

**MINUTES  
COLLEGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

A regular meeting of the College School District's Board of Trustees was held by Zoom Meeting on **Tuesday, May 12, 2020, at 5:30 P.M. (Regular Session)**. Please email Mariana Diaz at [mdiaz@collegeschooldistrict.org](mailto:mdiaz@collegeschooldistrict.org) to participate in the Zoom Board Meeting.

**I OPENING CEREMONY**

- (a) RE: **CALL TO ORDER** - President Goldsmith called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.
- (b) RE: **ESTABLISH QUORUM** - A quorum of the Board was established with Trustee Litle absent.
- (c) RE: **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - President Goldsmith led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- (d) RE: **SETTING OF THE AGENDA**

The President announced that Public Comments would take place right after Reports.

**II REPORTS**

- (a) RE: **C.T.A./TEACHER REPORT** – Toni Roberts - No report heard.
- (b) RE: **STUDENT COUNCIL** – Annette Shimamura - No report heard.
- (c) RE: **C.B.O** – Gary Pickavet - Reported on the following topics. Working on Budget. Working on FEMA to help refund some of the cost incurred with cleaning and sanitizing of school facilities.
- (d) RE: **M.O.T.** – Casey Cypert - Reported holding a safety training with custodial staff a week prior to discuss summer cleaning of all classrooms. Current project focus is maintaining school grounds and facilities.
- (e) RE: **SUPERINTENDENT/PRINCIPAL** – Maurene Donner - Introduced Adam Bauer and Rachel Chang-Kewi who presented their proposal of Professional Services for Municipal Advisor and Continuing Disclosure Consulting to assist in the process of putting a bond measure on the ballot. Maurene also reported on the following topics: Applied for a teleconnect fund and is working with TMobile to obtain Hotspots at a 50% discount. The Hotspots are scheduled to be shipped out next week and will be distributed to families in need of internet connection. In this way the students will be able to use their devices over the summer to continue using learning programs and resources. The teachers continue Zooming with their students daily as well as providing work packets. Ordered Bobcats face masks for Staff Appreciation week, and all staff wore them at the staff Zoom meeting. Continues to plan for 8th Car Parade Graduation. As students and their families drive through the school parking lot the staff will cheer them on. Brian Robinson is working on creating a poster and Maurene will hand them their Diploma and SY High School sweatshirt. Invited the board to attend the celebration on June 3, 2020. In conversation with Susan Salcido to put together a draft for reopening the schools in the fall that the Public Health Department would approve and that would be realistic according to school's

abilities. Also working with the SY Valley Superintendents and discussing the process of reopening of the schools.

**III INFORMATION/DISCUSSION**

**RE: APPROVAL OF REVISED BOARD POLICY MANUAL, AS DEVELOPED BY THE CALIFORNIA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION BOARD POLICY MANUAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES: (Attachment K)**

BP 4113.5/4213.5/4313.5; BP 6157

The Board will conduct a first reading of these policies.

**IV ACTION**

**(A) RE: CONSENT AGENDA**

It is recommended that the Board consider approving a number of Agenda items as a Consent list. Consent items are considered routine in nature and can be enacted in one motion without further discussion. The Board may approve the Agenda as is or pull items from the Consent Agenda for discussion and/or action.

Motion for approval of Consent Agenda.

MOTION: Trustee Avila

SECOND: Trustee Carrillo-Walker

VOTE: 4-0

**(a) RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Attachment A)**

Regular Board Meeting of April 14, 2020

**(b) RE: APPROVAL OF WARRANTS (Attachment B)**

Accounts payable for educational supplies, custodial and maintenance supplies, utilities, repairs, etc. Detailed warrant listings are in the packet.

Warrants Dated: April 1-30, 2020.

**(c) RE: APPROVAL OF BANK STATEMENT (Attachment C)**

This action is necessary to comply with the Auditor's request.

**(d) RE: APPROVAL OF INTERDISTRICT ATTENDANCE AGREEMENTS (Attachment D)**

The Board will consider approval of an Interdistrict Attendance Agreements with the Los Olivos School District, Solvang School District and Buellton Union School District for the 2020/21 school year.

