/0, approved the minutes of the special Board meeting of January 21, 2014.

MIN 1/22/14
tion #193

MSCU, White/Davis, 5/0, approved the minutes of the special Board meeting of January 22, 2014.

Vote: Ayes: White, Kidd, Sandland, Davis, Collins Noes: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0

Roll-call vote

Ayes: White, Sandland, Davis, Kidd, Collins Noes: 0 Abstained: 0

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS
NOT ON THE
AGENDA**

The public was reminded of the four minute limit adopted under Board Policy BP9323 and that the Board cannot respond to public comments unless it is a published agenda item.

There were five blue cards submitted to address the Board:

Rosalie Cruzan, teacher, requested the Board reconsider school closures and make decisions in the best interest of all students and make student learning our #1 priority.

Kristen Rice, parent, teacher and voter challenged the Board to stand united and make responsible decisions to right-size the District, even if it means closing schools.

Breanne Steen, neighbor, stated concern with solar panels being installed at Crestview Elementary. She informed the Board a petition is being circulated to request the Board relocate or uninstall the panels at Crestview.

In addition, there were four yellow cards submitted opposed to solar at Crestview.

Judy Castaneda, senior citizen, parent, grandparent, taxpayer and voter, spoke highly of Simi Valley schools for her children and grandchildren and great grandchildren but is disappointed in the current direction of the District.

Jennifer Furs, parent and employee in the District, has indicated it's sad we are losing some really great, motivated teachers to RIFs (pink slips) and are left with teachers who are unmotivated. Mrs. Furs requests Simi Elementary be put back on the agenda to have repairs done and reinvent ourselves because Simi Elementary is worth investing in for the whole community.

In addition, there were six yellow cards submitted opposed to teacher RIFs and class size increases.

There were four yellow cards submitted in support of right sizing the District with school closures.

There was one yellow card submitted with a request to discuss the future of Simi Elementary.

**EMPLOYEE
ORGANIZATIONS
A**

Dayle Gillick, SEA President, thanked the Board for relocating students and staff from Simi Elementary to Mountain View to keep safety first. She requested the Board focus on fiscally sound decisions. Mrs. Gillick stated right sizing must be

correlated to the reality of declining enrollment. She asked the Board to get on track, live within our means, set the direction of the District and right size our District which is in best interest of all families, students and employees.

CSEA

Jim Jarrard, CSEA Chapter 310 President, District employee, Representative for the Classified Employee Organization and parent stated frustration with the fiscal challenges that face us. With the plans for new technology, redesign and repurpose of campuses, increased public relations and the modernization of school facilities, the past layoffs of classified employees have increased workloads. Mr. Jarrard requested the Board consider restoring the positions to handle expanding needs.

**STUDENT
BOARD REPORTS**

Tonight's student reports were given by Kiana Kenik, Apollo High School:

Apollo had a wonderful Fun Friday event last Friday, which had fun games for our students and staff members. We are excited to announce that we have enough deposits to hold our Prom at the Odyssey next month! And, for the first time in a couple of years, many Monte Vista students will be joining us for Prom. We are having a Valentine's Day activity, as well as selling Valentine's Day grams for our students and staff members. Tomorrow, February 12th, students will be taking the California Healthy Kids Survey. Apollo has two field trips on the calendar for February. Yesterday students from our Minor Parent Program visited Moorpark College, and next Wednesday, February 19th our School to Career group will visit McDonald's to show students how many different employment opportunities they have in the world. Apollo students will also be attending the Youth Summit event to be held on February 27th. There they will discuss topics and issues facing teens today and have a voice in our community. And finally, in our Minor Parent Program, we have installed the Triple P Parenting Program. Every Thursday we have people from the First 5 organization come to campus and talk with our minor parenting students. Apollo is very excited for all of these events to come about and is striving for success for all students!

Sarah Russo reports that the second semester is well underway at **Monte Vista School**. Teachers were excited about using our District's new Aeries program to input grades and print out student report cards. This new system is really a big help to them. Tenth grade students have begun preparing for the High School Exit Exam by enrolling in a weekly review course offered at Monte Vista. They anticipate doing really well on the exam. Wishing everyone a Happy Valentine's Day!

Erin Gentry reports that Royal High School recently had a "Beat Simi" pep rally. It was said to be one of the best rallies ever put on by Royal's leadership class. Students participated in the rally and were involved in games such as "Don't Forget the Lyrics" where they had to fill in the blanks to hit songs. Student interaction was great, and ASB's student technical crew really blew the crowd away with realistic video clips and game show visuals, including featured clips from the Royal vs. Simi High game. That really got the crowd going! Some upcoming events at Royal High School include: Royals first ever "Spring Fling" Dance in March, a "Royal Event" on April 28, winter formal ticket sales continue, the Winter Formal dance on February 15, Valentine Grams on sale that include a lovely flower, Senior Hug Day is on February 14, and Open House on February 12.

Verenise Frias reports that Santa Susana has recently been welcoming incoming freshman and their parents during Choice Month. They have also made appearances at all middle schools, hosted Open House and the Home Show, and our fellow Big Brothers and Big Sisters have been taking parents and incoming freshman on tours of the school. Santa Su anticipates a very entertaining and exciting couple of upcoming weeks. Our third activity day, Mr. Troubadour, a stud pageant with a unique Santa Su twist, is this Thursday, February 13 and our fourth, International Day, is coming soon in March. Clubs at Santa Su have brought in nothing but wins; the JV Mock Trial team won first place in a tournament in Santa Barbara and Academic Decathlon won gold, silver, and bronze. The school is proud to congratulate Mr. Reinstein for winning teacher of the year and Mr. Buckle for winning the Lew Roth Award for management. Santa Su's yearbook won first place again! Additionally, the school won a substantial STEM Emphasis Pathway planning grant. Santa Susana High School is definitely on a roll and not stopping here!

Madisen Richard reports that the Pioneers are looking forward to remaining at the top of their game throughout the month of February! On February 5th, SVHS hosted the spring season National Signing Day, with 6 Pioneer Athletes signing their National Letters of Intent to commit to compete in college athletics. Included were cross country and track athletes, Sarah Baxter (University of Oregon) and Charlotte Utash (Cal State Long Beach), track athlete, Madisen Richards (USC), and soccer athletes Taylor Cross (Haverford College), Amanda Woodhouse (Cal State Stanislaus), and Morgan Bertsch (Cal State Fullerton). With Winter Formal (February 8th), the second Simi V. Royal week (February 10th-14th), and Senior Hug Day (February 14th), the Pioneers will have plenty of exciting events happening throughout the rest of the month of February! In addition to these school-wide events, the Pioneers will be hosting school of choice tours to interested students until the end of the month.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Scroggin: 1) thanked the Student Board representative for the great report; 2) reminded parents February is School Choice month; 3) featured some of the Outstanding programs at SVUSD middle and high schools such as:

Royal High School:

- International Baccalaureate Diploma Program Candidate School
- Ronald Reagan Library Partnership Citizen Scholar Academy
- Jr. Air Force ROTC

Santa Susana High School:

- Magnet school for performing and technical arts
- 17 courses of study and academies
- US News Best High Schools silver medalist for three years running
- Boasts a premier performing arts venue

Simi Valley High School:

- Health Science Careers Academy
- Manufacturing ROP class

Monte Vista School:

- On line Virtual Academy
- College Prep classes
- Flexible schedules with one on one instruction

Hillside Middle School:

- Partner with Santa Susana High School patterning their schedule and course offerings after Santa Susana High School

Dr. Scroggin commended the staff at Simi Elementary and Mountain View to coordinate the move to Mountain View. Mountain View teachers have relocated their classrooms to allow Simi Elementary teachers to be in one building. The staffs and principals have worked together to make it a smooth transition for our students. The support staffs at both schools have worked hard to facilitate the move and preparing Mountain View to welcome Simi Elementary to the campus. Dr. Scroggin thanked everyone involved in making the move a smooth transition.

In closing, Dr. Scroggin stated our District and our City are truly unique and special in the way we care for and support one another.

ICOC REPORT

Mr. Matt Nestor, ICOC Chair, gave a brief report to the Board summarizing the 2013 Annual Report. Topics included a statement indicating the District is in compliance with the requirements of the California Constitution, and a summary of the committee's proceedings and activities for the preceding year including five meetings, website maintenance, performance audits, press releases and the annual report. The report will be submitted on the next Board agenda. Mr. Nestor requested the minutes reflect the tablet purchase for students and staff is within the scope of the Bond but the committee was concerned with taking tablets home. The ICOC agrees the tablets are appropriate if they remain on site and would be considered a facility enhancement. Previously, the purchase of staff and student laptops were made with general fund money. Next meeting is April 16 in the Floyd Binns Room at 6:30 p.m.

BOARD COMMUNICATION

Trustee White: 1) recognized RHS Boys' soccer team 13/0 record and gave a shoutout to his nephew James Bodner; 2) appreciates the speakers tonight as we've heard much about the school closures over several meetings and several months and thanked the DAC and Mr. Todo for their recommendations to right-size and repurpose the District; 3) Trustee White reviewed goal #3: Maintain Fiscal Integrity for the District >Develop and communicate plans for "right-sizing" (or "down-sizing") the district; and >develop plans to address continuing declining enrollment. Today the impact is here. We are approving budget assumptions that have larger class sizes with unknowns such as the Governor's budget projections; 4) Trustee White asked fellow Board members to make sure we are supporting our administrators and supporting our employee groups to be sure we are keeping the right teachers in the classroom and to be sure we retain as many RIF'd teachers as possible. We need to pursue excellence and quality in the classroom.

Trustee Davis: 1) thanked the student board rep; 2) thanked the ICOC for the report; 3) thanked the community for comments on school closures and solar panels; 4) stated the Board takes the matter of school closures very seriously; 5) commended the staff at both Mountain View and Simi Elementary for making it a smooth transition; 6) attended the play Legally Blonde at Santa Susana High School and enjoyed it so much. Praised student performers Sarah Gilbert and Sarah Zelinsky and teacher Melissa Albertson; 7) congratulated Santa Susana High School for earning the Yearbook Award "Best in Nation" by American Scholastic Press scoring 985 out of 1,000 points; 8) reminded everyone Arbor Day is March 15 at Rancho Tapo Park beginning at 10 a.m.; and, 9) looking forward to attending Township's science fair March 12.

Trustee Sandland: 1) thanked Dr. Scroggin for stating the wonderful programs in our District; 2) has never seen so much competition among school districts due to declining enrollment; 3) happy the District did not close Abraham Lincoln, Mountain View and Justin stating our neighborhood schools are the backbone of our community; 4) anxious to attend the redesign workshop. Trustee Sandland wants to explore adding compatible programs to enhance our schools such as adding fundamental schools; adding a technology performing arts elementary school; a K-8 program; a Pre-K program with early intervention and First Five programs; 5) thanked everyone for their comments both in opposition and in support of closing schools; 6) stated Simi Valley is a great place to live, teach, work and attend school; 7) concerned with the response from the community regarding installation of solar panels and ground mounts and especially concerned with losing play areas at some of our schools; 8) requested we review the modernization of Simi Elementary, Mountain View Elementary, Justin Elementary and Lincoln Elementary Schools; and, 9) stated it's a pleasure to be here tonight.

Trustee Kidd: 1) thanked the student board rep for the report; 2) thanked the audience for their participation; 3) thanked the ICOC for their report; 4) encouraged all to attend winter sports team events; 5) February is School Choice month so go take a look at your neighborhood school before making a decision not to attend there; 6) met with a local resident who works for a LED lighting company (We Are Lights) and he submitted a draft proposal for staff review which could save a million dollars per year in general funds; and, 7) heard the solar concerns at Crestview so he intends to make a school visit at 9 am tomorrow.

Trustee Collins: 1) asked Principal Salgado to let them know the outcome of the Soccer match; 2) encouraged attendance at the Simi Valley Education Foundation's Sock Hop fundraiser which will raise money for classroom enrichment programs on March 8 at 6 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club featuring the Tokens (visit www.svef.org for more information); 3) attended the VCSBA dinner and speaker to hear about the Local Control Funding Program implementation. Our District staff has already attended a workshop on the same topic so we're ahead of the game. It's complicated and Trustee Collins is happy to see a timeline and information that will be presented on tonight's agenda; 4) agrees with the complaints regarding solar - the ground mounts are much larger than anticipated; 5) thanked Assistant Superintendent Todo and the 7-11 DAC committee for their hard work; 6) hopes the community understands the Simi Elementary move to Mountain View was done for school safety and the two staffs are working hard to make it a smooth transition.

**BOARD
CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**CONSENT
CALENDAR**

*The items listed below will be approved by the Board in one action.
However, a Board Member may remove an item for individual discussion and/or action.*
President Collins asked three Trustees to read aloud the special Resolutions:

Trustee Kidd read aloud Board/Administration Consent #2, Resolution No. 63-13/14 for Read Across America Day March 2, 2014, stating what an important day to encourage our students to read more. Board President Collins asked everyone to celebrate the joy of

reading by attending a Dr. Seuss event at an individual school or the SEA sponsored event at the Public Library on March 1, 2014.

Trustee White read aloud Board/Administration Consent #3, Resolution No. 64-13/14 for Week of the School Administrator, March 2-8, 2014, thanking all Administrative Staff for their hard work and dedicated efforts to keep schools running smoothly. Board President Collins thanked all administrators in our District.

Trustee Davis read aloud Board/Administration Consent #4, Resolution No. 65-13/14 Support of National Arbor Day celebrated by the City of Simi Valley on March 15, 2014. Trustee Davis encouraged everyone to attend this great community event.

Following the reading of the special Resolutions, a separate vote was taken for approval:

Motion #194

MSCU, Davis/Sandland, 5/0, to approve the Resolutions for Read Across America Day; Week of the School Administrator; and, Support of National Arbor Day.

Vote:

Ayes: White, Kidd, Sandland, Davis, Collins Noes: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0

**CONSENT
CALENDAR**

MSCU, Sandland/Kidd, 5/0, approved the remaining Consent Calendar (minus the above special Resolutions):

Motion #195

(Roll-call vote)

AYES: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins NOES: None

1. **BOARD/ADMINISTRATION**

- 1.1. Adoption of Resolution No. 62-13/14 in Recognition of the Education Foundation Lew Roth Legacy Award Recipient
- 1.2. ~~Adoption of Resolution No. 63-13/14 for Read Across America Day, March 2, 2014~~
- 1.3. ~~Adoption of Resolution No. 64-13/14 for the Week of the School Administrator, March 2-8, 2014~~
- 1.4. ~~Adoption of Resolution No. 65-13/14 in Support of National Arbor Day Celebrated by the City of Simi Valley on March 15, 2014~~

Note: Items 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4 were removed from the Consent Calendar for reading and approval. See Motion #194

2. **PERSONNEL SERVICES**

- 2.1. Approval of Certificated Personnel Report
- 2.2. Approval of Classified Personnel Report
- 2.3. Approval of Employment Contract for Speech and Language Specialist

3. **EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

- 3.1. Acceptance of Gifts for Simi Valley Unified School District 2013-2014
- 3.2. Acceptance of Small Donations for Simi Valley Unified School District
- 3.3. Approval of Educational Field Trips
- 3.4. Approval of Agreement (Renewal) No. #A14.139 Between the Simi Valley Adult School and Career Institute No-Cost Agreement and Southern California Orthopedic Institute
- 3.5. Approval of Agreement (Renewal) No. #A14.140 Between the Simi Valley Adult School and Career Institute No-Cost Agreement and Simi Health Center
- 3.6. Approval of Agreement (Renewal) No. #A14.141 Between the Simi Valley Adult School and Career Institute No-Cost Agreement and Dr. Marc I. Lavin.
- 3.7. Approval of Agreement (Renewal) No. #A14.151 Between the Simi Valley Adult School and Career Institute No-Cost Agreement with Brooke Gifford DPM/Advanced Foot and Ankle Medical Care

- 3.8. Approval of Agreement (Renewal) No. #A14.152 Between the Simi Valley Adult School and Career Institute No-Cost Agreement with Jeff S. Hurless DPM/, FACFAS, /Advanced Foot and Ankle Medical Care
 - 3.9. Approval of Agreement (Renewal) No. #A14.153 Between the Simi Valley Adult School and Career Institute No-Cost Agreement with Hai-En Peng DPM, FACFAS/Advanced Foot and Ankle Medical Care
 - 3.10. Approval of Agreement (Renewal) No. #A14.154 Between the Simi Valley Adult School and Career Institute No-Cost Agreement with William H. Kwan DPM
 - 3.11. Approval of Agreement (Renewal) No. #A14.155 Between the Simi Valley Adult School and Career Institute No-Cost Agreement with Simi Health Center
 - 3.12. Approval of Agreement (Renewal) No. #A14.156 Between the Simi Valley Adult School and Career Institute No-Cost Agreement with Urgent Care Center- Newbury Park
 - 3.13. Approval of Agreement (Renewal) No. #A14.157 Between the Simi Valley Adult School and Career Institute No-Cost Agreement with Urgent Care - Thousand Oaks
 - 3.14. Approval of Agreement (Renewal) No. #A14.158 Between the Simi Valley Adult School and Career Institute No-Cost Agreement with Dr. Shayla Kasel/Wood Ranch Medical
 - 3.15. Approval of Agreement (Renewal) No. #A14.159 Between the Simi Valley Adult School and Career Institute No-Cost Agreement with Dr. Troy Williams/Trillium Obstetrics and Gynecology
 - 3.16. Approval of Out-of-State Travel, RHS/IB
 - 3.17. Approval of Out-of-State Travel, Madera/Safe & Civil
 - 3.18. Approval of Winter Release of the 2013-2014 Consolidated Application for Funding Federal and State Programs
 - 3.19. Approval of New Course Outlines for Simi Valley Unified School District
 - 3.20. Approval of Out-of-State Travel, SSHA/STEM
 - 3.21. Approval of Second Amendment to Student Nurse Assistant/Home Health Aide (Renewal) Agreement No. #A14.144 Between the Simi Valley Adult School and Career institute No-Cost Agreement and Simi Valley Care Center
 - 3.22. Approval of (Renewal) Agreement No. #A14.145 Between the Simi Valley Adult School and Career institute No-Cost Agreement and Providence Health System – Southern California
 - 3.23. Approval of Sixth Amendment to Student Affiliation Agreement (Renewal) No. #A14.146 Between the Simi Valley Adult School and Career institute No-Cost Agreement and Simi Valley Hospital & Health Care Services
 - 3.24. Approval of Out-of-State Travel, Sinaloa/CADA
 - 3.25. Ratification and Approval of Out-of-State Travel, SSHA/Mayea
 - 3.26. Approval of Agreement No. #A14.170 Between the Simi Valley Adult School and Career Institute No-Cost Agreement and Thousand Oaks Urgent Care Center
4. ***STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES***
- 4.1. Approval of Agreement No. A14.138 Between Simi Valley Unified School District and SyTech Solutions, Inc. for Document Scanning Services
 - 4.2. Approval of Out-Of-State Travel for Sandy Ferre, Speech Therapist, Student Support Services
5. ***BUSINESS & FACILITIES***
- 5.1. Approval of Warrants – December 30, 2013 through January 31, 2014
 - 5.2. Approval of Purchase Orders
 - 5.3. Approval of Transfer of Funds for the Month of January 2014
 - 5.4. Approval of Agreement A14.147 with William and Associates School Facilities Consultant
 - 5.5. Ratification of SVUSD Self-Insured Workers' Compensation Program: Compromise and Release Settlement or Stipulated Award
 - 5.6. Approval of Agreement No. A14.166 for the Design of the Irrigation System for White Oak Elementary School
 - 5.7. Approval of Agreement No. A14.18R between SVUSD & D.A. Hogan & Assoc. for Consultant Services Related to the Royal High School Track and Synthetic Field Project

- 5.8. Approval of Agreement No. A14.168 between SVUSD and Trane U.S., Inc., to Conduct an Engineering Study to Verify the Feasibility of Completing Energy Projects Under Proposition 39 California Clean Energy Jobs Act
- 5.9. Approval of District Budget Calendar for 2014 – 2015
- 5.10. Approval of Agreement No. A14.171 between SVUSD and Alpha Construction & Inspection, Inc. for DSA Inspection Services for Solar Panel Projects
- 5.11. Approval of Agreement No. A14.172 between SVUSD and Premier Inspection Services for DSA Inspection Services for Solar Panel Projects (Facilities)
- 5.12. Approval of Agreement No. A14.173 between SVUSD and Ninyo & Moore Geotechnical and Environmental Sciences Consultants for DSA Geotechnical and Specialty Materials Testing for Solar Panel Projects (Facilities)
- 5.13. Approval of Agreement No. A14.175 Between Simi Valley Unified School District and Simi Valley Hospital & Health Care Services for Drug Testing Services for Students.

ACTION CALENDAR:**ELECTION OF REPS FROM SUBREGION 11-B (VENTURA) FOR CSBA 2014-2016 DELEGATE ASSEMBLY**

Currently there are four vacancies in Subregion 11-B (Ventura) CSBA Delegate Assembly. Delegates serve two-year terms April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2016. Delegates are required to attend two meetings per year (May and December). At the November regular Board meeting, SVUSD nominate Trustee Collins. Additional candidates were nominated by their respective Districts. The Board may vote for no more than four candidates. and ballots must be returned by Districts no later than March 17, 2014.

Motion #196

MSCU, White/Davis, 5/0, the Board of Education voted for four candidates for the California School Board Association Delegate Assembly for 2014-2016 with a vote cast in Sacramento by Board President Collins at the May, 2014 Delegate Assembly Meeting. The candidates selected for Subregion 11-B (Ventura County and Las Virgenes USD) are: Gregory J. Barker (Moorpark USD); Darlene A. Bruno (Hueneme ESD); Ana Del Rio Barba (Oxnard ESD) and, Rob Collins (Simi Valley USD).

Roll-call vote

Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins Noes: 0 Absent: 0

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL CALENDARS 2014-2015 2015-2016

Assistant Superintendent Houghton explained each year after conferring with other school districts and representatives from SEA and CSEA, a school calendar is developed. The proposed start date for 2014-2015 school year is Tuesday, August 19, 2014; and ending date for the school year is June, 2015. A copy of the calendars is available at www.simivalleyusd.org, at all school sites and at the District office.

Motion #197

MSCU, Kidd/Davis, 5/0, the Board of Education approved the school calendars for the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 school year. The Board thanked administration for their hard work on the calendar preparation.

Vote:

Ayes: White, Kidd, Sandland, Davis, Collins Noes: 0

APPROVAL OF USD SARC SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY

Assistant Superintendent Todo explained that school districts are required to prepare School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs). State law requires the SARC contain demographic data, school safety and climate for learning information, academic data, school completion rates, class sizes, teacher and staff

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information, curriculum and instruction descriptions, postsecondary preparation information and fiscal and expenditure information. In addition, SARC's contain reports concerning "Adequate Yearly Progress", Title I Program Improvement, graduation rates at the secondary level, and the extent to which "highly qualified" teachers are teaching core academic subjects.

Motion #198

MSCU, Sandland/Kidd, 5/0, the Board of Education approved the SVUSD SARC's.

Vote:

Ayes: White, Kidd, Sandland, Davis, Collins

Noes: 0

DECLARE BLACKSTOCK PROPERTY AS SURPLUS

Assistant Superintendent Clear stated the Surplus Property Committee has voted unanimously to declare what's commonly known as the Blackstock Commercial Site as surplus property. Staff will notify applicable public agencies of the availability of the property and bid opening will occur after advertising. The sale price shall be no more than \$390,000. Discussion followed. Trustees Sandland and Collins do not feel the asking price is high enough.

Motion# 199

MSC, White/Kidd, 4/0/1 to declare the Blackstock property as surplus property.

Vote:

Ayes: White, Kidd, Davis, Collins

Noe: Sandland

ADOPTION OF APPROVAL OF BUDGET ASSUMPTIONS FOR 2014-2015

Assistant Superintendent Clear explained that passing budget assumptions for the 2014-2015 school year will enable the District to develop the foundation of the adopted budget. Updates to these assumptions are made throughout the year as significant events occur which change the forecast. Detailed information on the District's assumptions is on file in the office of Business & Facilities.

A question and answer period followed the presentation. The 2014-2015 Budget will be available for Board discussion and review at the Budget Workshop scheduled for February 25 at 5:30 p.m. at the District Office.

The Board thanked Mr. Clear and his staff for all they do, and all the preparation in managing the budget during these uncertain times.

Motion #200

MSCU, Kidd/Davis, 5/0, to adopt the Budget assumptions as presented for 2014-2015.

Vote:

Ayes: White, Kidd, Sandland, Davis, Collins

Noes: 0

APPROVAL OF SUMMER SCHOOL AGREEMENT WITH OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING (OFL)

Assistant Superintendent Clear stated Opportunities for Learning (OFL "the Charter Schools") will provide to SVUSD a non-fee based summer school program. OFL will be utilizing District facilities and supplies for which OFL will reimburse SVUSD. OFL will employ SVUSD staff (certified and classified) at no cost to the District. Students will receive five (5.0 credits) at the successful completion of each class. Summer school dates will be 7/1/2014 through 7/25/2014 for grades 9-12 at Simi Valley High School. If the program proves successful it can be extended to include middle school. As in previous years, the extended year summer school will be offered for our special needs students at Garden Grove Elementary and Simi Valley High School.

Discussion followed between the Board and Director Peplinski. Other districts are very complimentary of the OFL program and SVUSD looks forward to a successful summer school.

Motion #201

MSCU, Sandland/Davis, 5/0, the Board of Education approved Agreement No. A14.163 between SVUSD and OFL-BP, LLC dba Opportunities for Learning – Baldwin Park and OFL-BPII, LLC, dba Opportunities for Learning – Baldwin Park II (collectively, the “Charter Schools”) to provide a non-fee based summer school Program.

Vote: Ayes: White, Kidd, Sandland, Davis, Collins Noes: 0

SECOND READING OF AR 3581 (ELECTRONIC RECORDS)

Assistant Superintendent Clear stated AR 3581 was presented to the Board as a first reading on January 14, 2014. Following procedure, the policy moved forward as a second reading at the next regular Board meeting. As there were no changes requested from the Board, the Administrative Regulation is being presented for final approval. After approval, this policy will be sent to CSBA for updating on Gamut Online.

Motion #202

MSCU, Kidd/Davis, 5/0, approved Administration Regulation 3581 Electronic Records.

Vote: Ayes: White, Kidd, Sandland, Davis, Collins Noes: 0

FORMATION CALENDAR:

PRESENTATION BY CALDWELL, FLORES WINTER ON THE TECHNOLOGY BOND POLLING RESULTS

Superintendent Clear stated at the November 12 Board meeting, the Board authorized a poll be conducted by Caldwell Flores Winters, Inc., to determine if there is community support for issuance of a Technology Bond to be placed on the November 2014 ballot. Mr. Khushroo Gheyara of Caldwell Flores Winters Inc. will present a report on the findings of this poll. In summary, 56.54% of those polled would vote yes in favor of a measure with a \$10-14 tax rate increase, especially if it included a broader scope than just technology. It’s been ten years since our last Bond. For the record, the money can only be used for the specific purposes as stated under Prop 39 rules with an oversight committee. Discussion followed between the Board and Mr. Gheyara. Timelines were discussed but if the Board is looking at a potential November election, we would need to begin work in March 2014.

The Board gave direction to staff to proceed to the next step in the Bond process so it can go on the November ballot. Since this is an information item, we can bring it back in March for Board action.

Dr. Scroggin stated staff will reach out to the Chamber of Commerce and the Simi Valley Education Foundation to get support of our partners in Education.

ST READING BOARD BYLAWS BB0910

First Reading and Approval of Revised Wording of Board Bylaws BB9010 (Public Statements) was reviewed for accuracy and legality by Board Counsel Attorney Thurbon. The policy has been revised to include the recommended

(PUBLIC STATEMENTS) wording from legal counsel. This item is provided for information only.

**INFORMATION
ON CSEA INITIAL
CONTRACT
PROPOSAL FOR
2013-2014**

Assistant Superintendent Houghton stated CSEA Chapter 310 and the District are using an interest-based approach to negotiations, and in that spirit are submitting a joint Initial Contract Proposal for 2013-2014 identifying interests and related issues. The CSEA/District Initial Proposal and any additional information can be obtained from the Personnel Services Office. Negotiations with CSEA will begin within a reasonable time after this process has been completed. Following established timelines, a public hearing will be held on March 11, 2014 on the Initial Proposal. This item is presented for information only.

**INFORMATION
RE: STUDENT
PERFORMANCE
IN ACADEMIC &
PHYSICAL FITNESS
SKILLS 2012/13**

Jason Peplinski, Director of Educational Services explained the Report on Student Performance in Academic and Physical Fitness Skills for 2012/13. This report represents the most formal of the assessments administered to students and includes information on the results of the following mandated assessments: Star (including CST, CMA and CAPA); the California English Language Development Test (CELDT); the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE); and the California Physical Fitness Test. University entrance examination results for the SAT and ACT are also provided in the report. Also included is information regarding the District's progress in meeting the state Academic Performance Index (API) and the federal Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) accountability measures. A complete copy of the report is on file in the Office of Educational Services. The Board thanked the staff for the presentation. Discussion followed.

**INFORMATION
REGARDING
PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT
DAY**

Assistant Superintendent Todo stated professional development priorities are based on the Board of Education's goal of increasing student achievement. Schools will address District-wide priorities as well as individual school needs. On February 28 and April 21, SVUSD is moving forward with a revolutionary approach to teacher and staff development called "Core Connections". This is a two-day series of conference style sessions led by fellow teachers and administrators from our District. Specific areas include how teachers must reflect on and refine their practice, how they will improve their own technology literacy, how they will integrate technology and how shifts in teaching pedagogy can improve student achievement in the face of increased rigor. Funding will be from categorical funds for professional development and school improvement funds. This item is for information only and a question and answer period followed.

**INFORMATION
REGARDING
LCAP AND LCFE**

Assistant Superintendent Todo stated as part of LCFE school districts are required to develop, adopt and annually update a three-year Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) beginning July 1, 2014. The eight areas that must be addressed are Student Engagement, Student Achievement, School Climate, Basic Services (Williams), Common Core State Standards, Access to a Broad Curriculum, Parent Involvement and Other Student Outcomes. The plan must include input from staff, parents, students, a parent committee, the public and adopted by the Board of Education. The timeline is from March – June 2014. This item is for information only and a question and answer period followed.

FIRST READING

This policy reflects the requirements of a new law related to

**OF NEW BOARD
POLICY 0460
LOCAL CONTROL
AND
ACCOUNTABILITY
PLAN**

the development of a three-year Local Control and Accountability Plan by July 1, 2014. This new administrative regulation reflects the content of LCAP and the annual update to the LCAP, consistency with existing collective bargaining agreements, and posting of the LCAP on the district's website. This item is for information only and a question and answer period followed.

**FIRST READING
OF NEW BOARD
POLICY 0500
ACCOUNTABILITY**

This policy is being updated to reflect new law which changes the definition of "numerically significant student subgroups" for purposes of the state accountability systems, establishes a new system of technical assistant and intervention for Districts that meet certain criteria, and repeals a law that required an annual discussion of each school's Academic Performance Index (API) at a Board meeting. This revision more closely aligns current Policy with recommended CSBA verbiage and reflect current law.

**CONSIDERATION
OF ITEMS FOR
FUTURE AGENDAS**

Trustee White: concerning status of athletic fields – information will be provided in a Board Update.

Trustee Kidd: A landscape plan will be provided in a Board Update

Trustee Sandland: regarding on-going solar concerns – Superintendent Scroggin responded we have information on our website, we canvass the neighborhoods with flyers and continue to work with the community and their concerns. Assistant Superintendent Clear also met with City Environmental Services. The Board stated the initial presentation from Solar City was not enough awareness of how the panels would look or how much space they would take but thanked Solar City for continuing to work with the District to accommodate the community concerns.

**PROPOSED
AGENDA
ITEMS**

*Trustees may propose agenda items to the Board of Education.
The Board of Education will give direction to the Superintendent.*

Trustee Kidd: begin the process to sell Bellwood

Trustee Kidd: discuss and take action to include solar at the District Office

Trustee Kidd: discuss and take action on implementing LED lighting.

Trustee White: discuss and take action on the future of the District Office

Trustee Sandland: discuss modernization at Simi Elementary and Mountain View Elementary with an update on the modernization at Justin Elementary and Abraham Lincoln Elementary Schools.

Dr. Scroggin stated we can discuss the modernization of Simi Elementary and Mountain View Elementary March 11, at the next regular board meeting. Justin Elementary and Abraham Lincoln Elementary Schools status can be given in an update.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Personnel Commission Meeting: February 12, 2014; 6:00 p.m., Floyd Binns Room, Educational Services Center

~~2. Special Board Meeting/Redesign/Repurpose Workshop; February 18, 2014; 5:30 p.m.,
—Floyd Binns Room, Educational Services Center—Postponed~~

3. Special Board Meeting/Expulsions: February 18 ~~20~~, 2014; 5:30 p.m. Floyd Binns Room,
Educational Services Center (Pending Stipulated Hearings)

4. Special Board Meeting/Budget Workshop; February 25: 5:30 p.m. Floyd Binns Room,
Educational Services Center

5. Regular Board Meeting; March 11, 2014; 5:30 p.m.; City of Simi Valley, Council Chambers

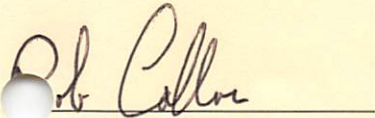
6. ICOC Meeting; April 16, 2014; 6:30 p.m.; Floyd Binns Room, Educational Services Center

ADJOURNMENT **MSCU, Sandland/White, 5/0, to adjourn the meeting at 10:13 p.m.**

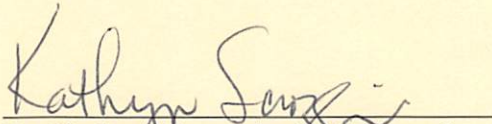
Motion #203

Approved on March 11, 2014

MSCU=Motion, Seconded, Carried, Unanimous



Rob Collins, President
Board of Education



Dr. Kathryn Scroggin, Superintendent
Secretary to the Board of Education

SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

February 18, 2014

CALL TO ORDER Board President Collins called a special meeting of the Board of
OPEN SESSION Education to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Floyd Binns Room at the Educational Services Center, 875 E. Cochran Street, Simi Valley, CA 93065

PRESENT Board Members: Rob Collins, Jeanne Davis, Dan White
Arleigh Kidd and Debbie Sandland (absent due to rotation)

Staff: Dr. Kathryn Scroggin, Superintendent
Ron Todo, Assistant Superintendent
Dan Houghton, Assistant Superintendent

Hearings: Director Student Support Services, Sean Goldman

PUBLIC None.
COMMENTS

PROPOSED None.
AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT **MSC, Davis/White, 3/0/2, (Kidd and Sandland absent), the**
AGENDA **Board of Education approved the temporary staffing appointment for**
Motion #204 **Business Services & Facilities as follows:**
Lowell Schultze, Interim Assistant Superintendent Business & Facilities
Shelley Barta, ½ time Director of Fiscal Services;
½ time Assistant Superintendent Business & Facilities
These assignments will be responsible for planning, organizing, controlling and
Directing the District's fiscal and business activities. Compensation for the
Temporary assignment change in Business & Facilities is an increase of \$56,580.

