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Tuesday, February 4, 2025, 6:30 PM
Special Board Meeting
Bridges Academy Gymnasium

1. CALL TO ORDER - 6:00 PM

1.01 Roll Call

Roll call is called by Superintendent Cruz.
Trustee Marc Cooper - Present
Trustee Rudy Rodriguez - Present
President George Sanchez - Present
Vice President Steven Sanchez - Present
Clerk Hong Ha Hoang - Present

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Trustee Rodriguez.

1.03 Public Information

The Superintendent states that emails sent will need to be read at the meeting by the sender and will not be read for them. However, the emails have been provided to the Board.

It is noted that translating devices is provided to the Board for the public comments.

2. GENERAL MATTERS - DISTRICT SERVICE CENTER

2.01 Approve/Disapprove Additions to Agenda

None

2.02 Approve/Disapprove Order of Agenda

None

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - **Members of the public may address the Board on any issue within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board or agenda items. Members of the public may also address the Board on Consent items before the Board's consideration of the items. In accordance with Board Bylaw 9323, individual remarks will be limited to three (3) minutes each, unless otherwise stipulated. The Board President may increase or decrease the time allowed for public comment, depending on the topic and the number of persons wishing to be heard. No action can be taken on any agenda items at this time. Questions may be referred to the administration or put on a future agenda.**

3.01 Oral Communications

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President G. Sanchez notes that public comment is limited to 1 minute due to the number of speakers wishing to address the Board.

President G. Sanchez points out that the only item being discussed today is school consolidation. Public comments today will only be focused on school consolidation and that no action will be taken today. President G. Sanchez comments that the community is welcome to other Board meetings should they want to address a separate issue other than school consolidation.

President G. Sanchez reads a statement regarding the public hearing this evening and the school consolidation process. President G. Sanchez commends the School Consolidation Advisory Committee (SCAC) and for their service to this matter.

4. SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION

Superintendent Cruz presents data that was presented to the SCAC throughout the discussions during the SCAC meetings.

The map of FMSD schools, feeder patterns,decreasing enrollment trend, increase in cost of operating districts, increase in the cost of living, decrease in district revenue as expenditures increase are brought to attention as reasons for school closures and consolidation. The decrease of student enrollment in Santa Clara County and the state is also brought to attention. The ongoing cuts on expenditures by the district is noted along with the passing of the parcel tax measure. Variables on expenditures in the coming school years are also brought to attention. It is noted that school consolidation is just one piece to ensure fiscal solvency in the upcoming school years.

The Superintendent reviews the Board's direction from the September 10, 2024 Board meeting to address declining enrollment and the budget shortfall leading to the development of the SCAC.

The Superintendent brings to attention the criterias set forth by the California Department of Education as a guide and best practice for the SCAC discussions.

Magdalena Moore, Committee Chair, Vanessa Fonseca, Committee Vice Chair, and Ella Mullenex Committee Secretary present the SCAC recommendation to the Board.

Ms. Mullenex provides an overview and the process of the SCAC meetings.

Ms. Fonseca brings to attention that meeting materials were before the meeting and committee members were also provided hard copies of the materials at the meeting. Ms. Fonseca describes the Breakout Group and the tallies of the votes.

Ms. Moore presents the recommendation made by the SCAC and discussions from the SCAC. Ms. Moore brings to attention the consensus votes and the possible/non-consensus votes. Ms. Moore brings to attention the criterias discussed for

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the recommendations. Ms. Moore brings to attention non-consensus schools for closures. It is noted that there was a consensus on the reconfiguration of the middle schools to 6th through 8th with at least two K-8ths remaining open to provide choices for families.

There is discussion on 'running out of time' throughout the process. It is clarified that throughout the SCAC meetings, discussions were limited to the criterias being discussed for that meeting. Dahl is discussed as changing status throughout the criterias.

A Trustee questions if there were discussions from the SCAC on major roads being crossed by 6th graders should the district reconfigure. The effect of home values is brought to attention as a result of school closures. A Trustee comments that he did not see any discussions on community impacts. A Trustee questions whether there were discussions on home values and economic impact of school closures. It is brought to attention that there will be job loss regardless of the outcome of the school consolidation.

A Trustee brings to attention utilization rates of current middle schools, Sylvandale and Bridges. Transportation needs of 6th graders, safety concerns, and advantages of 6th grade students attending a middle school campus. It is brought to attention that currently the district has schools that are K-8th and have been safe.

