



MEETING MINUTES
Open Session: 6:00 p.m.

Voting Members

Patricia Singer, President
Gina Clayton-Tarvin, Vice President
Jack Souders, Clerk
Morgan Westmoreland, Trustee
Norm Westwell, Trustee

Administration

Michael Conroy, Ed.D., Superintendent
Julianne Hoefler, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Keith Farrow, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services
Felix Avila, Acting Interim Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

Other

Dr. Joseph Farley, Consultant/Facilitator of the Superintendent's Schools Task Force

A. Call to Order

The Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by President Patricia Singer at 6:00 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Members present: Gina Clayton-Tarvin, Patricia Singer, Jack Souders, Morgan Westmoreland, Norm Westwell

C. Agenda Adoption - Special Board of Trustees' Meeting/Study Session of November 7, 2023

Approve as submitted.

Motion made by: Morgan Westmoreland

Motion seconded by: Jack Souders

Voting:

Patricia Singer - Yes

Gina Clayton-Tarvin - Yes

Jack Souders - Yes

Morgan Westmoreland - Yes

Norm Westwell - Yes

D. Pledge of Allegiance

President Singer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

E. Public Comment

The following people spoke in favor of keeping Golden View School open:
Craig Poturalski, parent;
Elizabeth Poole, parent

Corina Kirkland, parent, spoke regarding bullying issues in schools, and stated that her son is currently being bullied at Marine View Middle School.

President Singer requested that Dr. Conroy contact this parent to address the issues she has expressed tonight regarding bullying.

F. New Business

1. Study Session: Information on Declining Enrollment and Low Schools Enrollment (Information)

Dr. Conroy explained the purpose of the presentation is to address the District's continued declining enrollment and low schools' enrollment. He shared declining enrollment trends, specifically noting the District's enrollment in 2010 was 9,554, and is projected to be 5,563 by the year 2030, a decline of approximately 4,000 students. The Board must decide the number and location of school sites that the District should have for optimum student learning and achievement now, and in the next five to ten years.

He clarified that the District is not a financially distressed school district, as defined in the Education Code; nevertheless, it has complied with Education Code Section 41329 and the Attorney General's White Paper, both of which have often been mentioned by the community.

Dr. Julianne Hoefer, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, discussed the adverse impacts of declining enrollment and low schools' enrollment on education. She shared the many advantages of larger schools, including fewer combination classes; increased teacher collaboration; more electives and course options available; and the availability of additional student supports, such as nurses, licensed clinical social workers, and school psychologists.

Dr. Joseph Farley, Task Force Facilitator, gave an overview of the Task Force process and explained the information contained in the Task Force Report. He referenced the options developed by its members. Nineteen potential solutions were categorized into suggestions related to innovation, instruction, finance, and property management.

Keith Farrow, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services, discussed each option in further detail, including the financial impact of each, and whether it addresses the issues of declining enrollment or low schools' enrollment.

Felix Avila, Acting Interim Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, spoke regarding the effect of small schools on the staffing process and the impacts in the classroom.

The Board members asked clarifying questions of staff as they reviewed the options developed by the Task Force. They discussed ideas shared by parents through emails to the Board, as well as talking and listening to the community. Other potential options were mentioned and analyzed as well. The Board expressed their appreciation to the Task Force members for their dedication and commitment in finding options to address these difficult issues.

President Singer advised that this matter will be agendaized at the November 14, 2023, Board of Trustees' meeting for final consideration and action.

G. Adjournment

Time: 7:51 p.m.

Motion made by: Norm Westwell

Motion seconded by: Gina Clayton-Tarvin

Voting:

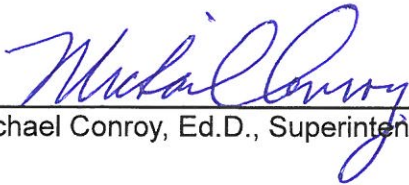
Patricia Singer - Yes

Gina Clayton-Tarvin - Yes

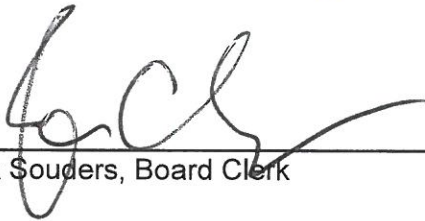
Jack Souders - Yes

Morgan Westmoreland - Yes

Norm Westwell - Yes



Michael Conroy, Ed.D., Superintendent



Jack Souders, Board Clerk

December 12, 2023

Date