



# BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

*Board Highlights provides summary information from the Aromas-San Juan Unified School District board meetings.*

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The following is a summary of agenda items thought to be of greatest interest from the November 15, 2023 Board of Trustees meeting.

**2023-2024 First Interim Budget Study Session** - Chief Business Official Daniel Ornelas presented on the First Interim Budget.

**Annual Developer Fee Report** - CBO Ornelas reviewed the required annual report which shows the developer fees collected and spent in the last five years and a five-year projection.

**Dale Scott & Company** - Dale Scott presented a review of our debt management related to our current bonds. He presented some recommendations and outlook for future consideration. The Board approved our ongoing agreement with Dale Scott and Company and agreed that Dale Scott should begin working on a survey useful in ascertaining community interest.

## **Contracts approved by the Board related to the San Juan Construction Project**

**EnviroScience, Inc.** - This contract covers potential Hazardous Material Inspection for San Juan School Rehabilitation Project necessary as we ready the site for construction.

**Department of Toxic Substances Control** - This is an Environmental Oversight Agreement regarding the Department of Toxic Substances Agreement for the necessary due diligence and state regulatory oversight required by Education Codes for the project.

**McCloskey Consultants - UST** - This contract was approved. The scope of work includes the proper Underground Storage Tank (UST) Removal and Closure Permitting, UST oversight during the excavation activities by a registered geologist, and required confirmation soil samples and the required UST Removal Closure Report. This relates to an empty UST found near the old bus barn area of the property.

## **New Position - Purchasing/Accounts Payable Technician**

To facilitate the increased workload in part caused by the San Juan Construction Project, the Board approved this new business office position to focus on accounts payable, especially during this construction period of time with the San Juan project.

**Sub School Learning Platform** - The Board approved this contract to provide online professional development for substitute teachers including topics like classroom management, etc.

**Substitute incentive** - The Board approved this incentive to help address our substitute teacher shortage.

**Chartwell School Contract** - The Board approved this contract to support a need in special education for one student.

**Board Policy 6146.1 High School Graduation Requirements** - The Board did a first reading of this policy which was an updating, clarifying, and aligning board policy on our graduation requirements with state requirements and local practice. It will be brought back for approval at its second reading at the December meeting as amended.

**Information Session on Standards for Graduation:** Director of Curriculum and Instruction Jivan Dhaliwal presented information on last year's cohort of graduates and spoke to the graduation requirements.

**Information Session:** A presentation occurred from our representatives from our **Youth Alliance After School Program** which has been expanded this year to cover San Juan and Aromas schools as well as operate in the summer time in partnership with ASJ+.

**Board President Discussion:** December 13 is the date for the reorganization of the Board at which they elect president and clerk. This discussion was for the Board in public to discuss the process and related thoughts.

**Future Meetings:**

December 13, 2023 - Regular Board Meeting (reorganization of board); 6pm Closed; 7pm Open