Vote: Ayes: White, Davis, Collins Noes: 0 Absent: Kidd, Sandland

ADJOURN **MSC, Davis/White, 3/0/2 (Kidd & Sandland absent), the Board**
OPEN **adjourned open session at 5:07 p.m. At this time, Dr. Scroggin and the Assistant**
SESSION **Superintendent's left.**

Motion #205
Vote: Ayes: White, Davis, Collins Noes: 0 Absent: Kidd, Sandland

CLOSED The Board adjourned to closed session at 6:40 p.m. in accordance with
SESSION Education Codes 48918 subdivision (j) to discuss Student Expulsion Case #17, Student Waiver of Hearing Case #14, Student Waiver of Hearing Case #18, and Re-admittance Case #19.

**ADJOURNMENT
OF HEARINGS***Motion #206*

Vote:

MSC, White/Davis, 3/0/2, (Kidd & Sandland absent due to rotation) to adjourn the Closed Session at 5:58 p.m. Board President Collins reported the following action from closed session:

Ayes: White, Davis, Collins Noes: 0 Absent: Kidd, Sandland

**STUDENT #17
EXPULSION***Motion #207*

Vote:

MSC, Davis/White, 3/0/2, (Kidd & Sandland absent due to rotation) to adopt Resolution No. 66-13/14. Student Case #17 was expelled from the Simi Valley Unified School District for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year.

In addition:

- Student is expelled. Student may attend Gateway. The term of the expulsion is until 12/2014.
- Student must meet conditions specified in the Academic/Discipline contract regarding credit attainment and attendance.
- Student Case #17 may not go on any school campus.
- A readmit hearing is required before administrators before returning to Simi Valley Unified School District.
- Student is required to attend weekly drug and alcohol counseling and 6 anger management class at parent's expense.

Vote:

Ayes: White, Davis, Collins Noes: 0 Absent: Kidd, Sandland

**WAIVER OF
HEARING
CASE #14***Motion #208*

Vote:

MSC, White/Davis, 3/0/2, (Kidd & Sandland absent) the Board agreed to the recommendation of Waiver of Hearing for Student Case #14.

Ayes: White, Davis, Collins Noes: 0 Absent: Kidd, Sandland

**WAIVER OF
HEARING
CASE #18***Motion #209*

Vote:

MSC, Davis/White, 3/0/2, (Kidd & Sandland absent) the Board agreed to the recommendation of Waiver of Hearing for Student Case #18.

Ayes: White, Davis, Collins Noes: 0 Absent: Kidd, Sandland

**READMITTANCE
REQUEST
DENIED***Motion #210*

Vote:

MSC, White/Davis, 3/0/2, (Kidd & Sandland absent) the Board agreed to the recommendation of denial for re-admittance for Student Case #19.

Ayes: White, Davis, Collins Noes: 0 Absent: Kidd, Sandland

ADJOURNMENT*Motion #211*

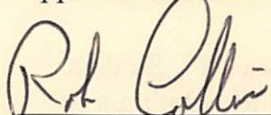
Vote:

MSC, White/Davis, 3/0/2, (Kidd & Sandland absent due to rotation) to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

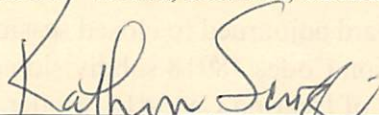
Ayes: White, Davis, Collins Noes: 0 Absent: Kidd, Sandland

Approved on March 11, 2014

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Rob Collins
President of Board of Education



Kathryn Scroggin, Superintendent
Secretary to Board of Education

**SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
February 25, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER Board President Collins called a special meeting of the Board of
OPEN SESSION Education to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Floyd Binns Room at the
Educational
Services Center, 875 E. Cochran Street, Simi Valley, CA 93065

PRESENT Board Members: Rob Collins, Jeanne Davis, Arleigh Kidd
Dan White and Debbie Sandland

Staff: Dr. Kathryn Scroggin, Superintendent
Lowell Schultze, Interim Assistant Superintendent Business Services
Ron Todo, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services
Dan Houghton Assistant Superintendent Personnel Services
Michael Clear, Assistant Superintendent Facilities

CLOSED The Board adjourned to closed session at 5:31 p.m.
SESSION

ADJOURNMENT **MSCU, White/Davis, 5/0, to adjourn the Closed Session at 6:04 p.m.**
CLOSED SESSION

Motion #212

Vote: Ayes: White, Kidd, Sandland, Davis, Collins Absent: None

CONVENE OPEN The Board reconvened to Open Session. Board President Collins
SESSION reported no action taken in closed session.

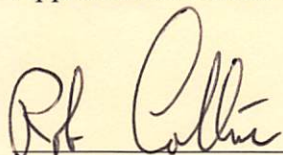
ADJOURNMENT **MSCU, Sandland/Kidd, 5/0, to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m.**

Motion #213

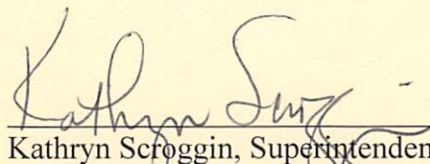
Vote: Ayes: White, Kidd, Sandland, Davis, Collins Absent: None

Approved on March 11, 2014

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Rob Collins
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Kathryn Scroggin, Superintendent
Secretary to Board of Education

**SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AND BUDGET WORKSHOP

Date: March 4, 2014

- CALL TO ORDER** President of the Board Rob Collins called a special meeting of the Board of
CONVENE OPEN Education to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Floyd Binns Room at the Educational
SESSION Services Center, 875 E. Cochran Street, Simi Valley, CA 93065
- PRESENT** Board Members: Rob Collin, Jeanne Davis, Arleigh Kidd,
Debbie Sandland, Dan White
- Staff: Dr. Kathryn Scroggin Superintendent
Dan Houghton, Assistant Superintendent Personnel Services
Ron Todo, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services
Michael Clear, Assistant Superintendent Facilities
Lowell Schultze, Interim Assistant Superintendent Business Services
Shelley Barta, Interim Assistant Superintendent Business Services
Sean Goldman, Executive Director of Student Support Services
Jason Peplinski, Director of Educational Services
- FLAG SALUTE** The flag salute was led by Rob Collins at 5:31 p.m.
- PRESIDENT** President Collins welcomed everyone and stated Public Comments are first on agenda.
COLLINS
- PUBLIC** President Collins reopened the floor to Public Comments.
COMMENTS
ON THE
AGENDA Clerk of the Board Davis reported the number of blue and yellow cards received.
ONLY A total of two (2) Blue cards were submitted, one in opposition to teacher lay-off
one in support of the retirement offer. Six (6) Yellow cards were received in
opposition to teacher lay-off.
- EMPLOYEE** Dayle Gillick, SEA, stated her support of the retirement (PARS) cost savings
ORGANIZATIONS program and asked the Board to please approve the Action item which could
SEA/CSEA benefit retirees financially; reducing the number of RIFs, increasing
COMMENTS positions for younger teachers without seniority, and make the district more
fiscally sound.
- BOARD** Superintendent Scroggin acknowledged the receipt of the Notice to the Governing
CORRES- Board of Recommendation to Reduce/Discontinue Particular Kinds of Services
PONDENCE and to Layoff Certificated Employees. The reason for the notice is due to lack
of funds primarily based upon the budget of the State of California and
declining enrollment in Simi Valley USD.

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS**

Erin Clark, a Title I teacher at Berylwood Elementary – In opposition to teacher lay-offs. Request the Board to reconsider closing smaller schools. Due to the decision to not close schools, many SVUSD teachers will now be penalized by receiving RIF notices, classroom ratios will be increased, and realize a reduction in pay by adding furlough days. Teachers don't deserve to lose their jobs.

**PROPOSED
AGENDA
ITEMS**

Jeanne Davis, Clerk of the Board, suggested reconsidering the 7-11 DAC recommendations. She also suggested considering restructure and reconfiguring of upper management of the District Offices (i.e., Directors, Assistant Superintendent).

Dr. Scroggin stated that both items are recommendations by the Superintendent and will be brought forward at a future Board meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:**APPROVAL OF
CLASSIFIED
PERSONNEL
REPORT**

Dan Houghton was available to answer questions on the Classified Personnel Report. No Questions were asked.

Motion #214

MSCU, Sandland/Kidd, 5/0, the Board approved the Public Relations & Resource Development Coordinator.

Roll-call vote

**Ayes: White, Kidd, Sandland, Davis, Collins Noes: None Absent: None
Abstained: None**

ACTION AGENDA:**ADOPTION OF
RESOLUTION
REGARDING
SENIORITY
LIST**

California Education Code 44955(b) provides that the District may reduce the number of probationary and permanent certificated employees when, in the opinion of the Governing Board, certain conditions make it necessary to decrease the number of permanent employees of the District, including, but not limited to, the reduction or elimination of particular kinds of service performed by reduction or elimination of particular kinds of service performed by certificated employees and the services are to be discontinued no later than the beginning of the following school year.

Dan Houghton was available for questions. No questions were asked.

Motion #215

MSCU, White/Kidd, 5/0, to approve Resolution No. 69-13/14–Seniority List.

Roll-call vote

**Ayes: White, Kidd, Sandland, Davis, Collins Noes: None Absent: None
Abstain: None**

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 70-13/14 CRITERIA FOR ORDER OF SENIORITY FOR THOSE EMPLOYEES WITH THE SAME DATE OF FIRST PAID PROBATIONARY SERVICE

Education Code Section 44955 provides for the termination of certificated employees because of a reduction or elimination of particular kinds of services. The order of termination is based on the date a teacher first rendered paid service in a probationary position in accordance with the requirements of the California Code. Among employees who first rendered paid probationary service to the District on the same date, the law requires the Governing Board determine the order of termination. This order is to be determined based solely on the basis of the District and its students. The recommended criteria for determining the order of termination among employees with the same date of first paid service to the District is included in Resolution No. 70-13/14.

Trustee White asked if this is a requirement of the law? Dan Houghton responded that it is required by law.

Motion #216

MSCU, Sandland/Kidd, 5/0, to approve Resolution No. 70-13/14 Criteria for Order of Seniority for those employees with the Same Date of First Paid Probationary Service.

Roll-call vote

Ayes: White, Kidd, Sandland, Davis, Collins Noes: None Absent: None Abstain: None

APPROVAL OF NEW CLASSIFIED POSITION BUDGET & FINANCE SUPERVISOR

Personnel Services requests the approval of a new classified position - Budget & Finance Supervisor which will replace the upcoming vacant Budget Analyst, Confidential position. This position will be responsible for planning, developing, organizing and coordinating budget operations to meet District needs and assure smooth and efficient accounting and budget activities which in turn directly supports learning. The final job description and salary range placement will be presented to the Personnel Commission for review and approval.

Dan Houghton was available for questions. No questions were asked.

Motion #217

MSCU, Sandland/Davis, 5/0, to approve the New Classified Position Budget & Finance Supervisor.

Roll-call vote

Ayes: White, Kidd, Sandland, Davis, Collins Noes: None Absent: None Abstain: None

RESOLUTION 73-13/14 AGREEMENT SVUSD/PARS SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT PLAN

Interim Assistant Superintendent Schultze explained this resolution will authorize SVUSD to enter into an agreement with Public Agency Retirement Services (PARS) to design and administrate a Supplementary Retirement Plan (SRP) for eligible employees provided there is sufficient employee participation. The plan is projected to save the District \$487,754 in 2013-2014 and approximately \$1,511,546 or more cumulative over five years. A one time fee of \$5,000 will apply if the District cancels the plan due to insufficient participation.

President Collins commented that if there is enough participation in this retirement incentive, the planned RIF notices could be reduced to zero. This is a

one time incentive and will not be offered for another five years. Michael Clear confirmed President Collins comments.

Motion#218

MSCU, White/Sandland, 5/0, the Board of Education approved resolution #73-13/14 with Public Agency Retirement Services (PARS) to design and Administrate a Supplementary Retirement Plan (SRP) for eligible employees provided there is sufficient employee participation.

Roll-call vote

**Ayes: White, Kidd, Sandland, Davis, Collins Noes: 0 Absent: None
Abstain: None**

**ADJOURNMENT
OF CONSENT/
ACTION AGENDA**

President Collins: Adjourned the Consent/Action agenda part of the meeting at 5:44 p.m.

**CONVENE
BUDGET
WORKSHOP**

President Collins: The Board reconvened into the Budget workshop at 5:44 p.m.

**BUDGET
WORKSHOP
INTRO**

Dr. Scroggin introduced Interim Assistant Superintendent Business & Facilities Lowell Schultze.

Ron Todo shared the Budget Workshop 2014-2015 Fiscal Year presentation. He explained the process and this workshop is an opportunity for the Board to review data, ask questions and make suggestions. The 2nd Interim Report will be brought forward to the Board on March 11. Items covered in the powerpoint were:

- 2013-14 2nd Interim Report
- Governor's Budget Proposal
- 2014-15 SVUSD Budget (Projections on revenue, enrollment, staffing, multi-year, and other factors)
- What Next?

**BOARD
DISCUSSION
AND
COMMENTS**

The Board was given the opportunity to discuss the presentation and to ask questions or seek clarifications on statements made. Please review the Powerpoint on the SVUSD website for detailed information regarding figures and projections.

Trustee Sandland – Are we legally required to have only 3% reserve? Yes.

President Collins – To be certified by the County SVUSD must reflect a positive balance in 3 years? Yes.

Lowell Schultz – Clarified that the presentation was created using expenses, and other data known to be correct, as of January 2014.

Trustee White – Questioned minimum and maximum projections, when the ending balance goes low, it creates a lot of drama, etc., 3% might be mandated but not enough. Ron Todo stated the ending fund balance has begun to flatten out and move out of deficit spending, with right sizing and ongoing savings, and move into the black.

Trustee White – Make consistent the format of assumptions, standards, and performance. What would it be like with assumption on top of page? Remove the drama! Make it clear that if revenue or expenses increase or decrease in the future, then the result could be different.

Trustee Kidd – What about the Mandate monies? Shelley Barta stated the district is still owed millions of dollars.

President Collins – We all have to continue to pressure the State government to get more Common Core revenue.

Trustee White – Would like to see a break down in Books/supplies and Services/ /Operating totals. Shelley Barta stated that can be done

Trustee White – Look at cost of employment benefits, break apart and show over time that overall employer share of contribution has increased. SVUSD employees may not have seen raises, but the cost of employment has been increased by the cost of benefits being paid by SVUSD.

Trustee Kidd – Questioned the Consortium, Adult Education and who is the employer. There were no specific answers.

Trustee Kidd - Prop 39, do we know when apportionment will be received and what can be done (by this summer)? Michael Clear stated SVUSD has hired a firm to look at criteria at what items can be replace (i.e., HVAC, etc). Lowell stated that only about a third of the monies owed have been received.

Lowell Schultz stated this is the first of several budget workshops that will take place prior to June 30. The Board will be notified as changes to revenue and/or expenses occur.

Dr. Scroggin met with other Superintendents and members of the State legislature at the VCOE. In general, there is still a lot of uncertainty at the State level in regards to the Governor's budget and revisions in the LCFF.

CLOSE BUDGET WORKSHOP President Collins asked for any other questions. Thanked everyone for coming and proposed to close the Budget Workshop.

Motion #219 **MSCU, Sandland/Kidd, 5/0, to conclude Budget Workshop at 6:34**

Vote: **Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins** **Noes: None** **Absent: None**
Abstain: None

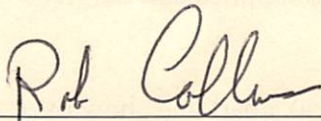
ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING President Collins proposed to adjourn the Special Board Meeting.

Motion #220 **MSCU, Kidd/Davis, 5/0, to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m.**

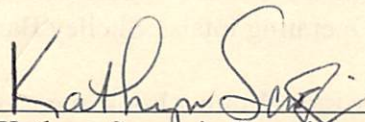
Vote: **Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins** **Noes: None** **Absent: None**
Abstain: None

Approved on April 15, 2014

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Rob Collins
President of Board of Education



Kathryn Scroggin Superintendent
Secretary to Board of Education

**SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 11, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER
OPEN SESSION** The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Acting President Davis at 5:32 p.m. in the City Hall Chambers located at City Hall, 2929 Tapo Canyon Road, Simi Valley.

PRESENT Board Members: Jeanne Davis, Arleigh Kidd,
Debbie Sandland, Dan White
Rob Collins-Absent

Staff Members: Dr. Kathryn Scroggin, Superintendent
Michael Clear, Assistant Superintendent Facilities
Dan Houghton, Assistant Superintendent
Ron Todo, Assistant Superintendent
Lowell Schultze, Interim Assistant Superintendent Business

**BOARD
ANNOUNCE -
MENT** The Board of Education will meet in closed session with its real estate negotiators, Assistant Superintendent Mike Clear and district counsel in accordance with provisions in Government Code Section 54956.8 -real property negotiations- regarding the following properties (4.6) Wood Ranch Conference Center; pending negotiations with JemStreet Properties; (4.7) Long Canyon Property; pending negotiations with interested public entities, Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy and the Mountains Recreation and Conversation Authority and (4.8) Blackstock Property.

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS** There were no public comments regarding closed items.

CLOSED SESSION The Board adjourned to closed session at 5: 34 p.m. to conduct the following:

- 4.1. The Board of Education will meet in closed session in accordance With provisions in Government Code Section 54956.8 – Real Property Negotiations
- 4.2. The Board of Education will meet in closed session in accordance With provisions in Government Code Section 54956.8 – Real Property Negotiations
- 4.3. The Board of Education will meet in closed session in accordance With provisions in Government Code Section 54956.8 – Real Property Negotiations
- 4.4. The Board of Education will meet in closed session in accordance with provisions in Government Code Section 54956.9 (b)

Conference with Legal Counsel – Potential Litigation

- 4.5. The Board of Education will meet in closed session for SEA Negotiations (as per the Rodda Act). Dan Houghton, District Negotiator
- 4.6. The Board of Education will meet in closed session for CSEA Negotiations (as per the Rodda Act). Dr. Dan Houghton, District Negotiator
- 4.7. The Board of Education will meet in closed session in accordance with provisions in Government Code Section 54957, Public Employment Matters – Discipline, Dismissal, Release
- 4.8. The Board of Education will meet in closed session in accordance with provisions in Government Code Section 54957, Public Employment Matters – Performance Evaluation – Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services
- 4.9. The Board of Education will meet in closed session in accordance with provisions in Government Code Section 54957, Public Employment Matters – Performance Evaluation – Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
- 4.10. Student Discipline: Discuss Recommendation of Waiver of Student Expulsion Hearing Case #16

CLOSED SESSION MSC, Kidd/Sandland (Collins absent), 4/0/1, to adjourn the closed session ADJOURNMENT at 6:26 p.m.

Motion #221

**Vote: Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis Noes: None Absent: Collins
Abstain: None**

**RECESS/
OPEN SESSION** The Board took a short recess and reconvened in City Hall Chambers at 6:38 p.m. for open session. Acting Board President Davis reported the following action taken in closed session:

**4.1 REAL
PROPERTY
NEGOTIATIONS No Action**

**4.2 REAL
PROPERTY
NEGOTIATIONS No Action**

**4.3 REAL
PROPERTY
NEGOTIATIONS No Action**

4.4 LEGAL COUNSEL No Action

4.5 SEA NEGOTIATIONS No Action

4.6. CSEA NEGOTIATIONS No Action

4.7 EMPLOYMENT MATTERS This item was removed.

4.8 PERFORM- MANCE EVAL No Action

4.9 PERFOR- MANCE EVAL No Action

4.10 STUDENT DISCIPLINE MSC, Kidd/Sandland (Collins absent), 4/0/1, the Board of Education approved the Recommendation of Waiver of Student Expulsion Hearing Case #16.
Motion #222

Vote: Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis Noes: None Absent: Collins
Abstain: None

FLAG SALUTE The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee White.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA MSC, Sandland/Kidd (Collins absent), 4/0/1, to approve the agenda as amended.
Motion #223
Trustee Sandland pulled Business & Facilities, Action Items 5.1 Consideration of Simi Elementary School Seismic Retrofitting and/or Modernization and 5.2 Consideration of Simi Elementary School Fencing. She requested these items be discussed at a later meeting when all Board members would be present.

Trustee White requested Board Administration Consent Item 1.1 Second Reading and Approval of Board Bylaw BB 9010 (Public Statements) be pulled for separate discussion and vote.

Vote: Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis Noes: None Absent: Collins
Abstain: None

MINUTES MSC, Kidd/White (Collins absent), 4/0/1, approved the minutes of the special Board meeting February 4, 2014.
Motion #224

Vote: Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis Noes: None Absent: Collins
Abstain: None

MINUTES
Motion #225

MSC, Kidd/White (Collins absent), 4/0/1, approved the minutes of the special Board meeting February 11, 2014.

Vote:

AYES: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis **Noes:** None **Absent:** Collins
Abstain: None

MINUTES
Motion #226

MSC, White/Kidd (Collins absent), 3/1/1 (Sandland abstained, Collins absent) approved the minutes of the special Board meeting February 18, 2014.

Vote:

AYES: White, Kidd, Davis **Noes:** None **Absent:** Collins
Abstain: Sandland

MINUTES
Motion #227

MSC, White/Sandland (Collins absent), 4/0/1, approved the minutes of the special Board meeting February 25, 2014.

Vote:

AYES: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis **Noes:** Collins **Absent:** Collins
Abstain: None

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS
ITEMS NOT
ON THE AGENDA**

Mayor Huber addressed the Board to express gratitude and appreciation for all the participation at the Youth Summit.

There were fifteen blue cards submitted to address the Board:

Shanna Foster addressed the Board. She was very disappointed with the decision to postpone the decision on Simi Elementary School. She requested priority placement for School of Choice for the students.

Kelly Kolde, parent of 5th grader, wants to keep the Simi Elementary family together. Please keep school open.

Jana Hansen explained that she is ashamed of the Board and district. She is so upset about dragging out the decisions to be made about Simi Elementary.

Cole Radermann, 5th grade student, addressed the Board. He asked the Board to work together and protect education.

Kelly Duffy told the Board how much she loves Simi Elementary, the students, teachers and the close proximity of the school to her home.

Jennifer Furs addressed the Board. She said students and staff have been welcomed at Mountain View but it remains upsetting to the students. She asked to please keep Simi Elementary open.

Susan Koch, former principal, addressed the Board. She requested the Board use C-4 bond money to improve Simi Elementary. It is a California Distinguished

School. Please delay the vote, get more information and please update Simi Elementary.

Adrienne Stuck spoke to the Board and expressed her anger at the Board for closing this beautiful school. She mentioned the security issues of leaving the school empty. She encouraged the board to take care of this beautiful school and she asked for added security to protect the building.

Ed Dome also addressed the board. He echoed the statements that the student, Cole Radermann, made.

Carley Haines, teacher, spoke to the Board. Thanked everyone for helping with the move and to Mountain View for making students and staff welcome. She encouraged the board to be creative and look at other ideas to balance the budget.

Jennifer Jones spoke regarding the declining enrollment. She asked if more school closures would be considered again at the upcoming repurposing meeting.

Sharon Baker, parent and teacher, expressed disappointment with the move and the changes to all staff and students. Please repair Simi Elementary.

Due to the postponement of the Simi Elementary agenda items, Chris Rasermann Terri Ohler and Adrienne Stuck submitted blue cards but will speak at the next Board meeting when these items are on the agenda.

In addition, thirty-three (33) yellow cards were submitted regarding Simi Elementary in support of the school.

One (1) yellow card was submitted in support of reconsidering the DAC 7/11 committee recommendations.

PUBLIC HEARING A public hearing was opened 7:40 p.m. regarding Personnel Services, Action Item #1, Acknowledge Receipt of the CSEA Chapter 310/District Joint Contract Reopener Proposal for 2014/2015. There were no public comments. The hearing was closed at 7:42 p.m.

EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS CSEA Jim Jarrard, President, CSEA Chapter 310 thanked the Board for approving the retirement incentive. Declining enrollment has affected everyone and right sizing is necessary. He is hopeful the impact of the incentive will allow the return of proper staffing and classroom ratios. Working together he feels new opportunities for learning can be created and will encourage better enrollment.

STUDENT BOARD REPORTS The student representative was not present so no student board report was given.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS Dr. Scroggin: 1) acknowledged how upsetting it is for employees to receive RIF notices. Due to declining enrollment, it was necessary to issue 37 RIF notices. The district will work to rescind as many notices as possible; 2) congratulated Atherwood, Big Springs, Hollow Hills, Santa Susana High, Vista and Wood Ranch for being named 2013 California Business for Education Excellence Honor Rolls Schools; 3) congratulated Katherine and Vista for being eligible to be recognized as California Distinguished Schools. These schools will receive a validation visit in April; 4) recognized the district TOSAs – Teachers on Special Assignment – for their extraordinary efforts in providing professional development for teachers and providing information for parents regarding the implementation of the Common Core State Standards. The district has hosted two Community Core Connections evenings to give parents and community members an opportunity to learn about the launch of Common Core Standards; 5) thanked the City of Simi Valley, the Park District and the Youth Council for organizing another successful Youth Summit; and 6) thanked the Simi Valley Ed Foundation for hosting their annual Gala fundraiser which generates resources for our schools. The district is very fortunate to have the Simi Valley Ed Foundation as a partner.

BOARD COMMUNICATION **Trustee Kidd:** 1) thanked everyone for speaking tonight and expressing their concerns about Simi Elementary; 2) remembered Terry Dobbins for his great work and important contributions he made for our district; 3) congratulated RHS boys soccer team who had an incredible season; 4) referenced Crestview solar concerns and Trustee Kidd has visited the school and also visited Hillside and Royal to see their solar panels. Most schools look good and it is working well. Solar City is following through and made changes when necessary.

Trustee White: 1) thanked the budget team for putting together the budget with a positive certification; 2) thanked the staff for managing the move of students from Simi Elementary to Mountain View. It was a difficult situation with the campus being unsafe and had to be done quickly. It requires serious consideration, however, he is anxious to move forward with the decision for Simi Elementary; 3) while much progress has been made with many goals, stopping declining enrollment remains vital for the district. Continued effort is being made in areas such as Common Core, facilities, technology and it is a team effort. New goals for professionalism should be considered. He would like to see a rapid deployment with technology and the pilot plan for portable devices move forward quickly; 4) thanked all staff for the hard work and more hard work is necessary as the district strives to meet goals.

Trustee Sandland: 1) it is important to consider decisions about Simi Elementary and she felt it was necessary to pull the agenda items tonight regarding the school because the Board President is absent and district needs more time to visit the school and evaluate. No schools have been closed and the budget is positive. She acknowledged the school has deteriorated but is still safe. No bond money has been spent on Simi Elementary and she would like to keep the school open. It has history, beauty and great value to the students, families and community; 2) she referenced the RIFs and the retirement

incentive is a good opportunity for possibly rescinding RIFs; 3) things are looking up and is grateful the Simi Elementary items were postponed. Other schools also need to be modernized but feels there is hope for Simi Elementary.

Trustee Davis: 1) thanked everyone for their support of Simi Elementary. She was a teacher there and the board will look at the money necessary for modernizing the school; 2) Arbor Day is coming quickly. It will be held at Rancho Tapo Park this Saturday, and she encouraged everyone to come and enjoy the event which will have many fun and interesting things happening; 3) thanked the Simi Valley Education Foundation for the gala fund raiser which was a very fun event; 4) attended the Youth Summit and enjoyed the students with their opinions and ideas; 5) wished everyone a nice spring break.

**BOARD
CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no Board Correspondence to report.

**CONSENT
CALENDAR**

The items listed below will be approved by the Board in one action. However, a Board Member may remove an item for individual discussion and action.

Motion #228

MSC, White/Kidd (Collins absent), 4/0/1, to approve the Consent Calendar as amended.

Roll-call vote

**AYES: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis Noes: None Absent: Collins
Abstain: None**

Trustee White requested Board Consent Item #1, Second Reading and Approval of Board Bylaw BB 9010 (Public Statements) be pulled for separate discussion and vote. Trustee White disagreed with the proposed change to the Board Bylaw 9010.

Motion #229

MSC, Sandland/Kidd (Collins absent), 3/1/1 to approve the Second Reading and Approval of Board Bylaw BB 9010 (Public Statements).

Roll-call vote

**AYES: Sandland, Kidd, Davis Noes: White Absent: Collins
Abstain: None**

1. **BOARD/ADMINISTRATION**

- a. Second Reading and Approval of Board Bylaw BB9010 (Public Statements)
- b. Adoption of the Annual Calendar of Board of Education Meetings for the 2014-2015 School Year.

2. **PERSONNEL SERVICES**

- 2.1. Approval of Certificated Personnel Report

- 2.2. Approval of Classified Personnel Report
- 2.3. Approval of Agreement No. A14.193 – Intern Program Partnership Agreement with Grand Canyon University

3. ***EDUCATIONAL SERVICES***

- 3.1. Acceptance of Gifts for Simi Valley Unified School District 2013-2014
- 3.2. Ratification and Approval of Educational Field Trips
- 3.3. Second Reading and Adoption of New Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 0460 (Local Control and Accountability Plan)
- 3.4. Second Reading and Adoption of New Board Policy 0500 (Accountability)
- 3.5. Ratification and Approval of Out-of-State Travel (SSHS/Ledesma)
- 3.6. Approval of the Apollo High School Calendar for the 2014-2015 School Year
- 3.7. Approval of High School Booster Organization for 2013-2014
- 3.8. Approval of Agreement No. A14.202 Between Simi Valley Unified School District and the United States Air Force for Establishment of a Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Unit at Royal High School
- 3.9. Approval of Out-of-State Travel Request, RHS/IB
- 3.10. Approval of Agreement No. A14.204 Between the Simi Valley Adult School and Career Institute No-Cost Agreement with Daphne I. Panagotacos, MD

4. ***STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES*** (No consent)

5. ***BUSINESS & FACILITIES***

- 5.1. Approval of Warrants –January 31, 2014 through February 28, 2014
- 5.2. Approval of Purchase Orders B14-00423 through P14-01839
- 5.3. Approval of Transfer of Funds for the Month of February 2014
- 5.4. Approval of Purchase of Smart Boards for Mountain View Elementary School \$51,862.00
- 5.5. Approval of Agreement A14.189 California Code Consultants
- 5.6. Approval of Purchase of Ninite Pro Software
- 5.7. Approval of Computer Lab Enhancements
- 5.8. Approval of Improvements Required for Hillside Middle School Technology & Performing Arts Magnet Program

- 5.9. Approval of Agreement No. A.14.203 between Ventura County Office of Education and Simi Valley Unified School District for ROP Programs
- 5.10. Ratification of Stipulated Award
- 5.11. Approval of Agreement No. A14.206 between SVUSD & VCOE to Provide VCEDNET Complete Internet Access Services

ACTION CALENDAR:**RESOLUTION FOR BOARD MEMBER ABSENCE**

Adoption of Resolution No. 71-13/14, Board Member Absence (rotation) Education Code Section 35120 states, "A member may be paid for any meeting when absent if the Board, by resolution duly adopted and included in its meeting, finds that at the time of the meeting he or she is performing services outside the meeting for the school district, he or she was ill or on jury duty, or the absence was due to a hardship deemed acceptable by the Board."

Motion #230

MSC, White/Kidd (Collins absent), 3/1/1, to adopt Resolution No.71 -13/14 Board Member Absence (hardship/rotation) on February 18, 2014.

(Roll-call vote)

**AYES: White, Kidd, Davis Noes: None Absent: Collins
Abstain: Sandland**

RESOLUTION FOR BOARD MEMBER ABSENCE

Adoption of Resolution No. 72-13/14, Board Member Absence (rotation) Education Code Section 35120 states, "A member may be paid for any meeting when absent if the Board, by resolution duly adopted and included in its meeting, finds that at the time of the meeting he or she is performing services outside the meeting for the school district, he or she was ill or on jury duty, or the absence was due to a hardship deemed acceptable by the Board."

Motion #231

MSC, White/Sandland (Collins absent), 3/1/1, to adopt Resolution No.72 -13/14 Board Member Absence (hardship/rotation) on February 18, 2014.

Roll-call vote

**AYES: White, Sandland, Davis Noes: None Absent: Collins
Abstain: Kidd**

CALIFORNIA VOTING RIGHTS

The Board of Education approved the study and preparation of historical data and demographics of the district as it relates to the California Voting Rights Act and the possible change in the trustee election method. National Demographics Corp. prepared a report. Mr. Douglas Johnson from NDC made a presentation and Robert Thurbon, district counsel was present to answer questions. Mr. Johnson explained the next steps of this process to the Board.

There was discussion between the Board and Mr. Johnson. Trustee White requested more details. Mr. Johnson provided information regarding other districts and the process. Attorney Thurbon clarified the legality of this

item for the Board.

Motion #232

MSC, Sandland/Kidd (Collins absent), 4/0/1, the Board of Education discussed the policy issues pertaining to Potential Adoption of Trustee Areas based on legal requirements of the CAVA and identified the next steps in the process.

Roll-call vote

Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis Absent: Collins

**CSEA
CONTRACT
REOPENER
PROPOSAL**

Upon receiving a contract reopener proposal, the Board shall announce to the public at a Board meeting that the employee organization's proposal will be available for review at the District Office. At the next meeting, the Board shall hold a public hearing to allow public comment. The CSEA chapter 310/District reopener proposals were jointly made public at the February 11, 2014 Board of Education meeting and the public hearing was held at the BOE meeting on March 11, 2014.

Motion #233

MSC, Sandland/Kidd (Collins absent), 4/0/1, the Board acknowledged receipt of the CSEA Chapter 310/District Joint Contract Reopener Proposal for 2014/2015.

Roll-call vote

**AYES : White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis Noes: None Absent: Collins
Abstain**

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**APPROVAL OF
RES. # 74-13/14**

The Board of Education previously authorized replacement of HVAC units at District schools as part of the health & safety projects. Assistant Superintendent Clear explained there is a significant cost savings if new HVAC units can be purchased under Public Contract Code Section 3400(c)(3) as a "necessary item that is only available from one source".

There was a discussion with the Board and Bond Project Manager Tony Joseph explained the cost savings involved with this resolution.

Motion #234

MSC, Kidd/Sandland (Collins absent), 4/0/1, the Board approved, by roll call vote, Resolution No. 74-13/14 authorizing procurement of necessary items available only from one source for new HVAC units.

Roll-call vote

**AYES : White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis Noes: None Absent: Collins
Abstain: 0**

OPENING BIDS FOR WOOD RANCH CONFERENCE CENTER

The Board of Education previously authorized the public sale of 4.93+ acres commonly referred to as Wood Ranch Conference Center site, located at 222 East Country Club Drive, Simi Valley. The Board must now review the written bids submitted and call for oral bids.

A written bid was submitted from Jemstreet Properties, Inc. Attorney Thurbon requested the bid received be published before requesting oral bids. Assistant Superintendent Michael Clear opened the bid received from Jemstreet Properties. Jemstreet submitted a bid of \$3,051,000. A \$25,000 deposit was included with the bid.

No oral bids were received. Attorney Thurbon met with the representatives of Jemstreet Properties to evaluate the bid. The bid is in compliance as reported by Attorney Thurbon.

There was discussion among the Board.

Motion #235

MSC, White/Kidd (Collins absent), 3/1/1, the Board adopted Resolution 75-13/14 authorizing the Superintendent to execute a purchase agreement with Jemstreet Properties for the sale of the 4.93+ acres commonly referred to as the Wood Ranch Conference Center per bid offered on March 11, 2014.

