

Santa Ana Unified School District  
1601 E. Chestnut Avenue  
Santa Ana, California 92701

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING  
SANTA ANA BOARD OF EDUCATION

May 8, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:50 p.m. by Board President Rob Richardson. Other members in attendance were Mrs. Avila, Dr. Yamagata-Noji, Mr. Hernandez, and Mr. Palacio.

Cabinet members present were Ms. Russo, Dr. Olsky, Mr. Lopez, Dr. Stainer, and Dr. Bratcher.

MEETING RECESSED AND RECONVENED

The Regular meeting was immediately recessed to Closed Session to consider real estate negotiations, legal matters, personnel matters, special education contracts, and student discipline issues.

The Regular meeting was reconvened at 6:20 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Board Member Palacio.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Russo began her remarks by giving a special tribute to Mr. Bob Nelson who has been a part of the Santa Ana Unified School District for 42 years. Mr. Nelson retired from the District as principal of Valley High School in 2001. Since then, he has made his time available to substitute in a variety of administrative capacities, most recently as Interim Deputy Superintendent.

For his extraordinary dedication, integrity of leadership, and commitment, Ms. Russo presented to Mr. Nelson the first ABC-D Award for going *Above and Beyond the Call of Duty!* He was congratulated by each member of the Board and commended for his service.

In pointing out the artwork in the Board Room, the Superintendent expressed appreciation to the students from the Kinder Readiness Program from several schools and Thorpe Fundamental and to the teaching staff at these sites. She also called attention to the work of Mr. Foster's Advanced Drawing and Painting course from Saddleback High as they depicted paintings of Super Heroes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

There was no response to President Richardson's call for members of the community wishing to address the Board to step forward.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 5-0 to approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting of April 24, 2007.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

The following items were removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion and separate action: Approval of Listing of Agreements/Contracts Between Santa Ana Unified School District and Various Consultants for Period of April 11 through 24, 2007; Approval of Payment of Advanced Placement Test Fees to College Board; and Approval of Cancellation of Four Regular Meetings of the Board of Education.

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 5-0 to approve the remaining items on the Consent Calendar as follows:

Approval of purchase order summary of orders \$25,000 and over for period of April 11 through 24, 2007.

Approval of expenditure summary and detailed listing of checks \$25,000 and over for period of April 11 through 24, 2007.

Approval of disposal of obsolete un-repairable computer equipment, miscellaneous furniture, equipment, or textbooks.

Authorization to reject bids, revise the plans and scope, and rebid the bid package for the construction of the Facilities Relocation Project.

Authorization to reject the apparent lowest bidder and award to the second apparent lowest bidder, Edwin G. Bowen, Inc., for a total amount of \$68,659 for the construction of the Facilities Relocation Project.

Authorization to renew contracts for the purchase of school paper supplies in the amount of \$180,000, for a period of one year, pursuant to Bid No. 8-06, to the following: Office Depot (\$109,000); School Specialty (\$1,900); Hamlet (\$46,000); Pioneer Stationers, Inc. (\$15,700); and Southwest School & Office Supply (\$7,400).

Authorization to Obtain Bids for site preparation and installation of new playground equipment at Mitchell Child Development Center for Headstart State Preschool.

Approval of Sprint Nextel Transition Plan to bring the District's broadband service into compliance with recently-adopted rules by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

Acceptance of a gift in accordance with Board Policy 3290 - Gifts, Grants, and Bequests. See attached list.

Approval of extended field trips in accordance with Board Policy (BP) 6153 - School-Sponsored Trips and Administrative Regulation (AR) 6153.1 - Extended School-Sponsored Trips. A list is attached to the Minutes.

Approval of recommendations of the administrative hearing panels to expel students for the recommended terms and with the recommended remediation conditions:

157015 - Lathrop Intermediate School

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph c, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District, and that the student may apply for readmission on or after January 15, 2008.

177387 - Spurgeon Intermediate School

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph b, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District, and that the student may apply for readmission on or after June 20, 2007.

301352 - Villa Intermediate School

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph c, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District, and that the student may apply for readmission on or after May 8, 2008.

165751 - Mendez Intermediate School

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph a and b, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District, and that the student may apply for readmission on or after January 15, 2008.

176269 - Sierra Intermediate School

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph a, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District, and that the student may apply for readmission on or after June 20, 2007.

149223 - Carr Intermediate School

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph c, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District, and that the student may apply for readmission on or after June 20, 2007.

173893 - Villa Intermediate School

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph c, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District, and that the student may apply for readmission on or after January 15, 2008.

302112 - Lathrop Intermediate School

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph a, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District, and that the student may apply for readmission on or after January 15, 2008.

160368 - Villa Intermediate School

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph c, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District, and that the student may apply for readmission on or after January 15, 2008.

