

4. Other

4.1.

5. Adjournment

5.1. Adjourn to closed meeting: Subject: Personnel Issues

5.2. Adjourn to closed meeting

5.3. Open to public meeting

5.4. Adjournment Time: _____

ACTION

Motion_____ Second_____

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Saucelito Elementary School
17615 Ave 104
Terra Bella, Ca 93270
January 21, 2025

- Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by board clerk Jeff Noble. Board members were present.
- Minutes: The minutes of the December 16, 2024 meeting were read and approved on the motion of Larry Schieler and second of Jeff Noble.
- Well Settlement: The well settlement offer was approved on the motion of Jeff Noble and second of Larry Schieler.
- Bills: On the motion of a Chris Loflin and second of Larry Schieler, the board authorized payments of warrants #250255 thru #250292 totaling \$78,050.15.
- Audit Report: The board reviewed the June 30, 2024 Audit Report prepared by M. Green and Company.
- Safety Plan: The school Safety Plan was approved on the motion of Jeff Noble and second of Chris Loflin.
- School Signage: The board approved the school signage quote on the motion of Larry Schieler and second of Jeff Noble.
- Adjourned to Closed Session: Personnel issues were discussed.
- Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m. on the motion of Chris Loflin and second of Larry Schieler.

Clerk

Secretary

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| 012772 | Bob's Truck Stop | PV-250293 | 1/29/2025 | | multi | | 010-07230-0-00000-36000-43000-000-000 <i>fuel</i> | \$372.68 | | |
| | | | | | | | Total Check Amount: | \$372.68 | | |
| 012843 | California Association, FFA | PV-250294 | 1/29/2025 | | 118794 | | 010-70103-5-38000-10000-43000-000-000 <i>conference</i> | \$2,625.00 | | |
| | | | | | | | Total Check Amount: | -\$2,625.00 | | |
| 012829 | Courtney Castle | PV-250302 | 1/29/2025 | | re | | 010-11000-0-11100-10000-43000-000-000 | \$218.21 | | |
| | Courtney Castle | | 1/29/2025 | | re | | 010-70103-5-38000-10000-43000-000-000 | \$42.39 | | |
| | Courtney Castle | | 1/29/2025 | | re | | 010-26000-5-11100-10000-43000-000-000 <i>reimbursement</i> | \$498.26 | | |
| | | | | | | | Total Check Amount: | \$758.86 | | |
| 012803 | DLL Financial Services | PV-250295 | 1/29/2025 | | 589166982 | | 010-07200-0-11100-10000-56000-304-000 <i>monthly</i> | \$892.89 | | |
| | | | | | | | Total Check Amount: | \$892.89 | | |
| 005481 | EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT DEPT. | PV-250296 | 1/29/2025 | | 24 4 | | 010-00000-0-00000-00000-95025-000-000 <i>quarterly</i> | \$81.91 | G | |
| | | | | | | | Total Check Amount: | \$81.91 | | |
| 012753 | HD Supply | PV-250301 | 1/29/2025 | | 98-60-52- | | 010-00000-0-00000-82000-43000-000-000 <i>Custodial Supplies</i> | \$940.74 | M | |
| | | | | | | | Total Check Amount: | \$940.74 | | |
| 012473 | Modern Plumbing | PV-250304 | 1/29/2025 | | 109236 | | 010-00000-0-00000-85000-62000-000-000 <i>installation of drinking fountain</i> | \$8,683.00 | | |
| | | | | | | | Total Check Amount: | \$8,683.00 | | |
| 012601 | Porterville Lock & Safe | PV-250300 | 1/29/2025 | | 4758 | | 010-00000-0-00000-82000-43000-000-000 <i>doorlock repairs</i> | \$252.05 | | |
| | | | | | | | Total Check Amount: | \$252.05 | | |
| 012915 | Santa Barbara Zoo | PV-250297 | 1/29/2025 | | 399624-953244 | | 010-26000-5-11100-10000-58000-000-000 <i>Elop field trip</i> | \$444.00 | | |
| | | | | | | | Total Check Amount: | \$444.00 | | |
| 012901 | Skyline Bus Charter LLC | PV-250298 | 1/29/2025 | | 1528 | | 010-26000-5-11100-10000-59000-000-000 <i>Elop field trip</i> | \$2,900.00 | | |
| | | | | | | | Total Check Amount: | \$2,900.00 | | |
| 012692 | Southwest School & Office Supp | PV-250305 | 1/29/2025 | | multi | | 010-00000-0-00000-72000-43000-000-000 | \$232.04 | | |
| | Southwest School & Office Supp | | 1/29/2025 | | multi | | 010-26000-5-11100-10000-43000-000-000 <i>Student Supplies</i> | \$543.41 | | |

