San Pasqual Union School District

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BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at San Pasqual Union School

Regular Session

- Meeting called to order at 5:00 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..
- Public was welcomed. The flag salute was recited.
- Hearing of the Public: No one addressed the Board regarding the Williams Settlement annual Hearing
- Hearing of the Public: No one addressed the Board
- Member Goe motioned to approve the current agenda and minutes from the 8/13/2024 Board meeting. Member Merz seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.
- SPETA President Mrs. Mallory addressed the Board on behalf of the union and thanked the Board for allowing SPETA the time and space to speak at board meetings. She is looking forward to working with them this year.
- Mrs. Zdunich delivered the Assistant Principal Report.
    - Expectation Expo:
        - 2nd to 5th grade expo held on lower playground
            - 9 Stations of instruction
        - TK-1st grade held on their playground
            - 7 stations of instruction
        - Middle School in classrooms
            - Covered topics of technology, SOAR, safety, discipline and bully prevention.
    - Foundation:
        - Shade structure is a huge hit.
        - Presented at Back to School Night
        - Working on two big fundraisers: Golf Tournament and Gala.
    - PTO
        - Held first meeting with more than 20 parents in attendance
        - Charleston Wrap and selling of Saints gear has kept them busy!
        - Moving to one Bookfair in October paired with Lunch on the Lawn.
    - DELAC and More
        - El program finished its initial ELPAC testing
        - DELAC creating a new bilingual reading program

        - SPU dance and cheer up and running
        - Mr.Christensen leading rock band after school on Wednesdays
    - Upcoming events/activities:
        - 9/16 Start with Hello Week begins
        - 9/16 WatchD.O.G.S. pizza night 6pm
        - 9/19 SOAR Assembly (8th grade performs for Constitution day)
        - 10/1 SSC Meeting
        - 10/2 Walk or Wheel Day
        - 10/7 Map Benchmark testing begins
        - 10/8 Next Board Meeting
- Superintendent's Report:
    - Great start to the new year
        - As of today, enrollment up to 548 students, up 22 students from just a year ago and nearly 75 students over the past 3 years

      Consistent with community feedback, we have added more enrichment and learning activities for students including
        - Access to the library during lunch
        - Multiple clubs in middle school during lunch breaks
        - Continuing Choir with Mrs. Read-Smith and bringing back Rock Band with Mr. Christiansen
        - More after-school clubs and teams *for elementary students*, including dance and chess
        - Continuing existing clubs and teams for elementary, including cheer and garden
        - Considering a culinary arts club after school
    - Increased Academic Expectations and Opportunities
        - Consistent with Kagan, implemented:
            - Differentiated Instruction Blocks (DIBs), Flexible grouping, Active student engagement, and Classroom behavior strategies
    - Wellness Plan
        - Focus on class parties and food service; addresses academic and nutrition
    - Upcoming Projects:
        - Solar - inspections revealed soil concerns ("settling") on the proposed playground array site. Currently awaiting a recommendation from structural engineers. Expect to have that within the next 2 weeks.
        - Tech infrastructure project still in inspection stages
        - Bike path to school completed
        - K/1 Playground project still waiting DSA approval due to changes

Action/Discussion Items

- Member Gourley made a motion to approve the unaudited actuals. Member Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.
- Member Merz made a motion to approve Resolution R#24-25-03. Member Goe seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.
- Member Murray made a motion to approve Resolution R#24-25-04. Member Gourley seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.
- Member Gourley made a motion to approve Resolution R#24-25-05. Member Merz seconded the motion. Member Goe amended the motion provided that binding grant agreement was presented to the Board prior to executing. Member Murray seconded the amended motion. Motion passed 5/0.
- Member Gourley made a motion to approve the Kagan Quote. Member Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.
- Member Goe made a motion to approve the 2024 Workplace Violence Prevention Plan. Member Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.
- Member Gourley made a motion to approve the Resolution R#24-05-02. Member Murray seconded the motion. Board discussed pros and cons of Prop 2, including the likelihood of funds actually coming to SPU as a result. Motion did not pass 0/5.

Consent Agenda

Member Goe made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Member Merz seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.

Comments by Trustees:

- Member Murray - Really appreciated the Kagan presentation and appreciates all the information and teacher perspective on test scores. Thankful for all extracurricular at SPU, including Foundation, PTO and DELAC.

- Member Merz - Excited that new families at SPU are reporting to him how much they love this school!

- Member Gourley- Excited to see enrollment is up and that clubs are growing. Excited about Kagan and appreciates the emphasis on the library.

- Member Goe- Echoes everything said. Thank you, Mrs. DiNofia, for seeking out new grants and making them work for us. Thanked Mr. Burroughs for making the bike path repairs happen!

- Member Baker - Wholeheartedly agrees with Mr. Burroughs's hard work for the bike path. Excited to bring Kagan back. Intrigued by the intention of students looking to help other students. It will go a long way in their confidence in learning!

Regular meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: October 8, 2024 @ 4:30 p.m. - Regular Meeting *(At 4:30 p.m. there will be an open session to allow for public comment on the closed session agenda items, followed immediately by a closed session.)*