

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of the Board of Trustees' Special Meeting of August 7, 2020

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) NOTICE

This meeting was conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Governor's Executive Order N-35-20 issued on March 21, 2020 allowing for deviation of teleconference rules required by the Brown Act and pursuant to the order of the Health Officer of San Mateo County dated March 16, 2020 as this meeting is necessary so that the South San Francisco Unified School District can conduct necessary business and is permitted under the order as an essential governmental function.

President Patricia Murray said the Board values community engagement and appreciates and encourages participation. She shared the link for the public to provide comments and join the meeting. As SSFUSD is an inclusive school district a Spanish language translation of the Board meeting was also available to the Spanish speaking community.

OPEN SESSION - 6:00 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

Board Members:	Mr. John Baker - Present Mr. Eddie Flores - Present Ms. Daina Lujan - Present Mrs. Patricia Murray - Present Mrs. Mina Richardson - Present
Cabinet Members:	Dr. Shawnterra Moore, Superintendent - Present Mr. Keith Irish, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services and Categorical Programs - Present Mr. Ted O, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services - Present Dr. Jay Spaulding, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources and Student Services - Present

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Trustee John Baker.

D. COMMUNICATIONS

Public comments were submitted in advance of the meeting and were read by all

Board members. The comments were also posted on the District's website before the meeting.

Trustee Baker said four or five written comments recommended not rushing the reopening of schools. He doubts these are from parents and recommended a statement to the public on the reopening plans. Superintendent Shawnterra Moore said reopening will be distance learning in Phase 1, a recommendation from staff, which the Board approved. She said students would not be returning physically back to campus. Distance learning begins on August 17. The District will be monitoring health data to determine when learning can move to Phase 2. Trustee Baker suggested, and the Board agreed, that a press release be made in the San Mateo the Daily Journal or EverythingSouthCity.

The following were live comments:

Lisa Cresci, a middle school teacher, asked about the District guidelines for either the minimum number of days per week a class should be in asynchronous learning or the number of minutes per period that would be synchronous so parents know what to expect and there is no discrepancy among the different classes. She also asked about attendance being taken in asynchronous days. Assistant Superintendent Keith Irish said that during the Professional Development days next week, he will review this information.

Mike Hornsby said the written public comments should be read during the meeting, per the Brown Act. President Murray replied that it is within the Brown Act guidelines for the Board to read the comments and have them posted before the meeting.

ACTION

1. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

a. Approval of IXL Learning Contract for the 2020-21 School Year

Trustee Mina Richardson asked if this is the first year using this program and what success is expected. Assistant Superintendent Irish replied that the District has had a partnership with IXL for many years. Last year many companies provided free access and teachers asked to have it purchased this year.

MOTION #15 (Lujan/Flores) to approve the IXL web-based assessment program contract for grades K-12 in mathematics and ELA. (AYES: Baker, Flores, Lujan, Murray, Richardson; NOES: None). Motion Carried. (Unanimous)

b. Approval of the Literably Contract for the 2020-21 School Year

Trustee John Baker said this and the previous program are being paid with CARES Act funds and asked if the funds have been received yet. Assistant Superintendent Ted O replied he has not seen the funds yet but hopes to get reimbursed later.

Trustee Richardson questioned whether the teachers are trained yet or have experience with the program. Mr. Irish said they will use the program with Fountas and Pinnell in the K-5 system to conduct one-to-one student benchmark assessments. The program was piloted in the summer Big Lift and was successful.

MOTION #16 (Baker/Lujan) to approve the Literably reading assessment contract for K-8 students. (AYES: Baker, Flores, Lujan, Murray, Richardson; NOES: None). Motion Carried. (Unanimous)

c. Approval of the Nearpod Contract for the 2020-21 School Year

MOTION #17 (Flores/Baker) to approve the Nearpod contract for student standard aligned lessons for grades K-12. (AYES: Baker, Flores, Lujan, Murray, Richardson; NOES: None). Motion Carried. (Unanimous)

2. HUMAN RESOURCES

a. Approval of CTA Tentative Agreement

Dr. Jay Spaulding thanked CTA President Danny Yanow and his team for ratifying the agreement quickly. President Murray said it was a great collaboration.

MOTION #18 (Flores/Richardson) to adopt the tentative agreement between the District and the SSFCTA to address conditions related to the declared state of emergency as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. (AYES: Baker, Flores, Lujan, Murray, Richardson; NOES: None). Motion Carried. (Unanimous)

b. Approval of Revised 2020-21 Instructional Calendar

Trustee Baker noted the instructional days are ending on day later on the revised calendar and asked where the other two days are being made up. Dr. Spaulding replied that two professional development days on October 12 and January 4 were moved to the beginning of the year. Since one more day was needed, the last day of school for

students is May 28 and June 1 is the teachers last workday.

MOTION #19 (Baker/Lujan) to approve the revised 2020-21 Instructional Calendar with new start and end dates of the school year in order to provide additional Professional Development days (AYES: Baker, Flores, Lujan, Murray, Richardson; NOES: None). Motion Carried. (Unanimous)

ADJOURNMENT – 6:21 p.m.