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BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at San Pasqual Union School

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

Regular Session

- Meeting reconvened at 5:12 pm
- Public was welcomed. The flag salute was recited.
- Hearing of the Public: No one addressed the Board
- Member Merz motioned to approve the current agenda and minutes from the 1/14/2025 Board meeting. Member Gourley seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.
- SPETA representative Mrs. Mallory addressed the Board on behalf of SPETA.
- Mrs. Mallory also gave a curriculum report presentation on the Garden and Community exploratory class (presentation attached)
- Mrs. Zdunich gave a curriculum presentation on Kagan Cooperative Learning. (presentation attached)
- Mr. Burroughs provided a curriculum update on:
    - SPU's Mathematics adoption, highlighting the ongoing pilot of two math programs: **iReady Classroom Mathematics** and **Savvas Envision**.
        - **iReady Classroom Mathematics** offers a personalized learning approach, featuring interactive lessons and real-time data to support individualized student progress.
        - **Savvas Envision** focuses on visual learning and problem-solving, integrating interactive tools and assessments designed to engage students while enhancing their conceptual understanding of math.
    - Mr. Burroughs gave a presentation on a Dyslexia Screener, Amira. (presentation attached)
- Mrs. Dinofia gave a presentation on the Federal Funding Budget update. (presentation attached)
- Mr. Burroughs reported on the Board Goals. (presentation attached)
- Mrs. Zdunich delivered the Assistant Principal Report (see attached)
    - Spotlight on SPU Website updates:
        - **Middle School**: A new page has been created to showcase the unique opportunities and programs available in our middle school, addressing frequent parent inquiries.

        - **Home Page - Business Chalkboard Background**: The website now features a more dynamic and appealing chalkboard background on the homepage, improving overall visual appeal and engagement.
        - **"Insights in Numbers" Section**: We added a new "Insights in Numbers" section on the homepage, providing quick, accessible answers to common questions from school tours, developed in-house using Canva.
        - **Preschool Page Enhancements**: Updates to the preschool page include a new Parent Survey for streamlined enrollment and clearer information on days, times, and costs, improving transparency for prospective families.

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    - Foundation:
        - The Foundation hosted a successful Prom with nearly 100 attendees, featuring a Prom King, Queen, Prince, and Princess. Guests enjoyed bidding on class baskets and live auction items. Final results are still being tallied, with detailed data to be shared in the next report.!
    - PTO
        - **Daddy-Daughter Dance**: The PTO is hosting the Daddy-Daughter Dance on Saturday, 2/22, for a memorable family celebration.
        - **Variety Show Auditions**: Auditions for the Variety Show began this week, providing students a platform to showcase their talents.
    - DELAC and More
        - DELAC will hold a leadership meeting this month to discuss the importance of ELPAC testing for EL students and will collaborate with the Red Barn ART program to run a booth at an upcoming event, showcasing Monarch butterfly-inspired art that explores themes of transformation and renewal in Mexican culture.
    - Red Barn Arts
        - Art Day planning is underway with a global theme, featuring secured volunteers and a revised schedule starting after recess for more setup time. Partners like Jimbos, Grangettos, and El Plantio are supporting this exciting tradition
    - Upcoming events/activities:
        - 2/14-2/17 - No School - Presidents' Day
        - 2/20 - 2025 SPU Teacher/Employee of the Year Assembly
        - 2/22 - PTO Sweetheart Dance
        - 2/28 - MS Winter Ball
        - 3/7 - End 2nd Trimester (Minimum Day)
        - 3/11 - SPU Governing Board Meeting
        - 3/14 - Spring Picture Day/Variety Show
        - 3/20 - T2 Awards Assemblies
        - 3/24-4/4 - PTO Step It Up Fundraiser
        - 3/31 - DELAC Meeting
- Superintendent's Report:
    - Since the last Board meeting, we've met multiple times with representatives from San Pasqual Academy, County Welfare, and SDCOE. Unfortunately, no

significant progress has been made regarding placement decisions at San Pasqual Academy.
    - On a positive note, our grant for fiber optic cabling was featured on NBC News. We anticipate completing this project over Spring Break.
    - The final component of the playground project, two access ramps, was installed on 2/8
    - **ASCA Region Administrator of the Year**:
        - Mrs. Z was honored with the ASCA Region Administrator of the Year award, a prestigious recognition that highlights her exceptional leadership and commitment to our school community.
- **Teacher of the Year (TOY) and Classified Employee of the Year (COY)**: Nominations are now open for the Teacher of the Year and Classified Employee of the Year awards.

Action/Discussion Items

- Member Gourley motioned to approve the Early Notification Memorandum of Understanding between SPU and SPETA. Member Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.
- Member Merz motioned to approve the Comprehensive School Safety Plan. Member Gourley seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.
- Member Gourley motioned to approve the First Amendment to the Solar Power Purchase Agreement. Member Redmond seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.
- Member Merz motioned to approve the estimate from San Diego Backflow Testing. Member Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.
- Member Murray motioned to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Escondido Union School District, not to exceed $75,000. Member Gourley seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.
- Member Gourley motioned to approve the Sponsor to Capstone Team Project. Member Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.
- Member Merz motioned to approve the Policy Manual Changes. Member Goe seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.
- No action was taken on Agenda Item Y.
- Member Gourley motioned to approve the agreement with Chirsty White, Inc.. Member Merz seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.
- Member Gourley motioned to approve the add Executive Assistant and Student Data Coordinator Position to the classified salary. Member Redmond seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.

Consent Agenda

- Member Gourley made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Member Redmond seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0

Comments by Trustees:

- **Merz**: Congratulations to Nicole! I'm excited to hear more about the waste program and to enjoy the cheese sticks. Great job to the Foundation for a successful Soiree!

- **Murray**: I agree with everything mentioned. Congratulations to Nicole! I really love the data piece on the website, and the Middle School page is fantastic. Looking at retention rates and focusing on keeping our students from K-8 is key. I had the opportunity to attend the Soiree and was truly impressed with how the Foundation listens to staff and takes all stakeholders into consideration. I applaud them for that.

- **Redmond**: Congratulations to Mrs. Z! This recognition is so well-deserved given the thoughtful and impactful initiatives she leads. I also love the data piece on the website. I had the pleasure of attending the Kagan training, and it was impressive to see every student actively participating at all grade levels, K-8. I witnessed the patience and skill in Mallory's classroom as well. I agree with the others — the Foundation did an amazing job, and the turnout from both administrators and teachers was great. I continue to be impressed by the dedication of every individual at SPU.

- **Gourley:** Congratulations to Nicole! She truly deserves the recognition for her hard work and dedication. I'm also excited about the waste program — it's a fantastic initiative that can carry through from our 6th graders all the way up through middle school. This program will help instill environmental responsibility in our students and give them a hands-on opportunity to make a difference. It's great to see these projects taking shape and positively impacting our school community.

- **Goe**: I agree with everything mentioned. I'm so happy that everyone else will now see just how amazing Nicole is. The Kagan training is a great example of how professional development benefits everyone, no matter how long you've been in your career, and it will ultimately lead to better academic outcomes for our students. I also love the Capstone project — it's a fantastic initiative that doesn’t cost us anything.

Regular meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: March 11, 2025 @ 4:30 p.m. - Regular Meeting