The Regular meeting of the Governing Board was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Mrs. Solomon.

Board Members Present: Rose, Smith, Solomon and Walters

Cabinet Members present: Jamison, Morse, Pelzel and Persaud

There were no public comments on Closed Session items.

Adjourned to Closed Session at 6:01 P.M.

Mr. Talley arrived at 6:10 P.M.

Pursuant to Government Code section 54957: Public Employee – possible employment/discipline/dismissal/release of an employee

Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6: Labor Negotiations – Negotiator for the District: Dr. Michelle Morse, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9: Potential Litigation – Case #18/19-04

Pursuant to Government code sections 54954.5(c) and 54956.9(d)(1): Existing Litigation – Case# LA-CE-6443-E

Board members returned to Public Session at 7:03 P.M.

The Board president announced that no action was taken in Closed Session.

Board Clerk Brian Walters led the Pledge of Allegiance.  

Approved Agenda with Amended Personnel Report  
M/S/C – (Talley/Smith)  
Vote: 5-0

Approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 10, 2019  
M/S/C – (Rose/Talley)  
Vote: 5-0

Approved the Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of December 11, 2019  
M/S/C – (Walters/Rose)  
Vote: 5-0
Approved the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of December 20, 2019
M/S/C – (Talley/Walters)
Vote: 5-0

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

- Board Members thanked Valencia Valley Elementary for the artwork displayed in the Board Room;
- The Signal SCV newspaper published an article announcing Five Points’ sale of 781 home sites in Valencia, formerly Newhall Ranch;
- The next SCV Trustees Association Meeting will be held at Castaic High School on Monday, January 27th, 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend;
- The District’s Open House will be held at Wiley Canyon Elementary on Thursday, January 23rd, 6:30 p.m.;
- The District’s website now includes a new SCV TV video on its comprehensive arts programs;
- Over the winter break, several Facilities projects were completed throughout the District, including: 1) installation of a shade structure at McGrath, 2) installation of carpeting at Old Orchard, 3) installation of a gate push bar at Valencia Valley and 4) a new marquee at Pico Canyon should be fully operational by the end of this week.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PUBLIC INTEREST

Representatives Karen Daniels and Stacee Wilhite from BE SMART presented information on how to promote gun safety across our community. Governing Board members discussed hosting a districtwide event at the end of February as a service to the District’s community. Topics for the event will include gun safety and mental health supports.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Business Services
Approved purchase orders through 20-00838; B warrants 20044444 – 20053740; all payroll warrants issued through January 13, 2020; 233.75 overtime hours for November 2019
Approved Gift Report #19/20-8
Approved Salvage Report
Approved amendment to agreement with Zum Services, Inc.

Human Resources

B WARRANTS
GIFT REPORT
SALVAGE REPORT
ZUM AMENDMENT
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Approved Personnel Report #19/20-10

PERSONNEL REPORT

Student Support Services

Approved amendment of personal service contract with Willowbrooks Behavioral Health

WILLOWBROOKS AMENDMENT

Approved amendment of master contract with Inclusive Education and Community Partnership (IECP)

IECP AMENDMENT

Approved amendment of personal services contract with California Psychcare

CA PSYHCARE AMENDMENT

Approved items on the Consent Calendar

M/S/C – (Rose/Talley)

Vote: 5-0

Roll call vote:

Smith – Aye
Talley – Aye
Rose - Aye
Solomon – Aye
Walters – Aye

Information concerning the Consent Items listed above has been forwarded to each Board Member prior to this meeting for their study. Unless a Board Member has a question concerning a particular item and asks it to be withdrawn from the Consent Calendar, the items are approved at one time by the Governing Board. The action by the Board in approving Consent Items is detailed in individual backup documents.

STAFF REPORTS

Business Services

Scott Gustafsson of Eide Bailly informed Governing Board members that thorough audits were conducted for the District and the Measure E Annual Financial Performance audit. As indicated in the reports, there were no internal control or compliance findings. Questions were also addressed regarding new State audit requirements for School Site Safety Plans.

Approved 2018-2019 District audit report and Annual Financial Performance Audit for Measure E

M/S/C – (Talley/Rose)

Vote: 5-0

Student Support Services

Approved and ratified master contract with The Academy for Advancement of Children with Autism

AUTISM ACADEMY CONTRACT RATIFICATION
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Approved ratification and amendment of personal service contract with McRory Pediatrics
M/S/C – (Walters/Talley)
Vote: 5-0

McRory Contract Ratification

Curriculum/Instructional Services

Approved the District’s annual evaluation of its LEA Title 1 plan for the 2018/2019 school year
M/S/C – (Walters/Smith)
Vote: 5-0

LEA Program Review

Approved Resolution #19/20-14 to ensure complete and accurate count of District communities, families and students in the 2020 Census with recommended corrections
M/S/C – (Walters/Rose)
Vote: 5-0

Resolution #19/20-14 2020 Census Count

Approved MOU with LACOE for participation in the 2020 Census outreach
M/S/C – (Talley/Smith)
Vote: 5-0

LACOE Census Outreach MOU

Ms. Jamison presented an overview of the District’s data trends as a whole from 2017-2019, including, for the first time, CAST Science scores. Governing Board members discussed issues around the District’s chronic absenteeism and concerns with declining data trends at the same time. The Board instructed staff to report back on further efforts surrounding these topics by the end of this school year. Governing Board members also agreed to attend upcoming staff support meetings to help address these topics.

CA Dashboard Presentation

Human Resources

Approved and waived 2nd and 3rd readings of BP and AR 4300: Management, Supervisory and Confidential Personnel with recommended edits
M/S/C – (Walters/Talley)
Vote: 5-0

BP and AR 4300

BP and AR 1312.1: Complaints Regarding District Employees will be brought back to the January 28th Governing Board meeting for a second reading.

BP / AR 1312.1

Administrative Services

Approved the Williams Quarterly Summary Report
M/S/C – (Talley/Smith)
Vote: 5-0

Williams Quarterly Summary Report

The Superintendent led a discussion regarding the proposed agenda for the annual District Open House, which will be held on January 23rd at Wiley Canyon Elementary. There will be four breakout sessions (15 minutes each) that include: 1) the District’s science program, 2) the District’s technology program, 3) the District’s arts program and 4) the District’s dual language program. Preschool and Student Support Services staff will be available to answer parent questions.

2020 Open House

Governing Board and Cabinet members discussed support of Proposition 13 with a formal District resolution. Further discussion was held about confusion with the Proposition due its State-assigned number. The current Proposition 13 the District wishes to endorse and to be included in the March 2020 ballot relates to the expansion of the School Facilities Program for modernization and new construction. It is not to be confused with 1978’s Proposition 13 Resolution.
Proposition 13, which decreased property taxes and restricted annual increases of assessed value. Mr. Persaud distributed CSBA and CASH resolution samples to the Governing Board for review. The Superintendent requested Board feedback and a decision on whether or not to move forward with the resolution will be made at the January 28th Governing Board meeting.

The Superintendent led a discussion regarding the proposed agenda for the Governing Board Study Session on safety tentatively scheduled for February 4th. The purpose of the study session is to create a realistic District safety priority list. The study session may also include input from community safety leaders and organizations that can help the District navigate the complexities of school safety. The topics and date of the study session will be brought back to the January 28th Governing Board meeting for further discussion.

Mrs. Solomon adjourned the meeting at 10:02 P.M.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

Teacher Tribute Honorees

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2020 at 6:00 P. M. Public Session for the Regular Meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M. The meeting will be held at the Newhall School District Office, 25375 Orchard Village Road, Suite #200, Valencia, California.