



SOUTH WHITTIER SCHOOL DISTRICT
11200 TELECHRON AVE.
WHITTIER, CA 90605

Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting
November 14, 2023
District Office Board Room & Zoom Meeting Video Conference
5:00 PM

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Mission and Vision

The South Whittier School District holds students and staff to rigorous standards in order to prepare every scholar for 21st Century success in college and the workforce, within a safe and supportive environment.

Our students are challenged to reach their full potential and develop their curiosity and thirst for discovery.

Our district celebrates our families' diverse traditions, cultures, and languages as foundations for learning.

AGENDA

1. PRELIMINARY

1.1. Call to Order

1.2. Roll Call:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Elias Alvarado, President
Sylvia V. Macias, Vice President
Jan Baird, Clerk
Francisco Santana, Member
Dr. Natalia Barajas, Member

ADMINISTRATORS:

Dr. Gary Gonzales, Superintendent
Dr. Rebecca Rodriguez, Associate Superintendent of Educational Services
Dr. Marti Tienda-Ayala, Associate Superintendent, Human Resources
Aubrey Craig, Associate Superintendent, Business Services

STAFF:

Kurby Flores, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

2. CLOSED SESSION (5:00PM – 5:50PM)

The Board may be required to adjourn to closed session for discussion on matters of personnel, security, negotiations, student discipline, litigation and other matters as authorized by Government Code Sections 3459.1, 54956.6, 54956.8, 54957 and 54957.6 and Education Code Sections 35146 and 48914.

- 2.1. Conference with Agency Labor Negotiators:** South Whittier Teachers Association and California School Employees Association. Agency Negotiators: Dr. Gary Gonzales, Dr. Marti Tienda-Ayala, Dr. Rebecca Rodriguez, Aubrey Craig (**Government Codes Section 3549.1 and 54957.6**)
- 2.2. Classified** - Public Employee Appointment/Employment/Evaluation
- 2.3. Classified** - Public Employee Dismissal/Release/Discipline/Transfers/Reassignments/Retirement
- 2.4. Certificated** - Public Employee Appointment/Employment/Evaluation
- 2.5. Certificated** - Public Employee Dismissal/Release/Discipline/Transfers/Reassignments/Retirement

3. OPEN SESSION (6:00PM)

- 3.1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3.2. Mission and Vision**
- 3.3. Report on Closed Session Items**

The Superintendent will report related to any action taken in closed session.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Superintendent recommends approval of the November 14, 2023 Agenda as presented.

Motion: ____ Seconded: ____ VOTE: YES ____ NO ____ Abstain ____ Absent ____

5. COMMENTS BY TRUSTEES

This item is provided as an opportunity for Trustees to report regarding District related topics.

6. REPORTS

No items submitted for this section of the agenda.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

During this time, Members of the public may without arrangement, make representations to address the Board on matter related to agenda and non-agenda items. A total of 21 minutes are provided so members of the public can address the Board. Unless otherwise determined by the Board, speakers are limited to three (3) minutes. If you wish to address the Board of Trustees, please complete the form, "Request to Address the Board", located at the sign-in table, and present to the Executive Secretary to the Superintendent. The Superintendent may refer the matter to the proper department for review.

8. CONSENT

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Trustees review and approve Consent agenda items 8.1 through 8.6 as presented.

Motion: _____ Seconded: _____ VOTE: YES ___ NO ___ Abstain ___ Absent _____

8.1. Approval of Minutes – October 17, 2023 Regular Board Meeting

8.2. Purchase Order List # 5

8.3. Contract/Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) List # 9

The attached contract list summarizes each contract by providing the contract number, name of the contractor, a description of the service, the duration of the contract, and the cost.

8.4. Field Trip Report # 3

8.5. Travel and Conference Report # 3

8.6. Express Voucher Report October 1, 2023 through October 31, 2023

9. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD

No items submitted for this section of the agenda.

10. GOVERNING BOARD

10.1. Resolution No. 23-24-011: Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the South Whittier School District ordering and election to authorize the issuance of school bonds, establishing specification of the election order, and requesting consolidation with other elections occurring on March 5, 2024

Summary: The District has important school facility improvement needs and the District needs to identify a funding source. March 5, 2024 is the date of the statewide primary election, and also is an election date at which local bond measures that provide facilities funding can be placed on the ballot. In order to appear on the March 2024 ballot, a Resolution calling a bond election must be filed with the Los Angeles County election official at least 88 days prior to the election date (by December 8, 2023).

