

SOUTHERN KERN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Minutes January 20, 2021

Location: District Office-Conference Room  
2601 Rosamond Blvd, Rosamond, CA

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**I. Call to Order** – Meeting called to order by Board President Larry Tanksley at 6:02 p.m.

**1. Comments from the public pertaining to closed session items:** None

**#142→II.** Motion by Bender, second by Moore to go into Closed Session, 4 years, 1 absent (Vincelette) to discuss:

- A. Conference with Labor Negotiator; District Negotiator: Barbara Gaines, Robert Irving  
Employee Organization: California School Employee Association / Rosamond Teacher Association
- B. Discussion of Student Matters: Education Code sections 35146 and 48918(c)
- C. Public Employment: Certain Personnel Matters  
Discipline/Dismissal/Employment/Release/assignment/Reassignment/Complaint/Performance

**#143→**Motion by Gutierrez, second by Bender to Reconvene into Open Session at 7:06 p.m., 4 years, 1 absent (Vincelette)

**III. Action determined in closed session:** Board President Tanksley reported No Action taken.

**IV. Procedural Issues**-A recording of this meeting was made and shall be kept for 30 days as public record (as applicable).

A. Pledge of Allegiance led by: CBO Robert Irving.

**B. Roll Call** - Members Present: Tanksley, Gutierrez, Bender, Moore. Absent: Vincelette.

**#144→C.** Motion by Gutierrez, second by Moore Approve Agenda with original roll call correction, 4 years, 1 absent (Vincelette)

**V. Reports and Communications**

A. Student Board Member: RHS-Michaela Gaddis: No communication.

B. RTA report: President Jim Quellman welcomed new Board Members and had no specific topics to address. CSEA report: Reporter Patty Galindo emailed a communication to introduce the CSEA officers for 2021 and state the CSEA membership appreciates the opportunity for classified staff to sign up for the Employee Summer Assistance Program. The E-board looks forward to working with the district to help prevent COVID-19 exposure among staff and their families.

C. CBO Report – Mr. Robert Irving reported he would be in a virtual meeting this week pertaining to anticipated deferrals for school districts in the near future.

D. Associate Superintendent: Leanne Hargus welcomed everyone back and announced a calendar meeting is scheduled in the upcoming week via zoom.

E. Superintendent Report: Barbara Gaines announced the District is setting up a staff managed COVID-19 testing location for staff and students. It will be located from a front gate and office entrance known as the former College Office. Tentative hours are 8-4 exact detail will be forth coming and staff are being trained to receive the specimens for sending to the designated laboratory.

F. Board Member Communications: The Board of Trustees welcomed the listening audience. They asked Superintendent Gaines about adequate personal protection equipment and assuring there is no exposure to staff

of COVID-19 in the new testing center. They reiterated to ALL the importance to wear masks, and wash hands and be caution.

**Comments from the Public:**

Parent Nathan Ash comment about the great need to get children back in school sooner rather than later.

**VI. Consent Items**

#145→VI. Motion by Gutierrez, second by Bender to approve Consent Items A-H, 4 yeas, 1 absent (Vincelette)

- A. Approved Minutes December 16, 2020, January 12, 2021
- B. Ratified Payroll Dec. EOM \$1,856,033.90, MIDA \$41,007.76, MIDB \$6,024.17
- C. Approved Purchase Orders # 210426 – 210438, Pay Vouchers: 210214 – 210225
- D. Approved IRS mileage rate decrease from: 57.5 cents down 1.5 cents to .56 cents for 2021.
- E. Approved Annual adjustment to Bid /threshold for Contracts Awarded by School Districts for 2021
- F. Accepted cash donation for \$5,000.00 to RHS Athletics from Berkshire Hathaway Energy
- G. Approved agreement with Government Financial Services for Municipal Advisor services.
- H. Approved agreement with KCSOS for TUPE Tier II Contractor Service Agreement.

