

City Unified  
School District

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 11.1m

**Meeting Date:** June 25, 2020

**Subject:** Approve Minutes of the May 21, 2020, Board of Education Meeting

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated)



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*Thursday, May 21, 2020*

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT AND DEADLINE FOR S**  
*Public comment will only be submitted in writing, identifying the matter number and the*

*publiccomment@scusd.edu.*  
*later than 3:30*

*deadline*

*session items shall*

*21 Individual written public comment shall be no more than two*

**6.0 AGENDA ADOPTION**

*President Ryan asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. A motion was made to approve*

*engage*

*by Second Vice President Minnick and seconded by Member Woo. The Board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda.*

**7.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

*7.1 Coronavirus Response Update - (Christine Baeta, Vincent Harris, Victoria Flores, Diana Flores, Doug Huscher, Jennifer Kretschman, and Chad Sweitzer).*

*Possible topics included student - parent distance learning*

*Second Vice President Minnick said he appreciates staff and noted that parents are on*

*opposite ends of the spectrum regarding school safety.*

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Tiffany Smith Simmons)

Human Resources Director Tiffany Smith Simmons announced that the District Teachers of the Year are April Braun of Rosemont High School (Advanced Placement and English Language Development) and Kaunsausha Monterio of the School of Engineering and Science (Resource Specialist).

Alison French-Tubo  
Jeremy Webster-Hawkins

Board Comments:

None

7.4 Approve Resolution No. 3138: In Recognition of Classified School Employees Week, May 17-23, 2020 (Cancy McArn, Tiffany Smith Simmons and Christina Villegas)

**ACTION**  
**(Roll Call Vote)**

Director of Human Resources Christina Villegas presented.

Public Comment

None

Board Comments

Vice President Pritchett motioned to approve this item. Member Woo seconded and the motion was unanimously passed.

7.5 Approve Resolution No. 3139: Requesting Federal Funding to Support Public Schools in Response to COVID-19

**ACTION**

(CSBA), a conference call he had with Congressman Garamendi. Member Woo motioned to approve the agenda and Member Murawski seconded. She also said it was up to our federal partners to make our schools whole for students. The motion passed unanimously.

## 8.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

All public comments will be submitted only in writing through <https://pawvl.com/SGUISD/ConveantMendota>

or emailed to [publiccomment@sguisd.net](mailto:publiccomment@sguisd.net)

By law,  
the Board is allowed to take action only on items on the agenda. The Board may, at its discretion, refer a matter to district staff or calendar the issue for future discussion

### Public Comment

David Fisher  
Maria Rodriguez  
Gulalai Shetab  
Richard Vasquez  
Elizabeth Ramirez  
Marie Weiss  
Tamara Toby  
Nanette Podesta  
Alina Cojocari  
Corena Augusta  
Kristie Rivera  
Alison West  
Sumie Zook  
Paula Von Iahr  
Shannon McBride  
Wendy Mejia  
Amber Larson  
Hallie Hester  
Rebecca Cremer  
Richard Hiroshi Dahl  
Rebecca Gross

## 9.0 PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVALS

9.1 Hearing to Receive Public Comment and Approval of the District's Initial Proposals Regarding Service Employees International Union, Local 1021 (SEIU) Collective Bargaining Agreement Negotiations for 2020-2023 (Cancy McArn) [No preferential vote.]

Action  
(Roll Call Vote)







percent, which is formidable seeing that the District is a half a billion dollar organization.

Second Vice President Minnick motioned to approve this Item. Vice President Pritchett seconded, and the Item passed unanimously.

10.2 Update on Progress Toward State Auditor and FCMAT Recommendations to Revise Board Policy (BP) 3100: Business and Noninstructional Operations (Budget Reserves and Use of One-Time Funds) (Rose F. Ramos)

**First Reading  
(Information)**

Chief Business Officer Rose Ramos presented and explained that the current required percentage by law and Board policy is two percent. BP 3100 would increase that to five percent. Ms. Ramos went over the benefits of an increase to the reserve percentage and the dollar amounts such an increase would represent. She also went over the proposed use of one-time funds and the benefits of a Board policy and clear guidance on one-time funds.

Public Comment.

