

# San Pasqual Union School District

## *The Little School in the Valley*

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## **BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING**

### **Tuesday, February 10, 2026, 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, Redmond, and Murray were present. Superintendent Burroughs and recording secretary Jenny Grassy were also present. Member Merz was not present.
- The following community members addressed the Board:
  - Mrs. Erdos expressed concerns regarding student discipline in a sexual harassment case and advocated for expulsion.
  - Mrs. Lopez spoke on behalf of a former student about the impact of bullying and raised concerns about the adequacy of the student's discipline.
  - Mrs. Tosca requested that all reportable information and the outcome related to the student's discipline be shared.
- SPETA members Mallory and Michalski addressed the Board regarding negotiations and read communications from members concerning Bridge to Medicare.

Adjournment at 4:50 p.m. for closed session.

### **Regular Session**

- Meeting reconvened at 6:07 pm
- Public was welcomed. The flag salute was recited.
- Report from closed session: The Board provided direction to the Superintendent on agenda items D and E. The Board took action on agenda item F regarding the non-reelection of a probationary employee, as announced in closed session, and approved Resolution #25-26-06 by a 4–0 vote. The Board will return to Closed Session after closing comments to resume discussion on agenda item C.
- Hearing of the Public: Mr. Tosca addressed the Board regarding agenda items Z and AA, requesting clarity on the legal measures and how they ensure transparency for parents.
- Member Gourley motioned to approve the current agenda and minutes from the 1/13/2026 regular meeting. Member Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed 4/0.

### **Action/Discussion Items**

- SPETA did not present a public report, as they had already spoken on the closed session agenda items.
- Mr. Burroughs presented the 2025-2026 LCAP Mid-Year Report. ([See attached](#))

- Mrs. Zunich presented the AP report ([See attached](#)), which included highlights on Kagan sustainability, vertical alignment, and professional development on emotional regulation as part of Board Goal 2.
- Mr. Burroughs presented the Superintendent's report.
  - SPA Updates:
    - SPA program challenges: Three students in specialized placements continue to struggle and are not appropriately accessing their programs.
      - San Marcos: Student removed from program; seeking alternative placement but refusing home study.
      - Escondido: Student has not attended school in four weeks.
      - Carlsbad: Student attends when not suspended but refuses to engage in academics.
    - SPA students at SPU: Nearly all are chronically absent and not making progress.
    - Ongoing concern: SPA appears ill-equipped to serve middle school students without a structured, onsite educational program.
  - 6th Grade Camp
    - Challenges at camp: Illness forced campers to leave a day early, and families are expected to be reimbursed.
    - Camp supervision concerns: Parents raised safety issues prior to camp and behaviors during camp suggest inadequate supervision.
    - Next steps: Investigation continues, disciplinary and support measures are being addressed
    - Reservations remain regarding future camp commitments.
  - Solar
    - Awaiting cancellation response from DSD; per Board request, Baker is conducting a detailed project viability analysis.
  - Other Updates/Events:
    - Well repairs underway, cost around \$3500
    - SPU recognized as a “Kindness Certified School” for 2026
    - Bike Safety Assemblies: Tomorrow morning
    - Teacher & Employee of the Year Assembly: Thursday afternoon
    - SP Foundation “Boots in the Barn”: March 7
- Member Gourley motioned to approve the Comprehensive School Safety Plan. Member Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed 4/0.
- Member Gourley moved to approve the Comprehensive Sexual Education Implementation Plan for grades 5–8, with the following amendments: For 5th-6th grade, separate Lesson 3 and Lesson 4 and add an additional adult and split the group on Lesson 4. Add Lesson 3 for 6th grade for 2025/26 only. For 7th grade, add an additional adult to Day 2 for 7th grade and split the group on Day 5 and add an additional adult. Member Redmond seconded the motion. Motion passed 4/0.  
[Family Life 5th/6th grade](#)  
[Family Life 7th/8th](#)
- Member Gourley motioned to approve the E-Bus Purchase. Member Redmond seconded the motion. Motion passed 4/0.

- Member Gourelly motioned to approve the Equipment order and Preventive Maintenance Agreement with Fruth Group. Member Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed 4/0.
- Member Gourley motioned to approve Resolution R#25-26-07, reduction or discontinuance of a particular kind of service certificated employees. Member Goe seconded the motion. Motion passed 4/0.
- Member Gourley motioned to take no action regarding the CSBA Delegate Assembly Elections. Member Redmond seconded the motion. Motion passed 4/0.
- Member Gourley motioned to approve the Policy Manual Changes. Member Redmond seconded the motion. Motion passed 4/0.

### Consent Agenda

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

### Comments by Trustees:

- **Member Redmond:** Tonight was a heavy meeting with a lot to cover. The LCAP data is encouraging — overall survey results show strong gains, and it's important that we take time to celebrate the good work happening in our district. I appreciate the direction the sexual education revisions are taking; the updates are educational and meaningful. As always, thank you to our teachers for your continued dedication. We value the feedback shared this evening.
- **Member Murray:** There is a lot that could be said about tonight, but I will be thoughtful with my words. I want to sincerely thank the parents who came and spoke — we appreciate you and your bravery in sharing. Thank you as well for the letters submitted by teachers. I would also like to recognize Mr. Veach on his retirement. He has been a long-standing and valued member of this community. We congratulate him on his many contributions — not just in his custodial role, but for all he has meant to our school community.
- **Member Gourley:** I want to reiterate that I have sat on the other side of this table as a parent. Part of what motivated me to serve on the board was navigating difficult procedures and wanting clearer communication as a parent so I could better understand what was happening. I heard parents say tonight that they felt dismissed or minimized. Students have a right to learn in a safe environment and to be taken seriously. We have a duty to stop harm and to be clear about our intentions. I take these concerns very seriously. I have children at this school, which is why I chose to serve on this board. I take issues of sexual harassment and bullying extremely seriously. While investigations cannot always be fully visible, please know that we are working diligently behind the scenes. Parents have been heard, and we truly do care.
- **Member Goe:** I don't have much to add, but I want to speak specifically about our 6th grade students. In difficult situations, we often look for the heroes — and so many of our students stepped up and did the right thing. They truly looked out for one another. This has been a heavy meeting and a heavy week — it feels much longer than just a few days. Mark, as the face of the board, you often take the brunt of these situations. You do a tremendous job diffusing concerns and relaying information. One thing the entire board

shares is that we value every student and every staff member. They are always our top priority.

**Regular meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.**

Board returned to Closed Session

Board reconvened open session and provided direction to the Superintendent on agenda item C.

**Meeting Adjourned: 9:48pm.**

NEXT MEETING: March 10, 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.)*