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| 012692 | Southwest School & Office Supp | PV-250305 | 1/29/2025 | | multi | | 010-70103-5-38000-10000-43000-000-000 | \$75.58 | | | |
| 012737 | SWRCB | PV-250299 | 1/29/2025 | | 1051014 | | 010-00000-0-00000-82000-55000-000-000 | \$851.03 | | | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Yandy</i> | | | | |
| 012500 | Tulare County Office of Educat | PV-250306 | 1/29/2025 | | multi | | 010-26000-5-11100-10000-58000-000-033 | \$8,849.17 | | | L |
| | Tulare County Office of Educat | | 1/29/2025 | | multi | | 010-60530-3-11100-10000-58000-000-067 | \$604.62 | | | L |
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| | Tulare County Office of Educat | | 1/29/2025 | | multi | | 010-00000-0-11100-24200-58000-000-000 | \$247.25 | | | L |
| | | | | | | | <i>Chavez after school, ERS</i> | | | | |
| | | | | | | | Total Check Amount: | \$24,090.59 | | | |
| 012296 | VISA -Cardmember Service | PV-250303 | 1/29/2025 | | 1-24-25 | | 010-00000-0-00000-72000-43000-000-000 | \$40.89 | | | M |
| | VISA -Cardmember Service | | 1/29/2025 | | 1-24-25 | | 010-70103-5-38000-10000-43000-000-000 | \$202.43 | | | M |
| | VISA -Cardmember Service | | 1/29/2025 | | 1-24-25 | | 010-70103-5-38000-10000-43000-000-000 | \$12.00 | | | M |
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| | VISA -Cardmember Service | | 1/29/2025 | | 1-24-25 | | 010-07200-0-11100-10000-43000-205-000 | \$22.99 | | | M |
| | VISA -Cardmember Service | | 1/29/2025 | | 1-24-25 | | 010-00000-0-00000-82000-43000-000-000 | \$162.78 | | | M |
| | VISA -Cardmember Service | | 1/29/2025 | | 1-24-25 | | 010-70103-5-38000-10000-43000-000-000 | \$49.24 | | | M |
| | VISA -Cardmember Service | | 1/29/2025 | | 1-24-25 | | 010-60530-3-11100-10000-43000-000-000 | \$58.14 | | | M |
| | VISA -Cardmember Service | | 1/29/2025 | | 1-24-25 | | 010-26000-5-11100-10000-43000-000-000 | \$26.93 | | | M |
| | VISA -Cardmember Service | | 1/29/2025 | | 1-24-25 | | 010-26000-5-11100-10000-43000-000-000 | \$8.61 | | | M |
| | VISA -Cardmember Service | | 1/29/2025 | | 1-24-25 | | 010-26000-5-11100-10000-43000-000-000 | \$117.41 | | | M |
| | VISA -Cardmember Service | | 1/29/2025 | | 1-24-25 | | 010-26000-5-11100-10000-43000-000-000 | \$40.91 | | | M |
| | VISA -Cardmember Service | | 1/29/2025 | | 1-24-25 | | 010-26000-5-11100-10000-43000-000-000 | \$81.85 | | | M |
| | | | | | | | Total Check Amount: | \$910.26 | | | |

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Reference Invoice
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Total District Payment Amount: \$44,665.01

Visa Expenditures - 1-30-25

| Line Number | Description | Amount | Account Code |
|-------------|-------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | Amazon- office supply | 40.89 | 010-0-00000-00000-72000-43000 |
| 2 | Amazon - student supplies | 202.43 | 010-70103-5-38000-10000-43000 |
| 3 | TPT-student supplies | 12 | 010-70103-5-38000-10000-43000 |
| 4 | Amazon - student supplies | 86.08 | 010-70103-5-38000-10000-43000 |
| 5 | Netflix, monthly re-occurring | 22.99 | 010-07200-0-11100-10000-43000-205 |
| 6 | lowes, leaf blower | 162.78 | 010-0-00000-00000-82000-43000 |
| 7 | Amazon - student supplies | 49.24 | 010-70103-5-38000-10000-43000 |
| 8 | Amazon - student supplies | 58.14 | 010-60530-3-11100-10000-43000 |
| 9 | Amazon - student supplies | 26.93 | 010-26000-5-11100-10000-43000 |
| 10 | Amazon - student supplies | 8.61 | 010-26000-5-11100-10000-43000 |
| 11 | Amazon - student supplies | 117.41 | 010-26000-5-11100-10000-43000 |
| 12 | Amazon - student supplies | 40.91 | 010-26000-5-11100-10000-43000 |
| 13 | Amazon - student supplies | 81.85 | 010-26000-5-11100-10000-43000 |