**(e) RE: APPROVAL OF REVISED BOARD POLICY MANUAL, AS DEVELOPED BY THE CALIFORNIA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION BOARD POLICY MANUAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (Attachment E)**

BP/AR 0420.4; BP/E 0420.41; BP 0420.42; BP 0420.43; BP 3471; BP/AR 3551; BP 4112.2; E 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9; BP/AR 5141.52; BP/AR 5144.1; BP/AR 6172.1



**(D) RE: APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #19/20-09 ORDER OF ELECTION (Attachment I)**

This resolution orders the election of governing board members for the November 3, 2020, election.  
Motion for approval of Resolution #19/20-09 - Order of Election

President Goldsmith called for a Roll Call vote. The vote was unanimous.

MOTION: Trustee Carrillo-Walker      SECOND: Trustee Avila      VOTE: 4-0

**(E) RE: APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #19/20-10 CANDIDATES' STATEMENT (Attachment J)**

Section 13307 of the Election Code of the State of California requires the board to adopt certain policies in regard to statements of candidates who run for office as members of the governing board of the district.

Motion for approval of Resolution #19/20-10 - Candidates' Statement.

President Goldsmith called for a Roll Call vote. The vote was unanimous.

MOTION: Trustee Jackson      SECOND: Trustee Carrillo-Walker      VOTE: 4-0

**VI COMMENTS**

- (a) RE: **PUBLIC** - Comment from Gina Georgas, Santa Ynez Valley Charter School parent, submitted by e-mail to Mariana Diaz the day of the meeting, and read aloud after Reports.

Dear College School District Board of Trustees,

We are writing to you as concerned Santa Ynez Valley Charter School parents and community members. The College School District's oversight role of SYVCS is vital considering SYVCS' current state of affairs. The current leadership at SYVCS is feckless. The Executive Director, Dr. John Dewey and the Board of Director's lack of familiarity with the Brown Act has resulted in multiple violations. The most recent example of a Brown Act violation involved the termination of the school's Office Manager, whom has been a competent and dutiful employee for nearly twenty years. Additionally, board meeting agendas have consistently not been posted in public and/or in accordance to time deadlines as mandated by the Brown Act. The violations of the Brown Act have lead our community to have greater concerns about the transparency of school finances. SYVCS is in a budget crisis and public access to the school's budget is difficult. The Treasurer's reports at board meetings have been insufficient in providing thorough public disclosure. Why is the budget not posted on SYVCS.org? Also missing from the school's website and not easily accessible by the public is the LCAP. Both the budget and the LCAP were previously accessible via the school's website but both have been removed under Dr. Dewey's leadership. Additionally, the posting of board meeting minutes are not up to date on syvcs.org, hindering the access to public meeting information. At the May 5, 2020 special board meeting, Dr. Dewey proposed a 2020/2021 staffing plan to the SYVCS Board of Directors. The presented plan referenced the MOU between SYVCS and College School District. We are concerned that there are discrepancies with the proposed staffing plan and the MOU, specifically related to a duplication of efforts. Dr. Dewey stated that SYVCS pays College School District for business services that are duplicated by the SYVCS Office Manager. We think the accuracy of this statement necessitates verification, because if inaccurate, SYVCS could incur additional expenses for business services. The benefit of the proposed staffing plan was to reduce costs, not increase costs which could be catastrophic to SYVCS' already precarious financial state. The prosperity of SYVCS has diminished rapidly under the leadership of Dr. Dewey and the current SYVCS Board of Directors. SYVCS' viability is short term. Thus, we feel it is imperative to bring our concerns to your attention and request that College School District exercises oversight. Santa Ynez Valley Charter School is in need of an intervention in order to continue serving the children and families of the Santa Ynez Valley. If you require additional information, we are willing to expand on our concerns. Sincerely, Gina Georgas, Rhianna Agin, Calisse Courtney, Liz Wennerstrom, Jaye Ganibi, Julia Gladstone, Nicole Brians, Narce Santos, Kati Graham, Bibiana Landazuri, Heather Wood, Jen Holzer.

- (b) RE: **STAFF** - Annette Shimamura commented on her Bobcat face mask and said she loved it!  
(c) RE: **BOARD** - No report head.

**VII FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

(a) RE: **JUNE BOARD MEETINGS** - Tuesday, June 16, 2020, 5:30 p.m. (Regular Session). All meetings to be held at Santa Ynez School Gym at 3325 Pine Street.

**VIII ADJOURNMENT** - A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:20 p.m.

MOTION: Trustee Carrillo-Walker

SECOND: Trustee Jackson

VOTE: 4-0

  
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Board Secretary/Clerk

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Date 6/16/2020