325753 - Sierra Intermediate School

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph b, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District, and that the student may apply for readmission on or after June 20, 2007.

174907 - Lathrop Intermediate School

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph a, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District, and that the student may apply for readmission on or after June 20, 2007.

159931 - Willard Intermediate School

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph c, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District, and that the student may apply for readmission on or after January 15, 2008.

147218 - Sierra Intermediate School

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph a, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District, and that the student may apply for readmission on or after January 15, 2008.

177579 - Spurgeon Intermediate School

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph g, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District, and that the student may apply for readmission on or after June 20, 2007.

Approval of payment and/or reimbursement of costs incurred for designated instructional services for students with disabilities.

Adoption of Resolution No. 06/07-2684 - Certification of a Board Member's absence from a Board Meeting - Rob Richardson (See attached copy.)

Adoption of Resolution No. 06/07-2685 - Certification of a Board Member's absence from a Board Meeting - Rosemarie Avila. (See attached copy.)

Approval of Board Member's attendance at California School Boards Association Masters in Governance Program Conference, Module II on October 5, 2007, and ratification of attendance at the California School Boards Association Masters in Governance Program Conference, Module I in Anaheim, California, on April 20, 2007.

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION AND SEPARATE ACTION:**

APPROVAL OF LISTING OF AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS BETWEEN THE SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND VARIOUS CONSULTANTS FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 11 THROUGH 24, 2007

Mr. Palacio stated that he had removed this item from the Consent Calendar in accordance with Board direction at the previous meeting to investigate the Thinking Map program expenditure.

Dr. Stainer stated that this contract represented a ratification of services previously rendered.

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 5-0 to approve the attached listing of agreements/contracts between the Santa Ana Unified School District and various consultants for the period of April 11 through 24, 2007.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF ADVANCED PLACEMENT TEST FEES TO THE COLLEGE BOARD

Mr. Palacio removed this item from the Consent Calendar to express appreciation for the assistance in providing funds for economically disadvantaged students to pay the costs of test fees.

It was moved by Mr. Palacio and seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji to approve payment of the Advanced Placement test fees to the College Board.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji requested that the Board be provided information regarding the testing results annually.

Upon call for the vote, the motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF CANCELLATION OF FOUR REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dr. Yamagata-Noji removed this item from the Consent Calendar for the purpose of objecting to the proposed cancellations. She indicated that cancellation of the second meeting in December falling on Christmas Day is the only date she would be able to support. She stated that she believes that missing other meetings creates a hardship in conducting the business of the District.

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mrs. Avila, and carried 3-2, Dr. Yamagata-Noji and Mr. Hernandez dissenting, to approve the cancellation of regular meetings of the Board of Education scheduled for July 10, August 14, November 27, and December 25, 2007, and schedule special Board meetings should it become necessary for the operation of the Santa Ana Unified School District.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEWLY-HIRED DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT CATHIE OLSKY, ED.D.**

Superintendent Russo stated that it gave her great pleasure to introduce to members of the Board and audience Dr. Cathie Olsky, who has joined the staff of Santa Ana Unified School District as Deputy Superintendent. Dr. Olsky has been in K-12 districts throughout California, has worked at all levels, and has been involved in programs across the spectrum of education. Ms. Russo stated that Dr. Olsky will be a great asset to the District.

Dr. Olsky stepped to the podium to express her enthusiasm at becoming a part of Santa Ana Unified School District.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**2.0 ACCEPTANCE OF PROGRESS REPORT AND BENCHMARK TIMELINE FROM ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SCHOOL ASSISTANCE AND INTERVENTION TEAM FOR GRANT ELEMENTARY, LOWELL ELEMENTARY, AND SPURGEON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS**

This school year, Grant Elementary, Lowell Elementary, and Spurgeon Intermediate schools participated in a School Assistance Intervention Team (SAIT) Review as part of a requirement for the Intermediate Intervention/Underperforming Schools Program. The District contracted with the Orange County Department of Education to provide support and to make benchmark reports.

Dr. Stainer introduced members of the Orange County Department of Education School Assistance and Intervention Team and called upon Ms. Sandra Lapham to step to the podium and present the report.

Ms. Lapham examined with the Board the results of the SAIT Review of the three schools and answered questions from members of the Board.

In response to a question regarding the need to continue SAIT reports on Grant Elementary School, which the Board has taken action to close at the end of the current school year, Ms. Lapham stated that legally the report must be completed, but will focus only on those items which would be of benefit to teachers as they move to other schools within the District.

Ms. Lapham concluded her review by stating that the District will receive the next report on June 29, 2007.

It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, and carried 5-0 to accept the School Assistance and Intervention Team (SAIT) First Benchmark Report of Progress for Grant Elementary, Lowell Elementary, and Spurgeon Intermediate schools by the Orange County Department of Education.