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January 15, 2025

Courtney Castle, Superintendent
Saucelito School District
17615 Avenue 104
Terra Bella, CA 93270

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF FIRST PERIOD INTERIM REPORT, 2024-25

Dear Courtney:

The county office has reviewed the 2024-25 First Period Interim Report of the Saucelito School District, and will be able to certify to the California Department of Education that the district has submitted a positive report for the period ending October 31, 2024.

We find that these documents reflect a satisfactory fiscal position and indicate the district will be able to meet its financial obligations during this fiscal year and the two subsequent years as certified by your governing board. We thank you for the timely filing of your Interim Report with our office. The efforts of your staff in the preparation and submission of this report along with the supporting documentation is appreciated.

Please read our attached addendum for further comments and recommendations.

If you have any concerns or questions about this review, our comments or recommendations, please do not hesitate to call at 733-6474.

Sincerely,



Fernie Marroquin, Ed.D.
Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Tulare County Office of Education

FM/sd
Encl.

cc: Jeff Noble, Board President
District Business Manager

BACKGROUND

Our review of the district's 2024-25 First Period Interim Report and the comments included are based on information the district had available at the time the Interim Report was prepared. On January 10th the Governor presented his budget proposal for the 2025-26 fiscal year which includes revisions to the 2024-25 first interim budget assumptions. The Governor's budget for 2025-26 proposes to preserve investments made during unexpected rapid economic growth experienced during the global pandemic. As Proposition 98 funding stabilizes from the volatility of the recent past, districts are challenged to develop multi-year projections over the next three years in a COLA only environment. Districts experiencing declining enrollment may be faced with fiscal years whereby the effective COLA approaches 0% or less as loss of attendance offsets the statutory COLA increase.

Included in the Governor's proposal for 2025-26 is a Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) COLA adjustment of 2.43%. When combined with population growth adjustments, this will result in a state-wide decrease in funding of roughly \$265 million as compared to 2024-25. The Governor's estimated COLA would also be applied to other education programs funded outside of the LCFF including Special Education, Child Nutrition, State Preschool, Foster Youth, Mandated Block Grant, and the Adult in Correctional Facilities Program. To maintain LCFF funding and fund the COLA in 2024-25, the 2024 State Budget Act included withdrawing the entire balance of the Public School System Stabilization Account. The 2025-26 Governor's budget proposal includes a 2024-25 mandatory deposit of \$1.1 billion in 2024-25 and an additional required deposit of \$376 million in 2025-26.

Outside of funding the COLA for LCFF, the Governor is committed to maintaining current levels of funding for cornerstone programs like the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program, Special Education Early Intervention Preschool Grant, Universal Meals Program, and the Home to School Transportation Reimbursement. The Prop 98 guarantee will also be "re-benched" in fiscal year 2025-26 to accommodate the final expansion of Universal Transitional Kindergarten to all 4 years olds and implementation of the Arts and Music in School – Funding Guarantee and Accountability Act (Proposition 28). Prop 98 funding levels have increased by approximately \$7.5 billion over the three-year period (2023-24 through 2025-26) as compared to 2024 State Budget Act levels. This has allowed the Governor to introduce new funding proposals including the Student Support and Professional Development Discretionary Block Grant, increased TK add-on funding to support the 10:1 student to adult ratio requirement, further investments in literacy instruction, and reinstatement of the \$1.1 billion cut to the Learning Recovery Emergency Block Grant.

Although the Governor is not projecting any budget cuts to K-12 education at this time, conditions can change in between January and the May Revise. Inflationary pressures combined with risks unique to California including emergency preparedness costs due to wildfires, affordable housing woes, state-wide declining enrollment and the phasing out of significant one-time federal funding point to the importance of planning ahead and practicing fiscal prudence.

