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BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, May 12, 2026, 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, Gourley, Merz, Redmond, and Murray were present. Superintendent Burroughs and recording secretary Jenny Grassy were also present.

  Adjournment at 4:33p.m. for closed session.

Regular Session

- Meeting reconvened at 6:01 pm
- Public was welcomed. The flag salute was recited.
- Report from closed session: Governing Board gave direction to the Superintendent on Closed Agenda items.
- Hearing of the Public: Mrs. Mallory spoke during the Hearing of the Public, sharing her experience as a camp counselor and the relationships built with students through camp, and requested that teacher voice be included in discussions and decision-making regarding the camp program.
- Member Murray motioned to approve the current agenda and minutes from the regular meeting. Member Gourley seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.
- Mrs. Mallory gave a SPETA update, expressing appreciation for reaching an agreement and anticipation of finalizing the contract
- Mr. Burroughs provided an update on San Pasqual Academy (SPA):
  - Recommendation from Child and Family Well-Being for a phased wind-down of SPA over 12–18 months
  - Transition planning for all residential students, including allowing current juniors to remain through senior year completion
  - Key factors include declining enrollment, high per-student cost, and concerns regarding student outcomes
  - Additional considerations include alignment of resources to student need and potential future use or disposition of the SPA property (including sale or alternative program use)
  - County Board of Supervisors reconvenes next week to discuss next steps
- Mrs. Zdunich presented the AP report (see attached), highlighting schoolwide CAASPP preparation efforts that supported student confidence, testing success, and positive school culture. Community groups also shared updates, including successful fundraising and family engagement events such as the Saints Soirée, Raise Craze, and Multicultural Night, which strengthened support for students and the SPU community.

- Mr. Burroughs presented the Superintendent's Report (see attached), highlighting positive enrollment trends, projected class configurations for next year, and ongoing planning to address classroom space needs. He also shared updates on the implementation of the new Family Life curriculum, the completion of Digital Citizenship initiatives, and the anticipated rollout of SPU's new mascot, Rocky.

Action/Discussion Items

- Member Gourley motioned to approve the Tentative Agreement between SPUSD and SPETA. Member Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.
- Member Gourley motioned to approve Resolution #R25-26-08 for 2026–27 Service Reductions . Member Merz seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.
- Member Merz motioned NOT to approve the SDCOE Science Outreach Program Agreement – 2026–27, and to instead explore alternative camp options. Member Gourley seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.
- Member Gourley motioned to approve the Agreement with Bullseye, LLC for coaching & walkthrough software (2026–27, $3,250 Max). Member Redmond seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.
- Member Gourley motioned to approve the Quote and Order Form from Brisk Teaching for Premium Services and Professional Learning Package ($5,500 Max). Member Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.
- Member Gourley motioned to approve the Proposal from Allied Asphalt for paving and restriping services ($45,000 Max). Member Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.
- Member Gourley motioned to approve the Proposal from Terry Shaw Painting for painting and building repair Services ($25,000 Max). Member Redmond seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.
- Member Merz motioned to approve the Quote from Artistic Solutions for tree trimming and root removal Services ($15,000 Max). Member Gourley seconded the motion. Motion passed 5/0.
- Public "sunshine" presentation of the 2026–27 LCAP prior to June Board approval; informational only with no Board action required at this time.
- First Read of Policy Manual Changes, February 2026.

Consent Agenda

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

Comments by Trustees:

- **Member Redmond:** A lot was covered tonight. I am very pleased that teacher negotiations have been concluded and hope everyone is satisfied with the outcome. The Board carefully considered the input shared by our teachers, along with the realities of the district budget, when making these decisions. I know 6th Grade Camp has been a topic of discussion, and while it is unfortunate that it became a concern, student safety will always remain our top priority. There are many wonderful activities happening

across the district. The PTO did an outstanding job celebrating our staff during Teacher Appreciation Week, and the Foundation continues to provide incredible support for our students and schools. Thank you to everyone for all that you do.

- **Member Murray:** I would like to echo many of those sentiments. Any time we are able to rescind a layoff notice and provide salary increases to our staff, it is a good night. Best of luck to all of our students participating in state testing, and I appreciate the positive energy and school spirit surrounding the testing period.

- **Member Merz**: I am pleased that we were able to reach an agreement with our teachers and provide a salary increase. Thank you to everyone who worked collaboratively throughout the negotiations process. I also appreciate the many end-of-year activities taking place and the dedication of our staff in making them successful for our students.

- **Member Gourley:** My first Board meeting was centered around negotiations, which is something I care deeply about, so I am especially pleased to see this process come to a successful conclusion. I would also like to thank Mrs. Grano for organizing Multicultural Night. It was a wonderful community event that showcased the diversity and strengths of our school community. Events like this strengthen our school and support enrollment. I am looking forward to all of the exciting activities and accomplishments as we approach the end of the school year.

- **Member Goe:** I would like to echo the comments shared this evening. I also want to recognize Mr. Veach, Mrs. Carroll, and Mrs. Barba for their years of dedicated service to our district. Their contributions have made a lasting impact on our students, staff, and community, and we are grateful for all they have done.

Regular meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: June 24, 2026 - 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.)