

**SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
A G E N D A A N D O R D E R O F B U S I N E S S
Special Meeting Friday, August 19, 2022**

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) NOTICE

This meeting will be 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 31, 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.

The Board of Trustees invites the community to participate in the meeting virtually.

The Board meeting will be streamed live and you can view it by visiting this web page streaming link: <https://www.ssfusd.org/apps/pages/onlineboardmeeting>
(The link will be active shortly before 8:30 a.m. on August 19)

OPEN SESSION – 8:30 a.m.

- A. CALL TO ORDER**
- B. ROLL CALL**
- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- D. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT**

We acknowledge that the South San Francisco Unified School District is located on the unceded ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone peoples who are the original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula.

We wish to pay our respects by acknowledging the Ancestors, Elders, and relatives of the Ramaytush Community and by affirming their sovereign rights as First Peoples.

E. COMMUNICATIONS

To comment prior to the meeting:

Public comments may be submitted in advance of the meeting through the following link: <https://bit.ly/specialboardmeeting08192022> beginning at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 16, until 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 18. These comments will be read by all Board members and posted on the District website's 2022-23 Board meetings at:

<https://www.ssfusd.org/apps/pages/meetings>

To comment virtually during the meeting:

Please use the following link: <https://www.ssfusd.org/publiccomment>

NOTE: You will need to register and follow the instructions to comment during the meeting.

Special Meeting Comments:

In accordance with the law, the Brown Act, during special meetings, public comments are limited to only those items on the agenda.

ACTION

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1. ADMINISTRATION

a. Adoption of Resolution #22-58

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Staff recommends the adoption of Resolution #22-58 finding that, as a result of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency declared by Governor Newsom, SSFUSD in-person Board meetings would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

2. BUSINESS SERVICES

a. Approval of Award of Contract for a Pedestrian Bridge and Accessibility Projects at El Camino High School

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Staff recommends the approval of the award of contract to Bana Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$512,000, for the construction of the ECHS Pedestrian Bridge and Accessibility Project, as presented to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

The agenda is available for review at the District's website: www.ssfusd.org (Click on *Board Meeting Agendas and Minutes*).

A recording is made of the Open Session of each meeting. Telephone--(650) 877-8705, Fax--(650) 588-8113 or e-mail: ncantley@ssfusd.org

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 22-58

RESOLUTION FINDING THAT THE ONGOING COVID-19 PANDEMIC STATE OF EMERGENCY PRESENTS IMMINENT RISKS TO THE HEALTH OR SAFETY OF ATTENDEES AND THAT IT CONTINUES TO DIRECTLY IMPACT THE ABILITY OF MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO MEET SAFELY IN PERSON

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor proclaimed pursuant to his authority under the California Emergency Services Act, California Government Code section 8625, that a state of emergency exists with regard to a novel coronavirus (a disease now known as COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, pursuant to section 8550, et seq., of the California Government Code, Governor Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency related to the COVID-19 novel coronavirus and, subsequently, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors declared a local emergency related to COVID-19, and the proclamation by the Governor and declaration by the Board of Supervisors remain in effect; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20, which suspended certain provisions in the California Open Meeting Law, codified at Government Code section 54950, et seq. (the "Brown Act"), related to teleconferencing by local agency legislative bodies, provided that certain requirements were met and followed; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2021, the Governor issued Executive Order N-08-21, which extended certain provisions of Executive Order N-29-20 that waive otherwise-applicable Brown Act requirements related to remote/teleconference meetings by local agency legislative bodies through September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed into law Assembly Bill 361 (“AB 361”), which provides that a local agency legislative body may continue to meet remotely without complying with otherwise-applicable requirements in the Brown Act related to remote/teleconference meetings by local agency legislative bodies, provided that a state of emergency has been declared and the legislative body determines that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2022, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) moved San Mateo County from its medium risk yellow tier to its high-risk red tier due to increased transmission rates; and

WHEREAS, according to the latest data from the CDC, as of July 2, the COVID-19 subvariant BA.5 was responsible for nearly 54% of COVID cases in the United States and BA.4, a similar subvariant, accounted for nearly 17% more, and

