



SOUTH WHITTIER SCHOOL DISTRICT

11200 TELECHRON AVE.

WHITTIER, CA 90605

Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting

January 21, 2025

District Office Board Room & Google Meet Video Conference

5:00 PM

URL/Link: <https://meet.google.com/xgr-uerc-hzz>

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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:

Jan Baird, President

Francisco Santana, Vice President

Dr. Natalia Barajas, Clerk

Elias Alvarado, Member

Sylvia V. Macias, 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 January 21, 2025 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

- 6.1. PRESENTATION: Graves Middle School Student & Academic Achievement Report**
- 6.2. PRESENTATION: California School Dashboard Update**
- 6.3. PRESENTATION: 2023-2024 Financial Audit Report**
- 6.4. PRESENTATION: 2023-2024 Measure QS Bond Audit Report**

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 – December 13, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

8.2. Purchase Order List # 7

8.3. Contract/Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) List # 11

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. Travel & Conference Report # 6

8.5. Field Trip # 3

8.6. Express Voucher Report – December 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024

9. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD

No items submitted for this section of the agenda.

10. GOVERNING BOARD

10.1. Selection of the Board's representative and alternate to the Whittier Area School Trustees Association (WASTA) (Currently Jan Baird & Dr. Natalia Barajas)

Nomination for Representative: _____

Nomination for Alternate: _____

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

11. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF BOARD POLICIES, ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS, AND BOARD BYLAWS

No items submitted for this section of the agenda.

12. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Trustees review and approve Educational Services agenda items 12.1 through 12.2 as presented.

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

12.1. 2024 School Accountability Report Cards (SARC)

State law requires that all public schools receiving state funding annually update, prepare and distribute a SARC. A similar requirement is also contained in the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). School report cards must be updated and published by February 1. The purpose of the report card is to provide parents and the community with important information about each school. A SARC can be an effective way for a school to report on its progress in achieving goals.

12.2. 2024-25 UCP Quarterly Report - 2nd Quarter

13. BUSINESS SERVICES

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Trustees review and approve Business Services agenda items 13.1 through 13.5 as presented.

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

13.1. 2023-2024 Financial Audit Report

Education Code Section 41020, requires school districts to conduct an annual audit of all funds under the jurisdiction of the Board of Trustees. The intent of the annual audit is to encourage sound fiscal management practices for the most efficient and effective use of public funds for the education of children in California by strengthening fiscal accountability at the district, county and state levels. The annual audit report is used by various agencies to review the fiscal status of the district.

The audit is conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Controller General of the United States. These standards require that the audit is planned and performed to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

Findings and recommendations are reviewed by district staff with corrective action responses provided in the audit report. In addition, the prior year findings and recommendations section of the audit report reflects the status of previously identified corrective actions.

Christie White has completed the audit for the 2023-24 fiscal year. State law requires that the Board of Trustees accept the annual audit report. These reports are filed with the County Superintendent, State Department of Education and the State Controller's Office.

13.2. 2023-2024 Measure QS Bond Audit Report

13.3. Notice of Completion

13.4. Mileage Rate Increase

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has announced that effective January 1, 2025, the standard business mileage reimbursement rate is increased to 70 cents per mile.

13.5. Resolution No. 24-25-012 Authorized District Representatives for OPSC

14. BOND MEASURE QS

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Trustees approve Bond Measure QS agenda item 14.1 as presented.

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

14.1. Purchase Order List # 6 (Bond QS)

15. BOND MEASURE K

No items submitted for this section of the agenda.

16. HUMAN RESOURCES

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Trustees review and approve Human Resources agenda items 16.1 through 16.3 as presented.

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

16.1. Classified Personnel Report # 7

16.2. Certificated Personnel Report # 7

16.3. 2024-2025 Classified Salary Schedule 3 & 8

17. BOARD OF TRUSTEES DISCUSSION GUIDE FOR FUTURE RECOMMENDATIONS

18. ADJOURNMENT

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

Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 4:30 PM

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& Via Google Meet Conference