

Los Gatos – Saratoga Union High School District

Minutes

Regular Meeting - Board of Trustees

February 28, 2017 5:00 PM

Library, Saratoga High School: 20300 Herriman Avenue, Saratoga, CA 95070

Attendance Taken at 5:03 PM:

Present:

Cynthia Chang

Robin Mano

Doug Ramezane

Rosemary Rossi

Katherine Tseng

1. Call to Order

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Motion Passed: Approve the Agenda Passed with a motion by Cynthia Chang and a second by Robin Mano.

Yes Cynthia Chang

Yes Robin Mano

Yes Doug Ramezane

Yes Rosemary Rossi

Yes Katherine Tseng

2. Study Session - Measure E Update - Saratoga High - 5:00 p.m.

Minutes:

Music building costs increased due to the need to move the access road and add one additional classroom (an addition of 3,846 square feet), based on input from the stakeholder design team.

Black box theater upgrades are forthcoming, including lighting and Audio/Visual equipment to create a teaching station comparable to regular classroom equipment.

SHS field projects are nearing completion. There has been correspondence from SHS parents re: baseball field turf. Mr. Mistele noted this project may still be doable, based on

original priority rankings, but is yet to be determined. Follow up communication re: board correspondence will be shared with the whole board; and a protocol to be developed.

Noted multi-use room at SHS may not be necessary since Music building has a large open space which would satisfy some needs. Also, lack of school population growth mitigates need.

NOTE: construction climate includes hi-tech firms hiring contractors with larger budget band-width, increasing competition for workers and costs.

3. Public Comment

1. An opportunity for the public to comment on items on the Closed Session Agenda

Minutes:

There was no comment.

4. Closed Session - 5:45 p.m.

1. Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Government Code 54957)

2. Pending Litigation (Government Code 54956.9) three cases

3. Student Expulsion (Education Code 35146) - one case

5. Reconvene Regular Session

6. President's Report Out of Closed Session

Minutes:

The Board met in Closed Session and voted to approve Stipulated Expulsion 1 16-17 and confidential student settlements 16 16-17 and 17 16-17. No other action was taken.

7. Flag Salute

8. Student Board Representative Comments

Minutes:

Nat Redfern, LGHS, and Nathon Chin, SHS, reported regarding various school activities and events, including, at LGHS, student elections, the LipDub, Sadies Dance and CCS playoffs. At SHS, topics included the benefit fashion show, Mr. Saratoga Competition, the March Madness basketball tournament, and CCS playoffs. Noted Coach Davies last basketball game, thanking him for his service.

9. Community Partnership - Recognition: Classic Car Wash

Minutes:

Mr. Rocha presented a certificate of recognition to the management of the Lark Avenue, Los Gatos, Classic Car Wash, thanking them for their support of our district by providing meaningful work experience for students with special needs.

10. Student Recognitions

11. Staff Recognitions

12. Staff Reports/Comments

Minutes:

Mr. Mistele shared his appreciation for staff who worked during the recent storms and commute issues and those who stepped in to provide support and coverage in the classroom, including site and district administrators; announce the introduction of Senate Bill 328 which would stipulate that no middle or high school will begin earlier than 8:30 a.m.

13. Public Comment

Minutes:

Kelly Gray, United LG Soccer League, spoke regarding the club accessing the LGHS fields.

14. Report/Discussion

1. Curriculum Report - World Languages

Minutes:

Ms. Sandra Plyler, LGHS, presented an update regarding the World Languages department at LGHS. The SHS report was postponed.

The board asked about the number of sections? Currently there are eight in French; seven in Japanese; approximately 33 in Spanish. Spanish in the Community is a third level of Spanish that is not a preparation for Spanish 4. LGHS offered Chinese in the past but there was insufficient student interest.

Mr. Robinson noted the planned presenter, Senor Rodriguex is still on a field trip attending to an unexpected student illness/surgery.

2. Instructional Materials Adoption

Minutes:

Ms. Bosco presented three novels to be considered for adoption for an English 12 course with social/cultural focus. These materials will be presented for final

adoption at the March 14th board meeting.

