

SAN YSIDRO SCHOOL DISTRICT
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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2017
5:00 p.m.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956 and Education Code Section 35144, the Special Meeting of the Governing Board was held on Friday, September 1, 2017 at 5:00 p.m., and conducted its business meeting at the **Education Center, 4350 Otay Mesa Road, San Ysidro, CA 92173.**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER Who: President Pallasigue Time: 5:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL by Julio Fonseca, Ed.D., Superintendent & Secretary to the Board

Mrs. Rosaleah Pallasigue, President

Mrs. Irene Lopez, Vice-President

Mr. Marcos A. Diaz, Clerk – *Arrived at 5:04 p.m.*

Mr. Rodolfo Linares, Member

Mr. Antonio Martinez, Member

3. FLAG SALUTE by Julio Fonseca, Ed.D., Superintendent & Secretary to the Board

4. PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATIONS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Marianna Saponara, former Administrator, 1) Commented that the community sent her and they are concerned about her safety and the safety of the lady she is representing. 2) Mentioned that she has brought inappropriate behaviors to the Board's attention, but nothing has been done and also brought it to Dr. Fonseca's attention. Only a few Board members responded to the concerns. 3) Commented that parents feel that the parent and herself have been retaliated against. Her car was damaged. 4) Mentioned that a teacher said she poisoned pies and that's not true. This same person runs two businesses out of Smythe School and has kept money in cabinets. 5) Commented that we've been trying to get people to do their job and care for the kids. 6) Mentioned that parents shared concerns about a one-time bonus for staff. **Carmen Ordoñez, Parent,** 1) Commented that she is here to give her truthful complaint against Mrs. Pallasigue and Dr. Fonseca. She doesn't know why he is being supported by three Board members. Mentioned that for the last twenty-two months, she's been complaining about her son's civil rights being violated. Dr. Fonseca doesn't care about the children's safety. 2) Commented that she and Mrs. Saponara have been speaking at Board meetings for the last twenty-two months concerning her son's civil rights being violated. This District doesn't care about the rights of our students. Mentioned that Mrs. Pallasigue didn't speak with her when she agreed to do so. 3) Shared concerns about the Superintendent making bad choices and leading the District to pay high legal fees. 4) Commented that the former Principal at Smythe told her that staff would be transferred, but that didn't happen and protected the staff.

Esther Gutierrez, PTA, 1) Commented that she's been a volunteer at Sunset for many years. 2) Mentioned that she has always complained about the money that was stolen in the past. 3) Commented that she is disappointed because she thought Mr. Martinez was going to help the community. 4) Mentioned that before Mrs. Pallasigue defends Principals from the PTA, she invites Mrs. Pallasigue to speak with the PTA to get exact details of what they are going through and what they do. There has been money laundering and she doesn't know what PTA goes through to get things for the kids. 5) Commented that she has reached out to Dr. Fonseca, he has tried to help, but many parents are afraid to talk and are not happy. 6) Mentioned that she doesn't have any children in the District but she cares for the kids. 7) Commented that PTA does everything for free and puts in money from their pockets. The last PTA hurt the kids. 8) Mentioned that she thought everyone was here to protect the kids.

Member Martinez made a motion to recess to Closed Session, seconded by President Pallasigue. The vote was unanimous.

5. GOVERNING BOARD – RECESSED to CLOSED SESSION at 5:10 p.m. in accordance with section 54954.5 regarding:

5.1 GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE/REASSIGNMENT

RECONVENED into OPEN SESSION 10:02 p.m. to take action on items discussed in closed session, or to make disclosures of action taken in closed session, if any, as required by Government Code section 54957.7 and section 54957.1.

The Board took the following action in Closed Session:

The Board, by a vote of 5 to 0, accepted the resignation of the Superintendent effective immediately, in exchange for 18 months of compensation and release of all claims. The Board believes this is the most effective way to ensure that the excellent educational services provided to the community and its students will continue uninterrupted.

With that said, the Board of Education accepted the resignation of Superintendent Julio Fonseca effective immediately. Dr. Fonseca's departure is based on a personal situation. The Board of Education feels strongly that Dr. Fonseca's tenure with the District has been highly productive and impactful for student learning. The Board agreed to accept Dr. Fonseca's resignation and thanked him for his tireless and dedicated service to the District and the children in the school community.

Arturo Sanchez-Macias, Deputy Superintendent, has been named the Interim Superintendent and the Board has every confidence that Dr. Fonseca's great work in helping the District offer excellent educational services to the community's students will continue under Mr. Sanchez -Macias' leadership.

Member Martinez made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Clerk Diaz. The vote was unanimous.

6. ADJOURNMENT Time: 10:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Arturo Sanchez-Macias, Secretary
Governing Board