The Resolution for Board consideration has been prepared in accordance with all legal requirements and presents a \$37,500,000 bond measure to District voters under Prop. 39 (55% vote) for the purpose of financing projects summarized on the specific Project List attached as Appendix A to the Resolution (Full Text of Measure) which will be printed in the Sample Ballot provided to District voters. Appendix B is the abbreviated statement of the measure and is limited to 75 words or less that will be printed on the ballot label and read by voters at the time of casting their vote. Appendix C presents the Tax Rate Statement which will also be printed in the Sample Ballot which discloses to District voters current expectations regarding the property tax rates and other matters that will apply if bonds are approved and issued.

In order to call the election, the Resolution must have a 2/3 vote of the Board (4 aye votes).

Financial Impact: None to general fund. If bond the measure receives 55% affirmative vote, the District will be able to issue bonds and apply the proceeds to finance important facility construction and improvement projects. Costs of issuance are payable from bond proceeds.

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Trustees Adopt Resolution Calling General Obligation Bond Election in the District on March 5, 2024, as presented.

Please Note: Under State law, bond election resolutions require 2/3 Board vote for approval. For 5-member Board, this is 4 yes votes.

Motion: _____ Seconded: _____ VOTE: Yes _____ No: _____ Abstain: _____ Absent: _____

10.2. Board of Trustees Schedule of Board Meetings for 2024

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Trustees approve the 2024 Board Meeting Schedule as presented.

Motion: _____ Seconded: _____ VOTE: Yes _____ No: _____ Abstain: _____ Absent: _____

11. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF BOARD POLICIES, ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS, AND BOARD BYLAWS (FIRST READING)

- 11.1. AR 4161.1 Personal Illness / Injury Leave (FIRST READING)
- 11.2. BP 1230 School-Connected Organizations (FIRST READING)
- 11.3. AR 1230 School-Connected Organizations (FIRST READING)
- 11.4. BP 5141.5 Mental Health (FIRST READING)
- 11.5. BP 5141.6 School Health Services (FIRST READING)

12. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF BOARD POLICIES, ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS, AND BOARD BYLAWS (FIRST READING)

The Board of Trustees will conduct a second reading and possible approval of the following proposed Board Policies and Administrative Regulations agenda items 12.1 through 12.2. The Superintendent recommends the Board of Trustees review and approve the Board Policies and Administrative Regulations as presented.

Motion: _____ Seconded: _____ VOTE: YES ___ NO ___ Abstain___ Absent _____

- 12.1. BP 5148 Child Care and Development (SECOND READING)
- 12.2. AR 5148 Child Care and Development (SECOND READING)

13. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Trustees review and approve Educational Services agenda item 13.1 as presented.

Motion: _____ Seconded: _____ VOTE: YES ___ NO ___ Abstain___ Absent _____

- 13.1. SWSD Learning Recovery Block Grant Executive Summary

14. BUSINESS SERVICES

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Trustees approve Business Services agenda item 14.1 as presented.

Motion: ___ Seconded: ___ VOTE: Yes ___ No ___ Abstain: ___ Absent: ___

14.1. Resolution No. 23-24-010: Voluntary Retirement Program

15. BOND MEASURE QS

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Trustees approve Business Services agenda item 15.1 as presented.

Motion: ___ Seconded: ___ VOTE: Yes ___ No ___ Abstain: ___ Absent: ___

15.1. Purchase Order List # 4 (Bond)

16. HUMAN RESOURCES

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Trustees review and approve Human Resources agenda items 16.1 through 16.2 as presented.

Motion: ___ Seconded: ___ VOTE: YES ___ NO ___ Abstain ___ Absent ___

16.1. Classified Personnel Report # 5

16.2. Certificated Personnel Report # 5

17. BOARD OF TRUSTEES DISCUSSION GUIDE FOR FUTURE RECOMMENDATIONS

18. ADJOURNMENT

Unless otherwise posted, the next regularly scheduled meeting will be held

December 12, 2023 at 4:30 PM

District office Board Room, 11200 Telechron Ave., Whittier, CA 90605

& Via Zoom Conference