

Board Meeting 08/14/2025

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Superintendent contract extension approval?
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Your Comment:

Looking ahead to the new school year, there's hope that someone, whether it's the new directors, the assistant superintendent, or the board, will step in and say, "Wait, that's not what the teachers meant." Too much of last year was left open to interpretation, allowing the math TOSAs to twist the teachers' words and make it seem like they were resistant to change.

SVMI has been a part of the district for over 10 years, and teachers have shifted. The question is whether the math TOSAs have shifted their mindset about teachers. The issue wasn't about resistance to change; it was about teachers disagreeing with the curriculum the TOSAs chose. As for the secondary level, the curriculum agreement wasn't unanimous, it was a consensus-based protocol, which is a separate matter entirely.

Ultimately, the hope is that this year will bring more transparency, honesty, and a rebuilding of the district office's integrity (not school sites, we're good). Cheers!

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Parent

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superintendent contract

Your Comment:

As a parent of two children in the district, I am deeply concerned about the lack of writing instruction in our middle schools. I expected that the addition of "Academic Writing" to the curriculum would lead to a stronger focus on writing, but that has not been the case.

My child completed sixth grade having produced barely two pages of writing the entire year. This is extremely troubling. Writing is a foundational skill, not just for English Language Arts, but for all subjects, including math.

It seems that math is being prioritized, while writing is being left behind. But students cannot truly succeed in math, or any other subject, if they cannot read critically and write clearly. Writing is not optional. It's essential.

There needs to be a district-wide requirement that ensures students are producing meaningful, extended pieces of writing at every middle school grade level. Students need regular opportunities to write at length in order to build writing stamina, develop critical thinking, and grow as communicators. Without clear expectations and accountability, writing will continue to be overlooked.

I urge the board and administration to seriously evaluate the writing expectations and output across all grade levels. Our children deserve a well-rounded education that prepares them to think, communicate, and succeed.

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Deborah Kreisman

Affiliation (e.g., parent, staff, community member, or school site):

Buri Buri Elementary Teacher

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Your Comment:

To the Board of Trustees,

I am a Buri Buri Elementary Teacher, and I am writing to respectfully request that the Board of Trustees reschedule Fall Elementary Parent-Teacher Conference Week. The current dates, September 29 to October 3, overlap with the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur, which falls on October 2 this year.

I propose that conference week be moved either to the week of September 15-19 or October 6–10, to avoid conflict with Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

I initially brought this concern to the attention of the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Student Services in early June. The response I received cited the CARE core values. I was informed that the Calendar Committee would review the matter and recommend an updated calendar. However, as of now, the 2025-2026 calendar remains unchanged.

This is not an isolated incident. Last year, conference week occurred during Rosh Hashanah. As a teacher who attends services, I had less days to hold meetings with families. I was forced to work beyond my contracted day to meet with all families. I even contemplated skipping services to have enough time for meetings.

This scheduling conflict also impacts Jewish families in our community. There are fewer opportunities to schedule and attend the conference if they are observing Yom Kippur.

I respectfully urge the Board to address this issue promptly so that necessary adjustments can be made. Fall Elementary Parent-Teacher Conference Week should be scheduled in a way that is inclusive of our diverse community and does not conflict with Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

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Who's idea was it to create all these new 100k district office positions?

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Teacher

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Superintendent Contract Extension

Your Comment:

I am concerned about the proposed extension of the Superintendent's contract to 2029 when the current agreement already runs through 2028. This early extension appears to be a recurring pattern and raises questions about priorities and accountability. Many staff members carry out the day-to-day work that keeps our schools running, often under one-year contracts with no advance renewals. Yet, the Superintendent's contract is being extended well before expiration because she has her directors and consultants doing her job? The Board should base evaluations on sustained, observable performance over time, not STAGED moments as she often does like at the rally, and should be more present to see firsthand how decisions are made or delayed. Before committing to another year, I URGE the Board to reassess whether this action truly reflects our values, especially when many of the district's "frontline" employees face uncertainty year to year and many have been let go after so much REAL commitment given to the district.

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Staff

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Superintendent evaluation

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Your Comment:

Why extend so far out before the current contract even ends? This feels like déjà vu, salary locked, commitment sealed, no chance for honest review from the people in the schools. Principals and site staff deserve a voice. We go year by year... why not the superintendent when she screams "equity"?!

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Sup extended contract

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Another year added on, now until 2029? the same pattern quietly locking in years in advance while the rest of us scrape by. Mind you a salary was also locked in during another evaluation. We see the game of how this works. The board has one person to evaluate, but we see no real input from those actually working under her leadership. This is not transparency but a closed-door deal. Board, your priorities are showing. You talk about equity too so please reconsider this. Who's actually doing the work?

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