

# Inspiring Hope and Empowering All Students To Courageously Pursue Their Goals and Dreams

# Governing Board **Regular Meeting Minutes** February 4, 2021

CALL TO ORDER THE REGULAR MEETING: Mr. Sunn, Governing Board President, at 5:00 p.m., I. called the regular meeting to order.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Delson Sunn, Mrs. Nubia Briceno, and Mrs. Susan Doucet were in attendance. II.

Administration Present:

Kristine Morris, Superintendent

Ana M. Avalos, Director of Human Resources

Susan O'Rielly, Executive Director of Business Services Michael Welsh, Union Principal

Dr. Randy Watkins- Hurley Ranch Principal

Melanie Block, Director of Academic Services

Carrie Brandon, Director of Student Service

Jonathan Stewart, Dos Rios Principal

#### III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: IV.

Motion by Mrs. Briceno seconded by Mrs. Doucet to approve the agenda. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried. Aye: Mr. Sunn, Mrs. Briceno, Mrs. Doucet

### V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

The call to the public will be restricted due to social distancing guidelines, therefore, limiting the number of participants at the meeting. The meeting is open to the public to listen via phone by calling: 1 (646) 749-3122 and entering access code: 440-747-085. No public comments.

#### VI. SUPERINTENDENT SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS:

It is National School Counseling Week and I want to recognize and appreciate our three counselors: Ms. Kristie Richardson from Dos Rios, Ms. Erica Reed from Hurley Ranch, and Ms. Jean Rutledge from Union Elementary. These three ladies are all in for all students! They provide classroom instruction using our Second Step program, ensuring all our students have the foundational skills to support overall well-being. They provide small group counseling for developing targeted skills. They monitor and support student overall academic progress by facilitating our GEIT process and bring folks together to help put plans in place. They also, serve as a resource to families, for outside supports and services, including partnership with Touchstone behavioral health. So far this year, our counselors have accomplished the following Delivered Tier 1 instruction using Second Step to 1282 students in 54 classrooms, provided Tier 2 group support for 46 students; and facilitated Tier 3 services with Behavioral Health Partners for 30 students. Thank you, Union ESD counselors, for helping support our students and families now, and building relations for the years to come.

I'd also like to celebrate and acknowledge the work of our staff to help support our families navigating challenges. Ms. Kathleen Simmons, 5th grade teacher at Dos Rios, was recently celebrated on 3TV/CBS 5 for her efforts to support a family who had lost their job and were struggling. Ms. Simmons helped rally the community to support this family, and appreciated what she did. Thank you, Ms. Simmons, for being a caring adult in our students lives.

This week's Public Health Benchmarks are as follows:

Reporting Date	Cases per 100/K People	Percent Positivity	COVID- Like Illness	Overall Community Risk	Recommended Learning Scenario
2/04/21	785.06	22.5	10.30%	Substantial	Consult with public health & plan for possible virtual
1/28/21	1041.61	20.65	12.50%	Substantial	Consult with public health & plan for possible virtual

This represents a decline in positive cases and COVID-Like illnesses from prior weeks. It is important to remember that this data is lagging and is from the time frame of January 10-23,2021. Although we are still in substantial spread, the trend has started to shift in the right direction. As a state, and county, both measures are trending in the right direction. As we look closer at our broad zip code 85353, we are also seeing the community follow that trend. In our district we have also seen our already low instances of COVID positive cases, decline as well. We continue to test for any symptomatic individuals. To date we have conducted 453 tests. 200 student tests, 149 family member tests, and 144 staff members tests, the positivity rate of those tested for January is about 18%. We will continue to be vigilant with our 5+ mitigations. Additionally, I'm pleased to share that we held our TUHSD vaccination POD event last weekend. Any employee who wanted a vaccination, was able to receive a vaccination. The next round of vaccinations will be happening on February 26 & 27. We are so grateful for the prioritization of our school-based staff. This is just one more protective layer, that will help put us closer to opening our doors to all students in the fall.