The current transportation plan is briefly discussed to ensure safety for students who may cross major streets. It is brought to attention that there is no future transportation plan until decisions on which schools will be closing and consolidating. The Superintendent reiterates that the safety of the students will always be a priority.

There is a brief discussion on consensus and non-consensus recommendations. It is noted that absent committee members are not included in the vote. It is brought to attention that physical presence of the committee members is required for voting. The Superintendent brings to attention that although absent committee members' votes are not counted towards the final recommendation report, their input is presented to the committee for consideration.

A Trustee comments on Kennedy being on the list for recommended closure and losing enrollment to Cornerstone to families that do not wish to take transportation to a further school. Safety concerns should Kennedy close is also discussed. A Trustee expresses disagreement with closing Kennedy.

McKinley is also brought to attention as an issue for closure due to the loss of access for many students and families to walk to school and losing enrollment to the neighboring district, San Jose Unified School District (SJUSD).

The committee brings to attention that the SCAC did not have consensus on either Santee or Kennedy and that the Board is to decide. It is also noted that although

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McKinley is near SJUSD, it is difficult to compare the neighboring districts because SJUSD is not challenged with school closures because they are a basic aid district and may not easily accept transfer students.

Gratitude is expressed to the SCAC for their time, their effort, and all of their energy into this difficult task. It is noted that SCAC is tasked with making a recommendation as directed by the Board.

Donald Zimring, fiscal expert assigned to the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE), to oversee the district's budget, expresses appreciation for the efforts of the district and the SCAC. Mr. Zimring discusses the budget crisis of the district. Mr. Zimring brings to attention the obligation of the Board to ensure fiscal solvency of the district. Mr. Zimring brings to attention that should the district not find a solution, the county and the state will take over. Mr. Zimring notes that should the Board not make any changes, the district will run out of money mid year, next year. Mr. Zimring brings to attention time and deadlines need to be met.

4.01 Receipt of the School Consolidation Advisory Committee Recommendations

The Superintendent requests for speakers to state if translation is needed prior to speaking to the Board.

Adrian Sorellano, second grade teacher at Kennedy, comments in support of the non-closure of Kennedy. Mr. Sorellano brings to attention the collaborations at Kennedy to enrich community engagement.

Alyssa Garibay, former Kennedy and CCA student, comments in support of the non-closure of Kennedy and brings to attention the new library at Kennedy.

Layla De La Cruz, current student at Kennedy, comments in support of the non-closure of Kennedy and comments on Kennedy being a special place for her family.

Megan Duran-Weston, a staff member from Kennedy and Santee, comments in support of the non-closure of Kenney and Santee.

Anjelica Nunez, a staff member of Kennedy, comments in support of the non-closure of Kennedy. Ms. Nunez brings to attention the various positive programs at Kennedy.

Laura Gonzalez, third grade teacher at Los Arboles, comments to keep the Los Arboles team together when merging with Lairon due to the academic achievements of students at Lairon.

Leslie Rosas, SEAL Coach at Los Arboles, comments in support of the non-closure of Los Arboles and requests for the Los Arboles team to remain together due to the academic achievements currently being made at Los Arboles.

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Liliana Ziranda, staff and parent of Los Arboles, comments in support of the non-closure of the Seven Trees community schools and brings to attention families enrolling at KIPP should Lairon and Los Arboles close.

Natalia Ziranda, third grader at Los Arboles, comments in support of the non-closure of Los Arboles.

Melissa Garcia, teacher of Los Arboles, comments in support of the non-closure of Los Arboles. Ms. Garcia brings to attention the Special Olympics at Los Arboles. Ms. Garcia comments on Los Arboles as a successful inclusion program for all.

Jennifer Smith, teacher of Los Arboles 28 years, comments in support of the non-closure of Los Arboles. Ms. Smith comments on having Lairon students move to Los Arboles and not the other way around. Ms. Smith brings to attention Los Arboles as having the lowest cost of operation.

Kelly Blum, Kindergarten co-teacher at Los Arboles, comments in support of the non-closure of Los Arboles and brings to attention the success of the inclusion teaching model at Los Arboles.

Maria Tapia, parent at Los Arboles, comments in support of the non-closure of Los Arboles.

Kristen Annab, teacher from Valley Christian School, comments in support of the non-closure of Los Arboles. Ms. Annab comments on the success of Los Arboles and the partnership with Valley Christian School.

Jaskiran Kang, a staff member of Los Arboles, comments in support of the non-closure of Los Arboles. Ms. Kang comments on the strong sense of teamwork, supportive environment, and strong student connection.