LOCAL CONTINUITY AND ATTENDANCE PLAN

It is important to note that the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) document will resume as the main accountability document for K-12 education for the foreseeable future and there continues to be a growing emphasis on accountability measures. The 2021 Budget Act included language that requires districts to maintain supplemental and concentration grant funds to increase and improve services to unduplicated pupils until the funds are fully spent. This provision effectively disallows supplemental and concentration dollars from being carried over in an unrestricted fashion from one year to the next. This provision will be especially challenging for those districts that continually fall short of meeting their minimum proportionality requirement.

In addition to the supplemental and concentration grant carryover provision, the 2021 Budget Act also increased the concentration grant percentage from 55% to 65%. The funding associated with this “add-on” must be used to increase the number of adults providing direct services to students. There has been a prompt added to the LCAP template whereby districts must describe how the additional concentration grant add-on funding will be used to increase the number of staff providing direct services at schools that have a high concentration of unduplicated students. This is an on-going accountability measure that will require tracking of how these concentration add-on funds are being spent.

Lastly, due to the passage of AB1808 in 2018 the LCAP template now incorporates a section titled “Budget Overview for Parents” which is intended to help stakeholders better understand funding decisions included in the LCAP. This bill takes an additional step towards increasing transparency over those additional supplemental and concentration dollars generated by unduplicated students. The Budgeted Overview for Parents is intended to help stakeholders better understand funding decisions included in the associated LCAP.

RETIREMENT COSTS

The CalPERS Board adopted changes to the actuarial assumptions that became effective June 30, 2015. The changes result in a projected increase to the employer contribution rates for 2015-16 and for the following five years. The CalPERS and CalSTRS rates shown for 2020-21 include the subsidy provided as part of the passage of AB84 on April 21, 2020 and rate offset included in the 2021 State Budget. The 2025-26 projected employer contribution rate is calculated and included in the latest CalPERS School Actuarial Valuation report.

| CalPERS Actual and Projected Rates | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 2020-21 Actual | 2021-22 Actual | 2022-23 Actual | 2023-24 Actual | 2024-25 Actual | 2025-26 Projected |
| 20.70% | 22.91% | 25.37% | 26.68% | 27.05% | 27.40% |

Likewise, Assembly Bill 1469 increased the contribution rates that employers, employees and the state pay to support the State Teachers Retirement System. Employer rates will continued to increase until 2020-21. Thereafter, the STRS employer rate is set by the CalSTRS board.

| CalSTRS Rates per Education Code Sections 22901.7 and 22950.5 | | | | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 2020-21 Actual | 2021-22 Actual | 2022-23 Actual | 2023-24 Actual | 2024-25 Actual | 2025-26 Projected |
| 16.15% | 16.92% | 19.10% | 19.10% | 19.10% | 19.10% |

RESERVES

Reserve Caps – Our office continues to reinforce the need for reserves over the state minimum reserve requirements. Past experience has clearly demonstrated these minimum levels are not sufficient to protect educational programs from severe disruption in an economic downturn. The typical 3% reserve minimum represents less than two weeks of payroll for nearly all districts. Many LEAs have established reserve policies calling for higher than state minimum reserves, recognizing their duty to maintain fiscal solvency.

In October 2017 the Governor signed Senate Bill 751 which made significant changes to the previous Senate Bill 858 reserve cap requirements. These changes became effective January 1, 2018. The cap now allows for 10% of assigned or unassigned ending balances on a more limited number of district funds. It also exempts districts with fewer than 2,501 average daily attendance from the cap requirement.

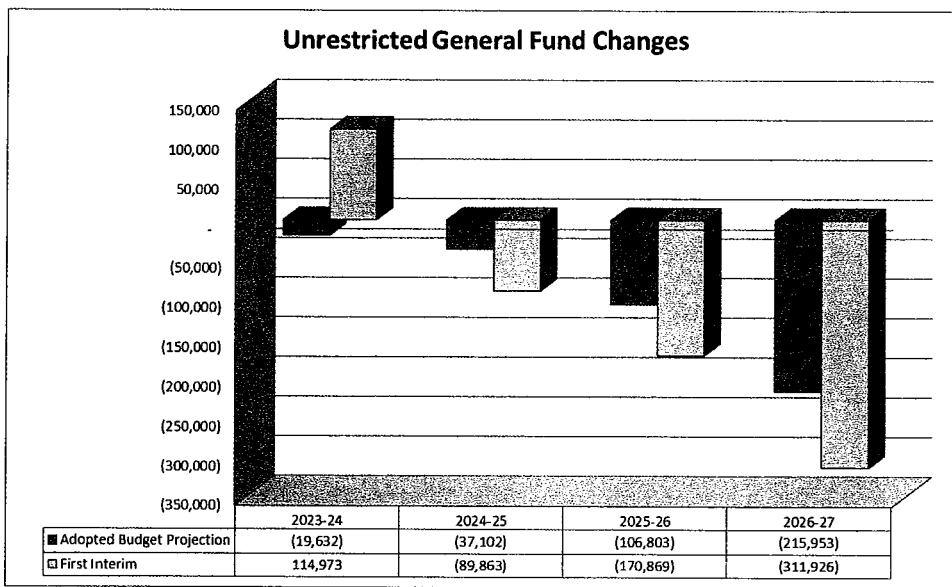
The provisions of SB 751 are not imposed until the year after funds in the Public School System Stabilization Account (PSSSA) equals or exceeds 3% of Proposition 98 funding for school districts. The 2024 State Budget Act includes the

