

**SOUHSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**4991 Southside Rd. Hollister, CA 95023**  
**REGULAR MEETING: Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024**  
**In-Person Meeting**

**MINUTES**

**ITEM I – Call to Order: 5:30pm**

- a. Meeting called to order at 5:30pm by Mike Ruth**

**Roll Call:**

Board Members Present:

- Michael Ruth
- Aaron Kaelin (5:36)
- Jessica Kim
- Julie Corrigan

Board Members Absent:

- Julio Salazar

- b. Comments from public – Mrs. Melissa Rabago spoke to the board regarding her son Jakob. She ask the board to consider his continued enrollment at Southside school for the 24-25 school year.**

Mrs. Yamanishi read a prepared statement to the board. A copy of the statement is attached.

- c. Closed Session 5:41pm**

**ITEM II – Closed Session 5:30pm**

Notice is hereby given that a closed session of the Board will be held under the general provisions listed as follows:

- a. PERSONNEL - Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b) & 54957.6(a)
  - 1. Public Employee Appointment
- b. ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION)  
-Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) or (3)
  - 1. “Existing Facts and Circumstances” related to student enrollment

**ITEM III**

- a. Roll Call – Closed Session ended at 6:12pm regular session started at 6:12pm**

**Present:**

- Michael Ruth
- Aaron Kaelin

**Absent:**

- Jessica Kim
- Julie Corrigan

- Julio Salazar

- Mr. Ruth reported that no action was taken in closed session.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Approval of the Agenda – Julie Corrigan made the motion to approve the agenda and was seconded by Jessica Kim and carried the following vote: Yes – 4; No/Absent 1/Abstain – 0
- Comments from the public** – Mrs. Yamanishi provided the board with an update on the status of the new freezer project.

### ITEM V. – DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

#### a. Officers' Report

##### 1. Superintendent / Principal –

- Mr. Schilling stated that the new gate access system has been completed.
- Mr. Schilling provided an update on the summer school program.
- Mr. Schilling talked about the recent health fair hosted at Southside and said that 27 agencies attended and that the fair was very successful.
- Mr. Schilling stated that the independent studies program was in the process of going through some changes and families will no longer be able to miss school and go on a short term IS program to gather attendance.
- Lastly, Mr. Schilling stated that long time Southside employee, Mrs. Paula Bonilla has submitted her retirement request. He said she has impacted thousands of children over the years and that she started at Southside in 1984.

- Board Member Comments** – Mrs. Corrigan provided a Mrs. Bonilla story about her son Josh and Mrs. Bonilla.
- Board President Comment – No comment
- Parent Club – Mr. Schilling mentioned that he emailed the parent club about submitting the school connected organization paperwork.

### ITEM V – CONSENT ITEMS

These items are considered routine and may be enacted by the board in one motion. There is no discussion on these items prior to the motion unless a specific item is removed from the consent list.

- Regular Board Meeting Minutes June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, as presented.
- Warrants report dated 6/1/24-6/30/24 through date range, as presented.

Aaron Kaelin made the motion to approve the consent items and was seconded by Julie Corrigan and carried the following vote: Yes – 4; No/Absent 1/Abstain – 0

**ITEM VI – DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Extended Learning Opportunity Program Plan (ELO-P) 2023-2024 (ACTION)
- b. Rationale: Southside School began using ELO-P funds for the 2023-2024 school year. One of the compliance requirements by the state is to have each school district produce a document outlining the use of the ELO-P funds. Southside has used the funds to cover the expense of the YMCA program to provide an after school and intersession program for students. The plan outlines to learning targets and enrichment opportunities for students.

Julie Corrigan made the motion to approve the ELO-P plan was the correction of a typo in section #3 and was seconded by Jessica Kim and carried the following vote: Yes – 4; No/Absent 1/Abstain – 0

- c. Resolution #24-25-01: ORDER OF ELECTION, SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER AND CONSOLIDATION REQUEST (ACTION)

Rationale: The Southside school district is requesting by resolution to be consolidated with the county election on November 5<sup>th</sup>. the Southside Elementary School District Board of Trustees hereby orders an election to be called and consolidated with any and all elections also called to be held on **November 5, 2024** insofar as said elections are to be held in the same territory or in territory that is in part the same as the territory of the School District request to the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Benito to order such consolidation under Elections Code Section 10400; Additionally, that said the Southside Elementary School District Board of Trustees hereby requests the San Benito County Board of Supervisors to permit the San Benito County Elections Department to provide any and all services necessary for conducting the election.

Aaron Kaelin made the motion to approve Resolution #24-25-01 and was seconded by Jessica Kim and carried the following vote: Yes – 4; No/Absent 1/Abstain – 0

- c. Bulldog CARES Program (DISCUSSION)

Rationale: The school has been working on developing a written document describing the Bulldog CARES program. This is an update for the board.

The board disused the plan.

d. Education Protection Account (EPA) 2024-2025 Resolution #24-25-02 (ACTION)

Rationale: Pursuant to Article XIII, section 36 of the California Constitution, school districts and county offices of education are required to determine how the funds received from the Education Protection Account are spent in the school's jurisdiction. The language in the constitutional amendment requires that the funds shall not be used for salaries and benefits of administrators or any other administrative costs.