15. Action Items

1. CSBA Delegate Assembly Election - 2017

Minutes:

Ms. Chang, based on her experience, recommends voting for each of the incumbents. Mr. Ramezane recommends voting for five incumbents plus Carol Presunka (Cambrian SD).

Motion Passed: Vote for Danielle Cohen, Bonnie Mace, Reid Meyers, Carol Presunka, Andres Quintero and George Sanchez. Passed with a motion by Doug Ramezane and a second by Katherine Tseng.

Yes Cynthia Chang
Yes Robin Mano
Yes Doug Ramezane
Yes Rosemary Rossi
Yes Katherine Tseng

2. Second Interim Report, 2016-17

Minutes:

A \$1.6 million accrued pension benefit is appearing as state funded revenue to offset the expenditure for the STRS pension payment. It appears on our books as revenue and expenditure. PERS and STRS contributions are expected to grow dramatically, significantly impacting district budgets. Our basic aid status positions us to better manage this increase.

We are meeting the state required 3% reserve; in the full Second Interim report (p. 62) more detail is provided. Due to the state cap on reserves, districts are required to pass a resolution, justifying any reserve in excess of 3%.

The Multi-Year Projection, including Assessed Valuation growth, has been included in the past in the powerpoint. It is included on page 42-44 of the full report. It can be included again in future summary documents.

Motion Passed: Approve the district's 2016-17 Second Interim Report. Passed with a motion by Cynthia Chang and a second by Katherine Tseng.

Yes Cynthia Chang
Yes Robin Mano
Yes Doug Ramezane
Yes Rosemary Rossi
Yes Katherine Tseng

3. Resolution #16-11, Affirming Support of Students and Families Regarding Immigration Enforcement Actions at Schools

Minutes:

Sixteen of 32 county districts have adopted a similar resolution; the draft presented tonight has been approved by County Counsel.

This resolution does not change our current practice but reaffirms current practice. We will also continue to follow all state and federal regulations.

This, once approved, will be forwarded to parents and posted to the website.

Motion Passed: Adopt Resolution #16-11, Affirming Support of Students and Families Regarding Immigration Enforcement Actions at Schools Passed with a motion by Cynthia Chang and a second by Katherine Tseng.

Yes Cynthia Chang
Yes Robin Mano
Yes Doug Ramezane
Yes Rosemary Rossi
Yes Katherine Tseng

16. Board Reports and Communications

1. Board Correspondence

Minutes:

Email from:

Hong Zhang re: Math in the elementary district (SUSD)

Dianne Stokes re: SHS Baseball field

2. Board Communications

Minutes:

Ms. Chang, with representatives from MetroEd, visited State Senator Jim Beall, sharing information about the program. SCCSBA monthly meeting included a report that Gilroy USD uses an outside consultant to provide mindfulness training; other districts do too. This reflects the commitment of those districts to social- emotional well being for staff

Ms. Mano, with Ms. Rossi, Ms. Chang and Ms. Tseng participated in the board lunch with LGHS students; Ms. Mano, Ms. Chang, and Ms. Tseng visited LGHS classrooms.

Ms. Tseng attended a Guidance meeting for Mandarin speaking families at SHS; commended Mr. Safine for his work to support this community.

Ms. Tseng and Ms. Chang will attend the SCCSBA Legislative Brunch this weekend.

17. Consent Calendar

Motion Passed: Approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Passed with a motion by Cynthia Chang and a second by Doug Ramezane.

Yes Cynthia Chang
Yes Robin Mano
Yes Doug Ramezane
Yes Rosemary Rossi
Yes Katherine Tseng

1. Minutes - February 7, 2017 - Regular Meeting

2. Student Travel - LGHS - Sakuragaoka, Japan

3. Student Travel - SHS - USITT (United States Institute for Theatre Technology) Conference - St. Louis, MO.

4. Board Meeting Calendar, 2017-2018

5. Business Services - Contracts Under \$10,000

6. Agreement - SDH Consulting, Inc.

7. Certificated Personnel Report - February 28, 2017

8. Classified Personnel Report, February 28, 2017

18. Public Comment

Minutes:

There was no comment.

19. Future Board Meetings

20. Adjournment

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Board Clerk

Superintendent