Roll-call vote

**AYES: White, Kidd, Davis Noes: Sandland Absent: Collins
Abstain: 0**

FILING AND QUALIFIED CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE DISTRICT –

Since 1984, a variety of legislation has been enacted that focuses on improving fiscal accountability in school districts. Changes to Education Code Sections 1240 (j) 42130 and 42131 modify the interim reporting periods (October 31 and January 31). School district governing boards must review and approve interim reports by December 15 and March 15, respectively.

School district governing boards must review and approve interim

OF

January 31

SECOND INTERIM REPORT

must be able to meet its financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year plus maintain a 3% contingency for economic uncertainties.

INTERIM REPORT

A complete copy of the Executive Summary is available from the Office of Business & Facilities.

Assistant Superintendent Todo gave a power point presentation to the Board outlining main points of the 2nd Interim Revision. The Board thanked staff for their hard work developing the 2nd Interim Report.

Motion #236

MSC, White/Sandland (Collins absent), 4/0/1 the Board of Education approved the filing and Positive Certification for the Second Interim Report.

Motion

Roll-call vote

**AYES: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis Noes: None Absent: Collins
Abstain: 0**

Roll-call

INFORMATION CALENDAR:

C4 BOND PROJECTS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION Assistant Superintendent Clear presented information to the Board detailing remaining C4 bond funds and an accounting of proposed expenditures. Several projects, including Mountain View and Simi Elementary, were listed for Board consideration for the remaining available bond funds.

Dr. Scroggin suggested a Bond workshop be scheduled to assist the Board in making decisions about bond projects. The Board agreed.

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS Trustee Kidd: begin the process to sell Belwood, Trustee White agreed. The Board would like to move this forward.

Trustee Kidd: discuss and take action to include solar at the District Office. The Board will wait to address this at the upcoming Bond Workshop.

Trustee Kidd: discuss and take action on implementing LED lighting.

Trustee White: discuss and take action on the future of the District Office This will be considered during the Bond Workshop.

Trustee Davis: Re-evaluate the DAC committee recommendations and evaluate the needs of the entire district. This will be discussed during the redesign/re-purpose meeting.

PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS *Trustees may propose agenda items to the Board of Education. The Board of Education will give direction to the Superintendent.*

Trustee White: Investigate a dress code and policy of professional conduct.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

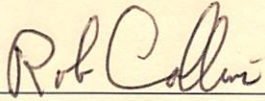
- J.1. March 12, 2014: ICOC Meeting-6:00 p.m. Certificated Conference Room
- J.2. March 12, 2014: Personnel Commission Meeting-6:00 p.m. Floyd Binns Room
- J.3. March 18, 2014: Repurpose-Redesign Workshop- 5:30 p.m. Floyd Binns Room
- J.4. March 24-28, 2014: Spring Break-Students Return Monday March 31, 2014
- J.5. April 15, 2014: Regular Board Meeting-6:30 p.m. City Hall Council Chambers
- J.6. April 16, 2014: ICOC-6:30 p.m. Floyd Binns Room

ADJOURNMENT **MSC, Sandland/Kidd (Collins absent), 4/0/1, to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.**
Motion # 237

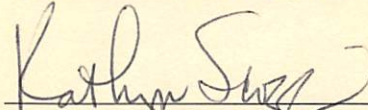
Vote: **AYES: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis** **Noes: None** **Absent: Collins**
Abstain: None

Approved on April 15, 2014

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Rob Collins, President
Board of Education



Dr. Kathryn Scroggin, Superintendent
Secretary to the Board of Education

**SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AND REDESIGN AND REPURPOSE
WORKSHOP**

Date: March 18, 2014

- CALL TO ORDER** President of the Board Rob Collins called a special meeting of the Board of
CONVENE OPEN Education to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Floyd Binns Room at the Educational
SESSION Services Center, 875 E. Cochran Street, Simi Valley, CA 93065
- PRESENT** Board Members: Rob Collin, Jeanne Davis, Arleigh Kidd,
Debbie Sandland, Dan White
- Staff: Dr. Kathryn Scroggin Superintendent
Dan Houghton, Assistant Superintendent Personnel Services
Ron Todo, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services
Michael Clear, Assistant Superintendent Facilities
Sean Goldman, Executive Director of Student Support Services
Jason Peplinski, Director of Educational Services
Jake Finch, Public Relations and Resource Development Coordinator
- FLAG SALUTE** The flag salute was led by Rob Collins at 5:30 p.m.
- PRESIDENT** President Collins welcomed everyone and stated Public Comments are first on agenda.
COLLINS He stated this workshop is not about closing schools or selling property; talking out of
turn or being disrespectful to one another will not be tolerated.
- PUBLIC** President Collins reopened the floor to Public Comments at 5:32 p.m.
COMMENTS
ON THE Clerk of the Board Davis reported the number of blue and yellow cards received.
AGENDA ONLY A total of (1) Blue card was submitted, by Jenniffer Jones in favor of Monte Vista
and the Hillside Middle School redesign. No (0) Yellow cards were received.
*Note: At the end of the meeting 2 additional blue cards were turned in; Jennifer
Furs in opposition to Simi El Community Center and Shanna Foster in regards to
K-8 and Fundamental ideas.*
- Dr. Scroggin greeted everyone and stated that the focus of redesigning and
repurposing sites within our district would include the adopted Board of
Education goals and action plan components; maintaining focus on student
learning and achievement, fostering strong parent and community involvement
and maintaining fiscal integrity for the district, while providing school choice and
quality service to our community. Dr. Scroggin then turned the workshop over to
Ron Todo, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services.

Dr. Scroggin also introduced Jake Finch, Public Relations and Resource Development Specialist, who will be helping the district communicate with our community the option of choice SVUSD offers at our sites. Ms. Finch will also help write grants which will increase revenue for needed programs.

**REDESIGN AND
REPURPOSE
WORKSHOP
POWERPOINT**

Ron Todo reminded everyone that the workshop is for ideas and information to be presented to the Board of Education. The Board is required by law to only have discussions in a public setting. This workshop is about looking at redesigning and repurposing schools to meet the needs of our community and offer choices that would make our schools more desirable and giving the Board the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the plans provided.

Mr. Todo proceeded to go through the slides of the PowerPoint and Dr. Peplinski reviewed the current plans and programs that are planned and or successfully implemented at SVUSD school sites. The presentation is available on the www.simivalleyusd.org website.

Trustee Kidd and Trustee Sandland were concerned about communicating and placing students who are currently on waiting lists. Mr. Todo confirmed that we do contact families, and students are placed, throughout the end of the year and in August prior to school beginning.

Trustee Sandland is concerned about small schools; some families like smaller schools and what can be done to nurture those smaller schools? Mr. Todo agreed that there are families that like small schools. Small schools also have larger percentages of students who have chosen to go to other schools, including fundamental schools. Operationally small schools are not as efficient to run.

Trustee Sandland would like to see windows put into the classrooms and more modernization at Mountain View Elementary.

Trustee White asked what are the community's demands that we are not supplying? Mr. Todo responded that families tend to gravitate to schools with higher API scores, schools that have an involved community (PTA), schools which are perceived to have a culture of high expectations of achievement and a strong commitment to education.

Trustee White asked if the fundamental schools are traditionally desirable. Mr. Todo responded that when the two fundamental schools were formed it was done with the commitment of the community, teachers and students. Yes, the fundamental schools historically are a desirable choice of parents living in Simi Valley.

Dr. Jason Peplinski shared what has been done at Hillside Middle School; modernization, dance studio, piano studio, stage and gymnasium, ordering string

instruments, cameras, pianos, mirrors, dance bars, software, art supplies, and video editing equipment. He has been working with staff on new course offerings, such as strings, dance, basic design, digital photography, drama, website design, piano, a full year of science and more. Hillside Middle School received 220 School of Choice applications including 15 out of district applications. Advertising was done via flyers and the press.

Trustee Sandland suggested that there are many students on the Valley View Middle School Band waiting list and would like to see an additional class offered. Dr. Scroggin stated that currently there are no plans to add additional classes at Valley View, but if the Board desires staff could look into that opportunity.

Dr. Peplinski restated that the concept of choice is very important to the families in Simi Valley. He then reviewed the opportunities we offer at our high schools:

- RHS – IB Candidate school, Jr. Air Force ROTC, Reagan Civics Institute
- SSSHS – 17 courses of study, 11 academies, Schools of Academics, Arts and Technical Arts.
- SVHS – Medical Careers Academy (2nd full year), ROP Manufacturing

Dr. Peplinski then reviewed the ideas of redesigning and repurposing our current elementary schools providing opportunities of choice for our SVUSD families:

- Abraham Lincoln sharing their campus with Monte Vista and Independent Study programs. Current elementary aged Monte Vista and Independent Study students would then be placed on an elementary campus and away from older students that attend Apollo and the Adult School.
- Mountain View would continue focusing on Technology (Microsoft Innovative Educator Interactive Technology)
- Berylwood campus would expand the Early Childhood Learning program without displacing neighborhood students.
- Justin Elementary: Create a K and 1st grade “fundamental” giving those parents who are on Vista, Hollow Hills, Atherwood and Big Springs waiting lists a desirable program to enroll their children in.
- Simi Elementary would become a Student/District/Community Center
- Current Monte Vista Site would be available to potentially move the Casa Pacifica program into Simi Valley, reducing our districts transportation costs. Apollo students could use the current computer lab.

**BOARD
DISCUSSION
AND COMMENTS**

The Board was given the opportunity to discuss the presentation and to ask questions or seek clarifications on statements made.

Trustee Kidd asked about capacity at Big Springs Elementary; he stated the school could use more rooms.

Trustee Sandland like the idea of moving Monte Vista onto Abraham Lincoln Elementary campus. She would like to see an early childhood center developed on the Justin campus.

President Collins asked if the DAC committee looked at Berylwood becoming a K-8 Fundamental School; would the demand be there for all grades, maybe phase it in? Dr. Scroggin responded that Moorpark is having enrollment issues at their K-8. She suggests surveying the community to see if that is what parents want?

Clerk Davis believes the community would like a K-8 opportunity and suggests taking another look at the K-8 model. President Collins agreed.

Dr. Scroggin suggested developing a survey, looking at a variety of options. The survey would direct staff on what choices the community desires.

Clerk Davis also would like to see a STEM program at the elementary level.

Mr. Todo stated that Berylwood, Santa Susana, Parkview and Abraham Lincoln receive Title I funds. It is a challenge, if other programs are put on those campuses increasing enrollment and the percentage of socio-economically disadvantage students decrease, services may not be available if Title I funding is lost. Do we need to protect Title I funds?

Trustee Kidd asked about fundamental schools; other programs may be better and desirable, if every school becomes a fundamental school and the supply increase would people still choose fundamental schools. Too much of anything lessens the value. He would like to see an elementary school feeding into Hillside Middle School.

Trustee White asked about the inter-district transfers; how do we keep them in Simi Valley, we need to offer those parents a better choice.

Trustee Sandland confirmed that the capacity of Berylwood is 800 and asked if the optimal school size is 300-400, she would not like to see a K-8 on the Berylwood campus. Mr. Todo stated that once a school passes an enrollment of 500 it operates just as efficiently as a school with 800. Mr. Todo - optimal school size 300-400, past 500 it is still effective as a school with 800 students.

Dr. Peplinski shared the problem with the K-8 model, we forfeit programs such as art, music and electives and without the proper enrollment numbers a school would be overstaffed at grades 6-8. He also stated that SVUSD lost zero (0) students to the Moorpark K-8 school. He agrees with Trustee White that the Hillside model really looks great!

Mr. Todo stated, per the Bond Department, that the Simi Elementary site could

house a parent education program, community access to computers, tutoring and use of field space by modernizing the water, gas and other issues for under \$500K (this would not include the main building and could be fast tracked since DSA approval is not necessary). The district could partner with the SV Cultural Arts Center to house after school theatre programs. This alternative use allows the whole community to use and enjoy the site.

Trustee Sandland wants Simi Elementary students back on their campus.

President Collins asked how soon the facility could be up and running. The communities' main concern is that they do not want the buildings sitting vacant. How soon could we vote on this? Mr. Todo stated that if the Board desires that information could be gathered, and the Board could move forward with developing a timeline.

Trustee White would like information on donating the site; wants to talk about the main building.

Trustee Sandland requests the total cost of the plan for Simi Elementary. Dr. Scroggin said that information can be sent to the Board for review.

Trustee White stated his concern of declining enrollment; the projected loss of 500 students. Dr. Scroggin stated a large number of those students are moving out of the County and out of the State. Dr. Peplinski stated the largest number of School of Choice applications are at the Kindergarten level.

Mr. Todo suggested redefining the term fundamental school for a new program at Justin; if a school focuses on technology such as a one-to-one device program, the issue of technology is easier to develop a few grade levels at a time, phasing in the program.

Trustee White asked what number of classes could be offered at the Justin campus. Mr. Todo suggested three, taking the students from Vista's waiting list and some from the other waiting lists. Clerk Davis thought it was a great idea since Justin is right down the street from Vista. Trustee White agreed.

Mr. Todo stated there is not currently a fundamental school on the East end of Simi Valley. In the future desired programs can be phased into locations such Katherine or Knolls. These schools were not included in the current redesign and repurpose workshop because they are still considered desirable neighborhood schools and were not on the list of potential closures.

Dr. Peplinski stated the plans shared this evening are made with solid reasoning, utilizing available space, offering programs that would be desirable to the community and making sites more operationally efficient.

Trustee Kidd and Clerk Davis agreed that fundamental schools have changed since inception.

Trustee Sandland stated she wants First Five to stay at Justin. Dr. Peplinski stated that if all early childhood programs were centralized at Berylwood, then Justin could offer a full time fundamental program.

President Collins inquired if a Title I school converted to a fundamental school, hypothetically can a Title I school be maintained? Mr. Todo responded that if dual campuses run separately, Title I status can be maintained, but it causes segregation of students that may not be optimal.

Trustee Davis asked if an elementary feeder school for Hillside and Santa Susana High School has been determined. Dr. Peplinski responded that it needs to be brought forward by a school staff and community members, because it takes a lot of commitment to offer a program above and beyond the Core Curriculum. Some ideas can be done immediately, where other ideas would take longer to implement.

Dr. Peplinski stated partnerships with Valley View Middle School and Simi Valley High School could focus on Biotechnology and Sinaloa Middle School and Royal High School could focus on a Jr. IB and a Civics Learning Academy.

Trustee White asked in regards to the K-8 model are there any conclusions for parents who want to see a K-8, those that may have a fear of moving onto middle school, Hillside seems to address those concerns.

Mr. Todo summarized the presentation and discussions by stating SVUSD should reflect a desired image, a **“Community of Exemplary Schools”**. Schools recognized as exemplary do exist in Simi Valley. Focus on recognition, programs and demand within our district. It is important to consider curb appeal, clear and concise communication, customer service and professional appearance on campus, in offices, in classroom, in person and over the phone, reflecting exemplary models at every level. We are a community of choice and it is understood that closing a neighborhood school is very difficult. It is time to plan for the future and to seek a larger vision.

Dr. Scroggin stated that all the plans in this presentation focused on the goals set by the Board of Education. She thanked the entire team, including Jake Finch, for gathering the information, retooling ideas, developing a brand for our district and providing for our community's needs.

Trustee Sandland also thanked the staff for the presentation.

PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

President Collins asked for proposed agenda items.

President Collins – Presentations from the Fundamental Schools
Trustee White – Recommendation for Simi El, no community center
Trustee Sandland – Adding a program at Simi El – performing arts
President Collins – Straw designs
President Collins, Trustee Sandland, Trustee Kidd – Vote on Simi Elementary
Trustee White – An appraisal on Simi Elementary and District Offices

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Trustee Sandland – TK/JK waiting lists and waiting lists of other programs (i.e. band, S.O.C. other schools)
Trustee Davis – Information on Performing Arts at Hillside Middle School
Trustee Davis – Pursue Middle School STEM program

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

President Collins proposed closing the Redesign and Repurpose Workshop and adjourn the Special Board Meeting.

Motion #238 _____

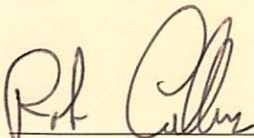
MSCU, Sandland/Davis, 5/0, to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Vote:

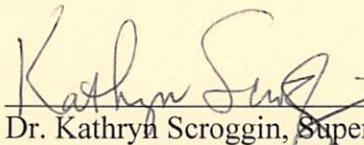
**AYES: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins Noes: None Absent: None
Abstained: None**

Approved on April 15, 2014

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Rob Collins
President of Board of Education



Dr. Kathryn Scroggin, Superintendent
Secretary to Board of Education

**SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING / BOND WORKSHOP
April 8, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER
OPEN SESSION** Board President Collins called a special meeting of the Board of Education to order at 5:33 p.m. in the Floyd Binns Room at the Educational Service Center, 875 E. Cochran Street, Simi Valley, CA 93065.

PRESENT Board Members: Rob Collins, Jeanne Davis, Arleigh Kidd, Debbie Sandland, Dan White
Staff Members: Kathryn Scroggin, Ed.D., Superintendent
Dan Houghton, Assistant Superintendent
Ron Todo, Assistant Superintendent
Lowell Schultze, Interim Assistant Superintendent
Anthony Joseph, Bond Program Manager
Pedro Avila, Facilities and Maintenance Manager

FLAG SALUTE Board President Collins led the flag salute at 5:33 p.m.

**BOARD
WELCOME** President Collins welcomed all attendees stating that no action will be taken tonight; no decisions will be made. This workshop is about C4 Bond monies expended and plans for the future.

Pedro Avila, Facilities and Maintenance Manager

Comments Clerk Davis stated that the cards were turned in, eight were in favor of considering Simi Elementary School for C4 Bond work and one in favor of using C4 Bond funds to modernize the Royal High School campus patio area.

Shanna Foster referenced C4 Bond information found at smartvoter.org. Simi Elementary School has served students and community since 1926. The Board approved seismic retrofit and modernization and retrofit after Board received a seismic evaluation, at the January 22 Board Meeting. Requests C4 Bond money to be applied to Simi Elementary School. Provided a copy to the Board of her email sent previously.

Trustee White requested the minutes of the January 22, 2014 Board Meeting to reflect corrected information - to clarify the direction which the Board agreed to, getting more information prior to making a final decision on Simi Elementary. Superintendent Scroggin agreed a correction will be made.

Alma Hromjak, former teacher at Simi Elementary School voted for the Measure C4 Bond. Many schools are outdated and need major upgrades including Simi Elementary which should have been first on the list. Two elementary schools have received six million (dollars). In 2006, \$2.7M was allotted to Simi Elementary School. Request bid to repair Simi Elementary

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School and return students to their campus. Ms. Hromjak would like to see Simi Elementary School become a performing arts school and feed into Hillside Middle School and Santa Susana High School.

Amy Petrocelli, teacher at Royal High School stated as a project students presented ideas to transform a patio at Royal High School. She suggested the student ideas to enhance the Royal High School facility and requests consideration to spend C4 Bond funds to facilitate the plan. Ms. Petrocelli is seeking funding in addition to the \$10,000 raised by the RHS senior class and \$3,000 raised by the community to improve the Royal High School patio.

Sue Koch, retired principal, shared a handout for Board outlining her comments. Mrs. Koch quoted articles dated March 2 and March 5, 2004 from the Acorn, about the C4 Bond. On January 22, 2014 the Board approved modernizing Simi Elementary School and the state has allocated \$877K for the main building, with \$17M left in the C4 Bond fund. Why is Simi Elementary School not on the list? She stated that the last opportunity for the district to request the priority funding from the State Allocation Board for this project is May 2014 and if approved the district has 90 days to enter into a construction contract or state funds would have to be returned.

Chelsea Baxter has no children in the district but is a neighbor of Simi Elementary and request it be included on list of C4 Bond modernization as it was an original project. Every school was to receive funds for repair and upgrades. Please move forward to fix outer campus and bring students back to campus. Support suggestion of increasing enrollment with an elementary performing arts school. She Spoke to general manager at Cultural Arts Center (CAC) suggesting a partnership with CAC and Simi Elementary.

Josie Hirsch, Vice Chair of ICOC stated the job of the ICOC is to watch spending of C4 Bond funds. In 2004 all schools were promised modernization, seismic retrofitting, health and safety improvements, computers and technology, replacing portable walls with permanent walls. Construction costs were very high. Now, that the economy is better the ICOC is requesting to look at projects that were passed over at other schools and make sure all schools receive their proper share of funds.

Adrienne Stuk stated 3 things to consider with bond money: 1) language of C4 Bond measure says every school will receive funds for repairs and upgrades; 2) \$2.7M allocation is a vote that the Board approved and sat on; 3) January 22, 2014 the Board vote was revised and was stamped and approved by superintendent's office and was revised again. The vote said the seismic retrofit and modernization would go forward after the structural engineering report was received on February 4, 2014 and that the outer campus buildings were sound, but the soil was questionable. Ms. Stuk recommends the Board think twice about revising the motion again; think of it as mandatory legal

principle that must be followed.

Jennifer Furs requested please give Simi Elementary the promised C4 Bond funds; we are in full swing to open as performing arts school, in process of making a DVD of student performances with Santa Susana High School and hope to have them to you before the decision next week. Focus on getting back on campus once repairs have been made and drawing crowds to a performing arts school.

Ed Dome stated this has sparked turmoil with our children. In July, Simi Elementary had a clear report card and in February the school was shut down. Where is your credibility? How you handle this issue is key to increasing enrollment. The Board needs to come up with some ideas to draw students back. Important to use the C4 Bond money properly, add art and trade classes, and listen to the people.

**YELLOW
CARDS**

Clerk Davis reported seven yellow cards were submitted to consider Simi Elementary for C4 Bond work. Those cards were submitted by: Amiee Ratermann, Cole Ratermann, Kaela Stern, Lianne Stern, Glenn Trotter, Christine Potter and Megan Stern.

**PROPOSED
ITEMS FOR
FUTURE
AGENDAS**

Clerk Davis would like to move forward to have the work at Simi Elementary bid out (state approved drawings and specs). If there is \$2.7m available, we need to know what the real cost is to bring the outer buildings up to code (not the main (admin) building, but the rest of the campus. She is in favor of a performing arts elementary school. Tony Joseph Bond Program Manager, responded the district is not in the position to bid the project out; the state must approve any drawings and specs to take a project out to bid. The district has drawings approved only for the seismic retrofit of the main building (admin building). Superintendent Scroggin reminded the Board this item is not on the agenda tonight, so she will have it added to the April 15 Board Agenda for further discussion. The Board members agreed.

Trustee Sandland and Trustee Davis want to discuss changing Simi Elementary School to a performing arts school and requested more information. Superintendent Scroggin stated she will put something in the Friday update to outline the process to establish a focus for a performing arts school.

Trustees Kidd and White would like a rough estimate on the Royal High School drawings presented this evening. Superintendent Scroggin responded she will include information on the Royal High School patio upgrade in the Friday Board update.

BOND WORKSHOP

SUPERINTENDENT Dr. Scroggin welcomed everyone and turned the meeting over to Lowell Schultze, Interim Assistant Superintendent, Business Services.

BOND UPDATE PRESENTATION Interim Assistant Superintendent Schultze welcomed the Board and introduced Pedro Avila, Facilities and Maintenance Manager.

Mr. Avila will update the information the Board received in February. A complete copy of the PowerPoint is found on the district website www.simvalleyusd.org.

Mr. Avila reviewed the following, which were part of the itemized list presented to the Board.

- Reviewed the funds that have not been allocated as of yet and the list of projects that would be completed if approved
- Mountain View Elementary School – modernization in the near future
- Ed. Services Center – modernization
- Set of curb appeal projects for replacing fencing, improving landscaping
- Survey of existing athletic facilities at secondary campuses
- Roofing needs at eight sites, repair, restoration or replacement – state has not funded deferred maintenance to keep up with the needs of the district
- Concrete paving and repairs and additional asphalt replacement
- Adding lunch shelters at middle schools and high schools to provide shade
- Campus cameras & updated infrastructure/network system – security and safety
- Refurbishment of HVAC equipment (many are obsolete)
- Royal High School patio estimate is included with two shade structures, paving, seating and landscaping (per DSA standards and approval)
- Other project allocations for Hollow Hills Fundamental School, Garden Grove Elementary School and Mountain View Elementary (MPR and resource center)
- Valley View Middle School, Hillside Middle School, Sinaloa Middle School and Santa Susana High School – dismantling old shower facilities and converting that space to storage
- Shade structures
- Replace light bulbs; LED bulbs are a big cost up front but big energy savings in the future
- Painting exterior buildings
- Portable classroom replacement at Garden Grove Elementary School

- Additional technology
- Contingency amount of \$1.5M for future unforeseen construction costs

DISCUSSION SUMMARY

There was much discussion between the Board of Education and district staff on Projects for Board consideration. Of particular interest was HVAC units at various sites, (refurbish or replace); the Royal High School Patio (in conjunction with handout from speaker Amy Petrocelli); replace outdated light fixtures with LED bulbs (to date 39,000 bulbs have been replaced); dismantling old shower facilities; replacement of portables at Garden Grove Elementary; additional technology and security cameras. Simi Elementary School was also a topic of discussion.

Trustee Sandland had questions regarding Simi Modernization and seismic retrofit and asked for clarification on funding including discretionary funds. She also requests the main building retain the same appearance.

Tony Joseph responded that the district could receive approximately \$900K in state funds but the deadline is June 6, 2014. If we meet the deadline and are approved, it commits the district for fixing or replacing the main building. But should we not apply for the funds, we will be taken off the list.

Superintendent Scroggin responded:

- Discretionary funds were allotted to all schools, and most schools spent the funds, with only a few exceptions.
- The 2006 approved C4 Bond list will be researched and provided to the Board. It will be determined what was identified for Simi Elementary School and the status of items ten years after; legal will be consulted.
- A district cannot use developer fees to build a program if there is no construction in that attendance area. Interim Assistant Superintendent Schultze responded past developer fees would not be eligible, only developer fees from construction in the area could be used after a school became a magnet.

Interim Assistant Superintendent Schultze agreed the estimates are only estimates. The projected \$6.3M (\$4.1M seismic retrofit and, \$2.2M modernization) for Simi Elementary School, could be lower or could be higher.

Trustee White discussed cameras on campus for security. Mr. Avila explained the difference between digital and analog cameras. Newer cameras only record movement in a designated space. We have analog camera systems at Simi Valley High School, Royal High School and Sinaloa Middle School but the kids manage to avoid the cameras. Trustee White would also like to move forward with modernizing Mountain View Elementary. Trustee White suggested removing the Educational Services Center from the list and

sell it. He also agrees the importance of curb appeal and would like to see conceptual drawings to see what improvements we're looking at.

Trustee Kidd: Confirmed that staff is looking for direction from the Board on each one of the items? Are there projects that were passed over on the original list of requests due to high bids in 2006?

Interim Assistant Superintendent Schultze responded the Board prioritized electrical, ADA, technology and Fire Alarms (Health and Safety) projects. No school got everything on the list, but we had to put together a comprehensive list with our \$360 million.

President Collins stated no decisions will be made tonight. Does the Board wish to look at each item and give a consensus and direction?

Clerk Davis commented from a teacher's perspective roofing and HVAC are a priority.

Superintendent Scroggin suggested the Board first eliminate projects from this list and then prioritize. A revised list of projects will go forward for approval on April 15. Staff can provide additional information as requested. The Superintendent requested a consensus from the Board on the following projects:

- Mountain View – interest to modernize
- Educational Services Center/District Office – no interest/take off the list.
- Curb Appeal – want drawings (Sandland not interested)
- Athletic Facilities – want more information before deciding
- Roofing – very interested
- Concrete – interested, more specifics
- Asphalt/pavement – interested, more information, costs per square foot.
- Remainder of the list: interest at looking at the rest, with more information.

Trustee Kidd stated he is in favor of a switch to LED lights for savings on electricity.

Trustee White suggested a quick trial on the lights to see how much is saved and wants to see what the warranty is when they break.

Superintendent Scroggin stated staff will gather more information including the Educational Services Center and have the info available to the Board.

Trustee Kidd requested the estimated timeline on Runkle Ranch. Interim Assistant Superintendent Schultze responded building begins in 18 months. Phase I is 363 homes and Trustees requested update on projected enrollment.

Trustee White suggested analog cameras on our 3 middle schools and see if it improves how kids feel about safety.

President Collins inquired if vandalism has decreased due to cameras? Superintendent Scroggin responded, most likely and also due to a joint effort of the community.

Trustee White requested information on the cost per class room to improve HVAC; Mountain View was over \$500 per square foot which seems very high. It needs to be less than \$200 a square foot. Mr. Avila responded he will look into costs.

**CLOSING
COMMENTS**

Board President Collins publicly thanked staff for all their hard work and announced on behalf of the Board we are pleased to move forward with Phase I of the technology plan.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion #239

Vote:

MSCU, Sandland/Davis, 5/0, to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins

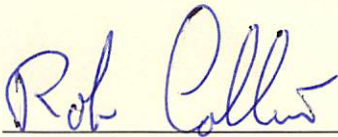
Noes: None

Absent: None

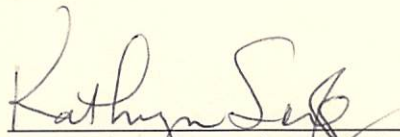
Abstain: None

Approved on May 13, 2014

MSCU = Motion, Seconded, Carried, Unanimous



Rob Collins, President
President of the Board of Education



Dr. Kathryn Scroggin, Superintendent
Secretary to the Board of Education

**SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
APRIL 15, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by
OPEN SESSION President Collins at 5:29 p.m. in the City Hall Chambers located at City Hall,
2929 Tapo Canyon Road, Simi Valley.

PRESENT Board Members: Rob Collins, Jeanne Davis, Arleigh Kidd,
Debbie Sandland, Dan White

Staff Members: Dr. Kathryn Scroggin, Superintendent
Dan Houghton, Assistant Superintendent
Ron Todo, Assistant Superintendent
Lowell Schultze, Interim Assistant Superintendent

PUBLIC COMMENTS There were no public comments regarding closed items.

CLOSED SESSION The Board adjourned to closed session at 5:30 p.m. to conduct the following:

- 3.1. Student Discipline: Discuss Recommendation of Waiver of Student Expulsion Hearing Case #20
- 3.2. Student Discipline: Discuss Recommendation of Waiver of Student Expulsion Hearing Case #22
- 3.3. The Board of Education will meet in closed session for SEA Negotiations (as per the Rodda Act). Dan Houghton, District Negotiator
- 3.4. The Board of Education will meet in closed session for CSEA Negotiations (as per the Rodda Act). Dan Houghton, District Negotiator
- 3.5. Conference with legal counsel pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9, existing litigation: Ventura County Superior Court Case Number 56-2014-0044975-CU-PO-VTA
- 3.6. CONFIDENTIAL STUDENT MATTERS: The Board of Education will Meet in closed session to discuss confidential student matters protected by State and Federal law, including but not limited to the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), California Education Code 49060 et.seq., 49073 and California Constitution Article 1 section 1 to consider special education Settlement Agreement #A14.228 for OAH Case No. 2014020697.

- 3.7. CONFIDENTIAL STUDENT MATTERS: The Board of Education will Meet in closed session to discuss confidential student matters protected by State and Federal law, including but not limited to the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), California Education Code 49060 et.seq., 49073 and California Constitution Article 1 section 1 to consider special education Settlement Agreement #A14.229
- 3.8. CONFIDENTIAL STUDENT MATTERS: The Board of Education will Meet in closed session to discuss confidential student matters protected by State and Federal law, including but not limited to the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), California Education Code 49060 et.seq., 49073 and California Constitution Article 1 section 1 to consider special education Settlement Agreement #A14.230
- 3.9. CONFIDENTIAL STUDENT MATTERS: The Board of Education will Meet in closed session to discuss confidential student matters protected by State and Federal law, including but not limited to the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), California Education Code 49060 et.seq., 49073 and California Constitution Article 1 section 1 to consider special education Settlement Agreement #A14.231 for OAH Case No. 2014010998.

CLOSED SESSION MSCU, Kidd/Sandland, 5/0, to adjourn the closed session at 6:09 p.m.
ADJOURNMENT

Motion #240

Vote: Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins
 Noes: None
 Absent: None
 Abstain: None

**RECESS/
 OPEN SESSION** The Board took a short recess and reconvened in City Hall Chambers at 6:38 p.m. for open session.

FLAG SALUTE The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board President Collins.

REPORT OUT Board President Collins reported the following action taken in closed session:

3.1 STUDENT MSCU, Kidd/Sandland, 5/0, the Board of Education approved the
#20 WAIVER Waiver of Hearing for student Case #20.

Motion #241

Vote: Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins
 Noes: None
 Absent: None
 Abstain: None

**3.1 STUDENT
#22 WAIVER***Motion #242*

Vote:

MSCU, Sandland/Kidd, 5/0, the Board of Education approved the Waiver of Hearing for student Case #22.

Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**3.3 SEA
NEGOTIATIONS****No Action****3.4 CSEA
NEGOTIATIONS****No Action****3.5 LITIGATION***Motion #243*

Vote:

MSCU, Sandland/Davis, 5/0, the Board took action to discuss existing litigation Case #56-2014-0044975-CU-PO-VTA.

Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**3.6 STUDENT
SETTLEMENT
AGREEMENT****#A14.228***Motion #244*

Vote:

MSCU, Kidd/Sandland, 5/0, the Board took action to accept special education settlement agreement A14.228.

Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**3.7 STUDENT
SETTLEMENT
AGREEMENT****#A14.229***Motion #245*

Vote:

MSCU, Kidd/White, 5/0, the Board took action to accept special education settlement agreement A14.229.

Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**3.8 STUDENT
SETTLEMENT
AGREEMENT****#A14.230***Motion #246***MSCU, Kidd/Sandland, 5/0, the Board took action to accept special education settlement agreement A14.230.**

Vote: Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

**3.9 STUDENT
SETTLEMENT
AGREEMENT
#A14.231**

MSCU, Sandland/White, 5/0, the Board took action to accept special education settlement agreement A14.231.

Motion #247

Vote: Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA**

Motion #248

**MSCU, Sandland/Davis, 5/0, to approve the agenda as amended:
*Announced Amendment to Business & Facilities Action #3 (Consideration of Simi Elementary School Modernization and Seismic Retrofit.***

Announced correction to the date on the agenda date headers (pages 2-7) should be April 15, 2014 (not 2013)

Vote: Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

MINUTES

Motion #249

MSCU, Davis/Sandland, 5/0, (all present) to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting (Budget Workshop) March 4, 2014.

Vote: Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

MINUTES

Motion #250

MSCU, Sandland/Kidd, 4/0/1, (Collins abstained) to approve the minutes the Regular Board meeting of March 11, 2014.

Vote: Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: Collins (Resolution No. 78-13/14)

MINUTES

Motion #251

MSCU, Sandland/Kidd, 5/0, (all present) to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of March 18, 2014 (Bond Workshop)

Vote:

Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**5.1 PRESENTATION
ARBOR DAY
WINNERS**

Dr. Scroggin congratulated the Arbor Day poster winners and invited Trustee Davis (the Board representative on the Tree Advisory Board) to present Arbor Day awards. The students of the winning posters and their teachers came forward and received a certificate and were returned their original artwork. Congratulations were offered to the following students for winning the Arbor Day Poster Contest.

