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BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at San Pasqual Union School

- Meeting called to order at 4:31 pm to allow public comment on closed session agenda items. Board Members Goe, Gourley, Merz, Redmond, and Murray were 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 5:28 pm
- Public was welcomed. The flag salute was recited.
- Report from closed session: No action taken
- Hearing of the Public: No one addressed the Board
- Member Redmond motioned to approve the current agenda and minutes from the regular meeting. Member Gourley seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.
- The Kindergarten team thanked the Board for supporting the shortened kindergarten days, noting a positive impact on both students and teachers. Over the four-week period, they observed fewer tears, happier students in the mornings, and an overall improvement in student readiness. The additional 1.5 hours at the end of the day were utilized effectively for one-on-one assessments and relationship-building, resulting in more meaningful data and stronger connections with students.
- Superintendent Burroughs gave a presentation on Family Life. (See attached) He noted that the Family Life (Sex Education) curriculum is due for review, as the 5th–6th grade materials are over 20 years old and the middle school program is nearly 10 years old. He provided the Board with an overview of the current curriculum, outlined possible revision options, and sought guidance on next steps. The Board decided to purchase updated materials and requested that the item be added to a future Board agenda.
- Mrs. Zunich presented the AP report (see attached)
- Mr. Burroughs presented the Superintendent's report:
    - Provided a comparative analysis of CAASPP results across the county, highlighting the district's strong performance and growth:
        - **ELA Proficiency:** Ranked 10th in the county; only coastal schools and Poway ranked higher
        - **ELA Growth:** 13 percentage point increase — highest growth in the county, nearly double the next highest
        - **Math Proficiency:** Ranked 10th in the county; same schools ranked above as in ELA
        - **Math Growth:** Tied for 4th highest growth in the county

- Superintendent Burroughs is integrating middle school goals (10% math growth and revised grading) into PD cycles and working with Miss Mueller to update the Digital Citizenship plan.
- As co-chair of the ACSA Small School Superintendents, Mr. Burroughs initiated program of site visits to observe best practices in other districts. The next is Oct. 24 at Cardiff and Rancho Santa Fe. He and Mrs. Z will also join the Supe Tank focus group on Oct. 23.
- Superintendent Burroughs spent the past month actively advocating for district and SPA-residing middle school students, including outreach to County Welfare, public comments at the County Board of Supervisors and SDCOE meetings, and meetings with key county and SDCOE leaders. While progress is slow, JCCS has agreed to accept one high-needs student, and efforts are ongoing.
- Solar is scheduled to start over Thanksgiving Break with most major construction completed by Winter Break.

Action/Discussion Items

- Member Gourley motioned to approve the District's Initial Sunshine Proposal. Member Merz seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.
- Member Gourley motioned to approve the St. Bernard as the School Mascot. Member Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.
- Member Gourley motioned to approve the Agreement with CLC Consulting for Facility Modernization Support Services. Member Merz seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.
- Member Merz motioned to approve the Transportation Agreement with HopSkipDrive. Member Gourley seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.
- Member Gourley motioned to approve the updated Memorandum of Understanding with the San Diego County Office of Education to provide desktop support services. Member Merz seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.

Consent Agenda

- Member Merz made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Member Gourley seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0

Comments by Trustees:

- **Member Gourley:** Gourley expressed appreciation for all the effort and time that have gone into implementing the Kagan strategies. She acknowledged that this has not been an easy undertaking but commended the team for ensuring consistency across all grade levels. She shared her excitement that some teachers will be stepping into coaching roles to further strengthen the program. Gourley also noted that the recent test score improvements are remarkable and impressive, reflecting the dedication of everyone involved — from students and teachers to parents.
- **Member Merz:** Member Merz congratulated the teachers on their continued hard work and success, noting how proud he is of the progress being made across the school. He also shared his excitement about introducing a dog mascot on campus, recognizing how it

will help build school spirit and bring a sense of fun and connection to the school community.

- **Member Redmond:** Redmond shared how deeply proud she is of the district's teachers and the impressive CAASPP test score results, noting that the progress is truly moving. She emphasized that all the collective effort toward improving students' reading skills is making a real difference. Redmond reaffirmed that everyone — teachers, board members, and administrators alike — is here to support students' success. She closed by encouraging everyone to rest well, knowing the positive impact their hard work is having on students
- **Member Murray:** Murray expressed how impressed she was by the CAASPP test scores, noting that the results were truly outstanding. She highlighted the pride in being a small school and how remarkable it is to see teachers identify and solve challenges from start to finish. Murray also mentioned appreciation for the ongoing work with the school mascot and commented on how valuable it is that board members have opportunities to connect directly with students, allowing them to better support and contribute to their success.
- **Member Goe:** Member Goe shared that she appreciated the feedback from the TK and kindergarten teams.. Regarding the SPA update, she commended Mr. Burroughs for being a strong voice for students when others have not spoken up. She emphasized that his advocacy brings much-needed validity to the situation, pointing out that while there has been plenty of agreement, there has been too little action from the adults responsible for supporting these students. She affirmed her commitment to standing with Mr. Burroughs and fighting for positive change on behalf of the students.

Regular meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: November 12, 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.)