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BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at San Pasqual Union School

- Meeting called to order at 4:32 pm to allow public comment on closed session agenda items. Board Members Goe, Merz, Redmond, and Murray were present. Board Member Gourley 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 6:17 pm
- Board Member Merz left meeting.
- Public was welcomed. The flag salute was recited.
- Report from closed session: Board advised Superintendent Burroughs on closed session items.
- Hearing of the Public: No one addressed the Board
- Member Murray motioned to approve the current agenda and minutes from the regular meeting. Member Redmond seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.
- Mrs. Johnson, the SPETA representative, delivered a presentation on Morphology. (see presentation.)
- Mrs. Zunich presented the AP report (see attached)
- Mr. Burroughs presented the Superintendent's report:
    - Acknowledgements:
        - Thanked PTO and Foundation for their continued support and flexibility, especially in accommodating space needs for English Learners.
    - DELAC update:
        - Strong turnout at DELAC meeting, with participation from a diverse range of families.
        - Noted increased inclusivity and community engagement.
    - ACSA Region 18 Superintendents' Meeting (Federal & State Budget Updates)
        - Federal
            - Proposed federal budget includes significant cuts, but unlikely to pass due to Senate's 60-vote threshold.
        - State
            - State revenues exceed expectations by over $2 billion.
            - Anticipated increase in one-time funding in next year's budget
    - Fire & Emergency Services Update
        - Air and ground response effective in recent fire near campus

- School Site Council Election
  - High turnout and strong pool of candidates.
  - Newly Elected members:
    - **Parents**: Tiara Esani, La'Toya Frietas, Tiffani Zumwalt
    - **Certificated Staff**: Keith Haman, Megan Mueller
    - **Classified Staff**: Barb Satkowski
- Student Leadership & Engagement
  - Middle school students assisting in elementary classrooms.
  - Planning K–5 student government representation.
  - VAPA Coordinator actively working with middle school VAPA students
  - Mascot Committee meeting scheduled for Monday at 3:15pm
- Other Updates
  - Social Work Intern: Christina Chandy (3x/week through May 2026).
  - 2025–26 School Calendar currently in development.
  - Solar installation project remains on track to break ground in late October.

Action/Discussion Items

- Member Murray motioned to approve the unaudited Actuals. Member Redmond seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.
- Member Redmond motioned to approve the purchase of HMH Journeys English Language Arts Curriculum. Member Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0
- Member Murray motioned to approve the Superintendent Goals. Member Redmond seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.
  - Goal 1: Increase 6th–8th Grade Math Proficiency by 10%
    - Question raised: Should this be a 1-year or 2-year goal?
    - Member Murray: 10% gain is ambitious given the new curriculum; prefers using multiple benchmarks and check-ins; supports realism in setting the target.
    - Member Goe: Goal sets a rigorous tone; suggests we can reassess mid-year; goal pushes toward needed improvement.
    - Mr. Burroughs: iReady will provide more actionable and real-time data; CAASPP is useful but retrospective
    - Consensus: Use CAASPP as summative target, but monitor progress through iReady, PLC cycles, and formative data.
    - Action Steps:
      - Weekly classroom walkthroughs using Bullseye.
      - Professional development & instructional coaching.
      - Align with PLC and data analysis cycles.
  - Goal 2: Increase Fidelity in Middle School Grading Practices
    - Admin Team: Held a productive MS teacher meeting; conducted grading audit showing current weights lean toward performance.
    - Three Focus Areas for Teachers:
      - Professional development
      - Clear grading criteria
      - Consistent gradebook practices

        - Member Murray: Emphasized importance of gradebook accuracy, less on report card format. Concerned that work ethic components may distort achievement-based grading.
        - Mr. Burroughs: Noted staff openness to refining grading practices
        - Member Goe: Shift will take time but will increase effectiveness long-term.
        - Acknowledgement: Transitioning to more performance-based grading will take time and needs sustained buy-in and support.
    - Goal 3: Implement Digital Citizenship Curriculum Across All Grades
        - Mr. Burrough: Reinforced importance of digital citizenship as part of 21st-century readiness.
        - No major concerns raised. General agreement to move forward with plan.
    - Goal 4: Fiscal Sovereignty & Safety Best Practices
        - Mr. Burroughs: Emphasized importance of peer collaboration to bring vetted fiscal and safety practices to the district.
        - Goal includes structured board updates and transparent implementation process.
- Member Murray motioned to approve the Agreement with Bullseye, LLC. Member Redmond seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.
- Member Murray motioned to approve the Estimate from Commercial Floor Riders. Member Redmond seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.
- Member Murray motioned to approve Resolution #R25-26-02 . Member Redmond seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.
- Member Murray motioned to approve Resolution #R25-26-03. Member Redmond seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0.
- Member Murray motioned to approve the Inter-Selpa Agreement with San Marcos Union School District. Member Redmond seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0 .
- Member Murray motioned to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Escondido Union School District. Member Redmond seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0
- Member Murray motioned to approve the Policy Manual Changes. Member Redmond seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0

Consent Agenda

- Member Murray made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Member Redmond seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0

Comments by Trustees:

- **Member Redmond:** Thank you to our 3rd grade team for an outstanding presentation. I truly enjoy seeing our programs in action — OG is especially impressive, and it's been incredible to watch my own son grow through it. I want to thank our teachers for their dedication, for learning these programs, and for integrating them so effectively. The level at which you're implementing them is remarkable, and the data clearly shows that these

programs are making a difference. It's an exciting time to witness such meaningful progress in our students — truly phenomenal work.

- **Member Murray:** I won't repeat everything Redmond said — though I had many of the same thoughts noted as well. Thank you to SPETA and the team for the grade-level presentations. I really appreciate seeing how the PLC process is data-driven and that teachers are given the time and support to make it meaningful. The student leadership opportunities are also incredible — it's great to see our students stepping into those roles. And while we've always valued community support, it's especially exciting to see it continuing to grow
- **Member Goe:** I want to echo all that's been shared — the presentations and the enthusiasm were fantastic. What really stood out to me was the emphasis on goal-setting and being intentional about pursuing measurable outcomes. When we're young, everything feels like a goal, but as adults, we can become stagnant. Reintroducing goals into our lives allows us to be more purposeful. I appreciate that staff are embracing new software and programs, recognizing the challenges, and still moving forward because the goals are worth it. Thank you all for your open-mindedness and dedication.

Regular meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: October 14, 2025 - 4:30 p.m.
(At 4:30 p.m. there will be an open session to allow for public comment on the closed session agenda items, followed immediately by a closed session.)