None

Board Comments

Member Garcia asked what will be the plan to get the reserve to five

percent. Ms. Ramos answered that this is a goal; first the deficit will need to be met. This, however, puts a policy in place which sets what the District wants to achieve. Member Garcia said that she feels it still is important to have a plan in place to meet the goal once we are out of

10.3 *May Revise Budget Update and District's Fiscal Recovery Plan  
(Rose F. Ramos)*

**Information**

*Chief Business Officer Rose Ramos, Leilani Aguinaldo from School Services of California, and Chief Continuous Improvement and Accountability Officer Vince Harris presented. They gave an update from School Services of California on the State budget and presented the impact of that on the District's projected multi-year projections. They also reported on District cash in 2020-21 and 2021-22 and the fiscal*

*Sacramento County Office of Education, presented as well.*

*Public Comment*

*None*

*Board Comments*

*President Ryan asked Ms. Sanchez if there are steps that the District can take to avoid receivership. Ms. Sanchez said that yes, it is not too late and that the District can still make cuts in time to put off or maybe completely eliminate the need for a State loan. Hopefully there will be more federal money; however certainly what the District gets from the federal government is not enough to solve the problem. It might push it out a few months. Ms. Sanchez said to start with the \$27 million that we know about and then add on the amounts that the District will get*

*like a short term loan and generally has to be paid back within the same fiscal year. Member Garcia said it would be helpful going forward to understand the net impact of the target number and to understand how much of it is ongoing versus one-time funds. She would also like to learn more about actual proposals in terms of reductions before a budget comes to the Board.*

*Member Murawski noted that the District is in a very bad place from a fiscal perspective and the risk of insolvency is much closer than*

*recently thought. She asked if trigger language has been seen in districts budgets or contracts saying if a thing happens, then reductions are made or restored. Ms. Ramos replied that yes, she has seen that before and she explained the “if-then” language.*

starting back at square one with very few options. She feels frustrated

that in the face of a global pandemic there are narratives around that the District may be in a financial crisis. She asked what we can do that

Vice President Pritchett said she agrees with Member Murawski in that we need to have a target number so that we know where we stand. She said it is unfortunate that we are having this discussion. She noted that in 2013 there were similar discussions and it was proposed to close eleven schools at that time. She feels trying to cut revenue will mean

*or resolved in some way. Where we sit now is that, per FCMAT and the state auditor, the District is in trouble. To deliver a full suite of high quality services to every child in the District will continue to be a struggle because that will take a healthy organization where all leaders of the organization are on the same page with what they are doing and how they perceive when budget should help or hinder reaching that goal. Superintendent Gordon said that the County is here to stay alongside the District to help keep verifying the numbers and see what the District's options are, but he feels it is the collective will of everyone involved in the organization that will make it happen.*

*President Ryan said this will be the source of much discussion within the coming weeks and months, and we will do everything in our power to make sure we are keeping the public informed. She said we are in the process of trying to put in place a couple different formats of town hall in order to do a deeper dive into the budget decisions.*

## **11.0 CONSENT AGENDA** **(Roll Call Vote)**

*Generally routine items are approved by one motion without discussion. The Superintendent or a Board member may request an item be pulled from the consent agenda and voted upon separately.*

### **11.1**

### **Closed Session:**

*11.1a Approve Grants, Entitlements and Other Income Agreements, Ratification of Other Agreements, Approval of Bid Awards, Approval of Declared Surplus Materials and Equipment, Change Notices and Notices of Completion (Rose F. Ramos)*

*11.1b Approve Personnel Transactions (Cancy McArn)*

*11.1c Approve Business and Financial Report: Warrants, Checks, and Electronic Transfers Issued for the Period of April 2020 (Rose F. Ramos)*

*11.1d Approve Resolution No. 3137: Resolution of the Governing Board of the Sacramento City Unified School District Specifically Designating Public Works Project(s) as Essential Government Functions (Nathaniel Browning and Rose F. Ramos)*

*11.1e Approve Donations List for the Period of April 1, 20, 2020*

**12.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION/REPORTS** *Receive Information*

*12.1 Business and Financial Information:*

- *Purchase Order Board Report for the Period of March 15, 2020, through April 14, 2020 (Rose F. Ramos)*

*President Diaz received the Business and Financial Information*

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**13.0 FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES / LOCATIONS**

✓ *June 18, 2020 4:30 p.m. Closed Session, 6:00 p.m. Open Session, Serna Center, 5735 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Community Room, Regular Workshop Meeting*

✓ *June 25, 2020 4:30 p.m. Closed Session, 6:00 p.m. Open Session, Serna Center, 5735 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Community Room, Regular Workshop Meeting*