Congratulations to:

1st place overall grand prize:

Student: Roshan Mehta (Big Springs Elementary)

Teacher: Mrs. Boswell-Thomas

Grade 4:

Student: Ava Ward, (Township Elementary)

Teacher: Mrs. Librandi

Grade 5:

Student: Walker Say (Knolls Elementary) (Absent)

Teacher: Mrs. Espe Smith (Absent – will be sent to school)

Grade 6:

Student: Aaron Lepine (Big Springs Elementary)

Teacher: Mrs. Boswell-Thomas

Awards were also given to Arbor Day Science Project winners.

Congratulations to all first place winners:

Student: Ashley Bestante, Park View Elementary

Student: Jocelin Martinez, Park View Elementary

Student: Samantha Walker, Park View Elementary

Winning students in both categories were awarded \$100. Teacher winnings of \$200 will be put into a district account to be distributed to the appropriate school site gift accounts. The Board offered their congratulations to all students, thanked the teachers and encouraged everyone to attend in the future

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS NOT
ON THE AGENDA**

Carla Dickson requested the Board listen to staff recommendations and act responsibly to put an end to the budget crisis, threats of furlough days and closure of schools by following staff recommendations and voting responsibly.

Jennifer Jones praised the district for the iPad pilot program being offered at Abraham Lincoln Elementary; the new blog and transformation of Hillside into a Performing Arts/Technology School.

**EMPLOYEE
ORGANIZATION
SEA**

SEA President Gillick addressed the Board stating we have a lot going on in our district regarding right sizing, repurposing of schools and bond projects. Reduction in Force letters have been sent to elementary and secondary teachers. This action directly correlates to matching the number of teachers to the number of students enrolled in our district. The PARS retirement incentive has been offered to all employees. The results of which are still unknown but hold the key to bringing back our RIF'd teachers. As the Board continues to seek ways to balance the district budget, hard decisions have to be made. The Board needs to continue the effort to right size the number of school sites we operate throughout Simi Valley to be compatible with the number of enrolled students. However, if this Board chooses not to close and repurpose schools, you need to find another way to be fiscally responsible other than asking employees to carry the burden. Employees have gone without cost of living raises for the past seven years while the buying power of their salaries has diminished as the cost of gas, utilities, food, medical and child care has continued to escalate. On top of that employees are still being asked to take furlough days next year further reducing their wages. Mrs. Gillick urged the Board to eliminate all furlough days slated for next school year, offering employees and students a full academic year. Mrs. Gillick stated until we have addressed the fact that we have 6 elementary schools that house less than 300 students each, don't spend money to rebuild or modernize one of these sites. She urged the Board to continue responsible decision making and focus on a fiscally sensible plan that addresses the needs of all of our employees and students throughout the district. Please re-evaluate the total picture of how repurposing schools fits in with the district's mission for student achievement along with financial solvency and operational efficient. Let's be proactive and not reactive. Set an expectation for a viable number of students to be enrolled in a school to continue to operate a school or even a grade level. In closing, let's educate, inform and convince the community and our employees that right sizing our district is not only the right thing to do but it is this Board's fiscal responsibility to make decisions that are fiscally sound and are in the best interest of the entire Simi Valley community, our families, students, and employees.

**STUDENT BOARD
COMMUNICATION** The student board reports were presented by Erin Gentry, Student Board representative, Simi Valley High School:

Royal High School has been up to fantastic things including the first ever Spring Fling dance, AP testing review, auditions/rehearsals for the upcoming spring play, Cinderella, and The Royal Event. For the first time ever, Royal is putting on a Spring Fling dance which will take place on April 17th. This event will serve as a fundraiser for clubs on the RHS campus, and will include music, dancing, a grilled cheese truck, food booths and lots of fun! Royal's students are also putting on a spring musical... Cinderella. Recently, Royal High School coordinated its most successful Mr. Highlander Pageant in history! Royal students, staff, family and friends raised over \$7000 in honor and support of the Amanda McPherson Foundation. Royal students were also involved with a distracted driving awareness seminar and assembly on April 9th where over 500 students attended. Other exciting events and significant dates coming up are

- The Royal Event on April 28th
- The Junior vs. Senior spring rally on April 29
- Prom on Saturday May 24th
- Senior ice cream social on May 28
- Senior graduation on May 29

The 2014 spring semester is proving to be a busy, yet exciting one for Royal Highlanders!

Verenise Frias reports that Santa Susana High School seniors are so busy lately! With the immense relief of finishing their senior projects and presentations on March 20th, seniors had enough time to get excited for their prom this past Saturday. Prom was a successful and bonding experience for the students. It has been very busy for the students and staff involved in the musical, *The Music Man*, which is surely to be a marvelous performance. International week and the last activity day "Culture Shock" is also around the corner on April 16 to celebrate all the fascinating countries around the world. This is followed by film stock on April 17th where students have the opportunity to present their hard work in video productions. Although it is getting close to the end of the year, Santa Su's students and staff are constantly busy and enthusiastic about what else is to come.

Madisen Richard reports that the Pioneers brought in the month of April on a very impactful note, as they hosted the Every Fifteen Minutes program. The program, which involved 16 juniors and seniors, displayed a mock crash scene and memorial service, aimed to teach other juniors and seniors about the dangers of drinking and driving. Throughout the rest of April, the Pioneers are looking forward to Academic Letter Night, and a spring sports and Renaissance rally.

Kiana Kenik shares that the office at Apollo has been collecting money for grad night which will be held at Six Flags on May 29th, year books, and most importantly, caps and gowns for their potential graduates. On Friday, April 4th Apollo had its quarterly awards assembly with 107 of the students receiving awards out of 286 students! Apollo is very excited to announce that they raised about \$1,000 with the Pennies for Patients drive. The money raised will go towards the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Apollo is currently doing a 'For the Troops' drive collecting items for our troops. Last Wednesday Kaiser Permanente came to Apollo and did a free dramatic presentation related to the California State Health Content Standards. Also, last Wednesday the science department took a field trip to Sage Ranch to observe geological formations, local spring flowers, and a beautiful view of Simi Valley. Apollo's potential grads are very busy filling out scholarships to help them begin their journey of life after high school. Apollo wishes all the schools a very successful last couple of months during the 2014 school year!

Sarah Russo states that Monte Vista School has had a very busy and exciting month! The visiting team from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges came to Monte Vista for four days and gave the school a great report! Monte Vista would like to thank our district supervisors, parents, students, and community

members for making themselves available during that time to speak with the visiting team, to show their support, and to communicate all the positive changes that have taken place at the school. Senior students had a great time at the annual prom, which took place at the Odyssey Restaurant in Granada Hills. There was a great turn-out and many beautiful pictures were taken for the school scrapbook! Monte Vista is gearing up for the new testing sessions. Students are also preparing for graduation, which takes place June 2 at 6:00 pm. Monte Vista wishes all senior students good luck in finishing their courses!

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Scroggin: 1) extended condolences to the families of Royal High School students Walter Hernandez and Harrison Parks who passed away over Spring break. Dr. Scroggin asked for a moment of silence in honor of the students; 2) Township held their Science Fair on March 12. Dr. Scroggin thanked and congratulated the students and teachers on their amazing projects; 3) recapped the Redesign and Repurpose Workshop/Special Board meeting held on March 18 about how to increase the utilization of our campuses while providing programs that offer viable options and opportunities for parents and students; 4) in March the District also held two Community Core Connections meetings for parents. The purpose was to provide parents with Common Core information and implementation plans for our District. More meetings will be held next year; 5) thanked Fred Bauermeister for hosting a tour of the Free Clinic and dental facilities housed in one of our facilities for a small fee. We are excited and congratulate the Free Clinic on the eventual move to Under One Roof and appreciates their partnership; 6) held a Bond Workshop on April 8. The Board reviewed potential projects for consideration. With \$17M remaining in the C4 Bond fund, the Board will continue to discuss allocation of the funds; 7) attended Every 15 Minutes where students received a powerful message about the dangers of drinking and driving and distracted driving. Thank you to everyone involved; 8) thanked the PTA/PTSA Council for hosting the annual Junior Olympics and congratulated all participants; 9) clarified a statement from the April 11, 2014 edition of the Acorn which reported "Trustees have indicated they would likely modernize one but not both campuses." For the record, there was no consensus among Board members at that meeting to modernize either Simi Elementary School or Mountain View Elementary; 10) reported in the April 11, 2014 edition of Moody's Investors Service, SVUSD's GO rating went from A1 to Aa3 with a negative outlook. We believe this change reflects a weakening general fund position over the past two years as well as changes to Moody's internal rating criteria. We believe that with a prudent approach, the district could establish a higher assigned rating within the next 12-18 months. This change in our rating is a warning that cautions us about the importance of right sizing our district in an expeditious manner.

ICOC REPORT

Josie Hirsh, Vice-chairwoman of the Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee (ICOC) gave a brief report of the ICOC. Items discussed included review and approve the ICOC annual report, review expenditures, discuss funds diverted to purchase tablets for schools, and modernization of Mountain View and White Oak. Everyone was invited to attend the meeting tomorrow (April 16th) at the District

office at 6:30 p.m. The ICOC is seeking new members and applications are available on the District website as well as detailed information regarding the bond work.

**BOARD
COMMUNICATION**

Trustee Davis: 1) thanked everyone for coming out tonight; 2) stated it is impossible to please everyone all the time but the Board does it's best to make the right decisions; 3) Arbor Day was great and thanked all the students who participated and congratulated the winning entries and their teachers; and, 4) attended the Science Fair at Township as it was wonderful opportunity to see student projects.

Trustee Sandland: 1) thanked everyone for coming; 2) visited Simi Elementary School and Mountain View Elementary School and thanked Principal Goldman and Principal Snowden for the tour and thanked the teachers for their input; 3) thanked Facilities Director Avila and Bond Program Manager Joseph for the tour at the closed Simi Elementary campus; 4) attended Jr. Olympics with 1200 4th-6th grade students and thanked everyone who participated. Trustee Sandland thanked the parents and staff, the PTA/PTSA for the hard work and organization to make it happen; 5) congratulated the Arbor Day poster and Science Fair winners; 6) thanked the Student Board representative for her thorough report; and, 7) congratulated John Baxter who was recognized for his Honorary Service Award.

Trustee White: 1) thanked everyone for coming stating public input allows the Board to do a better job; 2) stated his thoughts and prayers are with the families of the Royal students who passed away during Spring break; 3) congratulated the winning students from Arbor Day; 4) thanked Student Board representative Erin Gentry for the great report you will be missed; and Trustee White wished good luck to all the graduating seniors; 5) appreciates the comments from the public and those who are interested in our budget and how the cuts affect our educational programs; 6) stated we need to address our structural weakness and expenses of too many schools with not enough students. The DAC followed a careful and well done process last year, recommending school closures. This recommendation addressed not just the financial aspect but was setting the stage to provide better educational services to all students. The Board needs to right size schools and right size classrooms. Trustee White is concerned about the disproportional amount of expenses (\$450K per year per school in overhead for an elementary school) to operate regardless of enrollment counts (200 vs. 400) as this is an inefficient way to operate. Our primary goal is to do what is best for all students in our district; and, 7) thanked everyone again for coming.

Trustee Kidd: 1) congratulated the Arbor Day Poster and Science Fair winners; 2) thanked the Student Board representative for her report; 3) thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting; 4) attended the grand opening of the Challenger Field which is a mini-version of a big league stadium for special needs students. Trustee Kidd appreciates the partnership to make it happen; 5) visited Simi Valley High School and glad to hear more community/city support for the solar parking

structures versus ground mounts; 6) spoke to the community about Simi Elementary School and appreciates the input and will save his comments until it comes up on the agenda; and, 7) extended his condolences to victims of the recent Humboldt bus crash of seniors and to our own Royal High School students and families we lost over the break.

Trustee Collins: 1) extended his sympathy to the loss of his friend and athletic director Terry Dobbins and referenced and read a portion of the tribute in the Ventura Star stating he will be greatly missed; 2) attended with Executive Director Goldman a visit to Gateway Community School and witnessed a safe campus with great instructors where we send SVUSD students who have been expelled. Trustee Collins has information to share with other Board Members from his visit; 3) attended a tour of the Farmers Insurance Building as it might be a possibility if we close, sell and move the District offices. Trustee Collins recommends placing the move of the District office on a future agenda for Board discussion; 4) Trustee Collins will save Simi Elementary School comments till later when it comes up on the agenda but thanked everyone for contacting the Board; and, 5) with Spring break last week he will respond to your calls and emails and appreciates the community passion for their neighborhood schools.

**BOARD
CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no Board correspondence to report:

**CONSENT
Motion #252**

MSCU, White/Kidd, 5/0, to approve the consent calendar as amended:

Roll –call Vote:

Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

1. ***BOARD/ADMINISTRATION***

1.1. Approval of Travel Request

2. ***PERSONNEL SERVICES***

2.1. Approval of Certificated Personnel Report

2.2. Approval of Classified Personnel Report

2.3. Approval of Agreement No. A14.225-Student Teaching Agreement With Pepperdine University

3. ***EDUCATIONAL SERVICES***

3.1. Acceptance of Gifts for Simi Valley Unified School District 2013-2014

3.2. Approval of New and Revised Course Outlines for Simi Valley Unified School District Secondary Education

- 3.3. Approval of (Renewal) Agreement No. A14.207 Between the Simi Valley Adult School and Career Institute No-Cost Agreement and St. John's Hospital
 - 3.4. Approval of (Renewal) Agreement No. A14.210 Between the Simi Valley Adult School and Career Institute No-Cost Agreement and Channel Islands Urgent Care
 - 3.5. Approval of (Renewal) Agreement No. A14.211 Between the Simi Valley Adult School and Career Institute No-Cost Agreement and Dr. Kodama & Associates
 - 3.6. Approval of (Renewal) Agreement No. A14.212 Between the Simi Valley Adult School and Career Institute No-Cost Agreement and Moorpark Comprehensive Medical Group
 - 3.7. Approval of (Renewal) Agreement No. A14.213 Between the Simi Valley Adult School and Career Institute No-Cost Agreement and Park Lane Family Practice & Urgent Care
 - 3.8. Approval of (Renewal) Agreement No. A14.214 Between the Simi Valley Adult School and Career Institute No-Cost Agreement and Regal Medical Group
 - 3.9. Approval of (Renewal) Agreement No. A14.215 Between the Simi Valley Adult School and Career Institute No-Cost Agreement and Dr. Steven Suchman
 - 3.10. Approval of Agreement A14.232 for the Renewal of the APEX Learning Digital Curriculum Program at Monte Vista.
4. ***STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES (No consent)***
 5. ***BUSINESS & FACILITIES***
 - 5.1. Approval of Warrants – February 28, 2014 through March 31, 2014
 - 5.2. Approval of Purchase Orders B14-00456 through P14-02067, in the Amount of \$1,329,502.13
 - 5.3. Approval of Transfer of Funds for the Month of March 2014
 - 5.4. Approval of Agreement No. A14.208 with Li & Assoc.
 - 5.5. Approval of Agreement No. A14.224 between SVUSD and Pacific Educators Insurance Services for 2014/2015 – Voluntary Purchase of Student Accident Insurance (Risk)
 - 5.6. Approval of Designation of Ventura County Schools Self-Funding Authority Representative
 - 5.7. Ratification of Compromise and Release Settlement
 - 5.8. Approval of Change Order No. 1 for the Door Hardware Security Upgrades Project

- 5.9. Adoption of Resolution No. 84-13/14, Temporary Loans between District Funds for Fiscal Year 2014/2015
- 5.10. Adoption of Resolution No. 85-13/14, Appropriation Transfers at Year-End for Fiscal Year 2013/2014
- 5.11. Adoption of Revised Resolution No. 41-13/14 – Certification of Verified Authorized Signatures of the Members of the Governing Board and Employees Authorized to Sign Orders Drawn on the Funds of the Simi Valley Unified School District (Removal of One Signatory and Addition of One Signatory)
- 5.12. Approval of Change Order No. 1 Student Safety and Transit Offices and Training Room Project.
- 5.13. Approval of Change Order #3 for Vista Modernization and Portable Installation Project
- 5.14. Adoption of Uniform System of Rating Bidders per Public Contract Code 20111.6

ACTION ITEMS:

RESOLUTION FOR BOARD MEMBER ABSENCE

Adoption of Resolution No. 78-13/14, Board Member Absence (illness)
 Education Code Section 35120 states, “A member may be paid for any meeting when absent if the Board, by resolution duly adopted and included in its meeting, finds that at the time of the meeting he or she is performing services outside the meeting for the school district, he or she was ill or on jury duty, or the absence was due to a hardship deemed acceptable by the Board.”

Motion #253

MSC, Sandland/Kidd, 4/0/1, (Collins abstained), to adopt Resolution No. 78 -13/14 Board Member Absence (illness) on March 11, 2014.

Roll-call Vote

Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis
 Noes: None
 Absent: None
 Abstain: Collins

ADJUST ORDER PUBLISHED AGENDA 5.1 – 5.5

Motion #254

Trustee Kidd proposed moving Business & Facilities Action items (5.1 – 5.5) forward to immediately following the approval of the Board/Administration Action calendar to allow the public to speak earlier on the agenda. The Board agreed.

MSC, Kidd/White, 4/1 (Collins dissented) to move Business & Facilities Action # 5.1 through 5.5 to immediately following the Board/Administration Action items.

Vote:

Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis
 Noes: Collins
 Absent: None
 Abstained: None

**ADOPTION OF
RESOLUTION
79-13/14
AUTHORIZING
PUBLIC SALE
OF LOS ANGELES/
BLACKSTOCK ST.
COMMERCIAL
SITE**

Interim Assistant Superintendent Schultze stated the Surplus Property Committee has voted unanimously to declare the following site as surplus property: A separate parcel of vacant land, a total of .52+/- acres, commonly referred to as Commercial Site, located at the southwest corner of Los Angeles Ave/Blackstock Street in Simi Valley. In accordance with Education Code, staff notified all applicable public agencies and bid opening to the public will occur on May 5, 2014. The minimum price shall be \$390,000.

Additional information is on file in the office of Business & Facilities.

Motion #255

MSC, White/Kidd, 4/1, (Sandland dissented) the Board of Education approved Resolution No. 79-13/14 Authorizing the Public Sale of Los Angeles/Blackstock Street Commercial site.

Roll call Vote:

Ayes: White, Kidd, Davis, Collins
Noes: Sandland
Absent: None
Abstain: None

**APPROVAL OF
AGREEMENT
A14.165
SVUSD AND
DOCUMENT
SYSTEMS**

Motion #256

SVUSD received eleven responses to RFP #A14.165 as of February 28, 2014. After comprehensive evaluation by a District committee, Document Systems was selected for award of contract at a cost of \$407,152 annually. It is estimated savings to the district will be approximately \$325,560 per year.

MSCU, White/Davis, 5/0, the Board of Education authorized the award of RFP# A14.165 to Document Systems for a District-wide equipment lease for copy, print and scan services. Discussion followed between the Board and Assistant Superintendent Schultze with estimated savings of \$325,000 per year.

Vote:

Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

**CONSIDERATION
SIMI EL SCHOOL
MODERNIZATION
AND SEISMIC
RETROFITTING**

On February 4, 2014, the Board of Education acted to relocated staff and students from Simi Elementary School to Mountain View Elementary School. The Board did not make a decision whether to seismically retrofit the Administration Building or to modernize Simi Elementary School. Staff is recommending the following to the Board of Education:

- Refrain from seismic retrofit and modernization of the Administration Building which is estimated at \$6.3 million dollars.
- ~~Refrain from modernization of the rest of the campus, which has a total Estimated cost of \$3,294,402 to \$4,294,402 depending on the amount and extent of modernization desired.~~

**AMENDED
RECOMMENDATION**

Move forward with planning and design for the main campus (excluding the Administration building) to determine main campus modernization Cost with targeted usability by the District in the 2017-2018 school year.

- Or, the Board may take other action as determined by the Board.

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS**

Kelly May parent stated opposition to closing Simi Elementary School and offered photo handouts of Mountain View.

Sue Koch retired Simi Elementary School Principal spoke on behalf of the great worth of Simi Elementary, using C4 Bond Funds to modernize and retrofit Simi Elementary, concerns about deadlines, and developing a K-6 Performing Arts School.

Shanna Foster has met with all but one Board Member requesting Simi Elementary to reopen this fall as an arts component school using C4 Bond funds to retrofit and modernize Simi Elementary.

Pat Havens is a retired Simi Valley Unified School District teacher and is currently involved with the Strathern Historical Society and urged the Board to save Simi Elementary because of its historical value.

Alma Hromjek supports seismic retrofitting and modernization of Simi Elementary School and supports a K-6 Performing Arts Magnet school.

Katelynne Eber, student, wants her brothers and sisters to be able to experience Simi Elementary School so please keep the school open.

Liliana Foster attended Simi Elementary K-6 and urged the Board to keep the school open because it was a great experience.

Kendall Ratermann 3rd grade student has concerns she will fall behind due to the move to Mountain View. She pleaded please open the school next year as a Performing Arts school and let the students return.

Kelly Kolde parent of 5th grade student stated Simi Elementary School is part of our city and history. Together we are Simi El strong.

Judy Castenada is aware of the difficult decisions the District has to make due to decreasing enrollment but funds available should be for instruction and not just Simi Elementary. She reminded parents to reflect a positive image and teach their children that changes are part of life.

Wendy Kameuk submitted a speaker card but left before she was called to the podium. Her card stated, "save Simi El"

Edith Weisinger submitted a statement that was read aloud by Jennifer Furs

supporting the DHH and ASL programs and supports keeping Simi Elementary open.

Jennifer Furs, instructional aide at and parent of students who attend Simi Elementary supports the repair, modernization and redesign as a Performing Arts Elementary School.

Chelsea Baxter stated the C4 Bond Measure was approved so all school campuses would receive funds and we will lose state matching funds if we don't meet the deadline. She suggests fix the school now and reopen the school.

Cyndy Munsterman asked the Board to repair Simi Elementary and Mountain View Elementary using the bond money to fix both schools.

Madison Hibdon 2nd grade student was very happy with Simi Elementary and all she has learned there please keep Simi Elementary open.

Collette Hibdon neighbor to Simi Elementary encouraged the Board to work together to open Simi Elementary. She is also concerned about property value of homes decreasing in the neighborhood.

Dr. Robert Thompson urged the Board to preserve the legacy of the District by retrofitting, modernizing and making Simi Elementary whole again.

In addition, there were 337 yellow cards were submitted in support of retrofit and modernization of Simi Elementary.

Gail Burgoni teacher urged the Board to expedite the decision to right size the District.

Margaret Acosta teacher understands the emotional connection to Simi Elementary but states it is time to right size the District.

Kristin Rice parent & teacher in the District stated education is an alliance of teachers, students, family and staff and read aloud the Board's mission statement and reminded the Board to be fiscally responsible.

Alicia Chavez is a teacher and mother of five students who expressed her children are being negatively affected due to a shorter school year because of furlough days and larger class sizes. She reminded the Board it is their responsibility to right size the District and make the best decisions for all students.

Jeanne Callan is a Mountain View teacher and requested Mountain View Elementary get their portion of C4 Bond Measure money.

Jenniffer Jones urged the Board to consider increasing enrollment for the entire District and repair gas, water and sewer lines at all schools.

Adrian Stuck offered a petition with 584 supporting signatures to repair and modernize Simi Elementary and seismically retrofit the main building and reopen as an elementary school as soon as possible and to develop the concept of an Elementary Arts Component.

Butch Owens is a neighbor to Simi Elementary and a Marine Veteran. He represents the families in the neighborhood and wants to get the school open.

In addition, 103 yellow cards were submitted in opposition to repair and modernization of Simi Elementary.

BOARD COMMENTS

On behalf of the Board, President Collins thanked everyone for sharing their opinions. The Board addressed their questions to Interim Assistant Superintendent Schutze and asked for clarification on several details. Discussion followed.

RECOMMENDED ACTION CONCERNING SIMI EL OPTION A

MSC, White/Davis, 4/1, (Sandland dissented) to refrain from seismic retrofit and modernization of the Administration building, which has a total estimated cost of \$6,300,000.

Motion #257
Vote

Ayes: White, Kidd, Davis, Collins
Noes: Sandland
Absent: None
Abstain: None

Secretary to the Board Superintendent Scroggin stated the Board needed to conduct a Roll-call Vote on Option A: refrain from seismic retrofit and Modernization of the Administration Building, which has a total estimated Cost of \$6,300.000.

Roll call Vote

White: Aye
Kidd: Aye
Sandland: Noe
Davis: Aye
Collins: Aye

RECOMMENDED ACTION CONCERNING SIMI EL OPTION B:

Interim Assistant Superintendent Schultze reviewed Option B - Amended Recommendation – move forward with planning and design for the main campus modernization cost with targeted usability by the district in the 2017-2018 school year.

The Board addressed their questions to Interim Assistant Superintendent Schutze and asked for clarification on several details. Discussion followed. Dr. Scroggin clarified this is not a vote to reopen the main campus. This option could allow that to happen or could also allow a repurposing of the campus.

INCOMPLETE MOTION

Trustee Sandland made a motion to amend Option B proposing that we move to modernize the main campus (like we've done at other schools); reopen the main campus and move kids back on campus.

There was no second to the motion so the motion failed.

DISTRICT AMENDED RECOMMENDATION

The District amended recommendation was to: Move forward with planning and design for the main campus (excluding the Administration building) to determine main campus modernization cost with targeted usability by the district in the 2017-2018 school year.

AMENDED #1

The Board added Amendment #1 to the above motion that the District will provide a cost estimate of what the plans and designs will be at the next special Board Meeting on April 29, 2014.

AMENDED #2

The Board added Amendment #2 to this motion that the original Simi Elementary campus would not be reopened for students and staff until at least the 2017-2018 school year.

FINAL AMENDED MOTION

Motion #258

MSC, Kidd/White, 4/1 (Sandland dissented) the District will provide a cost estimate for modernization plans and designs of the main campus (excluding the Administration building) at the April 29, 2014 special Board meeting; and, the original Simi Elementary School campus will not be reopened for students and staff until at least the 2017-2018 school year.

Roll call Vote

White: Aye
Kidd: Aye
Sandland: Noe
Davis: Aye
Collins: Aye

The audience responded with shout out questions and Dr. Scroggin responded District administration would be happy to meet with parents as a group to answer any questions they might have.

BREAK

President Collins announced a five minute break beginning at 9:45 p.m. The break extended to 10:00 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF FENCING FOR SIMI EL SCHOOL

On February 4, 2014, the Board of Education requested fencing of the Admin building at Simi Elementary School. Additional information is available from the Bond office. Depending on the type of fencing the cost will vary. In a ball park range it is estimated between \$11,000 – \$17,000.

**STAFF
RECOMMENDATION
TO AMEND
MOTION**

Superintendent Scroggin stated that staff would like to amend the recommendation which was written prior to many of the discussions that have occurred since then to NOT fence the Administration Building but rather to look at other security measures such as inexpensive surveillance or Security cameras to be placed around the building and to keep the appeal of the building visible in the community and neighborhood.

**AMENDED
Motion #269**

MSCU, Sandland/Davis, 5/0, the Board of Education recommended to NOT install chain link fencing around the Administration Building at Simi Elementary School and instead research other security options for ensuring the building's safety.

Roll call Vote:

Ayes: White, Kidd, Sandland, Davis, Collins
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

**CONSIDERATION
OF MTN.VIEW
MODERNIZATION**

Interim Assistant Superintendent Schultze indicated remaining C4 Bond funds are available for implementation of projects at the District's schools. The scope of work for the Mountain Elementary School modernization project was presented. Discussion followed.

**PUBLIC
COMMENT**

Judi Malone addressed the Board requesting bond money to repair Mountain View Elementary School.

Motion #260

MSCU, Sandland/Davis, 5/0, following District's recommendation the Board voted to move forward with the modernization of Mountain Elementary campus at an estimated cost of \$3.5 million.

The project will include a new parking lot, remodeled restrooms, accessibility upgrades, updated utility lines, classroom and office renovations and a new fire alarm system. Most of the construction will happen over the next two summers to minimize the impact on staff and students.

Vote:

Ayes: White, Kidd, Sandland, Davis, Collins
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

**PROPOSED
MODELS
OF TRUSTEE
BY TRUSTEE
AREA
RES #87-13/14**

The Board of Education had previously authorized the Superintendent to compile data, reports and recommendations pertaining to consideration of changing the at large trustee election model utilized by the District. This resolution is being submitted for adoption including selection of one of the draft plans and authorization to initiate the process for changing the District's trustee election model in accordance with the legal requirements governing the process for changing trustee election models.

Due to a computer glitch, the Board stated none of them had received the email from Dr. Scroggin containing the maps and accompanying paperwork. Therefore, the Board agreed to table the item. However, Mr. Doug Johnson, President of National Demographics Corporation was present and went forward with his powerpoint presentation. Consequently, the Board was given the opportunity to discuss and ask questions.

Motion #261

MSCU, Kidd/White, 5/0, the Board of Education tabled Resolution No. 87-13/14 Implementing the process for changing the at large trustee election model in order to review the maps and consider the implications of the resolution until after the November, 2014 election. In addition, the Board requested a community survey to see what input the community might have to the proposed changes; or what would be the best way to vote for trustees by regions or areas created within the District. Also, it was suggested that an Ad Hoc committee be formed.

Roll call Vote

Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis Collins
 Noes: None
 Absent: None
 Abstain: None

**APPROVAL OF
 REVISED
 MINUTES
 FROM
 JANUARY
 22, 2014**

After further consideration of the transcript from the January 22, 2014 Board meeting regarding Business & Facilities Action #2 Simi Elementary School Modernization and Seismic Retrofit Cost Estimates, it has been determined that the minutes should be revised to accurately reflect the motion that was made on January 22, 2014 to read as follows:

From: MSCU, Sandland/White, 5/0, the Board of Education approved by a Roll call vote Simi Elementary School Modernization and Seismic Retrofit Cost Estimates pending the structural engineer report of the other buildings On campus

To: MSCU, Sandland/White, 5/0, the Board of Education approved by a Roll call vote to move forward with the next seismic engineering study of Simi Elementary School.

Motion #262

MSCU, Kidd/Davis, 5/0, the Board of Education approved the revised minutes to accurately reflect the motion that was made on Business & Facilities Action #2 Simi Elementary School Modernization and Seismic Retrofit Cost Estimates from the January 22, 2014 Special Board Meeting.

Vote

Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins
 Noes: None
 Absent: None
 Abstained: None

**RESOLUTION
DAY OF THE
TEACHER**

SVUSD honors and recognizes its teachers in conjunction with the State of California and National Teacher Week. May 14, 2014 is designated California Day of the Teacher, a time for recognizing the lasting contributions teachers make to our lives. California Day of the Teacher acknowledges teachers for their dedication in providing quality education for the students of SVUSD. Clerk Davis read the Resolution aloud.

Motion #263

MSCU, Sandland/Davis, 5/0, to approve Resolution No. 81-13/14 recognizing May 14, 2014 as California Day of the Teacher.

Roll-call Vote

Ayes: White, Kidd, Sandland, Davis, Collins
Noes:
Absent:
Abstain:

**RESOLUTION
CLASSIFIED
SCHOOL
EMPLOYEE
WEEK**

On April 2, 1986, the California State Legislature passed a Senate Concurrent Resolution designating the third full week in May 18-24, 2014 as School Employee Week in California. This resolution was co-sponsored by each of the Assembly and Senate Education Committees. Classified employees and campus/playground supervisors assist the District in attaining its goal of educating students. Trustee Sandland read the Resolution aloud.

Motion #264

MSCU, Davis/Sandland, 5/0, to approve Resolution No. 82-13/14 recognizing Classified School Employee Week, May 18-24, 2014.

Roll-call Vote

Ayes: White, Kidd, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

**EXTEND END
OF MEETING
TIME**

Due to the late hour and the amount of business to cover still on the agenda a motion was made to extend the meeting end time to cover to 11:00 p.m.

Motion# 265

MSCU, White/Kidd, 5/0, the Board of Education extended the meeting time until 11:00 p.m.

Vote:

Ayes: White, Kidd, Sandland, Davis, Collins
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

**APPROVE AND
ADOPT A TITLE I
SCHOOLWIDE**

A School-wide Program (SWP) is a comprehensive reform strategy designed to upgrade the entire educational program in a Title I school; it's primary goal is to ensure that all students, particularly those who are low-achieving,

COMPETITION)**FIRST READING
REVISED BP/AR
6164.6 (IDENTIFICATION
AND EDUCATION
UNDER SECTION 504**

CSBA verbiage and reflect current law. This policy is provided for Board information only and will be brought back as a second reading for approval. First Reading of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6164.6 (Identification and Education under Section 504) is being revised to reflect current law and language and to more closely align with current recommended CSBA verbiage. Items considered for revision in addition to the Board Policy and Administrative Regulation are the Section 504 Service Plan Handbook. This policy is provided for Board information only and will be brought back for approval.

**ATTENTION TO
ATTENDANCE
(A2A) BOARD
REPORT**

As part of an effort to increase student attendance in SVUSD, the District purchased the Attention to Attendance (A2A) program in 2008. The objective was to implement a more timely and consistent process for notifying parents when their children were not in school. A copy of the presentation is available on our website or from the Office of Student Support Services. On behalf of the Board, President Collins thanked the presenter for the thorough report.

**QUARTERLY
REPORT ON
WILLIAMS
SETTLEMENT**

In accordance with AR 1312.4 and Educational Code Section 35186, information regarding the nature and resolution of all Williams Settlement Complaints have been provided to the Board and County Superintendent of Schools. According to information provided by the Ventura County Office of Education, one (1) parent complaint concerning the safety of Simi Elementary was received during third quarter of fiscal year 2013-14. (1/1/14-3/31/14). The district response to the complaint was to relocate staff and students to Mountain View Elementary School. Additional information is on file in the Office of Business & Facilities.

**DISCRETIONARY
C4 BOND
FUNDS
SANTA
SUSANTA
ELEMENTARY**

Interim Assistant Superintendent Schultze presented information to the Board detailing remaining C4 Bond funds and an accounting of proposed expenditures. Santa Susan Elementary School requested approval to purchase additional printers at a cost of \$3,498.70. After this purchase there would be no remaining available Discretionary funds.

**CONSIDERATION
OF ITEMS FOR
FUTURE
MEETINGS**

Trustee White: Investigate a dress code and policy of professional conduct
Dr. Scroggin responded Administration is in conversation with the bargaining unit.

**PROPOSED
AGENDA ITEMS**

*Trustees may propose agenda items to the Board of Education.
The Board of Education will give direction to the Superintendent*

Trustee Davis: requested more information on A-G requirements.
Dr. Scroggin responded we can include this in a Friday update.

- PROGRAM (SWP)** demonstrate proficient and advanced levels of achievement on State academic Achievement standards. This schoolwide reform strategy requires that a school:
- Conduct a comprehensive needs assessment
 - Identify and commit to specific goals and strategies that address those needs
 - Create a comprehensive plan
 - Conduct an annual review of the effectiveness of the schoolwide program and revise the plan as necessary.

In addition, to operate a SWP requires a year of planning and the development of a school plan that addresses ten components specified in law. A list of those components is available on our website as part of this agenda or from the Office of Educational Services.

A question and answer period followed.

Motion #266

MSCU, Davis/White, 5/0, the Board of Education adopted and approved by a roll call vote a Title I Schoolwide Program (SWP) plan for Simi Valley Unified School District Title I Schools.

