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BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, November 12, 2025, at San Pasqual Union School

- Meeting called to order at 4:30 pm to allow public comment on closed session agenda items. Board Members Goe, Merz, Redmond, and Murray were present. Superintendent Burroughs and recording secretary Jenny Grassy were also present. Member Gourley was not present.

  Adjournment at 4:31p.m. for closed session.

Regular Session

- Meeting reconvened at 5:52 pm
- Public was welcomed. The flag salute was recited.
- Report from closed session: Board gave Superintendent direction on closed agenda items.
- Hearing of the Public: No one addressed the Board
- Member Merz motioned to approve the current agenda and minutes from the regular meeting. Member Redmond seconded the motion. Motion passed 4/0.
- Mrs. Lynch and Mrs. Mallory presented on behalf of the SPETA team, sharing the Middle School Exploratory slideshow (see attached), which highlighted updates on elective course offerings and related program data. Mrs. Mallory also provided an update on items currently under negotiation by the Union, including SPETA's requests for a Bridge to Medicare proposal (see attached), a revised salary schedule (see attached), and Teacher Leadership Committee.
- Mrs. Zunich presented the AP report (See attached)
- Mr. Burroughs presented the Superintendent's report:
  - SPA Updates:
    - Placement decisions at SPA continues to pose challenges: 11 middle school students currently reside there, with about half attending SPU and the rest placed in schools and programs across the county at the District's expense due to expulsion orders and special needs.
    - Placement costs are projected to exceed $250,000 this year, an unsustainable situation. The District is exploring legal remedies and will raise concerns again at next week's County Board of Supervisors meeting.
  - Safety:
    - Active shooter training held with SDPD's Sgt. Dafoe on 11/5. District commended for recent safety upgrades and received additional guidance to further improve school safety.

- Solar:
  - Major work delayed by DSD. Superintendent will update the Board when a new timeline is established.

Action/Discussion Items

- As directed by the Board, the District purchased the updated Positive Prevention Plus curriculum for use in grades 5-8. Superintendent Burroughs presented (see attached) an overview of sexual health education required by CA Education code and how those requirements align with the updated Positive Prevention Plus program. Mr. Burroughs sought Board input on implementation and informed the Board the curriculum would not be implemented until more input from staff/school community and that input shared with the Board. Member Murray motioned to approve the Positive Prevention Plus Elementary and Middle School Curriculum. Member Redmond seconded the motion. Motion passed 4/0.
- First read of Gamut Policy Updates. Member Goe expressed some concerns regarding proposed language. Since this was a first read, the Board will discuss and possibly amend language at the next meeting.
- Superintendent Burroughs explained the options to extend HMH Journeys and Collections ELA curriculum for 1 or 2-year cycles. Member Merz motioned to approve the 2 Year Extension for MMH Journeys and Collections. Member Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed 4/0.
- Superintendent Burroughs explained the challenges in placing high needs foster youth from San Pasqual Academy. These placements require extensive staff time and come at great expense to the District. Superintendent Burrougsh is currently working with county welfare and SDCOE on solutions. Member Merz motioned to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the North County Academy for the 2025/2026 School Year. Member Redmond seconded the motion. Motion passed 4/0.
- Member Murray motioned to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Vallecitos School District and Alpine Union School District to Establish a Limited English Proficient Student Program Consortium. Member Redmond seconded the motion. Motion passed 4/0.

Consent Agenda

- Member Murray made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Member Merz seconded the motion. Motion passed 4/0

Comments by Trustees:

- **Member Murray:** Thanked the Middle School team for their presentation, appreciated the wide range of electives, highlighted the value of professional development that teachers can immediately apply, and praised the district's investment in teacher time, wellness, and student-to-student feedback through Kagan strategies.

- **Member Redmond:** Agreed with Murray, expressed appreciation for the engaging variety of Middle School electives, the continued Kagan training for staff, and the dedication of teachers, staff, and administrators to students.
- **Member Merz:** Agreed with the previous comments and described it as a "month of awesomeness."
- **Member Goe:** Agreed with prior comments, expressed disappointment with the solar project, was pleased that all safety recommendations were implemented, and praised the success and community spirit of the Harvest Night event and haunted house.

Regular meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:
December 9, 2025
Organizational Meeting: 4:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting: Immediately following Organizational Meeting