



# BOARD BRIEF

## Opening Comments

*Presentation by Board President Susanna Ordway*

President Ordway began the meeting by sharing Contra Costa Health Services' most recent requirements related to indoor face coverings. The meeting was paused for approximately 40 minutes while audience members adhered to the new requirements.

President Ordway introduced and welcomed the SRVUSD Student Board Member, Ronit Batra, who is a 12th grade student at Monte Vista.

Since this is the first meeting that includes a student board member, Preferential Voting was explained.

Preferential Voting is the method used to cast the student board member vote.

As per California Education Code, a student board member may cast preferential votes on all matters except those subject to closed session discussion. Preferential votes shall be cast prior to the official Board vote and shall not affect the final numerical outcome of a vote. Preferential votes shall be recorded in the Board meeting minutes. What this means is that though the student board member's vote does not affect the final numerical outcome of a vote, by voting prior to the official board vote, it ensures that the student board member's opinion is taken into account before a board vote.

## Superintendent's Report

*Presentation by SRVUSD Superintendent Dr. John Malloy*

Next Tuesday we are ready to welcome all of our students back to school. We are excited for the opening of school and we know it will be a great year.

The majority of students will return full time and in-person.

A small percentage of our student population chose to attend the Virtual Academy.

We are committed to ensuring that all students in our schools, both in-person and in the Virtual Academy, have a great experience and we are going to focus our return to the school year on helping all students and staff build a strong sense of school community.

As we return to school, our top priority must be to keep students and staff safely in school. This means we will follow public health requirements to reduce the risk of quarantine.

Superintendent Malloy clarified that rules around masking and quarantining do not lie with the SRVUSD Board of Education or the District.

- a. We are required to follow the mask mandate
- b. Districts must require medical documentation for a mask exemption.



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SRVUSD will continue to ***follow public health instructions explicitly. We will not exceed them, but we will fulfill them.***

- If the law changes, we will follow it.
- If we were to start to make decisions outside of the public health requirements, we do not know what we would base our criteria/decisions upon.

The District is aware that some families want stricter regulations and we hear you, too.

- We hear and listen to all voices no matter how loud or how quiet. To all who are sharing their points of view, we do hear you, and we reiterate that we will follow the requirements set forth by public health - no more, no less.

We have learned from what we have done so far (last fall and summer).

- Kids need to be back on campus and it is our job to make it the best experience that it can be.
- We do have control over how we proceed to help our kids have a great experience in our schools.
- We do have the opportunity to be creative with our great weather and beautiful outdoor areas on our campuses. Look for our teams to be creative in how we work with students within the requirements from public health.

There is a lot that is positive:

- More events and activities are taking place in -person than took place last year
- Our Strategic Directions have been approved and they will drive our work.
  - Students will benefit as we expand the definition of success on a foundation of academic excellence.
- We have engaged families. Divergent points of view are being shared, heard and help us to make decisions that are guided by complete understanding of our situation.

## Action Taken in Open Session.

### Provisional Internship Permit (PIP) Request

Presentation made by Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Keith Rogenski



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## **Revision to Board Policy for Instruction - Independent Study (BP/AR 6158)**

*Presentation made by Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, Christine Huajardo*

The presented revisions are required in order to remain in compliance with new law. The revised language will be finalized and posted on our [website](#) next week.

*Student Board Member: In favor*

*Board Vote: 5 in favor-0 opposed*

## **Substitute Pay Increase for the 2021-22 School Year**

*Presentation made by Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Keith Rogenski*

An increase in the daily substitute pay rates is required in order to ensure that we have a sufficient pool of qualified substitutes to serve our students this school year. This increase will make us competitive with other districts in the tri-valley area in response to changes that they have made in their pay rates.

*Student Board Member: In favor*

*Board Vote: 5 in favor-0 opposed*

## **Administrative Matters**

Board Members welcomed the Student Board Member and conveyed their appreciation for the different events and activities in which they have been involved: e.g. summer school, the Administrative Retreat, work on strategic directions, Traffix, etc.