Aaron Kaelin made the motion to approve the EPA resolution and was seconded by Julie Corrigan and carried the following vote: Yes – 4; No/Absent 1/Abstain – 0

E. 23-24 Proposition 28: Arts and Music in Schools Funding Annual Report (ACTION)

Rationale: The district is required to produce an annual funding report on the use of proposition 28 funds within the school. The district has not used any proposition 28 funds nor has the district produced a plan to use the funds. The district will present a plan to the governing board in the September 2024 board meeting.

Jessica Kim made the motion to approve the Prop 28 report and was seconded by Aaron Kaelin and carried the following vote: Yes – 4; No/Absent 1/Abstain – 0

**VII. Closing Items**

- a. The next Regular Meeting of the board is Thursday August 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm
- b. Adjournment 6:45pm

Julie Corrigan made the motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Jessica Kim and carried the following vote: Yes – 4; No/Absent 1/Abstain – 0

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John Schilling, Superintendent/Principal  
Southside School District

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Mike Ruth, Board President  
Southside School District, Board of Trustee

Thank you, Southside School Board, for allowing me to speak on behalf of the Classified Staff and the School Lunch Program!

The National School Lunch Program at Southside School has made great strides in the last few years. I'm here today to request again that we bump our Food Service Aide up to a minimum of 7 hrs per day with benefits.

In 22/23, we finished the school year in the black with a carryover of \$33,000... this is huge for a program that in the past relied on General Funds to cover our costs. My projections for this past year of 23/24 are that we will have a carryover of \$57,000.

We were requested to provide the snacks for the YMCA program last school year, and I assume for this coming school year as well, this has resulted in additional costs and more hours. This coming year will also be filled with more paperwork as we have an Administrative Review (Audit) of our School Lunch Program.

This past school year, many of our classified staff were out for long periods of time for various personal reasons, do you know who typically filled in for Sylvia? Yes, Christina, the Food Service Aide... I didn't complain, I adjusted and did the job required. We are a team, the entire school staff, so where we need to adjust we do, but we need to be fairly compensated too.

You as a School Board, have been stringing the School Lunch Program along. Trying to avoid the inevitable. We must give the Food Service Aide, one and ½ hour more with benefits. What used to require only one volunteer now requires a minimum of 2 volunteers and occasional 3 volunteers. The number of meals served for lunch is up 33%. We serve mostly scratch-cooked meals, so it is a time and prep job to have the freshest food prepared just in time for lunch in order to not be soggy or cold.

Relying on volunteers is also a thankless job. Volunteers can be no shows with no explanation. While you can plan and hope, it doesn't necessarily work with their schedules every week.

I expect the school board to lead by example the virtues and characteristics traits that you are asking the entire school community to follow. Fairness, Kindness, Generosity, Open-mindedness these are a few that I feel shout out to you about the compensation for this position!

While I'm talking about fairness, look at what you pay our 35+ years of service Custodian! Jesus does everything for everyone, and yet he earns little more than half of what other head custodians make at other schools. He does all this with a smile and a chuckle, and gets his job done. He even comes out to the school in emergency situations in the late evening when no one else can make it out here. Fairness, please consider all the requests that the Classified Staff have asked for. We are the glue that holds all the pieces together and makes this school cohesive.

I hope that you come back to the Classified Sunshine letter and address our needs, they are not wants, they are needs!

Again, thank you for always supporting our classified staff and school lunch program and please feel free to come and discuss anything with me at any time.

## Breakfast and Lunch # of Meals Served

	21/22		22/23		23/24		
	Lunch	Breakfast	Breakfast	Lunch	Breakfast	Lunch	
August	1367	1098	1290	1085	1130	-14%	
September	1922	1849	1950	2036	2489	28%	
October	1946	1688	1662	1890	2494	50%	
November	1222	1227	1119	1383	1413	26%	
December	1050	895	838	1441	1579	88%	
January	1216	1521	1416	1605	1716	21%	
February	1010	1312	1234	1629	1595	29%	
March	1582	1887	1750	1575	1598	-8%	
April	1028	1132	1256	2377	2436	93%	
May	1653	1902	2060	2391	2927	42%	
June	129	396	233	444	348	49%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>14125</b>	<b>14907</b>	<b>14808</b>	<b>17856</b>	<b>19725</b>	<b>20%</b>	

SOUTHSIDE SCHOOL

NSLP Claims by Year since  
COVID-19 PANDEMIC

	2022-2023	2023-2024
Aug	\$10,783.64	\$ 10,000.40
Sept	\$16,975.46	\$ 20,718.57
Oct	\$14,867.89	\$ 20,205.06
Nov	\$10,332.96	\$ 12,602.09
Dec	\$7,653.04	\$ 13,696.17
Jan	\$12,962.58	\$ 15,028.66
Feb	\$11,248.35	\$ 14,476.29
Mar	\$16,045.92	\$ 14,292.46
Apr	\$10,723.80	\$ 21,698.98
May	\$17,750.15	\$ 24,352.36
Jun	\$2,652.48	\$ 3,486.09
Cash Sales	\$2,473.10	\$ 10,514.75
	<b>\$134,469.37</b>	<b>\$181,071.88</b>