## VII. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion made by Mr. Sunn seconded by Mrs. Briceno to approve the consent agenda. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried. Aye: Mr. Sunn, Mrs. Briceno, Mrs. Doucet

- A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for January 14, 2021
- B. Approval of Personnel Consent List
- C. Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers
- D. Approval of Accounts Payroll Vouchers
- E. Approval of Student Activity Transaction Report
- F. Approval of Gifts and Donations
- G. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes for January 28, 2021

### VIII. PRESENTATION FROM DISTRICT PERSONNEL:

- A. Dr. Randy Watkins presented Hurley Ranch Elementary's Integrated Action Plan (IAP)
  - Q. Mr. Sunn asked what is the percentage? I'm sure it's not all because some students are not getting it, and I'm sure there are some that don't want to do it. Do you have a percentage for that?
  - O. Dr. Randy Watkins clarified, are you asking about those that don't want to do it?
  - A. Mr. Sunn responded yes.
  - A. Dr. Randy Watkins responded with that's an interesting question. I don't have a percentage for that. What I will tell you is if we have a student who is not attending, or participating, or that has some type of barrier to access the instruction we'll explore all options. We may get the counselor or social, emotional specialist to intervene, and it may take me intervening with the parents as that can be helpful. I don't have the exact answer to it, but I can tell you this has been something that we're grappling with across the board. Our attendance has improved. We anticipate that these numbers will improve. It has been a challenge with COVID, but we don't let that go and we continue to relentlessly work with all those kids and parents to increase a level of engagements.
  - Q. Mrs. Briceno stated with the 12% regression which is expected, with what is going on right now, you're offering before and after school support, what are you trying to do differently since you are identifying the individual students? What other factors are you noticing that are impacting them?
  - A. Dr. Randy Watkins responded that there are two primary factors for students, being engaged, and that they are there participating. We are providing a very robust approach regarding interventions.
  - Q. Ms. Kristine Morris asked when we track these 158 kids, are they only in person right now or is

it a combination of in person and online?

- A. Ms. Melanie Block responded it's a combination.
- A. Ms. Kristine Morris responded we are pulling kids who are at home, also engaging in reading intervention.
- Q. Ms. Kristine Morris asked if we also track if they actually attend the session. We can say here is a minimum number of sessions that tends to result in progress. Do we look at the data like that? A. Ms. Melanie Block responded yes.
- B. Ms. Melanie Block presented an update on MOY DIBELS District Data.
  - Q. Ms. Kristine Morris asked between BOY and MOY how many days of instruction would kids have actually received, by the time you did testing and all of that?
  - Q. Ms. Melanie Block asked in a typical year or this year?
  - A. Ms. Kristine Morris responded this year.
  - A. Ms. Melanie Block estimated about 30 days of instruction.
  - A. Ms. Kristine Morris responded that not all of that was in person, some of that would have been online.
  - A. Ms. Melanie Block responded some online.
  - A. Mr. Sunn responded that is pretty good for 30 days.
  - Q. Ms. Briceno asked are the weekly grades accessible for parents?
  - A. Ms. Melanie Block responded grades are up, teachers are communicating, and for parents who do not have those resources we are working with them. We are arming them with information to empower their children as well.
  - A. Ms. Kristine Morris added that this year we have gone to one platform so that parents wouldn't have to go to multiple platforms. "One stop shop," a way to simplify their lives.

### IX. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Motion by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mr. Sunn to approve the Extracurricular Tax Credit Contributions for the 2020 tax year. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried. Aye: Mr. Sunn, Mrs. Briceno, Mrs. Doucet
  - Q. Mr. Sunn stated that all is used for educational greatest needs?
  - A. Ms. Kristine Morris responded that is what they specified on the form.
- B. Motion by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mrs. Doucet to approve the removal of the attached listed equipment from the District's General Fixed Assets and Stewardship listing. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried. Aye: Mr. Sunn, Mrs. Briceno, Mrs. Doucet

# X. INFORMATIONAL ITEM ONLY:

A. Governing Board Financial Report

### XI. FUTURE MEETING ITEMS:

- 1) February 18, 2021 Budget Study/Planning Session presented by Mrs. Susan O'Rielly
- 2) February 18, 2021 Salary Schedules
- 3) February 18, 2021 Staffing Allocations
- 4) February 18, 2021 Contract/Rehire List of certificated staff
- 5) February 18, 2021 Contract Language

## XII. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mr. Sunn, seconded by Mrs. Doucet to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried. Aye: Mr. Sunn, Mrs. Briceno, Mrs. Doucet

Mr. Delson Sunn, President of the Board

Date

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