WHEREAS, research indicates that the COVID-19 subvariants BA.4 and BA.5 are the most transmissible subvariants of the virus yet; and

WHEREAS, this Board has considered the circumstances of the ongoing state of emergency and finds that, as a result of the current COVID-19 transmission rates within San Mateo County, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health

or safety of attendees because there is a continuing threat of COVID-19 to the community, and because Board meetings have characteristics that give rise to risks to health and safety of meeting participants (such as the increased mixing associated with bringing together people from across the community, the need to enable those who are immunocompromised or unvaccinated to be able to safely continue to participate fully in public governmental meetings, and the challenges with fully ascertaining and ensuring compliance with vaccination and other safety recommendations at such meetings); and

WHEREAS, persons experiencing any potential symptoms of COVID-19, or who test positive but are asymptomatic, or who are exposed to someone with COVID-19, should follow medical advice regarding self-isolation or self-quarantine, avoiding public gatherings such as in-person meetings of public agencies, and should be able to do so without sacrificing their right to participate in public business during periods of self-isolation or self-quarantine, and

WHEREAS, the District has an important interest in protecting the health and safety of those who participate in meetings of this Board; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of public health and safety, as affected by the state of emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, the Board finds that this ongoing state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of members of this Board to meet safely in person and that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, and the Board will therefore invoke the provisions of AB 361 related to teleconferencing for meetings of the Board in order to provide its

members as well as staff and members of the public with the option of participating in its meetings remotely whenever necessary or advisable for them to do so.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that:

1. The recitals set forth above are true and correct.
2. This Board has considered the circumstances of the ongoing state of emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19.
3. This Board find that the state of emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19 continues to directly impact the ability of members of the Board to meet safely in person.
4. The Board further finds that meeting in-person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of meeting attendees and directs staff to agendize public meetings of the Board with an option to participate remotely for members, staff, and the public.
5. Staff is directed to take such other necessary or appropriate actions to implement the intent and purposes of this resolution.

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Regularly passed and adopted this 19th day of August 2022.

AYES in Favor of Said Resolution

ATTEST:

Secretary/Clerk of the Board

Superintendent of Schools

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Shawnterra Moore, Ed.D., Superintendent

THRU: Ted O, Assistant Superintendent – Business Services
Wazi Chowdhury – Director of Facilities and Safety

DATE: August 19, 2022

RE: Award of Contract for Pedestrian Bridge Accessibility Project at El Camino High School

BACKGROUND:

The sloping and terraced site at ECHS has long presented accessibility challenges for students, staff, and the community. The area of campus with the newer buildings, which house the Science Labs, is particularly difficult to access due to long ramps down, then the need to use the elevator in the Science wing to access the second floor labs. The Facilities department initiated a process to develop a long-term solution, which will connect the main floor of the Classroom wing with the second floor of the Science wing. This project will provide a new easier, and quicker access to the Science wing from the main level of campus. The bridge will help improve traffic flow between buildings as well as provide direct access to students with disabilities.

DSK Architects provided plans and specifications for a pedestrian bridge that connects the main Classroom wing and the new Science wing. The work includes construction of a bridge and accessible path of travel to the entry areas of each building. The plans and specifications went through a detailed review process and have been approved by the Division of State Architect (DSA).

The District conducted a public bid process. Bids were opened on August 5, 2022. The District received three bids. They are as follows:

Bana Construction, Inc.	\$ 512,000
WD&C, Inc.	\$1,066,000
Southwest Contracting, Inc.	\$ 522,425

The lowest responsive, responsible bidder is Bana Construction, Inc.

The lowest bid is in excess of our anticipated costs for the work, but there is a very steep cost escalation in construction, and the work has a short timeline. Due to the need to complete these accessibility upgrades in a timely fashion, staff recommends proceeding with the work.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

By this action: **\$512,000** will be paid from Facilities Fund 40.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the South San Francisco Unified School District Board of Trustees award a contract for construction of the ECHS Pedestrian Bridge and Accessibility Project to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Bana Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$512,000.