Andrina Pardo, para-educator and former student of Kennedy, comments in support of the non-closure of Kennedy. Ms. Pardo comments on the bias of the SCAC with the criterias.

Leticia Padilla, parent at McKinley, comments in support of the non-closure of McKinley. Ms. Padilla brings to attention the positive growth of her students with IEPs. Ms. Padilla comments on McKinley as being a low-income community.

Eva Martinez, McKinley staff, comments in support of the non-closure of McKinley. Ms. Martinez comments on the struggles families will be challenged with should McKinley close. Ms. Martinez comments on the fear families will face should they have to transport their students further away from their homes.

Jorge Garcia, former student of McKinley and first generation student of Santa Clara University, comments in support of the non-closure of McKinley. Mr. Garcia comments on the positive effects McKinley has had on his education.

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Gael Ortiz, fourth grader at McKinley, comments in support of the non-closure of McKinley. Mr. Ortiz comments on the stress of the possibility of McKinley closing.

Gabriela Machuca, parent at McKinley, comments in support of the non-closure of McKinley. Ms. Machuca brings to attention the transportation needs of McKinley students and the shortage of bus drivers.

Sharren Cayetano, teacher of Kennedy, urges the Board to explore other options outside of closing schools to solve the budget deficit. Ms. Cayetano brings to attention students moving to charter schools. Ms. Cayetano brings to attention the petition provided to the Board.

Ruben Leyva, parent at Ramblewood, comments in support of the non-closure of Ramblewood. Mr. Leyva brings to attention the academic achievements at Ramblewood and brings to attention the Board passing the renewal of Voices Flagship Charter. Mr. Leyva brings to attention charter schools nearby.

Kathy Gilbreath, teacher at Meadows, comments in support of the non-closure of Meadows. Ms. Gilbreath comments on the parent involvement and community engagement at Meadows.

Erin Cardona, teacher at Meadows, comments in support of the non-closure of Meadows. Ms. Cardona comments on decisions should be based on facts and data and for the future.

Stacy Divine, teacher at Shirakawa, comments in support of the non-closure of Dahl. Ms. Driving comments on the legacy of Captain Jason M. Dahl and honors where he came from.

Roselyn Arzate, second grader at Kennedy, comments in support of the non-closure of Kennedy. Ms. Arzate comments on Kennedy as being a family.

Maricela Ponce, parent at Kennedy, comments in support of the non-closure of Kennedy. Ms. Ponce comments on this process as being emotional. Ms. Ponce comments on Kennedy as being a family and brings to attention the students that walk to Kennedy.

Kelly Herz, fifth grader teacher at Stonegate, comments in support of the non-closure of Stonegate for Stonegate to remain PK-8th. Ms. Hertz comments on families not wanting to send middle school students to traditional middle schools.

Brian Pham, parent of Stonegate, comments in support of the non-closure of Stonegate and for Stonegate to remain PK-8th.

Edgar Quiroz, teacher at Dahl and chair of FMEA, comments on teacher lay-off of the district. Mr. Quiroz comments on money being spent on contracts. Mr. Quiroz brings to attention looking at other options before laying off teachers and closing schools.

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Kendra Moore, teacher of Windmill Springs, comments in support of the non-closure of Windmill Springs. Ms. Moore brings to attention the commitment from the Board on the dual immersion as a K-8th program.

Priscilla Lopez, parent at Los Arboles, comments in support of the non-closure of Los Arboles. Ms. Lopez shares her student's success in exiting the Special Education class due to the efforts of the Los Arboles staff.

Owen Lanyon, fifth grader at Ramblewood, comments in support of the non-closure of Ramblewood. Mr. Lanyon comments on Ramblewood as being family.

Kenia Fregoso Pardo, parent at Kennedy, comments in support of the non-closure of Kennedy.

Kaylee Lopez, former student of Kennedy and student of CCA, comments in support of the non-closure of Kennedy. Ms. Lopez comments on the kindness of the staff and students.

Adriana Rios, parent at Ramblewood, comments in support of the non-closure of Ramblewood. Ms. Rios comments on the successful operation of Ramblewood. Ms. Rios comments on the positive community at Ramblewood. Ms. Rios comments on looking into alternatives outside of school closures.

Monique Jennings, Special Educator at Los Arboles, comments in support of the non-closure for Los Arboles and McKinley. Ms. Jennings comments on supporting SDC students in the district.

Sarahn Marino, teacher at Dahl, comments in support of the non-closure of schools in the district. Mr. Marino brings to attention a study done in Chicago back in 2013 and the negative impacts of the community and to the budget deficit.