withdraw of the entire \$8.4 billion from PSSSA in fiscal year 2023-24. The Governor’s budget proposal projects a contribution to PSSSA of \$1.1 billion in fiscal year 2024-25. As this amount does not exceed 3% Proposition 98 funding for school districts, the cap on district reserves is not projected to be triggered in 2025-26.

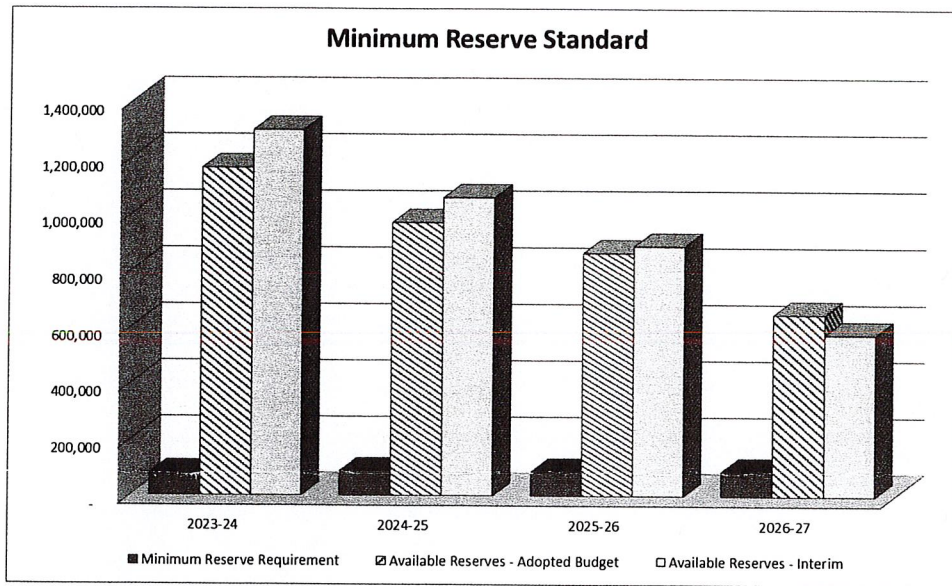
Full Accrual Financial Position - As audit reports have begun to recognize long-term pension obligations under GASB 68, districts find their annual audit report may reflect a negative unrestricted balance on their Statement of Net Position. Beginning with fiscal year 2017-18, district audit reports will also reflect the full impact of long-term commitments for Other Post-Employment Benefits (Retiree health plans) under GASB 75. This will further reduce a district’s unrestricted net position. This will likely result in public concern over the fiscal management of the school district and higher costs associated with long-term financing. We encourage districts to review and understand their district’s unrestricted net position upon receipt of the district’s audited financial statements for 2023-24 in case questioned.

LOCAL CONTROL FUNDING FORMULA PROJECTIONS

The following graphs provide a comparison of the district’s adopted budget and the current interim’s anticipated change in the unrestricted general fund balance. The differences primarily represent an updated beginning balance for the year, changes in state LCFF estimates and changes in district provided ADA estimates.



The next graph presents the district’s 2024-25 First Interim reserve status compared with the original adopted budget and state minimum reserve requirement.



COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This section of our letter lists comments and recommendations we consider appropriate as a result of our review and current state budget projections.

- ➡ *The district is projecting current and future reserves that reflect a sound fiscal position. We commend the district for maintaining a secure financial position.*
- ➡ *There are no additional comments or recommendations.*