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BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, March 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, and Redmond were present. Board Member Murray was not present. Superintendent Burroughs and recording secretary Jenny Grassy were also present.

  Adjournment at 4:32 p.m. for closed session.

Regular Session

- Meeting reconvened at 5:01 pm
- Public was welcomed. The flag salute was recited.
- Hearing of the Public: No one addressed the Board
- Member Gourley motioned to approve the current agenda and minutes from the 2/11/2025 Board meeting. Member Redmond seconded the motion. Motion passed 4/0.
- No SPETA report was presented.
- Mr. Burroughs recognized the San Pasqual Union Teacher of the Year Kristy Clark and San Pasqual Union Classified Employee of the Year Jenny Grassy.
- Mr. Harmon gave a curriculum presentation on the History/Social Studies programs at SPU. (presentation attached)
- Mr. Burroughs provided an update on the SPU Board Goals. (presentation attached)
- Mrs. Zdunich delivered the Assistant Principal Report (see attached)
    - LCAP Goal 1: Increasing Academic Achievement, Growth, and Performance for All Students
        - Refining instructional strategies and assessments to drive student success.
    - Strengthening Instruction & Assessment
        - Prioritized interim assessments in PLC work to inform instruction and support differentiated learning. Grades 3-8 have completed 3-6 interim assessments.
    - Preparing for CAASPP Testing
        - Interim Run-Through from April 1st-3rd to mirror CAASPP testing structure, with enhanced writing components.
        - PD session led by Mrs. Cottam and Mr. Perez on accessing CAASPP tasks and using Brisk for grading.
    - Continued Implementation of Orton-Gillingham & Morphology Training
        - Expanding Orton-Gillingham to support diverse learners with phonics-based instruction

        - Training 3rd and 4th-grade teachers in morphology this spring/summer to enhance vocabulary, spelling, and reading comprehension.

    - Foundation:
        - The 2025 Soiree generated $64,500 in income with $24,000 in expenses, resulting in a $40,500 profit, slightly higher than last year's $39,000 profit despite lower revenue.
        - Auction performance improved, with a $4,000 increase in earnings, even without art pieces.
        - Strategic cost-cutting measures saved $9,000, and efficient budgeting contributed to a higher profit than the previous year. The team is now planning for golf tournament at Dos Osos on May 3rd

    - PTO
        - The PTO hosted a successful Sweethearts Dance, generating a $1,750 profit with around 130 students and 90 adults attending. Activities like glitter freckles and candy necklaces made for a memorable evening.
        - The PTO is preparing for the upcoming Variety Show, with 24 talented acts set to "Shine Bright!" Students are actively involved both on stage and behind the scenes, with roles such as backstage helpers, sound booth operators, and MCs.

    - DELAC and More
        - DELAC is planning a Cinco de Mayo event, rebranding it as a Multicultural Celebration to honor the diverse backgrounds of the community, including languages such as Dutch, Tagalog, Farsi, and Mandarin, alongside Hispanic heritage.
    - Red Barn Arts
        - Planning for Art Day is underway with an exciting global theme, volunteers secured for each station, and the teacher schedule being finalized. Mrs. Miller is also surveying teachers for input on additional art offerings to enhance students' creative experiences.
- Superintendent’s Report:
    - Baker Solar Project Progress
        - The Baker Solar project is advancing smoothly, with key milestones being met on schedule.
    - Superintendent Evaluation Transition
        - The superintendent evaluation process has transitioned to a 360-degree review system.
        - This change aims to gather more comprehensive feedback from a variety of stakeholders, ensuring a more holistic evaluation
    - Water Regulators Replacement
        - It has been identified that certain water regulators are in need of replacement.
        - Necessary steps will be taken to address this, ensuring that all systems remain efficient and up to code.

Action/Discussion Items

- DiNofia presented second interim budget report. (presentation attached) Member Merz motioned to approve the Second Interim Report. Member Gourley seconded the motion. Motion passed 4/0.
- Member Redmond motioned to approve the Declaration of Need. Member Merz seconded the motion. Motion passed 4/0.
- Member Merz motioned to approve the 2025 Transportation Plan. Member Gourley seconded the motion. Motion passed 4/0.

Consent Agenda

- Member Gourley made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Member Redmond seconded the motion. Motion passed 4/0

Comments by Trustees:

- **Merz**: Great meeting, except for the usual water issues. Congratulations to ToY and CoY award winners.

- **Gourley**: Echoed the sentiments of Trustee Merz. I appreciate all the efforts we bring to the table. The MS presentation and growth are impressive. I'm really impressed with the foundation that's been laid and excited to see the changes in Cinco de Mayo.

- **Redmond**: Congrats to ToY and CoY winners — such a big achievement! Education workers put in so much hard work, and it's well deserved. I love seeing the progress the school continues to make, especially in the curriculum and the growth of the students. I'm very proud to be a part of it. A big thank you to everyone at the school, the PTO, teachers, and everyone involved. It's a lot of work, and your dedication to our students doesn't go unnoticed. My kids come home happy every day, and there's constant progress toward being the best we can be.

- **Goe**: Congrats! I completely agree with what everyone else is saying – so well deserved!

Regular meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: April 8, 2025 @ 4:30 p.m. - Regular Meeting