Celeste Dolzal, Special Educator at Dahl, comments in support of the non-closure for the district. Ms. Dolzal comments on the negative impacts of school closures. Ms. Dolzal comments to support the non-closure of Dahl.

Primavera Costa, teacher of Dahl, comments in support of the non-closure of Dahl. Ms. Costa brings to attention the funds spent on recruitment and retention. Ms. Costa questions the purpose of recruitment and retention. Ms. Costa brings to attention that there is no parking difficulty at Dahl.

Rachel Witmeyer, sixth grade teacher at Franklin and FMEA chair, brings to attention the maturity of sixth graders and unintended consequences of having sixth graders in traditional middle school campuses. Ms. Witmeyer brings to attention loss of enrollment and the shortage of bus drivers for transportation. Ms. Witmeyer brings to attention selling one of the middle school campuses for housing.

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Stephany Rocha, parent at Dahl, comments in support of the non-closure of Dahl. Ms. Rocha comments on the danger of students walking and crossing streets to attend Lairon. Ms. Rocha brings to attention students missing the bus and missing school. Ms. Rocha brings to attention the SEAL and Trauma Skilled Programs at Dahl.

Sandra Santiago, parent at Santee, comments in support of the non-closure of Santee. Ms. Santiago comments that school closures are not the solution.

Imelda Murillo, teacher of Santee, comments on keeping all schools. Ms. Murillo comments in support of the non-closure of Santee. Ms. Murillo brings to attention the FMCI at Santee due to the needs of the community.

Estrella Zaragoza, student of Santee, comments in support of the non-closure of Santee. Ms. Zaragoza comments on the close community of Santee.

Concepcion Salinas, parent at Santee, comments in support of the non-closure of Santee. Ms. Salinas comments on the importance of Santee to the community.

Nerely Campos, parent at Santee and McKinley, comments in support of the non-closure of Santee and McKinley. Ms. Campos comments on the diversity in Santee and McKinley. Ms. Campos comments on the uncertainty in the community.

Charmaine Pollack, parent at Dahl, comments in support of the non-closure for Dahl. Ms. Pollack comments on her students overcoming trauma from the support at Dahl.

Carmina Valdivia, comments on behalf of Catholic Charities. Ms. Valdivia comments on the continuing support for families and the community from Catholic Charities through this process.

Trina and Kevin Pham, parents at Windmill, comment in support of the non-closure of Windmill and to keep the program at K-8 due to the dual immersion program. Mr. Pham brings to attention the various programs of Windmill which enrich the community.

Nadine Lomeli, SDC preschool teacher of McKinley, comments in support of the non-closure of McKinley. Ms. Lomeli comments on the SDC programs at McKinley. Ms. Lomeli comments on providing consistent and high quality education for SDC students.

Shelly Walker, SDC teacher at McKinley, comments in support of the non-closure of McKinley. Ms. Walker brings to attention the four SDC classrooms and playground specifically designed to support SDC students.

Iliana Estrada, parent at Santee, comments in support of the non-closure of Santee. Ms. Estrate comments on the convenience of the walking distance of Santee for her students.

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Joanna Ramirez, parent at Kennedy, comments in support of the non-closure of Kennedy. Ms. Ramirez comments on the collaboration and safe environment at Kennedy. Ms. Ramirez comments on the parent partnerships at Kennedy.

Crystal Urbano, parent and staff at Dahl. Mr. Urbano comments in support of the non-closure of Dahl. Mr. Urbano comments on the community from ICE and from the school closures. Mr. Urbano comments on looking for alternatives.

Emili Nguyen, fifth grader at Ramblewood, comments in support of the non-closure of Ramblewood. Ms. Nguyen comments on the Ramblewood community having the lowest crime rate and the least traffic.

Dawn Suiter, community member of Santa Clara County. Ms. Suiter comments on rating and ranking teachers based on test score as a guide to which schools to close. Ms. Suiter comments on books in the library and programs passed by the Board.

Ms. Suiter is asked to stay on topic of school consolidation.

Mingi Bodine comments on a topic outside of school consolidation and is asked to sit down.

Rachel Bodine comments on offering homeschooling and charter schools as an alternative.

Amy Mandujano, a student of Santee, comments in support of the non-closure of Santee. Ms. Mandujano comments on the fear of current issues in California. Ms. Mandujano comments on wanting to graduate from Santee.

Maria Mandujano, parent at Santee, comments in support of the non-closure of Santee. Ms. Mandujano comments on Santee as a community. Ms. Mandujano comments on the transportation safety of students.