Roll-call Vote

Ayes: White, Kidd, Sandland, Davis, Collins
 Noes: None
 Absent: None
 Abstain: None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

FIRST READING OF REVISED BP/AR 5145.3 NONDISCRIMINATION/HARASSMENT AND DELETION OF BP/AR 5145.3 GENDER DISCRIMINATION

First Reading of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5145.3 (Nondiscrimination/Harassment) is a Mandated policy updated to reflect new law AB 1266 to more closely align current policy with recommended CSBA verbiage and reflect current law. This policy is provided for Board information only.

FIRST READING OF REVISED BOARD POLICY 0410 (NONDISCRIMINATION IN DISTRICT PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

First Reading of Board Policy 0410 (Nondiscrimination in district Programs and Activities) is a Mandated policy updated to reflect new laws AB 1266 and AB 556 to more closely align current policy with recommended CSBA verbiage and reflect current law. This policy is provided for Board information only and will be brought back as a second reading for approval.

FIRST READING REVISED BP/AR 6145.2 (ATHLETIC

First Reading of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6145.2 (Athletic Competition) is a Mandated policy updated to reflect new law AB 1266 to more closely align current policy with recommended

Trustee Kidd: wants to move forward to develop a community-based process to preserve the Simi Elementary School main Administration building.

Trustee White: requests to reopen 7-11 DAC committee (Trustee Sandland opposed)

Trustee White: requested the E-cigarette Board Policy be revised.

Trustee Collins: investigate District office move to Farmers Building

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

April 16, 2014: ICOC-6:30 p.m. Floyd Binns Room

April 24, 2014: Heroin Task Force Meeting 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. City Hall Council Chambers

April 29, 2014: Special Board Meeting - 5:30 p.m. – Floyd Binns Room

May 13, 2014: Regular Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – City Hall Council Chambers

May 20, 2014: Expulsions (tentative) – 5:30 p.m. Floyd Binns Room

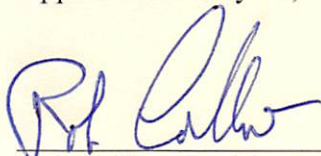
ADJOURNMENT

Motion #267

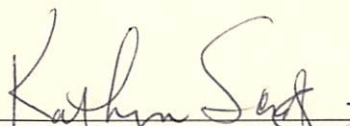
MSCU, Sandland/Davis, 5/0, to adjourn the meeting at 10:57 p.m.

Approved on May 13, 2014

MSCU=Motion, Seconded, Carried, Unanimous



Rob Collins President
Board of Education



Dr. Kathryn Scroggin, Superintendent
Secretary to the Board of Education

**SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING /
TECHNOLOGY BOND WORKSHOP
April 29, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER
OPEN SESSION**

Board President Collins called a special meeting of the Board of Education to order at 5:06 p.m. in the Floyd Binns Room at the Educational Service Center, 875 E. Cochran Street, Simi Valley, CA 93065.

PRESENT

Board Members: Rob Collins, Arleigh Kidd, Dan White
Jeanne Davis – Absent
Debbie Sandland

Trustee Sandland was present via teleconference from a private residence located at 108 11 Avenue SW 29, Bowman, North Dakota 56823 (Mountain Time Zone)

Staff Members: Kathryn Scroggin, Ed.D., Superintendent
Dan Houghton, Assistant Superintendent
Ron Todo, Assistant Superintendent
Lowell Schultze, Interim Assistant Superintendent
Anthony Joseph, Bond Program Manager
Pedro Avila, Facilities and Maintenance Manager

FLAG SALUTE

President Collins led the flag salute at 5:07 p.m.

**PROPOSED
ITEMS FOR
FUTURE
AGENDAS**

None

**APPROVAL TO
RESCIND THREE
CERTIFICATED
STAFF DEVELOPMENT
FURLOUGH DAYS**

Assistant Superintendent Houghton explained negotiations conducted with Simi Educators Association (SEA) included six furlough days for certificated staff. Contingency language agreed to by both parties state that staff development furlough days would be returned based on Common Core funds received.

Motion #268

MSC, Sandland/Kidd, 4/0/1, (Davis absent) approved three certificated staff development furlough days be rescinded with Common Core funds.

Vote:

Ayes: White
Sandland (via teleconference)
Kidd
Collins
Noes: None
Absent: Davis

**APPROVAL OF
PARS SRP**

On March 4, 2014, the Board of Education approved the adoption of Resolution No. 73-13/14 to enter an agreement with Public Agency Retirement Services (PARS) to design and administrate a supplementary retirement plan (SRP) for eligible employees provided there was sufficient employee participation in the plan offered.

Assistant Superintendent Houghton announced 9 certificated management employees, 40 certificated employees, 6 classified management employees and 39 classified employees have enrolled in the SRP. This is sufficient participation for the plan to move forward.

Trustee Sandland inquired about extending the deadline for enrollment in the SRP. Trustee Kidd would like to move forward with the SRP and then extend the deadline for enrollment until May 9, 2014. Dr. Scroggin requested clarification that the deadline would be extended for both certificated and classified employees. The trustees agreed it would be extended to all employees with the new deadline to enroll on May 9, 2014.

Motion #269

MSC, Sandland/White, 4/0/1, (Davis absent) approved the agreement between SVUSD and PARS to administrate a supplementary retirement plan and to extend the deadline for enrollment until May 9, 2014.

Roll-call Vote:

Ayes: White
Sandland (via teleconference)
Kidd
Collins
Noes: None
Absent: Davis
Abstain: None

Immediately following the approval of the action items the Board continued with the New Technology Bond Workshop.

BOND WORKSHOP

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Scroggin welcomed everyone and turned the meeting over to Lowell Schultze, Interim Assistant Superintendent, Business and Facilities.

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS**

Shanna Foster addressed the Board to express her concerns regarding the use of C4 Bond funds for technology. She felt the remaining C4 Bond funds should go to the facilities and school sites which need upgrading and modernization instead of technology.

**BOND UPDATE
PRESENTATION**

Interim Assistant Superintendent Schultze introduced Mr. Khushroo Gheyara from Caldwell Flores Winters (CFW). Mr. Gheyara made a Presentation about the background of the Measure C4 Bond and the options available to the District to increase funds for additional needs of the schools. CFW has done preliminary polling and has determined the community would be supportive of a new bond measure going to the polls. Mr. Gheyara explained the steps involved with moving forward with a bond and the requirements the district would need to meet. The timeline was outlined leading up to the November election. A Campaign Committee would be formed and the purpose of this and the necessary obligations were explained to the Board. The estimated bond proceeds and projected voter turnout were also detailed.

Trustee White was not in favor of the bond at this time. He felt more time was needed to identify what the future needs would be. He also explained there were still bond funds available from previous bonds. He felt there were many projects that are on-going that require completion before making decisions on another bond.

Interim Assistant Superintendent Schultze gave further explanation of the figures presented and the projects included. Both technology and facility needs were included in the projects presented.

A question and answer session followed between the Board, Mr. Schultze and Mr. Gheyara. Trustee Sandland expressed her support to move forward with the bond. President Collins also was supportive of moving forward with the bond process and offering it to the voters in November.

The Board discussed the possibility of delaying a bond with the plan of a larger bond at a future date, possibly in 2016, in order to gather more information about the needs of the district and input from the community.

Trustee Kidd requested more information regarding what the specific needs are before giving any direction to moving forward with a bond. Trustee Kidd also requested more information on the progress of the technology funds previously allocated.

The Board agreed to discuss more detailed information which would be presented at the May 13, 2014 Board meeting.

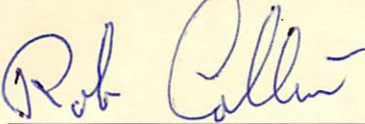
ADJOURNMENT
Motion #270

MSC, Kidd/Sandland, 4/0/1, (Davis absent) to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

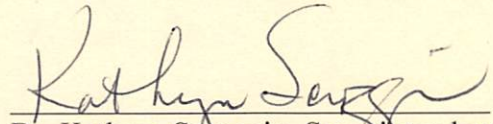
Vote: Ayes: White
 Sandland (via teleconference)
 Kidd
 Collins
 Noes: None
 Absent: Davis
 Abstain: None

Approved on May 13, 2014

MSCU = Motion, Seconded, Carried, Unanimous



Rob Collins, President
President of the Board of Education



Dr. Kathryn Scroggin, Superintendent
Secretary to the Board of Education

**SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MAY 13, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER
OPEN SESSION** The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Collins at 5:31 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall Chambers located at City Hall, 2929 Tapo Canyon Road, Simi Valley

PRESENT Board Members: Rob Collins, Jeanne Davis, Arleigh Kidd,
Debbie Sandland, Dan White

Staff Members: Dr. Kathryn Scroggin, Superintendent
Lowell Schultze, Interim Assistant Superintendent
Dan Houghton, Assistant Superintendent
Ron Todo, Assistant Superintendent

PUBLIC COMMENTS There were no public comments regarding closed items.

CLOSED SESSION The Board adjourned to closed session at 5:32 p.m. to conduct the following:

- 3.1 Student Discipline: Discuss Recommendation of Student Waiver of Hearing Student Case #23
- 3.2 Student Discipline: Discuss Recommendation of Student Waiver of Hearing Student Case #24
- 3.3. CONFIDENTIAL STUDENT MATTERS: The Board of Education will Meet in closed session to discuss confidential student matters protected by State and Federal law, including but not limited to the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), California Education Code 49060 et.seq., 49073 and California Constitution Article 1 section 1 to consider special education Settlement Agreement #A14.237
- 3.4 The Board of Education will meet in closed session for SEA Negotiations (as per the Rodda Act). Dan Houghton, District Negotiator
- 3.5 The Board of Education will meet in closed session for CSEA Negotiations (as per the Rodda Act). Dan Houghton, District Negotiator
- 3.6 Conference with legal counsel pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9, existing litigation: Ventura County Superior Court Case Number 56-2014-00449705-CU-PO-VTA

- 3.7 The Board of Education will meet in closed session in accordance with provisions in Government Code Section 54957, Public Employment Matters – Performance Evaluation, Discipline, Dismissal, Release: Director Information Technology
- 3.8 The Board of Education will meet in closed session in accordance with provisions in Government Code Section 54957, Public Employment Matters – Discipline, Dismissal, Release, Resignation

**CLOSED SESSION MSCU, Kidd/Sandland, 5/0, to adjourn the closed session at 6:40 p.m.
ADJOURNMENT**

Motion #271

Vote:

Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

**RECESS/
OPEN
SESSION
FLAG SALUTE**

The Board took a short recess and reconvened in City Hall Chambers at 6:47 p.m. for open session. Board President Collins led the flag salute and reported the following action taken in closed session:

**3.1 STUDENT
WAIVER OF
HEARING**

Motion #272

Vote:

MSCU, Kidd/Davis, 5/0, the Board of Education approved the Waiver of Hearing for Student Case #23.

Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

**3.2 STUDENT
WAIVER OF
HEARING**

Motion #273

Vote:

MSCU, Sandland/Kidd, 5/0, the Board of Education approved the Waiver of Hearing for Student Case #24.

Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

**3.3 CONFIDENTIAL
STUDENT
MATTERS**

Motion #274

Vote:

MSCU, Sandland/White, 5/0, the Board of Education approved Special Education Agreement A14.237.

Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

3.4 SEA No Action

3.5 CSEA No Action

3.6 CONFIDENTIAL LITIGATION MSCU, Sandland/Davis, 5/0, the Board denied litigation Case #56-2014-0044705-CU-PO-VTA.

Motion #275

Vote: Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins
 Noes: None
 Absent: None
 Abstain: None

3.7 PERSONNEL No Action

3.8 PERSONNEL No Action

APPROVAL OF AGENDA MSCU, Sandland/Davis, 5/0, to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion #276

Vote: Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins
 Noes: None
 Absent: None
 Abstain: None

Replace Business & Facilities Consent #21 with Revised Business & Facilities #21 Authorization to Award Bid #14E02B211 Sinaloa Middle School Building Water Piping Replacement & Restroom Project;

Replace Personnel Services Action #1 Resolution No. 93-13/14 with Revised Resolution No. 93-13/14 Before the Governing Board of the SVUSD Reduction or Elimination of Certain Certificated Services for the 2014-2015 School Year;

Replace Business & Facilities Action #1 with Revised Business & Facilities Action #1 Consideration of Simi Elementary School Modernization Document Development and Approval;

Move forward Student Support Services Action #1 Adoption of Resolution 91-13/14 Commending Anita Morgan for Recognition as an Outstanding Special Educator to Communications/Presentations;

Move forward Business & Facilities Information # Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee (ICOC) Annual Report for the Year 2013 to Communications/Presentations.

MINUTES
Motion #277
 Vote:

MSCU, White/Kidd, 5/0, (all present) to approve the minutes of the Special Board meeting of April 8, 2014.
 Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins
 Noes: None
 Absent: None
 Abstain: None

MINUTES
Motion #278
 Vote:

MSCU, Sandland/Davis, 5/0, (all present) to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 15, 2014.
 Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins
 Noes: None
 Absent: None
 Abstain: None

MINUTES
Motion #279
 Vote:

MSC, Sandland/Kidd, 4/0/1, (Davis abstained: absence/hardship) to approve the minutes of the Special Board meeting of April 29, 2014.
 Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Collins
 Noes: None
 Absent: None
 Abstain: Davis
 Trustee Sandland teleconferenced.

**PUBLIC
 COMMENTS
 ITEMS NOT
 ON THE
 AGENDA**

Josie Hirsch spoke regarding superintendent search and retirement incentive.
 Rebecca Schimke spoke regarding a teacher issue at Vista Elementary School.
 Jennifer Jones questioned redistricting and how/if it will affect the November election and how will it affect changes in requirements of candidates running for school board.

**PUBLIC
 HEARINGS**

None

**EMPLOYEE
 ORGANIZATIONS**

No comments

**STUDENT BOARD
 COMMUNICATION**

Verenise Frias, Santa Susana High School read the following reports on behalf of our Student Board representatives:

Santa Susana High School students are currently hard at work to achieve great scores on their advanced placement testing and final testing. Seniors are excitedly anticipating Senior Award Night on [May 19](#), Grad Night on [May 22](#), Senior BBQ on [May 27](#), and finally graduation on [May 29](#)! Although the year is almost over, Santa Susana continues to have great final performances to top off a great year. Upcoming performances include choir's Cafe Troubadour and the Spring Dance Show. Santa Susana also is proud to say that a fellow student, Kenny Closser, had the opportunity to give a speech for TEDx Talk. To end off the year with a great celebration, the final lunch activity named 'The Last Sha-Bang' on [May 22](#), will be a great bonding time for students and

teachers. Although we are sad to see them go, we know the seniors will go off into the world and make a difference.

Madisen Richard Simi Valley High School reports that as the school year is coming to a close, the Pioneers are still remaining at the top of their game. With Senior Prom, and Pride Day over, there are only a few events left in the remainder of the school year. Seniors are looking forward to a Senior Rally hosted by teachers and staff, as well as Senior Luau, an Honor Guard Barbecue, Senior Sunrise, Grad Nite, and the ever so awaited Graduation. While underclassmen may have less to look forward to as the school year comes to a close, teachers and staff are already gearing up and planning for next year, to get students excited for the 2014-2015 school year! Next year's overall theme is "Legendary," so all events will be inspired by a decade. While the Pioneers were at the top of their game this year, next year will surely be one for the history books!

Kiana Kenik shares that at Apollo potential graduates are checking in with their counselors and teachers to make sure that grad plans and contracts are completed. Class rings, yearbooks, graduation announcements and Grad Nite tickets are all on sale in the office in anticipation of the big event! CAASPP testing has come to a close, and it was a very successful testing season. The 11th grade students enjoyed taking the Smarter Balanced Assessments on the Chromebooks provided by the district. They felt that the computerized testing kept them more focused and engaged. Apollo seniors and 10th grade students took the California High School Exit Exam in English and math. All fourth period classes are participating in a door decorating contest for Kick Butts Day, which will take place this Friday, May 16th. The winning classroom will win an ice cream sundae party! Also, Apollo will be sending two three-person basketball teams to participate in the Ventura County Alternative Education Basketball Tournament...Go Apollo! Apollo wishes all of the other schools a successful end of the school year and a happy graduation!

Sarah Russo states that Monte Vista School is getting ready for a busy end-of-the-school-year! Our new testing form worked out quite well with just a few glitches and great student participation. We thank all of our students and parents for their patience and cooperation. We are very excited for our graduating seniors as many exciting senior events are coming quite soon! Monte Vista School's students are planning on attending Grad Night, which takes place at Six Flag's Magic Mountain on May 29. Our graduation date is set for June 2 at 6 pm and takes place at Apollo High School's quad area. We wish all of our seniors a wonderful time as they celebrate their high school accomplishments and move on to achieve their future goals.

Erin Gentry reports that Royal High School is wrapping up this amazing school year with some exciting events! Royal recently hosted its annual Juniors vs Senior pep rally which got senior students excited to graduate and juniors excited for their senior year, not too far ahead. Royal is getting prepared to send their seniors off to college with final exams, AP testing and many exciting senior events coming up within the next three weeks. Upcoming events are:

AP testing from April 25th- May 23rd; Senior ice cream social May 20; Senior Grad Nite held at six flags Magic Mountain on May 22; Prom on May 24; Mo school on May 26; Fire House Sub fundraiser on May 8; Senior awards night May 27 at the Ronald Reagan Library; Senior graduation on May 29.

**SUPERINTENDENT
COMMENTS**

Dr. Scroggin: 1) congratulated SVUSD two newest CA Distinguished Schools Katherine Elementary & Vista Fundamental Elementary; 2) highlighted other recent accomplishments in our District such as: Atherwood Elementary Certificate of Merit event; partnerships in the Heroin Task Force meeting; congratulated the Honorary Service Award winners; congratulated Arroyo Elementary who received a \$300 Northrop Grumman STEM grant; congratulated Crestview Elementary who received \$1,000 from a bank sponsor, congratulated Royal High School who has been selected to do a presentation in Boston at the NCSS conference on Building School-community Partnerships: the Citizen Scholar Institute; commended Royal High School teacher John Downey who was selected for an all expense paid trip to Washington D.C. to participate in a U.S. History, Government, Civics and Law seminar; congratulated the County Careers Pathways Trust Grant Team who was chosen as a finalist for the VC Innovates Grant; congratulated Santa Susana High School who was recommended to serve at a state demonstration site for Arts, Media & Entertainment, and, we are working with the Chamber of Commerce to arrange externships for our pathways for Career Technical Institute; 3) congratulated the graduating class of 2014 and announced many of the prestigious colleges and universities where they will continue their educations; and, 4) announced her resignation as Superintendent and later the Board will have an opportunity to choose the process to hire a new superintendent.

PRESENTATION:

The student Board representatives were summoned to the podium to receive a certificate for their year of service. The Monte Vista and Apollo representatives graduated early and the Royal High School and Simi Valley High School reps were at other senior activities. The Board thanked Verenise Frias and the other student Board representatives for their year of service.

The Board amended the Agenda and moved the Awesome Autism Educator of the Year Action item forward.

PRESENTATION:

Sean Goldman Executive Director Student Support Services invited Anita Morgan to accept the 2014 Awesome Autism Educator of the Year for 2014.

**AWESOME
AUTISM
EDUCATOR
OF THE
YEAR**

The Board is proud to present Anita Morgan the Awesome in Autism Educator of the Year for (Secondary/Post Secondary). Ms. Morgan is currently an Instructional Aide at Royal High School. She has worked for the Simi Valley USD for 22 years, 15 of those years working with autistic students and is currently in Teacher Diane Holmes special education classroom.

Motion #280

MSCU, Davis/Sandland, 5/0, the Board of Education approved Resolution No. 91-13/14 recognizing Anita Morgan as 2014

(roll-call vote): **Awesome in Autism Educator.**
Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins
Noes: None
Absent:None
Abstained:None

ICOC REPORT

Matt Nestor, ICOC chairman, gave a short report on the ICOC Committee. Concerning the audit, all statutory requirements were met. Of concern are the report of the pilot chrome books going home with students and requested a response from administration. He thanked the project managers for the great job.

**BOARD
COMMUNICATION**

Trustee Kidd: 1) thanked the Student Board reps for their reports and year of service; 2) attended the Honorary Service Awards (HSA) awards and congratulated the recipients and thanked the PTA/PTSA for their great job; 3) congratulated Anita Morgan on her Autism award; 4) visited Knolls and Simi High School and observed the solar parking structures and appreciates how quickly the work was accomplished; 5) thanked the ICOC for all their work; 6) welcomed Sarah Baxter back to her running career and wished her well at college; and, 7) congratulated Katherine Elementary and Vista Fundamental School on the CA Distinguished Schools Awards.

Trustee White: 1) congratulated Katherine Elementary and Vista Fundamental School on their CA Distinguished School Awards; 2) thanked administration for the PARS program and the minimal effect it had on teacher RIFs and ultimately the students; 3) thanked all the Student Board representatives for their service; 4) thanked staff and teachers for the great variety of senior events (many which his son participated) and congratulated the Class of 2014; and, 5) thanked Dr. Scroggin for her years of service and commitment to making our District better as she has been a great factor of stability over the years.

Trustee Sandland: 1) thanked the Student Board reps for their informative reports and year of service; 2) congratulated Katherine Elementary and Vista Fundamental Schools on their CA Distinguished Schools Award; 3) congratulated and thanked Anita Morgan for her service to our students 4) stated she is looking forward to attending Valley View Middle School promotion and Simi Valley High School graduation; 5) thanked the ICOC for their report; and, 6) thanked Dr. Scroggin for her distinct leadership, integrity and poise and appreciates her many years of service.

Trustee Davis: 1) congratulated Katherine Elementary and Vista Fundamental School on their CA Distinguished Schools Award; 2) thanked Anita Morgan for her commitment to students with Autism; 3) thanked the ICOC for their hard work; 4) thanked the PTA/PTSA for the HSA awards dinner and their service to our district; 5) thanked the teachers, administration and Dr. Scroggin for all their hard work this year; 6) thanked the student board representatives for their reports and year of service; and, 7) looks forward to summer vacation.

Trustee Collins: 1) thanked Anita Morgan for her awesome award and would like to invite her and her colleagues back for a report on Autism in our district; 2) thanked Katherine Elementary and Vista Fundamental Elementary on their CA Distinguished School awards; 3) will attend Hillside Middle School promotion and Royal High School graduation and congratulated the class of 2014; 4) gave a brief update on the Governor's May revise; 5) sadly stated California is now rated 50th out of 50 states; 6) along with Trustee White met with the County regarding the Farmers Building and is in ongoing discussions; and, 7) along Dr. Scroggin met with RSRPD, the Mayor, and the City Manager to discuss several topics such as the Farmers building, revitalizing Simi; Heroin Task Force; Tri-Agency meeting; Phase I of Arroyo Simi Trail project and other issues that affect our community.

**BOARD
CORRESPONDENCE**

There were four pieces of Board correspondence reported from Clerk of the Board Davis: 1) the first was a letter from the Superintendent of Las Virgenes Unified School District received April 11, 2014 congratulating Board President Collins on his re-election to the Delegate Assembly; 2) a letter was received April 16, 2013 from a student at Simi Elementary stating concerns of Simi Elementary being closed; 3) a letter received April 21, 2014 from the County of Ventura Grand Jury with a copy of a subject report entitled Public Charter Schools Processes, and, 4) a letter received April 25, 2014 was received regarding concerns with Simi Elementary and Mountain View Elementary.

The Superintendent or her designee will respond to the correspondence when appropriate.

The consent items listed below will be approved by the Board in one action. However, a Board member may remove an item for individual discussion and action.

**CONSENT
CALENDAR**
Motion #281
(roll-call vote)

MSCU, Kidd/Sandland, 5/0, approved the Consent Calendar:

AYES: White, Kidd, Sandland, Davis, Collins

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

1. BOARD/ADMINISTRATION

- 1.1. Adoption of Resolution No. 94-13/14 Ordering a Regular Governing Board Member Election, Ordering Consolidation With Other Elections and Constituting "Specification of the Election Order" to be held on November 4, 2014

2. PERSONNEL SERVICES

- 2.1. Approval of Certificated Personnel Report
2.2. Approval of Classified Personnel Report

3. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

- 3.1. Acceptance of Gifts for Simi Valley Unified School District 2013-2014

- 3.2. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised Board Policy 5145.3, New Administrative Regulation 5145.3 (Nondiscrimination/Harassment) and Deletion of Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 5145.31 (Gender Discrimination)
 - 3.3. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised Board Policy 0410 (Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
 - 3.4. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6145.2 (Athletic Competition)
 - 3.5. Approval of Out-of-State Travel Request, RHS/IB
 - 3.6. Approval of Educational Field Trips
 - 3.7. Approval of High School California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Representatives
4. ***STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES***
- 4.1. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6164.6 (Identification and Education Under Section 504)
 - 4.2. Ratification of Consultant Services Agreement No. A14.236 for District Special Education In-Service
5. ***BUSINESS & FACILITIES***
- 5.1. Approval of Warrants – April 1, 2014 through April 30, 2014
 - 5.2. Approval of Purchase Orders B14-00468 through P14-02328 in the Amount of \$1,348,782.50
 - 5.3. Approval of Transfer of Funds for the Month of April 2014
 - 5.4. Authorization to Award Bid #14D23B202, White Oak Elementary Modernization
 - 5.5. Authorization to Award Bid #14D22B203, Township Elementary Drainage & Paving
 - 5.6. Authorization to Award Bid #14D24B205, Asphalt Paving, 2014
 - 5.7. Authorization to Award Bid #14D24B206, Site Gas Piping at Big Springs, Township & Sycamore Elementary Schools
 - 5.8. Authorization to Award Bid #14D29B207, Seismic Retrofit at Crestview, Madera & Sycamore Elementary Schools
 - 5.9. Authorization to Award Bid #14D30B208, Sycamore Accordion Wall Replacement
 - 5.10. Authorization to Award Bid #14D30F213, Royal HS Special Ed. Restroom/Washroom
 - 5.11. Second Reading of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 3311 (Bids)
 - 5.12. Second Reading of Board Policy 2210 (Administrative Discretion Regarding Board Policy)
 - 5.13. Second Reading of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 3100 (Budget)
 - 5.14. Second Reading of Board Policy 3110 (Transfer of Funds)
 - 5.15. Deletion of Board Policy 3111 (Deferred Maintenance Funds)
 - 5.16. Approval of Change Order No. 3 Adult School & Career Institute Modernization Project.
 - 5.17. Ratification of Stipulated Award
 - 5.18. Reject Legal Claim
 - 5.19. Authorization to Award Bid # 14E02B204, Royal High School Track & Synthetic Field
 - 5.20. Authorization to Award Bid #14E01B209, White Oak Irrigation Systems
 - 5.21. Authorization to Award Bid #14E02B211, Sinaloa Building Water Piping Replacement
 - 5.22. Authorization to Award Bid #14E05B217, HVAC Replacements at Big Springs & Vista Elementary

ACTION ITEMS:**RESOLUTION FOR
BOARD MEMBER
ABSENCE**

Adoption of Resolution No. 90-13/14, Board Member Absence (hardship) Education Code Section 35120 states, "A member may be paid for any meeting when absent if the Board, by resolution duly adopted and included in its meeting, finds that at the time of the meeting he or she is performing services outside the meeting for the school District, he or she was ill or on jury duty, or the absence was due to a hardship deemed acceptable by the Board."

Motion #282

MSC, Sandland/Kidd, 4/0/1, (Davis abstained) to adopt Resolution No. 90-13/14 Board Member Absence (hardship) on April 29, 2014.

(roll-call vote)

Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Collins

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstained: Davis

**APPROVAL OF
A PROCESS
FOR
CONDUCTING
A SEARCH
FOR A
SUPERINTENDENT**

Dr. Scroggin stated she is providing the Board with 4-5 options available to conduct a search for a new Superintendent. The Board may approve one of the processes or may appoint a current staff member as the superintendent. Earlier this evening the Superintendent announced her resignation as required to participate in the PARS incentive. Discussion followed between the Board and the Superintendent.

Motion #283

MSC, Sandland/Davis, 4/1, (Kidd dissented) the Board of Education choose Option #3 contract with Ventura County Office of Education (VCOE) as the process to select a new superintendent for Simi Valley Unified School District.

Note: Dr. Scroggin will initiate the process with VCOE and reminded the Board there is an option to change if the Board feels the search process needs to be expanded.

(roll-call vote)

AYES: White, Sandland, Davis, Collins

Noes: Kidd

Absent: None

Abstained: None

**REDUCTION OR
ELIMINATION OF
CERTAIN
CERTIFICATED
SERVICES
2014/2015**

This resolution resolves that the Governing Board found that it is in the best interest of the District and the welfare of the schools to eliminate 1.0 equivalent FTE employee.

Motion#284

MSCU, Sandland/Davis, 5/0, the Board of Education approved Resolution 93-13/14 reducing or eliminating one Secondary Education Science (1.0 FTE) for 2014/2015.

(roll-call vote): **Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins**
 Noes: None
 Absent: None
 Abstained: None

**AWESOME
AUTISM
EDUCATOR
OF THE
YEAR**

Moved forward to Presentations

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS**

Jennifer Furs Instructional Aide reminded the Board in 2012 Simi Elementary School was a California Distinguished School. Sadly with the school vacant there has been some vandalism. The neighbors were happy with the school being open and support their neighborhood school. There are concerns that the school was closed and students moved from campus under false pretenses.

Shauna Foster stated the Board received Board correspondence from Attorney Craig Sherman representing Friends of Simi Elementary. In an agenda item dated February 4, 2014 it was reported that the school had gas leaks and corroded pipes, broken water mains, collapsing septic tanks, deteriorating roofs and other issues. All these concerns are normal for the age of the school and happening at other schools as well. Therefore these claims are falsely given as the reason to close the school.

Tony Strickland, 1982 Alumni of Simi Elementary School reminded the Board Simi Elementary is a historical site. He recently walked the neighborhood and talked to neighbors. He asked the Board to preserve Simi Elementary and follow staff recommendations to modernize Simi Elementary School and keep the school open.

Susan Koch retired Principal addressed the Board on behalf of Simi Elementary. Supporters of Simi Elementary School are challenging the findings used to close the school stating Simi Elementary was sacrificed to right size the district. Please fix and repair the school and open it as soon as possible reversing the decision of April 15, 2014.

Glenn Trotter was called but chose not to speak.

Clerk of the Board Davis stated four yellow cards were submitted in support of modernizing and repairing Simi Elementary.

**CONSIDERATION
OF SIMI EL
MODERNIZATION
DOCUMENT
DEVELOPMENT
AND APPROVAL**

Staff is recommending the approval of development of the modernization documents and DSA approval of documents. Once the Construction Documents and DSA approval are completed, a cost estimator would be hired at an additional fee to provide the expense for each of the items in the scope of work. Total fee is estimated at \$208,887.

Discussion followed between the Board and Interim Assistant Superintendent Lowell Schultze, Assistant Superintendent Todo and Superintendent Scroggin.

Each Trustee shared their concerns and gave suggestions for settling the issues concerning Simi Elementary. Several motions were made by different Board members amending staff's recommendation.

Interim Assistant Superintendent Schultze reminded the Board that the decision tonight is to decide to approve or disapprove the development of the modernization documents and DSA approval of modernization documents and giving direction to pursue option 1, 2, or 3 to modernize the remaining campus while leaving Building #1 (administration/classrooms) empty:

Fencing Options:

- 1) Build an 8 foot tall fence around the building at a distance away from the Building that is equal to the building height plus one inch. Fence distance will vary depending on the side of the building, twenty to twenty-three feet.
- 2) Add bracing to the exterior of the building, designed by a structural engineer to prevent the building from falling, and build an 8 foot tall fence around the building just beyond the bracing to prevent trip hazards, ten to twelve feet.
- 3) Add bracing to the interior of the building and no fence around the building is required.

Slides were shown with the interior/exterior bracing suggestions.

A brief point summary of Trustee comments and concerns are:

Trustee Sandland wishes to retrofit, modernize and reopen the campus.

Trustee Collins wants to replace the proposed Technology Bond on the November ballot with a \$10M Simi Elementary Bond.

Trustee White suggests closing the school, settling the matter once and for all.

Trustee Davis suggests closing the school and using the money elsewhere.

Trustee Kidd requested a cost breakdown of the above three options and asking the DAC to make a recommendation for Simi Elementary.

Assistant Superintendent Todo stated that the DAC felt that until the Board of Education makes a decision regarding the \$10M (to retrofit and modernize the campus) the DAC committee could not make a recommendation for Simi Elementary. Simi Elementary did, however, meet all the criteria that placed three other schools on the list for recommended closures. The purpose and process of the DAC committee will be discussed later on the agenda.

After several failed motions, the Board did agree to the following amended recommendation:

Motion #285

MSC, White/Kidd, 3/0/2, the Board rejected "option A" (approve the Development of the Modernization documents and DSA approval of Modernization documents; and, "option B" (DSA fencing option 1-3 as stated above); and, requested a Public Hearing be scheduled to consider School

Closure of Simi Elementary before July 15, 2014.

Vote: Ayes: White, Kidd, Davis
 Noe: Sandland, Collins
 Absent: None
 Abstained: None

INFORMATION ITEMS

FIRST READING OF REVISED AR 3554 (OTHER FOOD SALES) First Reading of Administrative Regulation 3554 (Other Food Sales) is a Mandated policy updated to reflect new Law (AB 626) and to more closely align current policy with recommended CSBA verbiage. This policy is provided for Board information only.

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FIRST READING OF REVISED BP/AR 5123 (PROMOTION/ACCELERATION/RETENTION) First Reading of Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 5123 (Promotion/Acceleration/Retention) is a Mandated policy updated to reflect new Law (AB484) and to more closely align current policy with recommended CSBA verbiage. This policy is provided for Board information only.

FIRST READING OF REVISED BP AND DELETED 6164.2 (GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING SERVICE) First Reading of revised Board Policy and deleted Administrative Reg 6164.2 (Guidance/Counseling Services) is a Mandated policy updated to reflect new Law (AB97) and to more closely align current policy with recommended CSBA verbiage. This policy is provided for Board information only.

FIRST READING OF REVISED BP/AR AND DELETED AR 6179 (SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION) First Reading of revised Board Policy and Deleted 6179 (Supplemental Instruction) is a Mandated policy updated to reflect new Law (AB97) and to more closely align current policy with recommended CSBA verbiage. This policy is provided for Board information only.

INFORMATION REGARDING LCAP SUMMARY AND STAKE HOLDER INPUT AND GOALS FOR 2014-2015 This agenda items presents a summary of stakeholder input, emerging themes and academic needs gathered from the online LCAP survey and advisory group meetings. A Public Hearing will be held on June 17, 2014 to consider any modifications to the plan based upon additional stakeholder input. The final LCAP will be adopted by the Board on June 24, 2014. This item is provided for Board information only. A powerpoint was given by Assistant Superintendent Todo and is available on the District website.

