



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

Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting

February 18, 2025

District Office Board Room & Google Meet 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:

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 February 18, 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. AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS: 2025 SWSD Spelling Bee Winners**
- 6.2. AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS: Above & Beyond**
- 6.3. PRESENTATION: Carmela Elementary School Student & Academic Achievement Report**
- 6.4. PRESENTATION: LCAP Mid-Year Update**

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 – January 21, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

8.2. Purchase Order List # 8

8.3. Contract/Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) List # 12

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 # 7

8.5. Field Trip # 4

8.6. Express Voucher Report – January 1, 2025 through January 31, 2025

9. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD

No items submitted for this section of the agenda.

10. GOVERNING BOARD

10.1. Resolution No. 24-25-013: Board Compensation for Missed Meeting (FS)

The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Trustees review and approve Resolution No. 24-25-013 as presented.

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

10.2. 2025 CSBA Delegate Assembly Election

Call for a vote of a representative(s) to the California School Board Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly, Representatives, Region 24, to serve from April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2027.

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

12.1. PUBLIC HEARING: Extended School Year ESY Waiver Submission

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

California Code of Regulations Title 5 Section 3043 (d) requires an extended school year (ESY) program be provided for a minimum of 20 instructional days, including holidays, for students with exceptional needs who have unique needs and require special education and related services in excess of the regular academic year as stated in their Individualized Education Plan. South Whittier School District has applied and been granted a waiver from the state board of education, allowing the operation of ESY since 2014 using fewer days (16) than the required 20 days. The overall instructional minutes has remained the same or increased; however there has been a reduction in days of attendance over a four week period.

PROPOSED WAIVER ACTIONS:

Request waiver for one year from the California State Board of Education to cover ESY for the 2024-2025 school year. Our proposed ESY 2025 will operate Monday-Thursday with 5.25 hours a day of instruction during the weeks of June 16, 2025 to July 10, 2025.

HOW PROPOSED WAIVER IS RELATED TO DISTRICT GOALS:

The modified ESY calendar will support and maximize student learning when delivering a quality instructional program. This will occur by increasing the likelihood that highly qualified and trained classroom teachers and staff working during the school year will apply to work during Extended School Year. It will also facilitate cost effective services within the classroom, and reduce related costs for transportation, electricity, custodial services, food services, administration, etc.

A Public Hearing is in order to provide an opportunity for discussion of the Proposed Waiver to Amend Extended School Year Program for Special Education Students.

12.2. Approval of the Waiver to Amend Extended School Year ESY Program for Special Education Students

The Superintendent recommends approval of the Waiver to Amend Extended School Year Program for Special Education Students.

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

13. BUSINESS SERVICES

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Trustees review and approve Business Services agenda items 13.1 through 13.2 as presented.

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

13.1. 2024-2025 Comprehensive School Safety Plans

Staff members and the School Site Councils at each of our schools have reviewed, updated, and approved, their Comprehensive School Safety Plans to ensure that they reflect current laws, ed. code regulations, district policies, administrative regulations and site practices. The Comprehensive School Safety Plans can be found on the District website, www.swhittier.net, on the Business Services page under School Safety

The Superintendent recommends acceptance of the 2024-25 Comprehensive School Safety Plans for Carmela Elementary, Lake Marie Elementary, Loma Vista Elementary, Los Altos Elementary, McKibben Elementary, and Graves Middle School as presented.

13.2. Notice of Completion

13.3. Modular Building Installation Project at McKibben & Los Altos – Informational Item Only

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 # 7 (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 16.2 as presented.

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

16.1. Classified Personnel Report # 8

16.2. Certificated Personnel Report # 8

17. BOARD OF TRUSTEES DISCUSSION GUIDE FOR FUTURE RECOMMENDATIONS

18. ADJOURNMENT

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

Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 4:30 PM

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

& Via Google Meet Conference