Robin Musetti-Denmead, teacher at Stonegate, comments in support of the non-closure of Stonegate. Ms. Musetti-Denmead comments in support of keeping Stonegate as a TK-8.

Angelica Fajardo, teacher at McKinley, comments in support of the non-closure of McKinley. Ms. Fajardo comments on the unique and safe community of McKinley. Ms. Fajardo comments on the shortage of bus drivers and the unhoused population surrounding McKinley.

Thanh Ta, teacher at McKinley, comments in support of the non-closure of McKinley. Ms. Ta brings to attention that McKinley has one of the highest number of preschool SDC classes. Ms. Ta also brings to attention the SEAL Program and the community of teachers at McKinley.

Trea Li, former student of Stonegate, comments in support of the non-closure of Stonegate. Ms. Li comments on the positive effect of Stonegate on her education.

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Erin Brummett, teacher at Dahl, comments in support of the non-closure of Dahl. Ms. Brummett comments on the schools not being the same across the district.

Ceci Cerna, parent at Ramblewood, comments in support of the non-closure of Ramblewood.

Jenny McEwen, teacher at Dahl and FMEA Vice President, comments in support of the non-closure for any schools. Ms. McEwen comments on teachers not-leaving and students not leaving, only moving.

Michelle Wong, parent at Ramblewood and CCA, comments in support of the non-closure of Ramblewood. Ms. Wong comments on the academic scores of Ramblewood. Ms. Wong comments on CCA's enrollment possibly dropping due to reconfiguration of middle schools.

Franklin Bodine is asked to stay on topic of school consolidation and is asked to sit down. Mr. Bodine is asked to come at the next Board meeting for public comments outside of school consolidation.

Bien Doan, San Jose City Councilmember of District 7, comments in support of schools remaining open. Mr. Doan comments on having a conversation with the Board to find alternatives outside of school closures.

Michelle Hernandez, parent at Santee and McKinley, asks if student safety is a concern for the Board. Ms. Hernandez comments on the unsafe traffic conditions surrounding Santee and McKinley.

Stephanie Ceja, parent at Los Arboles, comments in support of the non-closure of Los Arboles. Ms. Ceja comments on the positive effects of Los Arboles for her family.

Vanessa Luna, parent at Dahl, comments in support of the non-closure of Dahl. Ms. Luna comments on Dahl being a Trauma-Skilled School. Ms. Luna comments on Dahl being a welcoming community and having the space to expand.

Alfredo Sarmiento, student at Los Arboles, comments in support of the non-closure of Los Arboles.

Mai Nguyen, parent at Windmill Springs, comments in support of the non-closure of Windmill Springs and keeping Windmill Springs as a TK-8th grade.

Lourdes Aguirre, parent at Kennedy, comments in support of the non-closure of Kennedy. Ms. Aguirre comments on being a former Kennedy student and having her own students there.

Tiffany Nguyen, student at Santee, comments in support of the non-closure of Santee. Ms. Nguyen comments on the student government working hard for field trips.

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Alan Anguiano, parent at Kennedy and Meadows, comments in support of the non-closure for Kennedy. Mr. Anguiano comments on the support from Kennedy and Kennedy's positive changes for his son.

Matt Shadiow, parent of the district, comments on looking at long term results and urges keeping highest performing schools open.

Anna Le, fifth grade student at Windmill Springs, comments in support of keeping Windmill Springs as a TK-8. Ms. Le brings to attention the positive effects of the dual immersion program.

Tola Sutherland, parent at Ramblewood, comments in support of the non-closure of Ramblewood. Ms. Sutherland brings to attention academic achievements and safety concerns. Ms. Sutherland comments on the long term effects of closing schools.

Superintendent Cruz presents the agenda item and notes that the decision is agendized for the February 11th Board meeting at the District Office. Superintendent Cruz requests for the Board to forward questions regarding the school consolidation from the Board to be presented at the February 11th meeting. It is brought to attention that the SCAC Recommendation is simply a recommendation and the final decision is left up to the Board.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Rodriguez motions to adjourn the meeting at this time. Vice President S. Sanchez seconds the motion. The motion is unanimous with the following Board vote:

Ayes: President G. Sanchez, Vice President S. Sanchez, Clerk Hoang, Trustee Cooper, and Trustee Rodriguez
Nayes:
Abstentions:
Absent:

The meeting is adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Board Approved On: February 25. 2025

~~Hồng Hà Hoàng~~, ~~Clerk of~~ the Board

Steven Sanchez, Vice President of the Board

Juan Cruz, Superintendent

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