

# San Pasqual Union School District

## *The Little School in the Valley*

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

**Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at San Pasqual Union School**

- Meeting called to order at 4:31 p.m. to allow public comment on closed session agenda items. Board Members Baker, Goe, Gourley, Murray, and Merz were present. Superintendent Burroughs and recording secretary Jenny Grassy were also present. Adjournment at 4:32 p.m. for closed session.

### **Regular Session**

- Meeting called back to order at 5:51 p.m. All members were present. Superintendent Burroughs and recording secretary Jenny Grassy were also present.
- Public was welcomed. The flag salute was recited.
- Report from Closed Session. No action was taken on closed session items.
- Hearing of the Public:
  - SPU students address the board regarding agenda Item # L.
    - Student S.D. - Students should have access to all level books from the library.
    - Student E.B. - It should be a family choice as to which books they have checked out and that reading is a privilege and students should have access to all books.
    - Student R.N. - SPU does not have a vast enough variety of books.
    - Student A.Q. - Students should be able to read about any topic with no restrictions.
  - Community Member addressed the board regarding agenda Item #L
    - Dana Lopez, SSC Member - She reviewed the books in question and was passionate about the students having access to all the books in the library.
    - Alonso Solomon, DELAC President - He requests books be added for financial literacy, how to support students on electronics, and more bi-lingual comic books.
    - Marjolein Legge-Beekman, SSC President, - She expressed concerns that the book review process was not being followed.
    - Mrs. Legge-Beekman read a statement from Patty Pederson, a retired teacher, who advocated for appropriate tools to educate students.
    - Jolene Mallory, teacher/SPETA - Said that one person should not be making library book decisions.

- Jolene Mallory read a statement from Mr. Angela, a parent, who supports books being added to the library.
  - Mandy McGaugh, parent - Supports books being added to the library.
  - Nicole Vitale, SSC Member - Reviewed books and felt some were not appropriate for the school library.
  - Megan Donahue (via email as read by Board President) - Supports the SSC decision and would like to have the books added to our library.
  - Cherie Graves, SSC Member - Expressed disappointment that SSC's decision to add the books to the library is not being honored.
  - Matt Zdunich, community member - Specifically spoke against the inclusion of “*Defund the Police*” book and cited multiple misleading statements and factual inaccuracies.
- Member Merz motioned to approve the current agenda and minutes from the 1/9/2024 regular meeting. Member Gourley seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.
- Mrs. Zdunich delivered Assistant Principal report
  - Updates on MAP Accelerator and improvements to student math scores
  - Foundation - Preparing for the Soiree on the 24th
  - PTO
    - Sweetheart Dance a huge hit
    - Book Fair and Coin Drive are both underway for the end of February
  - DELAC
    - Held a meeting on 1/29/24 with an amazing turnout
    - Parents took the LCAP survey and held a “Table Talk” focusing on questions from the LCAP survey and DELAC-focused questions.
  - Upcoming events/activities:
    - 2/5-2/15 -MAP Testing
    - 2/16-2/19 - No School, Presidents Day Weekend
    - 2/24 - SP Foundation’s Saints Soiree
    - 2/26-3/1 - PTO Book Fair
    - 2/29- Read Across America and Loved Ones Luncheon
    - 3/4 5:30-6:30 DELAC meeting
    - 3/8 - End 2nd Trimester (early release day)
- LCAP Mid-Year Report:
  - Please see website for report and presentation details.

### **Action/Discussion Items**

- Member Goe made a motion to approve the Governing Board Workshop. Member Murray seconded the motion. Member Murray made a motion to amend to include 3/9/2024 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Member Gourley seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.
- Member Gourley made a motion to approve the books to be added to the school library. Member Murray seconded the motion. Trustees discussed the approval process, citing

need for more clarity. Trustees also requested more time to review books under review. Member Goe made a motion to table. Member Merz seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.

- Member Merz made a motion to approve the Athletic Code of Conduct. Member Murray seconded the motion. Member Gourley amended the motion to change the phrasing “may” to “will be”. Member Merz seconded the amended motion. Motion passed 5/0.
- Member Merz made a motion to approve the Comprehensive School Safety Plan SB187 Compliance Document. Superintendent Burroughs reviewed changes to the current safety plan, including Opioid Prevention and Life-Saving Procedures. Burroughs also previewed upcoming changes to future safety plans. Member Goe seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.
- Member Gourley made a motion to approve the School Accountability Report Card. Member Murray seconded the motion. Superintendent Burroughs advised the plan has already been posted to the website (as required by CDE) and now includes all information released from the state. Motion passed 5/0.
- Member Merz made a motion to approve the amended proposal/estimate for the lower playground shade structure. Member Gourley seconded the motion. Member Murray amended the motion not to exceed \$145K. Superintendent Burroughs shared costs for various options (i.e., concrete base, rubberized coating, etc.) Member Merz seconded the amended motion. Motion passed 5/0.
- Member Merz made a motion to approve the Policy manual changes. Member Gourley seconded the motion. Trustees discussed the rights of parents when making educational decisions for their children. Motion passed 4/1 with Member Goe in opposition.
- Member Goe made a motion to approve the Delegate Assembly Election Ballot. Member Merz seconded the motion. Member Murray made a motion to amend the motion for board not to nominate. Member Merz seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.
- Member Goe made a motion to approve the Annual Review of the Superintendent Contract. Member Gourley seconded the motion. Burroughs' contract was extended to 6/30/2025, salary increased to \$180,000/year. Motion passed 5/0.

### **Consent Agenda**

Member Murray motioned to approve the consent agenda. Member Gourley seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.

### **Comments by Trustees:**

- Member Gourley - Thank you to all teachers, parents, and students who came and spoke today. Encourages all of our students to make their voices heard. Believes diverse content will build inclusiveness.
- Member Goe - SPU being student-focused is what makes this place so great. She is encouraged by the SARC report card but wishes there was more participation in surveys.
- Member Merz - Thankful we are all a community here.
- Member Murray- Appreciates everyone coming out, voicing their concerns, and sharing multiple perspectives. She stated that it takes bravery and celebrates our community.
- Member Baker - Thanked all Board Members for their efforts, thoughts, and input. She is grateful that difficult conversations do not deteriorate into mud-slinging or name-calling. Reiterated we are all a community here at SPU.

**Regular meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.**

NEXT MEETINGS:

Special Meeting/Board Workshop: **March 9, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.**

Regular Meeting: **March 12, 2024 - 4:30 p.m.**