Discussion followed between Assistant Superintendent Todo and the Board.
 Next steps Special Board Meeting/Public Hearing – June 17, 2014
 Regular Board Meeting June 24, 2014 Adoption of LCAP

**CLOSING
 A SCHOOL
 BEST PRACTICES
 GUIDE
 (CASBPG)**

At the Regular Board meeting in April 2014, a majority of Board Members requested a review of the process that the District Advisory Committee for School Closures had undergone during the 2013-2014 school year. The Committee through a series of meetings analyzed data collected by the School Consolidation Task Force to look at the operational efficiency of SVUSD school sites to “right-size” SVUSD. The 7-11/DAC reported information to the Board after reviewing data and considering factors for all schools and proposed school closures as well as alternative plans for the potentially affected school sites. Although the process did not result in the closure of schools for the 2014-15 school year, the process is considered to be valid and met the criteria established by the “Closing a Schools Best Practices Guide” (CASBPG). Should further investigation be necessary to consider the closure of schools the steps used or an adaptation can be used based on direction given by the SVUSD School Board.

Discussion followed between the Board and Assistant Superintendent Todo. Plans offered to repurpose and redesign Abraham Lincoln, Justin and Mountain View would not occur until the 2015-2016 school year so that in February 2015 parents could submit their school of choice applications.

The Board gave staff direction to bring forward in August 2014 a presentation only with recommendations for the proposed repurposed schools because enrollment figures would not be available in August. Then, administration would have 2014-15 year to finalize the plans. Schools MAY then be closed for 2015-16 after the Public Hearings are held. The Board also requested a timeline to complete the process.

**ICOC ANNUAL
 REPORT**

ICOC Vice-chairwoman, Josie Hirsch presented a summary of the ICOC report earlier in the evening under Communications.

**BP/AR 3551
 (FOOD SERVICE
 OPERATIONS/
 CAFETERIA
 FUND)**

First Reading of Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 3551 (Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund) is being updated to reflect new law for districts participating in the National School Lunch Program, to ensure personnel receive annual training on administrative practices and to reflect the new U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Program Monitoring and Evaluation process. This policy is provided for Board information only.

**LED LIGHTING
 REPLACEMENT**

The Board of Education has requested a cost estimate for the replacement lighting in the district to LED lighting. A pilot program will be initiated at Atherwood and White Oak Elementary Schools. Estimated cost at Atherwood would be \$57,426 for 1,436 lights; and at white Oak \$87,578 for 2,190 lights. The costs includes installation but not replacement of any fixtures. This item was provided for information only.

**NOTIFICATION
 OF SETTLEMENTS**

The Ventura County Schools Self-Funding Authority has authorization to approve proposed settlement on behalf of SVUSD for the self-insured liability

OVER 10,000

program. Two cases have been given authorization for settlement: VCBA 06497A1 and VCBA 06515A1

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Trustee Kidd would like to move forward on developing a "community" based process to preserve Simi Elementary's main Administration Building. He would like to put together a committee with RSRPD, the Historical Society, SVUSD, City of Simi Valley and investigate how other Simi historical buildings have been preserved for history (such as the Train Depot, Strathern Park, etc.)

Trustee White: reopen the 7-11 DAC committee - DONE

Trustee Collins: investigate feasibility of moving District office to Farmers Building (or somewhere else). Dr. Scroggin stated we are in preliminary but ongoing discussion with the County, City and Parks District and will keep the Board updated on the progress of a possible move. Trustees had concerns with the cost to move and modernization of the District office. Other questions are the SVUSD shops and the maintenance area. Overall more information is needed.

Trustee Davis with consensus of the Board is that the ground mount solar area panels at SSSH and other schools are intrusive. Carports are great.

PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

Trustees may propose agenda items to the Board of Education. The Board of Education will give direction to the Superintendent. Trustee Collins – replace the Technology Bond for the November election with a Simi Elementary Bond; Postpone the Technology Bond until 2016.

Trustee Kidd – requests an update on status of Belwood Elementary School.

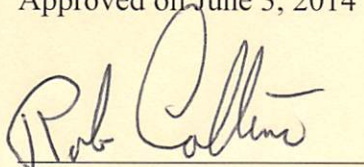
ANNOUNCEMENTS

- May 20, 2014: Special Board Meeting (Personnel Assignments) & Public Hearing (Class Size Waiver) 5:30 p.m. Floyd Binns Rm, D.O.
- June 3, 2014: Regular Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. City Hall Council Chambers
- June 11, 2014: Personnel Commission Meeting 6:00 p.m. Floyd Binns Rm D.O.
- June 17, 2014: Special Board Meeting & Public Hearing LCAP and Budget Workshop
- June 24, 2014: Regular Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. City Hall Council Chambers
- July 2, 2014: ICOC Meeting 6:30 p.m. Certificated Conference Room D.O.

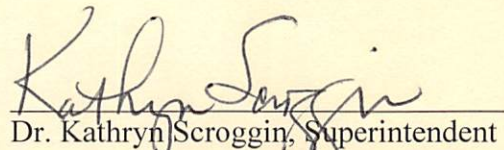
ADJOURNMENT MSCU, Sandland/Kidd, 5/0, to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 p.m.
Motion #286

Approved on June 3, 2014

MSCU=Motion, Seconded, Carried, Unanimous



Rob Collins
President of the Board of Education



Dr. Kathryn Scroggin, Superintendent
Secretary to the Board of Education

**SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
AND PUBLIC HEARING
MAY 20, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER President of the Board Rob Collins called a special meeting of the Board of
OPEN SESSION Education to order at 5:03 p.m. in the Floyd Binns Room at the Educational Services
Center, 875 E. Cochran Street, Simi Valley, CA 93065

PRESENT Board Members: Rob Collins, Arleigh Kidd, Debbie Sandland
Jeanne Davis, Dan White

Staff: Dr. Kathryn Scroggin Superintendent
Lowell Schultze Interim Assistant Superintendent
Ron Todo Assistant Superintendent
Dan Houghton Assistant Superintendent

FLAG SALUTE: The Flag salute was led by Board President Collins

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS** None

**PROPOSED
AGENDA
ITEMS** Trustee Sandland requested updated budget and enrollment information and a review of
the proposed redesigns side by side. The Board was not in agreement and it will not
move forward as an agenda item.

**CLOSED
SESSION** The Board adjourned to closed session at 5:07 p.m. in accordance with
Education code 54957 Public Employment Matters.

**ADJOURN
CLOSED
SESSION** **MSCU, Kidd/Davis, 5/0, the Board adjourned the Closed Session at 6:41 p.m.**
Board President Collins reported the following action from Closed Session:

Motion #287

Vote:

Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins
Noes: None Absent: None Abstained: None

**PERSONNEL
MATTERS:**

2.1 No Action
2.2 No Action
2.3 No Action
2.4 No Action

**2.5 MIDDLE
SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL** **MSCU, Sandland/Davis, 5/0, the Board appointed Jerry Block as Middle School
Principal at Hillside Middle School**

Motion #288

Vote:

Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins
Noes: None Absent: None Abstained: None

2.6 No Action
2.7 No Action
2.8 No Action

PUBLIC HEARING SESSION

Assistant Superintendent Todo opened the Public Hearing on the Class Size Penalty Waiver Request to the California Department of Educational Services at 6:43 p.m. There were no public comments.

Motion #289
Vote:

MSCU, Kidd/Sandland, 5/0, to close the Public hearing at 6:44 p.m.
Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins
Noes: None Absent: None Abstained: None

APPROVAL OF ACTION #1 WAIVER REQUEST

MSCU, Kidd/Davis, 5/0, the Board approved the Class Size Penalty Waiver request to the California Department of Education.

Motion #290
Vote:

Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins
Noes: None Absent: None Abstained: None

ADJOURNMENT
Motion #291

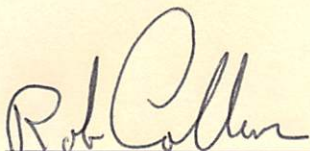
MSCU, Sandland/Kidd, 5/0, the Board adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Vote:

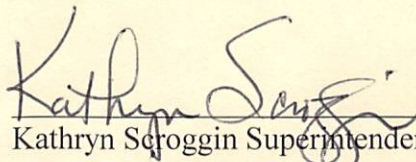
Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins
Noes: None Absent: None Abstained: None

Approved on June 3, 2014

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Rob Collins
President of Board of Education



Kathryn Scroggin Superintendent
Secretary to Board of Education

**SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

MAY 27, 2014

CALL TO ORDER President of the Board Rob Collins called a special meeting of the Board of
OPEN SESSION Education to order at 5:32 p.m. in the Floyd Binns Room at the Educational Services Center, 875 E. Cochran Street, Simi Valley, CA 93065

PRESENT Board Members: Rob Collins, Arleigh Kidd, Debbie Sandland
Jeanne Davis (absent), Dan White (absent)

Staff: Dr. Kathryn Scroggin Superintendent
Dan Houghton Assistant Superintendent

FLAG SALUTE: The Flag salute was led by Board President Collins

PUBLIC COMMENTS None

PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS None

CLOSED SESSION The Board adjourned to closed session at 5:33 p.m. in accordance with Education code 54957 Public Employment Matters.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION **MSC, Kidd/Sandland, 3/0/2, the Board adjourned the Closed Session at 5:48 p.m. Board President Collins reported the following action from Closed Session:**

Motion #292

Vote: Ayes: Sandland, Kidd, Collins
Noes: None Absent: Davis, White Abstained: None

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

2.1 No Action – The Board recommended that a contract move forward at the June 3, 2014 meeting agenda for the approval of the appointment Assistant Superintendent Business & Facilities (Mr. Ron Todo)

2.2 No Action – The Board recommended that a contract move forward at the June 3, 2014 meeting agenda for the approval of the appointment Assistant Superintendent Educational Services (Mr. Jason Peplinski)

2.3 DIRECTOR SECONDARY **MSC, Sandland/Kidd, 3/0/2, the Board appointed Deborah Salgado as Director of Secondary Education.**

Motion #293

Vote: Ayes: Sandland, Kidd, Collins
Noes: None Absent: Davis, White Abstained: None

**2.4 DIRECTOR
ELEMENTARY**

MSC, Sandland/Kidd, 3/0/2, the Board appointed Kathy Roth as Director of Elementary Education.

Motion #294

Vote:

Ayes: Sandland, Kidd, Collins

Noes: None

Absent: Davis, White

Abstained: None

**2.5 HIGH
SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL**

MSC, Sandland/Kidd, 3/0/2, the Board appointed Keith Derrick as Royal High School Principal.

Motion #295

Vote:

Ayes: Sandland, Kidd, Collins

Noes: None

Absent: Davis, White

Abstained: None

**2.6
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
PRINCIPALS**

MSC, Kidd/Sandland, 3/0/2, the Board appointed Erin Taggart, Nora Kuntz and Jamie Snodgrass as Elementary Principals with Assignments to be determined.

Motion #296

Vote:

Ayes: Sandland, Kidd, Collins

Noes: None

Absent: Davis, White

Abstained: None

2.7

No Action/Hold

2.8

No Action/Hold

ADJOURNMENT

MSC, Sandland/Kidd, 3/0/2, the Board adjourned the meeting at 5:52 p.m.

Motion #297

Vote:

Ayes: Sandland, Kidd, Collins

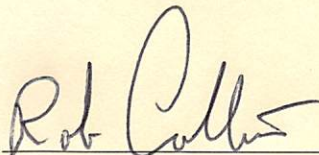
Noes: None

Absent: Davis/White

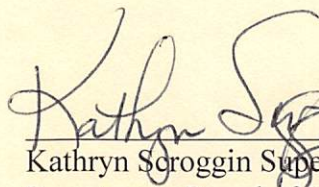
Abstained: None

Approved on June 3, 2014

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Rob Collins
President of Board of Education



Kathryn Scroggin
Secretary to Board of Education

SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JUNE 3, 2014

CALL TO ORDER The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by
OPEN SESSION President Collins at 5:31 p.m. in the City Hall Chambers located at City Hall,
 2929 Tapo Canyon Road, Simi Valley.

PRESENT Board Members: Rob Collins, Jeanne Davis, Arleigh Kidd, Dan White
 and Debbie Sandland
 Staff Members: Dr. Kathryn Scroggin, Superintendent
 Dan Houghton, Assistant Superintendent
 Ron Todo, Assistant Superintendent
 Lowell Schultze, Interim Assistant Superintendent

PUBLIC COMMENTS There were no public comments regarding closed items.

CLOSED SESSION The Board adjourned to closed session at 5:32 p.m. to conduct the following:

- 3.1. Student Discipline: Discuss Recommendation of Waiver of Student Expulsion Hearing Case #25
- 3.2. Student Discipline: Discuss Recommendation of Waiver of Student Expulsion Hearing Case #26
- 3.3. The Board of Education will meet in closed session for SEA Negotiations (as per the Rodda Act). Dan Houghton, District Negotiator
- 3.4. The Board of Education will meet in closed session for CSEA Negotiations (as per the Rodda Act). Dan Houghton, District Negotiator
- 3.5. The Board of Education will meet in closed session in accordance with provisions in Government Code Section 54957, Public Employment Matters – Discipline, Dismissal, Release
- 3.6. The Board of Education will meet in closed session in accordance with provisions in Government Code Section 54957, Public Employment Matters – Discipline, Dismissal, Release
- 3.7. The Board of Education will meet in closed session in accordance with provisions in Government Code Section 54957, Public Employment Matters – Performance Evaluation – Middle School Teacher Evaluation
- 3.8. CONFIDENTIAL STUDENT MATTERS: The Board of Education will

meet in closed session to discuss confidential student matters protected by State and Federal law, including but not limited to the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), California Education Code 49060 et.seq., 49073 and California Constitution Article 1 section 1 to consider special education Settlement Agreement #A15.07

3.9. CONFIDENTIAL STUDENT MATTERS: The Board of Education will meet in closed session to discuss confidential student matters protected by State and Federal law, including but not limited to the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), California Education Code 49060 et.seq., 49073 and California Constitution Article 1 section 1 to consider special education Settlement Agreement #A15.08

3.10. The Board of Education will meet in closed session in accordance with provisions in Government Code Section 54956.95; insurance pooling, tort liability losses; public liability losses; workers' compensation liability; Settlement Workers' Compensation Claim No. Simi-00543

CLOSED SESSION MSCU, Sandland/Kidd, 5/0 adjourned the closed session at 6:23 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #298

Vote: Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins
Noes: None Absent: None Abstained: None

FLAG SALUTE The Flag salute was let by Board President Collins.

RECESS/OPEN SESSION The Board took a short recess and reconvened in City Hall Chambers at 6:38 p.m. for open session. Board President Collins reported the following action taken in closed session:

3.1. STUDENT DISCIPLINE MSCU, Sandland/White, 5/0, the Board of Education approved the Recommendation of Waiver of Student Expulsion Hearing Case #25

Motion #299

Vote: Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins
Noes: None Absent: None Abstained: None

3.2. STUDENT DISCIPLINE MSCU, White/Kidd, 5/0, the Board of Education approved the Recommendation of Waiver of Student Expulsion Hearing Case #26

Motion #300

Vote: Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins
Noes: None Absent: None Abstained: None

3.3. SEA No Action

3.4. CSEA No Action

3.5. EMPLOYMENT MATTERS No Action

3.6. EMPLOYMENT No Action
MATTERS

3.7. EMPLOYMENT No Action
MATTERS

3.8. CONFIDENTIAL MSCU, White/Sandland, 5/0, the Board of Education approved Special
STUDENT Education Settlement Agreement #A15.07
MATTERS

Motion # 301

Vote: Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins
Noes: None Absent: None Abstained: None

3.9. CONFIDENTIAL MSCU, Kidd/Davis, 5/0, the Board of Education approved Special
STUDENT Education Settlement Agreement #A15.08
MATTERS

Motion #302

Vote: Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins
Noes: None Absent: None Abstained: None

3.10. WORKERS' MSCU, Kidd/Sandland, 5/0, the Board of Education approved Settlement of
COMPENSATION Workers' Compensation Claim No. Simi-00543

Motion #303

Vote: Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins
Noes: None Absent: None Abstained: None

APPROVAL OF MSCU, Sandland/White, 5/0, the Board approved the agenda as presented.
AGENDA

Motion #304

Vote: Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins
Noes: None Absent: None Abstained: None

MINUTES MSCU, Davis/Kidd, 5/0, the Board approved the Minutes of the Regular
5-13-14 Board meeting of May 13, 2014 as presented.

Motion #305

Vote: Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins
Noes: None Absent: None Abstained: None

MINUTES MSCU, White/Davis, 5/0, the Board approved the Minutes of the Special
5-20-14 Board meeting of May 20, 2014 as presented.

Motion #306

Vote: Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins
Noes: None Absent: None Abstained: None

MINUTES MSC, Kidd/Sandland, 3/0/2, the Board of Education approved the
5-27-14 minutes of the Special Board meeting as presented.

Motion #307

Vote:

Ayes: Sandland, Kidd, Collins

Noes: None Absent: None Abstained: Davis and White

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS
NOT ON THE
AGENDA**

Sharon Baker, educator, questioned where is the District going with education? She suggested staff reach out to other communities to increase enrollment and work together to find solutions to help each other rather than competing for students.

Sue Koch, retired principal of Simi Elementary, requested the Board reverse the motion made by Trustee White at the May 13, 2014 meeting to hold a public hearing at Hillside; and establish a funding solution to repair the entire campus. In addition, Mrs. Koch is opposed to using Bond money on tablets and opposed to the relocation of students from Simi Elementary to Mountain View School.

Kristin Rice, teacher, shared school successes at Berylwood Elementary School stating the students are developing a love of reading and have improved their reading scores in just one year.

Claudia Aposhian, resident of Simi Valley, was in support of funding through the bond measure or other means to preserve Simi Elementary as a school and historical building. Ms. Aposhian stated support of Mrs. Koch's comments.

Edwin Aposhian, resident of Simi Valley, was in support of funding through the bond issue or other means to preserve Simi Elementary as a school and historical building. Please obey the law when making decisions regarding schools.

Shanna Foster, parent, questioned the legality of a motion made on May 13; invited the Board to visit the closed Simi Elementary campus and encouraged the Board to spend the Bond money allotted for Simi Elementary and to retrofit the main office so it will be entirely usable as a facility. She supports placing a Simi Elementary Bond on the 2014 ballot to fix the entire school.

Jennifer Furs, instructional, aide requested the Board slow down the process of closing the school and not make a rash decision. Ms. Furs supports using C4 Bond Measure funds to repair Simi Elementary. Please provide answers to the Simi Elementary concerns.

Rick Smalling, alumni of Simi Elementary, stated the Board failed their jobs and abused funds for failing to use Bond money on Simi Elementary. Mr. Smalling stated his opposition to using Bond funds to purchase iPads saying the money should go toward repairs for Simi Elementary.

Andrew Hollander asked why Simi Elementary School was targeted for closure - keep it open.

Diane Thomson requested the Board postpone the Public Hearing for Simi Elementary scheduled June 16, 2014 until the fall with the location at Simi Elementary and to place a bond issue to repair Simi Elementary on the November Ballot.

Chelsea Baxter is against the recommendation to close Simi Elementary and supports a Bond measure on the November ballot to fix Simi Elementary. She requested the Board stop ignoring the voters and work together to keep Simi Elementary open by fixing the school.

Tammy Harter, Simi Valley High School HOSA teacher and advisor, shared the good news SVHS was the only Ventura County HOSA chapter to qualify for the national competition being held in Florida. Congratulations to the three Simi Valley High School HOSA students travelling to Nationals. This is a great honor.

In addition 18 yellow cards were submitted to save Simi Elementary.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS

Dayle Gillick, SEA President, addressed the Board encouraging them to reassess the school year and look at how to do things differently. She suggested the Board create a plan to right-size the district and then stick with it in a timely manner.

Jim Jarrard, CSEA Chapter 310 President, spoke on behalf of classified employees and their concerns with fewer classified employees, less money, and higher living costs, please consider the recommendations of the 7-11DAC to close schools and right-size the District.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Scroggin stated District legal counsel Attorney Thurbon was present to address the challenge of an illegal motion made and seconded by the Board at the May 13, 2014 meeting regarding a Public Hearing to be held by July 15 to close Simi Elementary.

ATTORNEY COMMENT

Attorney Thurbon respects the public right to express their opinions. In response to the Board action at the May 13, 2014 regular Board meeting, the motion made was within the legal parameters as outlined in the Brown Act and Government Code. There is no specific law regarding scheduling except for District timing and location to reach a wide audience and allow community participation.

ICOC REPORT COMMENTS

Josie Hirsh, ICOC chairwoman, reported at a special ICOC meeting held on May 28 the District is in violation of bond rules. The ICOC released an article to the press dated May 29 which Mrs. Hirsch read aloud. The violation is not the use of bond funds to purchase tablets but that the tablets are being taken home by students which is in violation of bond parameters. In addition, District has not responded to the violation accusation as requested by the ICOC. The next ICOC meeting is scheduled for July 2 at 6:30 p.m. and the Board is invited to attend.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Scroggin: 1) congratulated the graduating classes of 2014; attended graduation at Simi Valley High School with Dr. Peplinski and Trustee Sandland. Superintendent Scroggin acknowledged the HOSA presence tonight as they are part of the first class of graduates. Graduation reports from the 3 high schools compliment schools and staff. Apollo graduation is on June 9; Middle School

Promotion ceremonies are on June 5; Culmination for sixth graders and some 5th graders is scheduled for June 6. Superintendent Scroggin wished all students well; 2) congratulated and thanked all retirees (including her secretary) stating her appreciation for their 1400 combined years of service; 3) received word the VC Innovative Career Pathways Trust Grant funded for \$13.5M. This grant will allow us to develop further career technical education in our District; 4) addressed the issue of tablet devices purchased with bond funds. Many districts are asking if tablets should be taken home by students. Since the proposed legislation addressing the issue was not passed, Bond legal counsel offered the opinion that the District is permitted to spend general obligation proceeds on electronic tablets. Additionally, District legal counsel offered the opinion the use of District property is not under jurisdiction of the ICOC or any group, but rather is subject to policies of the Board. Dr. Scroggin continued stating Phase 1 of a 3 year District technology plan included the implementation of a one-on-one pilot for tablet devices. As part of the pilot 15% (approximately 290 students) were allowed to take devices home to continue their school work. At the end of the year, all tablets were returned and accounted for. Staff will review the pilot and see what worked and what did not, including taking devices home. Staff will develop a policy for Board consideration at the start of the new school year.

PRESENTATION

At this time, Superintendent Scroggin gave special recognition to school District donors who contributed \$10,000 or more and invited Assistant Superintendent Todo to the podium.

Mr. Todo stated we have great community partners who support education which has an impact on every campus in the community. Mr. Todo thanked Reds Barbeque and Grillery who donated lunch for 900 teachers and administrators at the staff development day.

Dr. Scroggin thanked Rudolph Machinery (who was not present) for their generous donation of tool holders valued at \$13,000 for use in the large CNC machines at Adult Education and Career institute. Their certificate will be mailed.

Dr. Scroggin invited the Simi Valley Education Foundation Board to the podium. Those present to receive the award included: Jill Haney, Cindy Jacoby, Kim Holden, Michelle Scharf, Cathy Carlson, and Carla Lowe. The SVEF Board invited Board President Collins and Dr. Scroggin to join them for a picture moment. This exceptional school district partner has donated \$82,871.25 including but not limited to teacher grants and school supplies, and organizes the community fundraisers such as Tee Up for Kidz and the annual SVEF Gala. Thank you Simi Valley Education Foundation for your continued support.

**BOARD
COMMUNICATION**

Clerk Davis: 1) thanked the retirees for their years of service; 2) congratulated the HOSA advisor and students on the success of the program; 3) Trustee Davis is prepared to make tough decisions that will keep our District fiscally solvent; 4) knows the condition of our schools especially Simi Elementary; 5) is committed to consider what is best for our kids and the District's future with limited dollars;

6) attended portfolio day at Valley View where students stated they felt prepared to move on to High School; 7) congratulated all graduates and stated she will be attending the Sinaloa promotion; 8) thanked all those present especially the speakers tonight; and, 9) wished everyone a great and restful summer vacation.

Trustee Kidd: 1) thanked all who were in attendance and addressed the Board; 2) thanked all staff for their hard work this school year; 3) thanked the donors who were recognized tonight and also thanked all District donors especially the PTA/PTSA, District volunteers and the families for all they do to make their children successful; 4) congratulated the HOSA students and teacher for success of the program; 5) thanked all the retirees for their years of service; 6) attended the Monte Vista graduation with Dr. Peplinski where each student was recognized individually; 7) will attend the Adult Education and Career Institute graduation tomorrow along with Assistant Superintendent Houghton and Dr. Peplinski; and will attend the Valley View promotion on Thursday; and, 8) sent his condolences to the families affected by the tragic shooting at UCSB and stated he supports working with employees, families and students to resolve mental health issues.

Trustee White: 1) extended appreciation to the speakers tonight; 2) committed to preserving integrity of Simi Elementary as a historical landmark and making sure it remains a part of our community; 3) attended the Valley View talent show stating it was a great program; 4) attended the Royal High School graduation and congratulated all the graduates including his son, Brian. Trustee White stated SVUSD graduations showcase what great kids we have in our District; 5) thanked all staff for their hard work this year; 6) Trustee White appreciated the Berylwood story that shows committed professionals who encourage students to do better; 7) congratulated all staff who are retiring and wished them well; 8) Trustee White is happy and excited about new programs being offered and changes in staff. He welcomed Principal Salgado (Secondary) and Principal Roth (Elementary) to the District Office; 9) glad to see the District pushing forward with construction and technology projects with an ambitious schedule. Staff will be working hard all summer to achieve changes to provide better opportunities for our students; and, 10) stated the Board is committed to provide a vision that goes out several years and focus on what is best for all children with a great spirit and a strong commitment to improve.

Trustee Sandland: 1) attended Simi Valley High School 91st commencement exercise. It was wonderful and she congratulated the class of 2014; 2) congratulated the HOSA students as the first graduating HOSA class and teacher Tammy Harter; 3) congratulated the retirees stating she was sorry she couldn't attend the District retirement social and sad to lose our District "jewels"; 4) thanked the donors being recognized tonight - Tim Lopez from Red's Barbeque and Grillery; Rudolph Machinery (not present); and the Education Foundation and thanked all donors who contribute so much to our District; 5) will attend the Valley View promotion on Thursday; and, 6) shared her thoughts and opinions regarding Simi Elementary and requested staff postpone the public hearing, slow down the process, keep the school open, repair it as necessary, repurpose Simi Elementary as a technology and performing arts school; consider a Simi Elementary bond and set a goal of not closing any schools.

President Collins: 1) congratulated the HOSA students and teacher Mrs. Harter; 2) thanked Red's Barbeque and Grillery, Mr. Lopez, Rudolph Machinery and the Simi Valley Education Foundation and their passion to support the district; 3) attended the retiree social and offered congratulations to all retirees; 4) attended the Royal High School graduation along with Trustee White and enjoyed speaker John Downey; 5) attended the Delegate Assembly a few weeks ago in Sacramento and brought back handouts to share with the Board; 6) attended the Jerry Herman Awards at the Pantages Theater which recognizes performing arts students that excel in programs and musical theater. This year Santa Susana High School and Royal High School were recognized for their performances of *Cinderella*, *Legally Blonde* and *Music Man* - congratulations; 7) agreed with SEA President Gillick on her comments regarding the Board's role which consists of two responsibilities: a) keep the District fiscally solvent; and, b) offer all students the highest quality education possible and stated the Board is committed to those tasks; and, 8) wished everyone a great summer vacation.

**BOARD
CORRESPONDENCE**

Clerk of the Board Davis reported one letter was received from appreciative parents thanking SVUSD for a good education. This letter was forwarded by a retired teacher in the Parent Education Preschool class.

The Superintendent or her designee will respond to the correspondence when appropriate.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Scroggin congratulated and welcomed Ron Todo as Assistant Superintendent Business & Facilities and Dr. Jason Peplinski as Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services.

The consent items listed below will be approved by the Board in one action. However, a Board member may remove an item for individual discussion and action.

**CONSENT
CALENDAR
Motion #308
(roll-call-vote)**

MSCU, Sandland/Kidd, 5/0, approved the Consent Calendar as presented.

**AYES: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins
NOES: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAINED: 0**

1. **BOARD/ADMINISTRATION (No Consent)**
 - 1.1. Approval of Employment Agreement A14.256 for the Assistant Superintendent Personnel Services
2. **PERSONNEL SERVICES**
 - 2.1. Approval of Certificated Personnel Report
 - 2.2. Approval of Classified Personnel Report
 - 2.3. Approval of Employment Agreement A14.257 for the Assistant Superintendent Business & Facilities
 - 2.4. Approval of Employment Agreement A14.258 for the Assistant Superintendent Educational Services
3. **EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

- 3.1. Acceptance of Gifts for Simi Valley Unified School District 2013-2014
- 3.2. Ratification and Approval of Educational Field Trips
- 3.3. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised Administrative Regulation 3554 (Other Food Sales)
- 3.4. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5123 (Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)
- 3.5. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised Board Policy and Deleted Administrative Regulation 6164.2 (Guidance/Counseling Services)
- 3.6. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised Board Policy and Deleted Administrative Regulation 6179 (Supplemental Instruction)
- 3.7. Approval of Out-of-State Travel Request (RHS/IB)
- 3.8. Approval of New Course Outlines for Simi Valley Adult School and Career Institute
- 3.9. Approval of New and Revised Course Outlines for Simi Valley Unified School District, Secondary Education
- 3.10. Approval of Out-of-State Travel Request (RHS/IB)
4. **STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES** (No Consent)
5. **BUSINESS & FACILITIES**
- 5.1. Approval of Warrants – April 30, 2014 through May 23, 2014
- 5.2. Approval of Purchase Orders B14-00478 through P15-00001 in the Amount of \$727,838.04
- 5.3. Approval of Transfer of Funds for the Month of May 2014
- 5.4. Authorization to Award Bid #14E22IB6, Mountain View Elementary School Site Gas & Water Piping Replacement
- 5.5. Authorization of Blanket Approval for Contract Change Orders Not to Exceed Statutory Limits for Summer School Construction Work
- 5.6. Authorization to Award Bid #14E01B210, Hollow Hills Kindergarten Portable Replacement
- 5.7. Approval of Agreement No. A14.244 Between SVUSD and Mechanical Engineering Consultants, Inc., to Provide HVAC Design for Two Permanent Classroom Buildings at Hollow Hills Elementary School.
- 5.8. Approval of Agreement A14.255 between SVUSD & BTC Labs-Vertical Five for Testing Lab Services for Royal High School Track & Synthetic Field Project
- 5.9. Authorization to Award Bid #14E16F214, Royal High School Four Portables
- 5.10. Authorization to Award Bid #14E16F215, Sinaloa Middle School Four Portables
- 5.11. Authorization to Award Bid #14E16F216, Big Springs Elementary Three Portables
- 5.12. Approval of Agreement No. A14.245 - Rybak for Royal High School Geotechnical Testing
- 5.13. Approval of Agreement No. A14.248, Li & Associates Structural Engineering for Crestview, Sycamore & Madera Seismic Retrofit
- 5.14. Approval of Agreement No. A14.251 with Penfield & Smith for Construction Phase Inspection of the Drainage System for the Royal High School Synthetic Field
- 5.15. Approval of Agreement No. A14.254 for AMS.Net for Technology Consulting
- 5.16. Approval of Addenda to Renew Closed School Lease Agreement No. A2000.157 (Arcane) and A2000.158 (Walnut Grove), between SVUSD and Grace Brethren Church and School
- 5.17. Approval of Addendum to Renew Classroom Lease Agreement No. A99.140 between SVUSD Adult School and Career Institute and the ARC of Ventura County, Inc.
- 5.18. Approval of Addendum to Renew Agreement No. A05.10 between SVUSD Adult Education School and Career Institute (Lessor) and Free Clinic of Simi Valley (Tenant) – Classroom Lease of Dental Assistant Building
- 5.19. Approval of Addendum to Renew Agreement No. A05.90, Lease of Classrooms at Berylwood Elementary School between SVUSD and Boys and Girls Club of Simi Valley – Preschool and Family Resource Center (Simi Valley/Moorpark Neighborhood for Learning)
- 5.20. Ratification of Stipulated Award - Risk Management
- 5.21. Second Reading of BP & AR 3551 (Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund)
- 5.22. Approval of Agreement #15.06 Extension of Contract between SVUSD and School Services of California, Inc – Fiscal and Mandate Information Services, CADIE & SABRE

- Reports
- 5.23. Adoption of Resolution No. 92-13/14, Blanket Resolution to Operate the School District on a Continuing Basis, School Year 2014/2015

ACTION CALENDAR:

BOARD/ADMINISTRATION:

BOARD MEMBER ABSENCE Education Code Section 35120 states, "A member may be paid for any meeting when absent if the Board, by resolution duly adopted and included in its meeting, finds that at the time of the meeting he or she is performing services outside the meeting for the school district, he or she was ill or on jury duty, or the absence was due to a hardship deemed acceptable by the Board."

Motion #309 **MSCU, White/Sandland, 5/0, to adopt Resolution No. 102-13/14, Board Member Absence (Hardship/rotation) at the May 27, 2014 special Board meeting.**

(roll-call-vote) **Ayes: White, Kidd, Sandland, Collins** **Absent: None**
Noes: None **Abstain: Davis**

BOARD MEMBER ABSENCE Trustee White requested waiver of his absence resolution #103-13/14.

PERSONNEL SERVICES:

MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING SVUSD/SEA Approval of Memo of Understanding between the Simi Valley Unified School District and the Simi Educators Association (SEA) for 2013-2014.

Motion #310 **MSCU, White/Kidd, 5/0, to approve the MOU between the Simi Valley Unified School District and the Simi Educators Association (SEA) for 2013-2014.**

(roll-call-vote) **Ayes: White, Kidd, Sandland, Davis, Collins** **Absent: None**
Noes: None **Abstain: None**

MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING SVUSD/SEA Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Specific to Article XII - Class Size Between the Simi Valley Unified School District and the Simi Educators Association (SEA) for 2014-2015

Motion #311 **MSCU, Sandland/Davis, 5/0, to approve MOU Specific to Article XII - Class Size between the Simi Valley Unified School District and the Simi Educators Association (SEA) for 2014-2015.**

(roll-call-vote) **Ayes: White, Kidd, Sandland, Davis, Collins** **Absent: None**
Noes: None **Abstain: None**

CONTRACT OF AGREEMENT SVUSD/CSEA Approval of Contract of Agreement between the Simi Valley Unified School District and the California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter 310 for 2014-2017.

Motion #312 MSCU, Sandland/White, 5/0, to approve Contract of Agreement between Simi Valley Unified School District and the California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter 310 for 2014-2017.

(roll-call-vote) Ayes: White, Kidd, Sandland, Davis, Collins Absent: None
Noes: None Abstain: None

BUSINESS & FACILITIES:

AGREEMENT TO EXTEND CONTRACT SVUSD/YORK RISK SERVICES GROUP, INC. Approval of Agreement No. A15.09 to Extend Original Contract between SVUSD & York Risk Services Group, Inc., Third-Party Claims Administration of the Self-Funded Workers' Compensation Program for Fiscal Year 2014/2015.

MSCU, White/Sandland, 5/0, to approve Agreement No. A15.09 to extend original contract between SVUSD and York Risk Services, Group, Inc., Third-Party Claims Administration of the Self-Funded Workers' Compensation Program for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

Motion #313

(roll-call-vote) Ayes: White, Kidd, Sandland, Davis, Collins Absent: None
Noes: None Abstain: None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

FIRST READING REVISED BP 5145.6 AND DELETION OF E 5145.6 (PARENT) First Reading of revised Board Policy 5145.6 and deletion of Exhibit 5145.6. (Parent Notification) and deletion of Board Policy 5124 (Communication with Parent/Guardians) was presented to the Board for review and information. There was no discussion.