**VII. General**

A. Update Classified School Employee Summer Assistance Program –CBO Robert Irving confirmed Southern Kern USD classified CSEA employees are eligible to sign up for the program until March 1, 2021.

#146→B. Motion by Gutierrez, second by Tanksley to Approve Participation in The Great Kindness Challenge Week: January 25-29, 2021 for all schools. Theme: KINDNESS UNITES, 4 yeas, 1 absent (Vincelette)

Superintendent Barbara Gain4es made comment on the value to participate in the California Department of Education (CDE), in partnership with the Great Kindness Challenge (GKC), encourages all teachers, staff, and students of child care centers, preschools, and schools to participate in the GKC the week of January 25–29, 2021.

#147→C. Motion by Moore, second by Bender to Approve the MOU (Extension of Memorandum of Understanding) for 2020-2021 School Reopening Plan between Rosamond Teachers Association and Southern Kern Unified School District, 4 yeas, 1 absent (Vincelette)

**VIII. Curriculum and Instruction**

#148→Motion by Gutierrez, second by Bender to Acknowledge Quarter Report (Oct, Nov, Dec., 2020) on the Williams Uniform Complaints under Education Code § 35186

Associate Superintendent Leanne Hargus explained this information is to be reported publicly to the Board of Trustees. She informed them the district received two claims and have been acknowledged and corrected the complaints.

B. First content review and reading only of the 2020-2021 Comprehensive School Safety Plan (CSSP)

Superintendent Gaines stated the plans are presented for “Content Review.” Rosamond Elementary School, Westpark Elementary School, Tropico Middle School, Rosamond High School Early College Campus, Rare Earth High School, Abraham Lincoln Independent Study School, District Office  
The Comprehensive School Safety Plan (CSSP) developed in accordance to CA Education Code 32286 which requires each school site to review and update its school safety plan annually.

#149→C. Motion by Gutierrez, second by Moore to Approve revised Grievance Procedures for Title IX, 4 years, 1 absent (Vincelette)

#150→D. Motion by Bender, second by Moore to Approve revised Complaint Form for Title IX, 4 years, 1 absent (Vincelette).

**IX. Business and Operations**

#151→A. Motion by Gutierrez, second by Bender to Approve E-Rate Contract Award to Spectrum as the service provider for Internet and Wide Area Network, 4 years, 1 absent (Vincelette).

Prior to approval Dan Wexler, Director of I.T. answered several question and confirmed the contract is for 3 years.

#152→B. Motion by Gutierrez, second by Bender to Approve bandwidth selection of 10 gigabits/second for Internet and Wide Area Network, 4 years, 1 absent (Vincelette)

Dan Wexler, Director of I.T. stated that E-Rate pays for 90% of the cost for Internet and Wide Area Network.

**X. Personnel Items**

#153→A. Motion by Gutierrez, second Moore to Approve the following listed personnel items, 4 years

<b><u>CLASSIFIED/CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYMENT/RESIGNATIONS</u></b>					
<b><u>EMPLOYEE</u></b>	<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>SALARY</u></b>	<b><u>POSITION</u></b>	<b><u>SITE</u></b>	<b><u>STATUS</u></b>
Fletcher, Francisca	01/15/2021		Food Service Worker	WES	Resign

  

<b><u>CERTIFICATED/ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYMENT/RESIGNATIONS</u></b>					
<b><u>EMPLOYEE</u></b>	<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>SALARY</u></b>	<b><u>POSITION</u></b>	<b><u>SITE</u></b>	<b><u>STATUS</u></b>
Lewis, Jared	12/10/2020	C0/S2 \$25,980.24 (Prorated)	RSP Teacher	RHS	Hire

**XI. Adjournment**

#154→X. Motion by Moore, second by Bender to Adjourn meeting at 7:52 p.m., 4 years, 1 absent (Vincelette)

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Barbara Gaines, Superintendent

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jim Bender, Clerk of the Board