NOTIFICATION) AND DELETION OF BP 5124 (COMMUNICATION WITH PARENT/GUARDIANS)

FIRST READING BP/AR 5141.24 (FOOD ALLERGIES/SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS) First Reading of Board Policy 5141.24 (Food Allergies/Special Dietary Needs) was presented to the Board for review and information. There was no discussion.

DIETARY NEEDS)

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS Trustee Kidd would like to move forward on developing a community based process to preserve the Simi Elementary main administration building. He would like to put together a committee with RSRPD, the Historical Society, SVUSD, City of Simi Valley and investigate how other Simi historical buildings have been preserved (such as the Train Depot, Strathearn Park, etc.) Trustee Kidd suggested

beginning with "brainstorming" between a small group of stakeholders who could make a recommendation/direction to a larger group. Four Board members (White, Kidd, Davis, Collins) expressed interest in moving forward (Sandland was opposed). Trustee Sandland requests looking into a bond to re-open Simi Elementary. Trustee Collins stated this could all be the same discussion.

Trustee Collins: investigate feasibility of moving District office to Farmers Building (or somewhere else).

Dr. Scroggin stated there are ongoing discussions with the County, City and Parks District and staff will keep the Board updated. Some concerns with the move would be cost to move the District and costs to modernize. This discussion is in the information gathering stage and four Board members (White, Kidd, Davis, Collins) were interested to move forward with feasibility of a study (Sandland was opposed).

Trustee Davis and other trustees agree that the ground mount solar panels at Santa Susana High School (SSHS) are intrusive. Carports are great. Check to see if the district can get carports rather than ground mounts at SSHS.

Trustee Sandland requested looking at all ground mounts at all schools. The Board agreed.

Dr. Scroggin informed the Board there is a significant cost to move ground mounts. Solar City did work with us on moving the first two sets of solar panels. Interim Assistant Superintendent Schultze stated estimated costs to move solar panels top \$100,000. If the Board is inclined, we can put this on a future agenda and indicate where solar panels have been moved including requests we have had and costs staff is aware of at other sites.

Trustee White: investigate possible shade structures for students combined with or cost shared with solar panels.

Board consensus was to move forward and President Collins requests Solar City to be present at the Board meeting when it is discussed.

PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

Trustees may propose agenda items to the Board of Education.
The Board of Education will give direction to the Superintendent.

Trustees Davis and Sandland requested to hold a discussion regarding solar – especially ground mounts at a future meeting. Board consented.

Trustee Collins: Consider placing a bond measure for the seismic retrofitting/modernization of the main building at Simi Elementary School on the November 2014 ballot. Provide a cost estimate for that project.

Trustee Collins: Consider the postponement of the Technology Bond which has been proposed for the November 2014 ballot and move to 2016 as he is concerned with it being a conflict if we offer two bond measures.

Trustee Sandland expressed support of a November Simi Elementary Bond Measure.

Trustee White is interested in discussing an approach for the next bond and to include a larger bond to cover several school facilities projects outstanding throughout the District. He stated the Technology bond was too small and staff is not prepared to develop the project list by the 2014 election. However, a well-defined project list could be developed by 2016. Our District needs a larger bond. All Board Members support moving forward with a bond and a timeline.

Superintendent Scroggin stated a concern with the timeline for placing a bond for Simi Elementary seismic retrofit and modernization of the main building on the November ballot.

President Collins directed staff to contact Caldwell Flores Winters immediately to see if we can put a bond measure to restore Simi Elementary School on the November ballot.

Trustee Davis supports a larger scale bond as suggested by Trustee White; Trustee Sandland supports contacting Caldwell Flores Winters (CFW) or other groups and Board President Collins supports a larger bond and contacting CFW immediately.

Trustee Kidd: Provide an update on Belwood School - DONE

There were no other items from the Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 11, 2014/6:00 p.m. Personnel Commission Meeting Floyd Binns Room District Office

June 16, 2014/5:30-7:00 p.m. Special Board Meeting & Public Hearing Simi Elementary/Hillside Middle School

Note: Trustee Sandland asked the Board to consider moving the Simi Elementary Public Hearing to fall when the school year starts when we have more info on the budget and enrollment. Other Board members did not agree with Trustee Sandland and left the Simi Elementary Public Hearing on June 16, 2014.

June 17, 2014/5:30 p.m. Special Board Meeting LCAP and Budget Public Hearing Floyd Binns Room District Office

June 24, 2014/6:30 p.m. Regular Board Meeting City of Simi Valley Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT

Motion #314

Vote:

MSCU, Sandland/Kidd, 5/0, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

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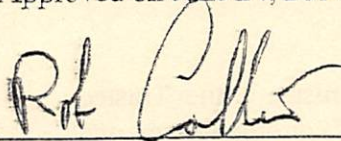
Noes: None

Absent: None

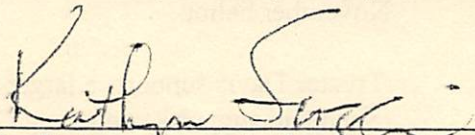
Abstained: None

Approved on June 24, 2014

MSCU=Motion, Seconded, Carried, Unanimous



Rob Collins, President
Board of Education



Dr. Kathryn Scroggin, Superintendent
Secretary to the Board of Education

**SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
Date: June 16, 2014**

- CALL TO ORDER** The special meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President
OPEN SESSION Collins at 5:31 p.m. in the L.R. Stewart Auditorium of Simi Elementary School, located
at 2956 School Street, Simi Valley, 93065.
- PRESENT** Board Members: Rob Collins, Jeanne Davis, Debbie Sandland and Dan White
Arleigh Kidd (Absent)
Staff Members: Dr. Kathryn Scroggin, Superintendent
Ron Todo, Assistant Superintendent
Dan Houghton, Assistant Superintendent
Facilitator: Dr. Kathryn Scroggin, Superintendent
- FLAG SALUTE** The Flag Salute was led by Board President Collins.
- SUPERINTENDENT** Dr. Scroggin, Superintendent, welcomed all parents, students, staff and Board Members
WELCOME to the Public Meeting. She thanked the audience for coming and expressing their
opinions on this very important topic. Dr. Peplinski will be keeping time that every
speaker has four minutes to speak. Mr. Todo will be giving a brief presentation.
- STAFF REPORT** Ron Todo greeted the audience and stated that this is the opportunity for the public to
provide their concerns and ideas regarding school closure. The presentation will give an
overview on “why we are here, how did we get here” and to present the information that
has been collected by staff. He reminded everyone that the Board will not respond to the
public comments. Mr. Todo also stated that Deputy Chief John McGinty, who was
invited by a community member, will be available for questions after the meeting. The
presentation included the following information.
- Maintain Fiscal Integrity – Develop and communicate plans for “right-sizing”
or “down-sizing” the district. The operating capacity at SVUSD elementary
level is 12,001 (12,451 with Simi Elementary School) and the current
enrollment at the elementary level is 9,123. There are 2,878 available spots at
the SVUSD elementary schools and if the district closed its seven smallest
schools, there would still be 9,340 spots for the current enrollment.
 - Commitment to Preservation of the Simi Elementary Main Building (referred
back to the June 3 Board Meeting minutes).
 - Deciding which schools to close; considering all factors per the California
Department of Education – Closing a School Best Practices Guide (CASBPG)
 - Information collected by the 7-11 District Advisory Committee: Schools
considered for closure/2013-2014 Data (six schools), School of Choice and
Special Education Programs.
 - Operational Costs per Pupil (2012-2013 Cost Analysis)
 - Next Steps if a school is closed, inclusive of safety, repurposing, Preservation
Committee (per Trustee Kidd and Trustee Collins suggestion), school
boundaries, addressing concerns of neighborhood and Main building issues.

**PUBLIC HEARING
OPENED**

The Public Hearing regarding possible closure of Simi Elementary was opened by Mr. Todo at 5:43 p.m. Dr. Scroggin reported the following blue and yellow cards were received (the cards were collected and recounted after the meeting to include the cards received after the start of the meeting).

- 32 yellow cards in opposition (Lianne Stern, Kaela Stern, Megan Stern, Amy Iserman, Tiffany Trotter, Joann Lamsus, Kristi Hanretta*, Sharon Baker*, Karen Robinson, Lori Randolph, Laurie Maas, Traci Hobbs, Eriz Hobbs, Tracy Spoor, Erin Hollander, Karen Baxter, Jeff Baxter, JC Baxter, Steven J. Sciacca, Margaret Twomey, Chelsea Baxter*, Colette Hibdon, Pam Mikolyski, Ted Mikolyski, Erin Hooper, Kelley Capello, Jaye Bodnar, Ed Dome, Connie Dome, Marilyn McMahan, Glenn Furs, Jennifer Furs*, from individuals who do not wish to speak to the Board, were received. (*These individuals also turned in blue cards and did speak to the Board of Education.)
- After the start of the meeting additional cards were received: (**two cards were from individuals who turned in cards prior to the start of the meeting, one of which did speak to the Board, and *** one individual submitted one yellow and one blue card):
 - 11 yellow cards in opposition to closing Simi Elementary (Kathy Hinkle, Yvonne Baird, Adrienne Bergstrom***, Roger Forrest, Glenn Furs**, Gary Hartman, Joshun Nyby, Matthew Nyby, Carri Forrest, Gary Hartung, Alma Hromjak)
 - 02 yellow cards in support of closing Simi Elementary (Jennifer Jones**, Miguel Altamiano)
 - 02 blue cards in opposition to closing Simi Elementary (Adrienne Bergstrom***, Diane Thomson)
- Jennifer Furs, Parent/Employee. “Look at the beautiful stage and auditorium, Simi Elementary is a school with potential.” The Board of Education should be more proactive to bring students in; give community a chance to bring students back, hold more meetings.
- Kimberly Harasyn, Resident. It doesn’t make sense to spend \$5-\$10m to make Simi Elementary safe. This decision not only affects the 200 students, but affects 18,000 students. Urges the Board of Education to close this school, and to consider closing the other schools with low enrollment. The projects should not be funded by the school district.
- Molly Norman, Former Student (1993-2000). There are people here to support this school to stay open. We should close other schools to keep Simi Elementary School open. Maybe it could be fixed over the summer and reopened in the fall.
- Sharon Baker, Teacher. Simi Elementary School has the only auditorium at Simi Valley Elementary schools. If Simi Elementary School was made a performing arts elementary school, people will come back.

- Jami Gardner, Community Member. Concerned that the school has been vacant for months and about vandalism; no regards to your community and has consulted with an attorney.
- Robert Thompson, Retired. Family has had a long history with Simi Elementary School; children need to be in this school. Difficult choices have to be made, but what is best for the community, staff, and students? Keep Simi Elementary School open.
- John Hinkle, Parent. Children attended here for a total of 8 years and there was a sense of community togetherness. After the meeting, I would like to have someone tell me where I can find the information that shows where the data is found. People want to know why this school has been chosen to close. (Note: after the meeting Ron Todo spoke with Mr. Hinkle)
- Ricky L. Smalling, Previous Student. Thank you for allowing us to be here in this auditorium. The community has a passion to keep Simi Elementary School open. The stage has allowed many students to perform in front of classmates and families, it is like hallowed ground.
- Kristi Hanretta, a Simi Elementary School teacher for 21 years, parent, voter and taxpayer. The repairs at Simi Elementary School only were done on a Band-Aid approach; other schools experienced sinking portables, a broken water main, condemned buildings. This is not the campus to close, because of its uniqueness. Why can't the Historic Society consider keeping this historic school open and functioning as it has the last 88 years?
- Elaine Frei, Prior Student (1963-66). Father and siblings have attended this school. It is a real advantage for students to attend a school that is unique and has an auditorium. Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion to keep Simi Elementary School open.
- Marilyn Hollander, Parent of former students and hope to be the proud grandmother of future students. Spent many years as a volunteer aide, worked in the student store, a PTA mom, and was part of the Simi Elementary School 75th year celebration. In twelve years I never felt unsafe. Keep Simi Elementary School open as part of Simi Valley's living history.
- Michael Hollander, Community Member. Would like the Board to reconsider their position on closing Simi Elementary School. The C4 Bond measure states every school campus will receive improvement from the Bond. The Do the right thing and keep Simi Elementary School open. (See attached written statement.)
- Claudia Aposhian, Community Member. Very glad to hear some Board Members are considering keeping Simi Elementary School open. Neighbor since 1973, children went to Simi Elementary School. Would appreciate if the Board of Education would reconsider keeping Simi Elementary School open.
- Pat Havens, Community Member. Emotionally we all have ties to Simi Elementary Schools. Simi Valley needs to preserve as much as we and Simi Elementary School is a real asset to the community.
- Jackie Sciacca, Voter. I am sad to see the neglect of Simi Elementary and concerned after the C4 Bond passed, the money was used elsewhere. Simi Elementary with its historic back ground, smaller size and uniqueness is

appealing and safer for students walking to school. Wants Simi Elementary School to keep open!

- Chelsea Baxter, Community Member. Met and spoke with most Board members. Concerned that there is no plan for Simi Elementary School. Requested the Board Members to move forward with a Simi Elementary School Preservation Bond this November. Please think ahead; plan on how we will spend the money and fix Simi Elementary School.
- Sue Koch, Retired Principal. Shared maintenance issues while she was principal of Simi Elementary School. Urged Board Members to please keep Simi Elementary open.
- Adrienne Stuck, Parent. Those who advocate that Simi Elementary School remain open are employees, alumni, parents, etc. Simi Elementary School should offer an arts program and the deaf and hard of hearing program. Give Simi Elementary School a chance.
- Pat Barbour – decline to speak
- Pam Mikolyski, Community Member. This is a beautiful piece of property; people have spoken from the heart. Kudos to all in support of keeping Simi Elementary open.
- Ed Aposhian, Prior Student (1973). Sad that schools are closed, how much does it cost to build a stage? This school needs to be preserved for historical reasons, it has character. Simi Elementary School has not been fixed as stated in the C4 Bond; fix the school!

**OSE PUBLIC
HEARING**

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:50 p.m.

Dr. Scroggin thanked everyone that came out tonight and shared their opinions.

**MEETING
ADJOURNED**

Trustee Collins thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Approved on August 5, 2014

MSCU=Motion, Seconded, Carried, Unanimous

Rob Collins
President of the Board of Education

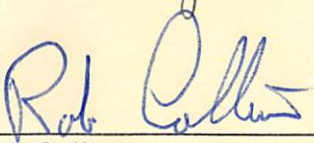
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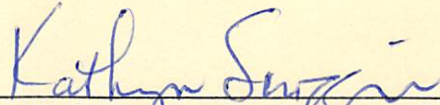
Rob Collins thanked everyone for coming and adjourned 6:50 p.m.

Approved on Aug. 12, 2014

MSCU=Motion, Seconded, Carried, Unanimous



Rob Collins
President of the Board of Education



Dr. Kathryn Scroggin, Superintendent
Secretary to the Board of Education

**SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AND TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1) LOCAL CONTROL AND ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN (LCAP)**
- 2) 2014/2015 PROPOSED BUDGET**

Date: June 17, 2014

CALL TO ORDER President of the Board Rob Collins called a special meeting of the Board of
CONVENE OPEN Education to order at 5:33 p.m. in the Floyd Binns Room at the Educational
SESSION Services Center, 875 E. Cochran Street, Simi Valley, CA 93065

PRESENT Board Members: Rob Collin, Jeanne Davis, Debbie Sandland, and Dan White
Arleigh Kidd (Absent)

Staff:

- Dr. Kathryn Scroggin Superintendent
- Dan Houghton, Assistant Superintendent Personnel Services
- Ron Todo, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services
- Lowell Schultze, Int. Assistant Superintendent Business Services
- Shelley Barta, Director Fiscal Services
- Sandy Handin, Budget Analyst
- Sean Goldman, Executive Director of Student Support Services
- Dr. Jason Peplinski, Director of Educational Services
- April Jacobsen, TOSA, Categorical Programs

FLAG SALUTE The flag salute was led by Rob Collins at 5:34 p.m.

CONVENE President Collins convened the closed session at 5:35 p.m.
CLOSED SESSION

Motion #315 **MSC, SANDLAND/DAVIS 4/0/1, the Board approved to convene the Closed Session.**

VOTE
Roll-call-vote **Ayes: White, Davis, Collins, Sandland Absent: Kidd**

PS Action #1 - The Board of Education will meet in closed session in accordance with provisions in Government Code Section 54957, Public Employment Matters – Appointment Dean Mountain View Elementary

ADJOURN Trustee Collins adjourned the closed session at 5:44 p.m.
CLOSED SESSION

CONVENE President Collins convened the open session and reported the decision made in
OPENED SESSION closed session.

Motion #316

MSC, WHITE/DAVIS, 3/1/1, the Board approved the Stacy Walker as the Dean at Mountain View Elementary.

**VOTE/
Roll-Call-Vote**

Ayes: White, Davis, Collins Noes: Sandland Absent: Kidd

**CONVENE
LCAP PUBLIC
HEARING**

Trustee Collins convened the LCAP Public Hearing at 5:45 p.m. and invited Dr. Jason Peplinski and April Jacobsen to present the staff report on the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP).

Dr. Peplinski and April Jacobsen presentation on the LCAP included the following information.

- Consult, Present, Solicit and Adopt
- Stakeholder Input thru surveys (more than 800 received) and sub-committees, public comment
- Major Themes: safe and maintained facilities, prof. dev. A-G course completion, intervention, communication, to name a few
- Goals, Sub-goals for sub-groups, and Action items for three years as published on the SVUSD website, tab LCAP Draft (college and career, common core standards and ELD standards, intervention, active partner with parents, safe and engaging environment)
- Document Walk: posted on <http://www.simivalleyusd.org/>
- Timeline: public hearing (6/17), superintendent will respond to comments (preparing 4 responses), Board approval (6/24), establish base lines and implementing services (Oct-June 2014-2015), annual update and analysis of progress (2015-2016, and every third year a new plan will be developed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Superintendent Scroggin reopened the floor to Public Comments. Clerk of the Board Davis reported the number of blue and yellow cards received. A total of 1 Blue card was submitted and no Yellow cards were received.

- Jennifer Jones, Parent and Committee Member. Dr. Peplinski and staff have put a great plan together. Attended all the meetings and posts information on the internet. Thanked Dr. Peplinski and Ms. Jacobsen for their fabulous work.

**BOARD QUESTIONS/
COMMENTS**

- Trustee Sandland - In regards to Safe and Maintained Facilities, there are 17 broken windows at Simi Elementary. Is there a plan for Simi Elementary School? Dr. Peplinski responded the LCAP sets goals to modernize, develop a plan for Simi Elementary School, as well as maintain and improve all current facilities. Dr. Scroggin responded, the LCAP is not designed for specific site issues and as for the broken windows our Maintenance Department is handling these issues as soon as they are reported. It is not unusual that vandalism does happen at other sites as well as Simi Elementary School and those issues are responded to as soon as they are reported. Trustee Sandland would like a

timeline on repairs to Simi Elementary School. (Note: Trustee Collins counted five broken windows and stated the Simi Valley Police Department is aware of the situation.)

- Trustee White – Analysis Portion of the LCAP plan: What expectations do you have for monitoring? Dr. Peplinski responded, we are working on district assessments and the State data, moving toward more formal assessments district wide (connected to the new report card) during the 2014-2015 school year.
- Trustee White – What is the goal for A-G? Dr. Peplinski stated the goal is to meet the County average (62%). We are currently at 32%, but the plan includes a large jump in the next two years. Dr. Peplinski also stated the science correction will make a big change within the next 4 years (as our freshman will be starting this fall).
- Trustee Davis – Thanked Jennifer Jones for her positive comments. There appears there is a lot of resistance out there, how do we get teachers on board? Dr. Peplinski responded, Educational Services and the Teachers on Special Assignment have provided to all teachers with Common Core Professional Development and training this year. Three days will also be dedicated to Common Core next year (2014-2015). The next big piece is the assessment piece using common core standards this coming year. Focus on writing. We are working with the principals to work on agendas for those days next year. That's our plan to use those days effectively.
- Trustee Collins – Thanked Dr. Peplinski and April Jacobsen for the tremendous amount of work that went into the presentation. Questions about sub-groups, do we have a good count on our sub-groups and how does the reclassification work, how do we notify the state? Dr. Peplinski responded that he is in communication with the CDE and feels we have accurate data. It used to take months to get accurate numbers. Ms. Jacobsen responded, CST was the basis of setting past benchmarks, now districts must develop new assessments for our EL students to see how they performed against their peers. This year we have developed benchmarks/assessments for both secondary and elementary and we are in compliance with the State.
- Trustee Sandland – Is has been hard to get numbers of free and reduced lunch students in the past; any other strategies to find these students? Dr. Peplinski responded, the County gave direction to our district; we have sent out documentation to all families of Simi Valley Unified notifying them that they may qualify for services and we will continue that process next year. Free and reduced numbers provide more funding for districts. As a member of the County Foster and Homeless Commission. Office Managers are trained and going online with the Aeries/Parent Portal will produce the reports needed for CALpads. Dr. Scroggin also has met with County Staff in regards to this very subject; and can provide the actual letter that went out to families.

- Trustee White – Career Pathways: Our Vocational Studies require hardware and equipment; please keep the Board aware of any needs, if it falls under use in the classroom, we can help in finding funding. Take a fresh look at our trades and bring harmony with our classes. Dr. Peplinski responded, Mark Sheinberg and Dr. Pam Castleman helped write a grant that will bring \$1.2m for Career Pathways to Simi Valley Unified School District (part of the County Regional Consortium- \$15m grant for vocational pathways). Our courses are being revised to meet A-G requirements.
- Trustee Collins - Stated it is never too early to start Career Pathways. Can we look at applying this to the elementary level? Dr. Peplinski responded the LCAP is a flexible and living document. We are talking about bringing performing arts and technology and aligning curriculum at the middle school level bridging to high school. Ms. Jacobsen added that promote the pathways at middle schools by aligning curriculum is an action item in the LCAP (not at the elementary level, yet).
- Trustee White - There is curriculum available (i.e., common technology core skill sets) for Career Pathway. Dr. Peplinski responded the state just visited one of our schools as a model school; a whole new area is opening up, the natural articulation between Hillside Middle School and Santa Susana High School. We can be very proud of the work happening at Santa Susana High School; we want 8-21 courses over the next two years. Some of our high schools have 17 courses of study. Trustee White stated Career Pathway makes for good advertising. Is keyboarding going to be implemented? Dr. Peplinski responded that keyboarding may be implemented at the elementary level (because of assessments), but not at the secondary levels because keyboarding has been replaced by Computer Applications.
- Trustee Sandland – Elementary Career Pathways, plans to include articulation between middle schools and elementary schools? Dr. Peplinski responded it's a great goal, and can be worked in since STEM (at Vista Fundamental School, Valley View Middle School to Simi Valley High), robotics (elementary and high schools) as well as including the performing arts (Hillside Middle School to Santa Susana High School). Trustee Sandland just wants to keep the idea alive for Simi Elementary School.
- Trustee White – Will we offer online classes (i.e., keyboarding, skill testing) for students? Is that a way we can add this in to benefit students? Dr. Peplinski responded said he will definitely investigate that option.
- Trustee Davis – There are exciting things happening, will this get on our website. Dr. Peplinski agreed this is a great story for Simi Valley Unified School District and he will make sure to add the information about the grant.
- Dr. Scroggin – There will be time for additional questions at the Regular

Board of Education Meeting held on June 24, 2014.

- Trustee White – one school provide basic technology introduction, keyboarding, web safety, cyber bullying, google docs. Ms. Jacobsen said that a sub-goal in the LCAP is technology integration at the elementary level. Observations in those classrooms that are integrating technology are amazing. We have the equipment and will continue piloting one-to-one devices, using the equipment for assessments and testing, as well as looking at ways for students to check out equipment. Trustee White requested a report on how the pilot process is working.

ADJOURN LCAP PUBLIC HEARING President Collins adjourned the closed the LCAP public hearing at 6:28 p.m.

Motion #317

VOTE

MSC, Sandland/White, 4/0/.1, the LCAP public hearing was adjourned.

Roll-Call-Vote

Ayes: White, Sandland, Davis, Collins

Absent: Kidd

**CONVENE
2014-2015
PROPOSED
BUDGET PUBLIC
HEARING**

President Collins convened the 2014-2015 Proposed Budget Public Hearing at 6.28 p.m.

Ron Todo greeted the audience. He introduced Shelley Barta, Interim Assistant Superintendent Business Services, and Sandy Handin, Budget Analyst and Supervisor. He thanked both Ms. Barta and Ms. Handin, as well as Lowell Schultze for their hard work in gathering all the information and producing the annual budget for Simi Valley Unified School District. The state requires school districts to submit a proposed annual budget prior to July 1. The proposed annual budget is based on information contained in the Governor’s January proposed state budget and the Governor’s May revision.

Mr. Todo presented the 2014-2015 Proposed Budget Staff Report:

- Budget Assumptions:
 - 2014-2015 LCFF Funding - \$122,021,014
 - Projected Enrollment – 17,935
 - Funded ADA – 17,560
 - Lottery
 - Health & Welfare Increases
 - Worker’s Cop
 - Step
 - Adult Education Transfer to Unrestricted General Fund
 - STRS and PERS increase
 - Budget Reductions – Personnel
 - K-3 Class Size Reduction 26:1
 - 3 Furlough Days

- Class Size Secondary Schools – 185 student contacts per day
- Health & Welfare – Plan Changes/Employee Contributions
- Revenue
- Expenditures
- Multi-Year Projection
- Multi-Year Assumptions 2015-2016
- Multi-Year Assumptions 2016-2017
- Other Funds
- All assumptions are subject to change based on Ending Fund Balance, State Budget and Negotiations.
- The 2013-2014 ending fund balance may change; the district will close the books on these funds prior to September 15, 2014. Any remaining balances will be reflected in the ending fund balance. The changes will be made in Budget Revision or the 1st Interim Report.
- Areas to be addressed:
 - State Budget Changes – Trailer Bills
 - Health & Welfare Cost Increases
 - Cost Avoidance Strategies
 - Trust-ASCIP
 - Column Increases
 - 2015-16 and 2016-17 Fiscal year
 - Declining Enrollment
 - School Closure/Consolidation
 - Proposed State Budget – 6% Ending Fund Balance Cap

The Proposed Annual Budget will be brought forward for Board approval at the June 24, 2014 Board of Education Meeting. The District will be required to adopt a revised budget after the legislature has approved a State Budget and the Governor has signed the state budget.

PUBLIC COMMENTS President Collins reopened the floor to Public Comments. Clerk of the Board Davis reported the number of blue and yellow cards received. No Blue cards or Yellow cards were submitted.

**BOARD QUESTIONS/
COMMENTS**

- Trustee White – Asked for clarification on the increases in STRS & PERS. Mr. Todo did respond that STRS \$880,000 increase, PERS increase was minimal. Both employer and employee share of contributions will increase in the future to fund retirement pensions.
- Trustee White – What is the plan for Adult Education? Mr. Todo responded, it appears now that Adult Education will be able to continue offering its programs, in fact the state says to maintain programs until the Adult Education Consortium is created. Adult Education has an ending fund balance of \$2m that will be transferred to the general fund. The Adult Education Consortium may be able to provide funding to expand specific

programs and some programs may be eliminated. Information will be shared when available.

- Trustee White – Will there be updates on the changes to the district's health care enrollment numbers. Mr. Todo responded within the next two weeks there should be a revised update.
- Trustee Davis – So we qualify for a Constitution Grant? Mr. Todo responded that we do not qualify. If a district does qualify there are added levels of monitoring that go into effect. The monies must flow directly to those students who meet the criteria of the grant.
- Trustee Sandland – We are at the required 3% reserve? Mr. Todo responded, yes.
- Trustee Sandland – In reference to Deferred Maintenance, can we use this money? Mr. Todo responded that those funds are specifically used to paint, roof projects, and projects to maintain buildings for use on the long term.
- Trustee Collins – In regards to declining enrollment. We need to bring in all the stakeholders, what are your strategies? Mr. Todo suggested using Jake Finch on marketing and improving public relations. The strategy would be to focus on what we can offer our families, strengthening and developing new programs. SVUSD is leading the County in the number of Career Pathways we can offer.
- Dr. Scroggin stated this the 2014-2015 Proposed Budget will be brought forward for Board approval at the June 24, 2014 Regular Board of Education Meeting.
- Trustee White requested an update on projected enrollment. Dr. Peplinski stated that he would send out that information, updating the Board. Dr. Peplinski shared that Sinaloa Middle School and Hillside Middle School are realizing increased enrollment for 2014-2015. Hillside Middle School accepted 140 School of Choice applications which included 15 out of district (new student) applications. Dr. Scroggin added that another 6th grade class was added at Sinaloa Middle School to accommodate the increased number students who have requested to attend Sinaloa Middle School for the 2014-2015 school year.
- Trustee Sandland – How many out of district students enrolled at Hillside Middle School and how much money was spent on improvements? Dr. Peplinski responded \$138K of improvements were made at Hillside Middle School and there were currently 15 out of district students enrolled. The increase enrollment will well pay for the improvements at Hillside Middle School

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- Mr. Todo stated the district is always funded on the prior year. It takes a year to see the impact on revenue with increased enrollment. The economy is still hurting our local community and jobs are still being lost (i.e., Amgen 1000, Bank of America loss of jobs). The district cannot stop families from moving out of district due to economic reasons, but can focus on programs that bring families to Simi Valley Unified School District.

**ADJOURN 2014-2015
PROPOSED BUDGET
PUBLIC HEARING**

President Collins adjourned the public hearing at 6:59 p.m.

Motion #318

MSC, Davis/Sandland, 4/0/1, the 2014-2015 Proposed Budget public hearing was adjourned.

VOTE

Roll-Call-Vote

Ayes: White, Davis, Collins, Sandland

Absent: Kidd

**ADJOURNMENT
OF MEETING**

President Collins proposed to adjourn the Special Board Meeting.

Motion #319

MSC, Sandland/Davis, 4/0/1, to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

VOTE

Roll-Call-Vote

Ayes: White, Davis, Collins, Sandland

Absent: Kidd

Approved on August 5, 2014

MSCU = Motion, Seconded, Carried, Unanimous

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VOTE

Roll-Call-Vote **Ayes: White, Davis, Collins, Sandland** **Absent: Kidd**

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING President Collins proposed to adjourn the Special Board Meeting.

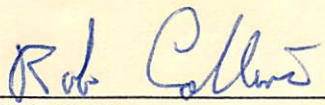
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VOTE

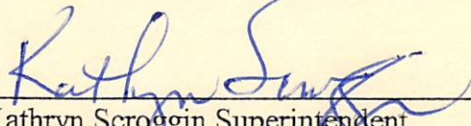
Roll-Call-Vote **Ayes: White, Davis, Collins, Sandland** **Absent: Kidd**

Approved on August ~~12~~ 2014

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- 3.10. The Board of Education will meet in closed session in accordance with provisions in Government Code Section 54957, Public Employment Matters – Discipline, Dismissal, Release
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- 3.13. CONFIDENTIAL STUDENT MATTERS: The Board of Education will Meet in closed session to discuss confidential student matters protected by State and Federal law, including but not limited to the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), California Education Code 49060 et.seq., 49073 and California Constitution Article 1 section 1 to consider amendment to special education Settlement Agreement #A14.125

**RECESS/OPEN
SESSION**

The Board took a short recess and reconvened in City Hall Chambers at 6:30 p.m. for open session. Board President Collins reported the following action taken in closed session:

**3.1. STUDENT
DISCIPLINE***Motion #320*

Vote:

MSCU, White /Davis, 5/0, the Board of Education approved the Recommendation of Waiver of Student Expulsion Hearing Case #27

Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

**3.2. STUDENT
DISCIPLINE***Motion #321*

Vote:

MSCU, White/Kid, 5/0, the Board of Education approved the Recommendation of Waiver of Student Expulsion Hearing Case #28

Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

**3.3. STUDENT
DISCIPLINE***Motion #322*

Vote:

MSCU, Sandland/White, 5/0, the Board of Education approved the Recommendation of Waiver of Student Expulsion Hearing Case #29

Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

**3.4. STUDENT
DISCIPLINE***Motion #323*

Vote:

MSCU, Davis/Sandland, 5/0, the Board of Education approved the Recommendation of Waiver of Student Expulsion Hearing Case #33

Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

3.5. STUDENT DISCIPLINE*Motion # 324*

MSCU, Kid/White, 5/0, the Board of Education approved the Recommendation of Waiver of Student Expulsion Hearing Case #34

Vote:

Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

3.6. STUDENT DISCIPLINE*Motion #325*

MSCU, Kidd/Sandland, 5/0, the Board of Education approved the Recommendation of Waiver of Student Expulsion Hearing Case #35

Vote:

Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

3.7. SEA

The Board of Education took no action.

3.8. CSEA

The Board of Education took no action.

3.9. EMPLOYMENT MATTERS*Motion #326*

MSCU, White/Davis, 5/0, the Board of Education approved Public Employment Matters – Discipline, Dismissal, Release

Vote:

Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

3.10.**EMPLOYMENT MATTERS**

The Board of Education took no action.

3.11.**EMPLOYMENT MATTERS**

The Board of Education took no action.

3.12.**EMPLOYMENT MATTERS**

The Board of Education took no action.

3.13. CONFIDENTIAL STUDENT MATTERS*Motion #327*

MSCU, White Kidd, 5/0, the Board of Education approved Special Education Settlement Agreement #A14.125

Vote:

Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

FLAG SALUTE

The Flag salute was let by Board President Collins 6:32 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board of Education approves the agenda as amended:

Revisions (Amended): Move Business & Facilities Information Items, # 5.2 and #5.3 to the bottom of the Business & Facilities Consent Calendar.

Motion #328

MSCU, Sandland/White, 5/0, to approve the agenda as amended:

Vote:

Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS
NOT ON THE
AGENDA**

Clerk of the Board Davis reported out the number of Blue (18) and Yellow (38) cards received:

- Blue card (1) in support of AEDs in schools
 - Kathie Parks
- Blue card (1) in opposition of moving teachers
 - Kenna Acquarelli
- Blue cards (11) in opposition to closing Simi Elementary School 3.2
 - Danny Jordon
 - Brandon Brown
 - Diane Thomson
 - Erin Hollander
 - Marilyn Hollander
 - Jennifer Furs
 - Adrienne Stuck
 - Michael Hollander
 - Chelsea Baxter
 - Sue Koch
 - Shanna Foster
- Blue cards (4) in opposition to interior bracing 5.6
 - Susan Koch
 - Shanna Foster
 - Adrienne Stuck
 - Chelsea Baxter
- Blue card (1) in support of closing Simi Elementary School 3.2
 - Jenniffer Jones
- Yellow cards (31) in opposition to closing Simi Elementary School 3.2
 - Lori Avishay
 - Ricky Smalling
 - Butch Owens
 - Tiffany Trottier
 - Victoria Baker
 - Allyson Baker
 - Sharon Baker
 - Glenn Furs
 - Jennifer Furs
 - Cathy Ferry
 - Ron Ferry
 - Steven Sciacca
 - Jackie Sciacca
 - Claudia Aposhian
 - Jasmine Miller
 - Roger Forrest
 - Carri Forrest
 - Chelsea Baxter
 - J.C. Baxter
 - Jeff Baxter
 - John Baxter

- Karen Baxter
- Jodi Dyer
- Anne Walton
- Yvonne Baird
- Julie Honda
- Connie Dome
- Laura Brown
- Adrienne Stuck
- Shanna Foster
- Alma Hromjak
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- Yellow cards (4) in opposition to interior bracing 5.6
 - Alma Hromjak
 - Shanna Foster
 - Jackie Sciacca
 - Adrienne Stuck
- Yellow cards (3) in support of closing Simi Elementary School 3.2
 - Kenna Acquarelli
 - Heather Gearhart
 - Tracy Spoor

Five individuals who submitted Blue cards chose to speak to the Board of Education at this time (two cards on items not on the agenda and three prior to an item being addressed on the agenda):

Kathie Parks, Parent: Ms. Parks is creating a non-profit foundation "Harrison Hugs," in honor of her son, Harrison Parks, who died of sudden cardiac arrest. Harrison Parks was a student at Royal High School. Ms. Parks is requesting the opportunity to raise public awareness about sudden cardiac arrest and to provide AEDs (during school and at after school sports and school events) and training to the staffs at Simi Valley Unified Schools.

Danny Jordon, Prior Student: Thanked the Board for letting the public speak. Mr. Jordon does not want to lose sight of what makes Simi Valley a great city that offers a small town way of life. Please don't close Simi Elementary School.

Brandon Brown, Community Member/Parent: The school is coming up to being 100 years old; wouldn't it be great if Simi Elementary School remained open. Repair the school and keep it open.

Diane Thomson, Retired Teacher: Ms. Thompson keeps waiting for something to happen to keep Simi Elementary School open. She states that School of Choice as well as neglect has played the part in closing Simi Elementary School. The community loves Simi Elementary School. Hopefully, if Simi Elementary School is closed, the community will come together to preserve the building and campus. The memories of Simi Elementary School will live on.

Kenna Acquarelli, Teacher: In opposition to displacing teachers. She understands that there are many reasons why Simi Valley is experiencing declining enrollment (aging community, economy, etc.). Ms. Acquarelli is concerned that schools like

Katherine and Vista (distinguished schools) use signature practices, if teachers are displaced the programs have to be recreated by new staff; when you displace teachers the relationships that have been formed between teachers, parents and students is broken.

The remainder of individuals who submitted Blue cards chose to speak later in the agenda.

**PUBLIC
HEARING**

None

**EMPLOYEE
ORGANIZATIONS**

SEA and CSEA Representatives chose not to speak.

ICOC REPORT

Trustee Collins invited Matt Nestor to the podium. Mr. Nestor stated the ICOC as a group had decided that C4 bonds have been misused when the tablets went home with the students. It was the ICOC's understanding that the Board had intended for the devices go home with students. The ICOC had advised the Board that if the tablets were going home with students it was an inappropriate use of funds. The ICOC determined that funds could be used to enhance the facility/infrastructure and that the devices would not leave the school sites. Mr. Nestor was pleased that Mr. Todo and other faculty attended the ICOC meeting on June 23, 2014. Mr. Nestor understands that the ICOC will be receiving a legal opinion from district's council regarding the distribution of tablets to students. The only function of the ICOC is to advise the Board. The ICOC will meet again on July 2, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss further actions; investigatory and legalities. Mr. Nestor stated the ICOC would hate to see the Board having to repay \$7M to the C4 Bond.

Trustee Kidd thanked Mr. Nestor and the ICOC for the work that is done and appreciates the clear and direct way information is shared.

Trustee Collins will respond during Board Comments and turned the floor over to the Superintendent, Kathryn Scroggin.

**SUPERINTENDENT
COMMENTS**

Dr. Scroggin welcomed everyone and 1) stated that it is her pleasure to introduce Mrs. Star Espinoza, the new Executive Administrative Assistant; Congratulations to Deborah Salgado, the new Director of Secondary Education, former principal at Royal High School, and Kathy Roth, the new Director of Elementary Education, former principal at Fundamental School; 3) with distinct pleasure to announce that last week official word was received that Royal High School received approval to begin an International Baccalaureate program; 4) The International Baccalaureate program is an academically challenging program that prepares students for success in college and beyond; it also prepares students for participation in a rapidly changing global society as they acquire a depth of knowledge studying courses from six subject groups; this rigorous program is recognized by leading universities around the world; 5) Congratulations to Royal High School, former principal Deborah Salgado, Assistant Principal Dr. Terri Sterr-Leon and the teachers at Royal High School who worked hard during the three year process that has led to the approval of the International Baccalaureate program; 6) and tonight there is a special presentation to make to an 8th grade student who promoted from Valley View Middle School a few

weeks ago; Cayden Postal was recognized for excellence in all subject areas during the promotion ceremony; he was not, however, recognized as a recipient of the Presidential Award because of a glitch in the computer system which caused his GPA to be miscalculated; for those of you who don't know, the President's Education Award Program recognized students by honoring their achievement, the Presidential Academic Fitness Award challenges the individual student to have high expectations, to work hard and to develop discipline in student habits; 7) Dr. Scroggin acknowledged all of in attendance this evening and at other meetings regarding the possible closing of Simi Elementary School; your passion for and dedication to this school have been noted and understood as all of us also have great sentiment for Simi Elementary School; 8) On the agenda there is an item which recommends that Simi Elementary School be closed beginning with the 2015-2016 school year; 9) The future of the buildings which are Simi Elementary is another matter which the Board will consider; we have a commitment to maintain the facilities and to work with the community and other organizations to find a way to restore the main building and to find an alternative use for the outer campus which will be beneficial to our district and city; 10) Due to downsizing and moves of several businesses in our city and to the district's declining enrollment, in August the Board will be asked to look at the future of other schools with low enrollments; Staff will be working on a policy over the summer; 11) These are not easy times for anyone; we know that, as difficult as things can get, at the end of the day we all want the same thing, a district which is able to continue to provide outstanding educational opportunities for all of our students.

PRESENTATION Adam Wohlstattar, representing Valley View Middle School, presented 8th grader **Cayden Postal** the Presidential Academic Fitness Award. Trustee Collins congratulated Cayden Postal for his hard work and shook his hand. Cayden's family was there to share the presentation. Dr. Scroggin also congratulated Cayden Postal.

BOARD COMMUNICATION

Trustee Sandland: 1) Welcomed Star Espinoza, Deborah Salgado, Kathy Roth; 2) is very happy about the Royal High School IB Program; 3) Congratulated Cayden Postal for the Academic Fitness Presidential Award; 4) it was a pleasure to attend Valley View Middle School and Simi Valley High School graduations; 5) Trustee Sandland wished everyone a happy and "water-safe" summer; and 6) in closing, Trustee Sandland thanked all the Simi Elementary School people coming out again.

Trustee White: 1) Thanked Kathie Parks for coming out and speaking about AEDs on campus. Sorry for her loss; there is no immediate resolution, Trustee White believes in AEDs, something we need in our schools. There is a compliance burden, but will propose something to cover the requirements. Trustee White supports Ms. Park's cause; and 2) keeping comments brief, as we move into the summer there is a lack of staff, it is a slow period, and there is time to work hard on strategies, looking forward to a lot of progress on plans towards improvement (facilities, maintenance, providing justification of projects and explanation of facility needs, communication), schools are the cornerstone of our community and we need great schools.

Trustee Kidd: 1) Thanked everyone for coming tonight; 2) agrees with Trustee White in supporting Kathie Park's cause for AEDs; 3) Attended Graduations at Simi Valley Adult Education and Santa Susana High Schools, appreciates the hard work both adults and students complete, some overcome many difficulties to earn diplomas and GEDs; enjoyed the promotion at Valley View Middle School with Trustee Sandland, sad to see Mrs. Webb retire; 4) welcome aboard Star, Kathy Roth and Deborah Salgado, has enjoyed working with both new Directors over the past years; and 5) in closing, Trustee Kidd announced that he will not be seeking a second term, Trustee Kidd will continue to work through the remainder of his term, ending in December.

Trustee Davis: 1) Congratulations to Star, Kathy and Deborah; 2) in regards to Kathie Park's concern about AEDs on campuses, will work on formulating a plan with staff, 3) congratulations to Cayden Postal on receiving the Presidential Academic Fitness Award; 4) attended promotion and graduation ceremonies at Sinaloa Middle School and Santa Susana High School, congratulated Diana Janke and Wendy Mayea, principals, for the work they do; 5) attended Simi Valley Adult Education graduation and thought the bio of each graduate was lovely; 6) Thanked Kristen Rice for speaking at the last meeting, good work!; and 7) in closing, wished everyone a restful summer.

President Collins: 1) Congratulations to the staff at Royal High School for the IB program; 2) congratulations to Cayden Postal for his Presidential Academic Fitness Award; 3) thanked Kathie Park for speaking about defibrillators at athletic events; is concerned about liability; 4) congratulated Kathy Roth and Deborah Salgado on their promotions to Educational Services; 5) appreciate the passion of the individuals who have spoken in support of Simi Elementary School; 6) It is the Board of Education's responsibility to do the right thing, Trustee Collins referred to Diane Ravitch, premier educational historian, on what is wrong with our system, the worst thing we did was open "School of Choice", neighborhood schools were the best place to send your children (will save comments for later); 7) stated Ron Todo and April Jacobsen did a job presenting information about the LCAP at the June 17, 2014 Special Board Meeting and Public Hearing; 8) stated Jennifer Jones was the 1 out of 80 stakeholders that attended the June 17, 2014 Special Board Meeting and Public Hearing; 9) attended Patti Ball's retirement on June 18, welcomed Star Espinoza; 10) commented on Trustee Kidd, personally thanked him for the time he has given to this district, done much to bring good information to the Board ; 11) Trustee Collins disagrees with Mr. Nestor and the ICOC's opinion; students need to be technologically ready for the new Common Core Assessments; it would be like telling the kids not to take the textbooks home; and 12) in closing, Mr. Thurbon, district council, is in the audience; Trustee invited him to the podium to state his legal opinion.

**ATTORNEY
COMMENT**

Mr. Bob Thurbon, general counsel for the school district, stated the purchase of one-to-one devices was legal and students taking the devices home is legal. Mr. Thurbon attended the ICOC meeting on June 23, 2014. Mr. Thurbon confirmed he will provide a letter to the ICOC with the legal opinion as stated above.

**BOARD
CORRESPONDENCE**

Clerk of the Board Davis reported one letter, dated May 30, 2014, was received by a concerned Simi Valley High School parent in regards to bullying.

The Superintendent or her designee will respond to the correspondence when appropriate.

**CONSENT
CALENDAR**

The consent items listed below will be approved by the Board in one action. However, a Board member may remove an item for individual discussion and action.

Trustee White requested item #1.1 be pulled for discussion: What is our plan for interim superintendent, expectation of timeline, and question on the PARS incentive? This item was pulled.

Trustees Collins suggested voting on all other items on the Consent Calendar, including the two information items that were moved to the Consent Calendar. (*Revisions: Move Business & Facilities Information Items, # 5.2 and #5.3 to the bottom of the Business & Facilities Consent Calendar*). It was agreed to approve all consent items listed below in one action.

1. ~~BOARD/ADMINISTRATION~~ (*pulled for separate discussion*)
 - 1.1 ~~Approval of Employment Agreement A15.14 for the Interim Superintendent~~
2. **PERSONNEL SERVICES**
 - 2.1. Approval of Certificated Personnel Report
 - 2.2. Approval of Classified Personnel Report
 - 2.3. Approval of Certification of Athletic Coaches
 - 2.4. Approval of Implementation of Classified Study
3. **EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**
 - 3.1. Acceptance of Gifts for Simi Valley Unified School District 2013-2014
 - 3.2. Approval of Educational Field Trips
 - 3.3. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised Board Policy 5145.6 and deletion of Board Policy exhibit 5145.6 (Parental Notification) and deletion of obsolete Board Policy 5124 (Communications with Parents/Guardians)
 - 3.4. Approval of High School California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Representatives Revision
 - 3.5. Approval of the Local Educational Agency Plan Update for 2013-2014
 - 3.6. Approval of Spring Release of the 2013-2014 Consolidated Application for Funding Federal and State Programs

- 3.7. Approval of the Simi Valley Unified School District Adult School and Career Institute Calendar for the 2014-2015 School Year
4. ***STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES***
- 4.1. Ratification of Consultant and Training Services Agreement No. A14.260
5. ***BUSINESS & FACILITIES***
- 5.1. Approval of Warrants – May 24, 2014 through June 13, 2014
- 5.2. Approval of Purchase Orders B14-00492 through P15-00010 in the Amount of \$7,097,468.26
- 5.3. Approval of Transfer of Funds for the Month of May 2014
- 5.4. Authorization to Award Bid # 14F13IB7 Site Prep for new Playground Equipment Project
- 5.5. Approval of Agreement No. A15.10 between SVUSD and Li & Associates Structural Engineering to Provide HVAC Design for Crestview, Garden Grove, Knolls and Parkview Elementary Schools.
- 5.6. Approval of Designation of the Ventura County Schools Self-Funding Authority Representative
- 5.7. Approval of the Deferred Maintenance Five-Year Plan
- 5.8. Adoption of Resolution No. 115-13/14, Approval of the Use of Proposition 30 Education Protection Account (EPA) 2014-2015 Funded Amounts
- 5.9. Approval of Agreement No. A15.12 between Simi Valley Unified School District and California Compliance Services to Comply with FEHA and ADA Regulations
- 5.10. Approval of Agreement No. A15.13 between Simi Valley Unified School District and Poms & Associates Insurance Brokers, Inc. for Loss Control Services
- 5.11. Approval for the Purchase of Workers' Compensation Excess Insurance through Safety National
- 5.12. Adoption of Resolution 113-13/14 Authorizing Signatures for the SVUSD Self-Insured Workers' Compensation Fund
- 5.13. Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5141.27 (Food Allergies/Special Dietary Needs)
- 5.14. Ratification of Stipulated Award

- 5.15. Approval to Advertise and Distribute a "Request for Qualifications" Application Package to Companies and Manufacturers of L.E.D. Light Bulbs
- 5.2 Ratification of Approved Agreement A15.11 between SVUSD and Perr & Knight for Actuarial Services of the Self-Funded Workers' Compensation Program. (moved from BF-Info. 5.2 to Consent).
- 5.3 Ratification of Approved Agreement A14.265 between SVUSD and Farley Consulting Services to Conduct a Workers' Compensation Claims Audit (moved from BF-Info. 5.3 to Consent).

Motion #329

MSCU, Sandland/Kidd, 5/0, approved the Consent Calendar as amended.

Vote:

Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins

Roll-Call-Vote

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

Trustee Collins opened the discussion on the pulled Consent item:

1. BOARD/ADMINISTRATION

1.1 Approval of Employment Agreement A15.14 for the Interim-Superintendent

Trustee White: What is our plan for interim superintendent, expectation of timeline, and question on the PARS incentive? Dr. Scroggin stated the agreement has nothing to do with the recruitment process.

Trustee White: We have qualified candidates. Trustee Collins responded this should be proposed as a future item. Dr. Scroggin met with Stan Mantooth and he stated, searches are not productive until January 2015. Trustee Collins stated, "We want to find the best Superintendent we can. We can discuss the timeline."

Dr. Scroggin stated the contract has provisions for early termination. She invited Mr. Thurbon to comment.

Bob Thurbon, General Council: it is truly an interim (at will) contract, revocable by either party; there was and anticipated minimum of 30-60 day recruitment period; an at will contract can be terminated by the Board on hiring another Superintendent.

Trustee White: The following questions were brought forward to the other Board Members and Staff:

- What is the timeline
- We should not extend the contract for one year.
- In house candidates should be interviewed.
- Transition issues
- Why was a PARS incentive offered?

Trustee Collins: Stated Trustee White should put the items on the agenda. He stated the timeline is perfect to search for a new superintendent; the Board has the right to change (from the County search) to another option.

Trustee Davis: Agrees we have three capable in-house candidates.

Trustee Kidd: Agrees that the contract and timeline should be put on an agenda separately.

Bob Thurbon, General Council: Restated the contract is an at will contract; the Board can appoint another Superintendent and end the contract; as well as the Superintendent may also end the contract by submitting a 14 day notice to the Board. It would be imprudent to apply any timeline; a definitive timeline changes the at will contract.

Trustee White: Requested a meeting in the near term to discuss the timeline.

Sandland/Kidd roll call vote – white/no Sandland, Kidd, Davis Collins aye

Motion #330 **MSC, Sandland/Kidd, 4/1, Approval of Employment Agreement A15.14 for the Interim-Superintendent**

Vote: Ayes: Kidd, Davis, Sandland, Collins
 Roll-Call-Vote Noes: White Absent: None Abstained: None

ACTION CALENDAR:

BOARD/ADMINISTRATION:

BOARD MEMBER ABSENCE Education Code Section 35120 states, “A member may be paid for any meeting when absent if the Board, by resolution duly adopted and included in its meeting, finds that at the time of the meeting he or she is performing services outside the meeting for the school district, he or she was ill or on jury duty, or the absence was due to a hardship deemed acceptable by the Board.” Approval of Resolution 114-13/14 for Board Member Absence (Hardship)

Motion #331 **MSCU, White/Sandland, 4/0/1, to adopt Resolution No. 114-13/14, Board Member Absence Hardship/rotation) at the June 16 and June 17, 2014 Special Board meetings, BA Action #1.**

VOTE
 Roll-Call-Vote Ayes: White, Davis, Sandland, Collins
 Noes: None Absent: None Abstained: Kidd

PERSONNEL SERVICES:

NEED FOR FULLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS Approval of Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Teachers
 Dan Houghton read the item and recommended the Board of Education Approve the declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Teachers.

Motion #332 MSCU, Kidd/Davis, 5/0, to Approve the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Teachers, PS Action #1.

VOTE

Roll-Call-Vote Ayes: White, Davis, Kidd, Sandland, Collins
Noes: None Absent: None Abstained: Kidd

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES:

LOCAL CONTROL ACCOUNTABILITY Approval and adoption of Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) for 2014-2015

Ron Todo read the item; the plan was presented to the Board on June 17, 2014; recommends the item be approved.

Trustee Kidd: Thanked Mr. Todo for all his hard work. The State came up with this program; this plan shows to do more with less. Thank you to the community members and staff. Trustee Collins added this has been a very impressive coordinated task to have it done so efficiently

Motion #333 MSCU, White/Davis, 5/0, to approve and adopt the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) for 2014-2015, ES Action #1.

VOTE

Roll-Call-Vote Ayes: White, Davis, Sandland, Kidd Davis Collins
Noes: None Absent: None Abstained: None

CLOSURE OF SIMI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Approval of the Closure of Simi Elementary School. Trustee Collins

PUBLIC COMMENTS The remainder of individuals who submitted Blue cards in regards to the closure of Simi Elementary School was called to speak directly to the Board.

Erin Hollander, Community Member, Prior Student: It is important for the oldest school in Simi Valley remain open. She has many happy memories and asked the Board to vote to keep it open as a school.

Marilyn Hollander, Community Member: it is so important for the neighborhood community to keep Simi Elementary School open; she has emailed the Board, asking the Board to please vote to keep Simi Elementary School open; she thanked her children (Erin Hollander and Danny Hollander) for speaking, don't turn it into Belwood, keep it as a school.

Deanna Foster, Community Member: An article was emailed to the Board regarding the interior bracing. She stated, "It is scary to think about the damage that could be done in the process." She urged the Board to rethink inside bracing, don't scar a historic building permanently. She supports fencing. She stated, "I have poured my heart out; this has torn apart our community. The main building is meant for a school only, nothing else." Think with your heart.

Adrienne Stuck, Community Member: Thank you for listening to us. Thank you for the public meeting. She brought a petition, with names gathered (792 supporters, in state and out of state) via CHANGE.ORG to keep Simi Elementary School open and submitted it to the Clerk of the Board. Please do the right thing, for the school community and the city's history; the Board Members are merely trustees, entrusted to take care of Simi Elementary School; she requested to take immediate action to secure the building protecting it against vandalism and graffiti; the outer campus and exterior of the campus is as important, fix the windows and don't board them up. The relocation to Mountain View Elementary was a big mistake; the structural engineer stated Simi Elementary School is structurally adequate and the outer campus is structurally sound; waiting on a response why was the school moved in the first place; would like to have a bond brought forward for repair, keep Simi Elementary School as an operating school.

Jennifer Furs, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Interpreter: Thank you for letting us speak. Simi Elementary School is important to all of us; it is an error to close Simi Elementary School, destroying the oldest school in Simi Valley. Give the community the time to work to save Simi Elementary School. Propose a bond for the November election; give this group a happy ending. Simi Elementary – 2012 Distinguished School.

Michael Hollander – Trustee Kidd missed a great opportunity to hear public opinion stated at the June 17, 2014 community meeting. Mr. Hollander has emailed all Trustees and will continue to speak on the information he shared at last meeting. He began by stating, I am here to encourage the Board to make the best choices for this community, students and city of Simi Valley; historically enrollment is cyclical and the district has experienced low enrollment in the past; please be patient and do your homework and research to find a reasonable solution; we think the staff is being hasty to close this school. To open as a theatrical arts feeder school to Hillside Middle School and Santa Susana High School would be a great gift to the community. Keeping Simi Elementary School open would be a true legacy to leave the current and future students, you are trustees make wise and thoughtful decisions for the future of this district. Please do the right thing.

Chelsea Baxter, Community Member: 1) Would prefer fencing the building and is against the interior bracing. 2) Concerned that there is no plan in place to repurpose the school and how will it be financed? Suggest moving forward with the Bond this November and then make a decision on what to do with Simi Elementary School. Leaving it vacant hurts the neighborhood; refers to the Broken Window theory; the Board does not have to close our oldest school. She stated, "In my heart I believe it should remain open. We are not giving up. Simi Elementary School has unified people and will continue to unify people.

Adrienne – Interior bracing – passes to speak.

Sue Koch, Retired Principal: Speaking on behalf of Simi Elementary School; over the years Simi Elementary was so neglected that it will cost more than \$10M in repairs. I do not understand why you chose not to keep this grand building open. When I was at Simi Elementary School, L.R. Stewart Auditorium was still there;

there was less vandalism, interior bracing should not be done, and suggests fencing. She Urged the Board to make the right decision, in spite of the crumbling building, reverse the Board's decision of April 15, 2014.

Jennifer Jones, Community Member: In support of closing Simi Elementary School; The Board was voted to make the best decision for all students. The remaining C4 Bond money should be used where all 18,000 students are considered. Simi Valley Unified School District has great programs at all our schools; thanked Trustee White, Trustee Sandland, Trustee Collins, Trustee Davis, and Trustee Kidd for their service on our school board. Thanked Dr. Scroggin who has worked very hard with the School Board to make decisions that are best for the school district.

Trustee Collins asked Mr. Todo to lead off the discussion.

Ron Todo stated earlier this year the Board authorized a creation of a 7-11/DAC to look at the possibility of closing and repurposing school sites following the CDE's Closing Schools Best Practices Guide, knowing any decision would profoundly affect the community, students and staff.

The 7-11 DAC met on November 14, 20, and 21, 2013 and reviewed all data for all schools, as well as alternative plans for sites. Several schools met the criteria to be closed and repurposed; and Simi Elementary School was one of the four schools discussed at the November 21st meeting for possible closure. At that time the 7-11 DAC did not recommend closing Simi Elementary School, but determined the Board address concerns about the condition of the facilities before recommending any idea of repurposing the campus.

On May 13, 2014 the Board of Education made a motion (#285) to consider holding a public meeting for the community to share their opinion with the Board (on June 6 a public notice was posted for the Public Hearing and Special Board meeting to be held on June 16, 2014). Four Board Members suggested preserving the main administrative building; suggested creating a small committee of community stakeholders to make recommendation for preserving and repurposing the remaining buildings on site).

The consolidation of campuses can increase services provided to all students and, fiscally, monies will be saved; it is recommended to close Simi 2015-2016; giving the committee time to develop plans for the campus.

Board Members Comments:

Trustee Sandland stated she hasn't found the right words to change the hearts of the other Board Members; she does not want to close any school, she is concerned about the C4 Bond, providing modernization money for all schools; the Board has not been very creative in building enrollment and the district could be more competitive; there is a need for a magnate performing arts elementary feeding into Hillside Middle School and Santa Susana High School; she would like to retrofit the main building and a preservation bond (the district should set aside the \$2.6M); in closing, it would be a sad day if we closed the school; listen to the community; be creative; we can look at other options; please, take a chance and save Simi Elementary School.

Trustee White stated while we would like to see Simi Elementary School continue to operate as a school, it would be fiscally irresponsible to maintain it as a school. The Board has been discussing this topic (fiscally sound, right sizing the district, listening to community members) since October 2013; from my perspective we have to look at the funds we receive. The state of California says Simi Elementary School main building is not fit for students, built prior to current standards; fully supports preservation, but it is too expensive to maintain it as a school. He envisions a fence that is attractive; supports a parcel split and working with other community organizations to preserve the main building.

Trustee Davis and Kidd – no comment

Trustee Sandland stated Tony Joseph said there is steel in the structure. Mr. Todo responded the state says the district cannot have students in the building without retrofitting.

Trustee Collins stated this is a heart breaking decision; no one wants to close a school. if you listen carefully to Dr. Scroggin's opening remarks we are committed to preserving the school. We are bringing a community committee together, inviting Bob Thomson, Steven Schaffer and Pat Havens to join the committee to help save old buildings. Agrees to preservation of the main building; school choice has changed the whole demographics of school boundaries; would like to keep the school open in some capacity. In closing, the Board has to do the right thing and right size the district. Further stating, it is not even educationally beneficial to keep six small schools open as we have in our district. .

Trustee Sandland asked, "What are we doing to protect the school from further vandalism; what plan is being put into place?" Dr. Scroggin responded Simi Elementary School has motion detectors in classrooms; staff has spoken about placing cameras on campus capturing visuals on who and when people are on the campus. Staff has heard from SVPD, that the vandalism is not notably higher than the other schools in Simi Valley. .

Sandland – Will transportation be provided for the students that are going to Mountain View. Dr. Scroggin said yes

Sandland – after 18 years on this Board is a sad decision

Motion #334

MSCU, White/Kidd, 4/1, to approve the Closure of Simi Elementary School, ES Action #2.

VOTE

Roll-Call-Vote

Ayes: White, Kidd, Davis Collins

Noes: Sandland

Absent: None

Abstained: None

BREAK – 5 minute recess called at 8:42 p.m...

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES: (no action)

BUSINESS & FACILITIES:

ADOPTION OF AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES TO SIGN ORDERS DRAWN ON THE FUNDS OF SVUSD Adoption of Resolution No. 97-13/14, Certification of Verified Authorized Signatures of Members of the Governing Board and Employees Authorized to Sign Orders Drawn on the Funds of the Simi Valley Unified School District

ORDERS DRAWN ON THE FUNDS OF SVUSD Mr. Todo read the item and recommended the Board to approve Adoption of Resolution No. 97-13/14.

Motion #335 **MSCU White/Kidd, 5/0, to adopt Resolution No. 97-13/14, Certification of Verified Authorized Signatures of Members of the Governing Board and Employees Authorized to Sign Orders Drawn on the Funds of the Simi Valley Unified School District, BS Action #1**

Vote:
Roll-Call-Vote **Ayes: White, Davis, Kidd, Sandland, Collins**
 Noes: None Absent: None Abstained: None

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED DISTRICT BUDGET 2014/2015 Adoption of Proposed District Budget 2014/2015

DISTRICT BUDGET 2014/2015 Mr. Todo read the item. A presentation reviewing the proposed budget was shared with the Board of Education at the Special Board meeting and Public Hearing on June 17, 2014.

Trustee Collins asked if the budget was available on the simivalleyusd.org website. Mr. Todo responded that the proposed budget was posted to the website, but it was reported that there was a problem with the link; he will follow up and make sure it is working.

Trustee Kidd understands this budget is based on the May revision and there will be other items reflected on the budget (i.e., sale of Wood Ranch and other revisions to the Governor’s budget). He inquired about the changes to mandated costs and the states suggestion to use those monies for Common Core versus going in the general funds as in the past. Mr. Todo responded, it appears it is only the state’s suggestion, but strongly recommends the monies be put into Common Core.

Kidd also inquired if the sale of Wood Ranch goes through are there requirements for Public Hearings; if so, can those requirements wait till the Board comes back in August. Mr. Todo responded, in August we will start looking at setting up Public Hearings as well as income and the distribution of such funds.

Kidd also asked about the funding gap, scaling back, must be budgeted for. Mr. Todo said there will be STRS costs and the increases in the funding gap; and the receiving of mandated costs.

Trustee Collins asked when employees will realize an increase in contributions. . Mr. Todo said three years out. The employer has to reach a certain minimum before employees

Kidd is the PARs incentive savings reflected in this budget. Mr. Todo said yes.

Trustee Collins thanked staff for their work in completing the budget and the LCAP.

Motion #336

MSCU, Kidd/Davis, 5/0, to adopt Proposed Budget District Budget 2014/2015, BS Action #2

Vote:

Roll-Call-Vote

Ayes: White, Davis, Kidd, Sandland, Collins

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

**OPENING AND
AWARD OF
SURPLUS
PROPERTY BIDS
RESOLUTION
No. 112-13/14**

Opening and Award of Surplus Property Bids to Purchase the L.A. Avenue/ Blackstock Street Property, Resolution No. 112-13/14. Mr. Schultze read the item. No sealed bids were received.

Trustee Collins called for open bids. There were no bids. Trustee Kidd asked for clarification of the next steps can we contract with an agent? Trustee Sandland is not interested in lowering the price. Trustee White would like to see a contract with a broker. Mr. Schultze will research the process and report back to the Board.

Vote:

There is no need for a motion/vote.

**ROOFING RE-
VARIOUS SITES**

Roofing Replacement at Various School Sites.

Mr. Todo read the item and recommended the Board approve roofing at various sites To prevent further damage to facilities.

Trustee White stated the district should look at using a pool of local contractors; use the informal bidding sparingly and when costs can be saved; really would like to see all roofs repaired.

Motion #337

MSCU, White/Kidd 5/0, to Approve Roofing Placement at Various Sites, BS Action #4

Vote:

Roll-Call-Vote

Ayes: White, Davis, Kidd, Sandland, Collins

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

**CONSIDERATION
OF AIR CONDI-
TIONING EQUIP-
MENT REPAIRS
AT THE MAIN
BUILDING
OF THE
EDUCATIONAL
SERVICE CENTER**

Consideration of Air Conditioning Equipment Repairs at the Main Building at the Main Building of the Educational Service Center. HVAC units have ceased to work; parts for these are obsolete. Two options are being brought forward to the Board for consideration:

- Option #1. Replace HVAC with new equipment; funded by C4 bonds
- Option #2. Temporary rental of HVAC; funded by the general fund

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- FIRST READING** First Reading of Revised Board Policy 5144.1 (Suspension and Expulsion
REVISED BP 5144.1 Due Process) was presented to the Board for review and information.
(SUSPENSION AND Mr. Goldman reviewed the information. There were no questions from the Board
EXPULSION/ Members.
DUE PROCESS)
- QUARTERLY** Quarterly Report on Williams and Valenzuela Uniform Complaints.
REPORT ON Mr. Todo stated there were no records of complaints.
WILLIAMS AND
VALENZUELA
UNIFORM
COMPLAINTS
- RATIFICATION** **MOVED from Information to Consent Calendar: Ratification of Approved**
OF AGREEMENT ~~Agreement A15.11 between SVUSD and Perr & Knight for Actuarial Services of the~~
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A14.265 ~~Workers' Compensation Claims Audit (BF Info. 5.3)~~
- ELEMENTARY** Piggyback Procurement of Play Equipment for Crestview, Garden Grove and
PLAYGROUND Vista Elementary Schools
EQUIPMENT
- TIMELINE** 2014 Bond Measure Timeline. Mr. Todo explained the deadline to initiate a
2014 BOND bond for the November 4 election would be very short. The district would have to
MEASURE to complete an extensive survey, set up a campaign committee on a very short time
frame. Dr. Scroggin, per Caldwell-Florez, stated that the bond would most likely not
pass because of the short timeline. Dr. Scroggin asked for direction from the Board.
Trustee Collins stated there may be a new Board coming in November and it would
be the new Board making recommendations about a bond being put onto the ballot.
Trustee Kidd is not interested in a 2014 Bond. Trustee Sandland would like to move
forward to have a bond to preserve and repair Simi Elementary School. Trustee
Davis was interested in a 2016 Bond. Trustee White would like to see performing
arts at multiple sites and responded that the district should begin the process of
analyzing the "curb-appeal" of our school sites and to review the long list of
facilities' needs; as well as include Technology, and all of that would take time.
Trustee Davis stated if it was planned for 2016 it would give the district time to
spread the word. Trustee Collins stated the consensus is to wait until 2016.

**CONSIDERATION
OF ITEMS FOR
FUTURE
AGENDAS**

Trustee Davis suggested looking into moving the ground mounted solar panels at Santa Susana High School. Trustee Kidd and Trustee White: Mitigation may be more cost effective. Trustee Collins consensus to bring solar/land use forward, inclusive of all schools.

Trustee Collins: Interested in discussing an approach for the next bond and to include a larger bond to cover several school facilities projects outstanding throughout the District. He stated the Technology bond was too small and staff is not prepared to develop the project list by the 2014 election. However, a well-defined project list could be developed by 2016. All Board Members were in consensus, moving forward with a discussion and a timeline for a 2016 Bond.

There were no other items from the Board.

**PROPOSED
AGENDA ITEMS**

Trustees may propose agenda items to the Board of Education. The Board of Education will give direction to the Superintendent.

Trustee Kidd and Trustee White would like to see a new appraisal on the Belwood property, the current bid was too low (assumptions were incorrect) Trustee Collins gave direction to move forward with another appraisal.

Trustee White proposes to have a discussion in regards to the superintendent search process timeline, he would like to interview internal candidates prior to the county search process. There was no consensus to bring it forward.

Trustee White and Trustee Collins would like further discussion about AEDs. Trustee White would like the district to publish a set of requirements that would enable a school site to proceed. Trustee Collins stated it could be part of the discussion. All Board Members agreed to move forward.

Trustee White would like to consider closing additional schools with low enrollment. Dr. Scroggin stated staff plans to work this summer to develop a policy that would revisit the criteria set by the 7-11 DAC Committee last year. Staff will report back to the Board in August.

There were no other items from the Board.

Trustee Kidd – Thanked Lowell Schultze for coming back and filling in when needed; thankful for the work he does. All Trustees agreed!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 2, 2014/6:30 p.m./ICOC Regular Meeting/SVUSD District Offices

August 5, 2014/6:30 p.m. /Regular Board Meeting/City of Simi Valley Council Chambers

August 12, 2014/5:30 p.m./Special Board Meeting – Expulsions/SVUSD District Offices-Floyd Binns Room

August 13, 2014/6:00 p.m./Personnel Commission / SVUSD District Offices

ADJOURNMENT

MSCU, Sandland/Kidd, 5/0, to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Motion #340

Vote:

Ayes: White, Sandland, Kidd, Davis, Collins

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

Approved on August 5, 2014

MSCU=Motion, Seconded, Carried, Unanimous

Rob Collins, President
Board of Education

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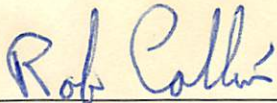
Noes: None

Absent: None

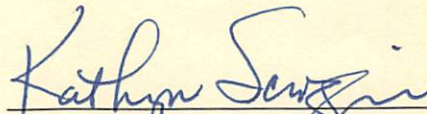
Abstained: None

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