### **3.0 APPROVAL OF SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 2008-09 BUDGET REDUCTIONS**

This agenda item reaffirms to the Orange County Department of Education (OCDE) that the District will make, at minimum, (1) Non-enrollment teacher related budget reductions totaling \$17 million for the 2008-09 budget year with specific budget cuts to be identified by the District by December 15, 2007, and (2) Reduce deficit spending for the Unrestricted General Fund by 50% each year starting in 2008-09 while maintaining a 2% reserve requirement.

Mr. Kelvin Tsunezumi, Director of Budget, stated that the District has been in a declining enrollment trend for several years. As with other districts faced with declining enrollment, budget reductions have been required to offset the loss in revenues.

He stated that budget reductions for future years are normally presented to the Board in the June timeframe. However, this information is being presented one month earlier to be considered along with the proposed tentative agreements for the certificated and classified associations, items 14.0 and 15.0 of the agenda for this meeting. Given these proposals, the Orange County Department of Education, which provides oversight for the District, has requested that the Board formally approve and commit to these reductions and accompanying stipulations.

Mr. Tsunezumi, using the Multi-Year Projections, explained to the Board how the \$17 million in reductions were derived. He also stated that the formal presentation on the upcoming budget would be in June.

In response to a question, Mr. Tsunezumi confirmed that an assumed \$2 million loss in Class Size Reduction (CSR) revenues is currently reflected in the Multi-Year Project.

He summarized by stating that the \$17 million in budget reductions is a preliminary estimate and place holder. Once updated information is obtained on the Governor's May Revise proposal, the Multi-Year Projection will be updated and a new budget reduction target will be established.

Mr. Richardson asked that the Board be provided a chronology of the cuts made in the last four to five years.

Ms. Russo pointed out that all principals have received significant training in the proper use of categorical funds, always assuring that such dollars supplement, not supplant, instruction. She further indicated that sites have been instructed to start their school master plans earlier in the year.

During discussion of restricted versus unrestricted reserves, Mr. Palacio and Mr. Richardson asked that further information be provided to each member clarifying these reserves.

It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mrs. Avila, and carried 5-0 to approve 2008-09 Budget Reductions to identify specific budget cut items by December 15, 2007.

**4.0 AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR BID PACKAGES NO. 07-08 FOR FACILITIES RELOCATION PROJECT**

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 4-1, Mr. Palacio dissenting, to authorize the Administration to award contracts to the apparent lowest responsible bidder, Gianelli Electric, Inc., for a total amount of \$457,101 for the construction of Facilities Relocation Project.

Mr. Palacio reiterated that his negative vote reflects his objection to the overall project.

**5.0 AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN BIDS FOR CARPET AND HARD SURFACE REPLACEMENT DISTRICTWIDE**

Approval of this item will initiate an annual contract for carpet and flooring replacement rather than the current process of bidding for each project.

Mr. Palacio requested that major carpet/hard surface replacement projects be brought back to the Board on an individual basis.

It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, and carried 5-0 to authorize the Administration to obtain bids for an annual contract for carpeting and hard surface flooring replacement Districtwide for one year with an option to renew annually for up to four additional years.

**6.0 AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN BIDS FOR EXTERIOR PAINTING AT WALKER ELEMENTARY AND GREENVILLE FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENTARY, SANTA ANA HIGH, AND MITCHELL CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Palacio, and carried 5-0 to authorize the Administration to obtain bids for exterior painting at Walker and Greenville Fundamental, Santa Ana High, and Mitchell Child Development Center.

**7.0 AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN BIDS FOR PURCHASE OF COPIER PAPER FOR WAREHOUSE STOCK**

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mrs. Avila, and carried 5-0 to authorize the Administration to obtain bids for the purchase of copier paper for warehouse stock.

**8.0 RATIFICATION OF SUBMISSION OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER INCENTIVE PROGRAM APPLICATIONS TO CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOLS**

Approval of this item will ratify submission by each elementary and intermediate school within the District for funding of \$35,000 per school per year through the California Department of Education to hire credentialed physical education teachers.

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, and carried 5-0 to ratify the submission of Physical Education Teacher Incentive Program

applications to the California Department of Education for elementary schools and secondary schools in the District.

**9.0 APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO CONSULTANT AGREEMENT WITH ORANGE COUNTY CHILDREN'S THERAPEUTIC ARTS CENTER, A STATE-APPROVED SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES PROVIDER**

Start-up services for 75 students were approved at the September 12, 2006, Board meeting. In accordance with the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act, Supplemental Education Services, there are now 477 students receiving services through this provider.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji voiced her disapproval of the use of Supplemental Education Service providers as mandated by NCLB. However, she indicated that there is no choice but to support it until such time as the legislation is changed.

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 5-0 to approve the amendment to consultant agreement with Orange County Children's Therapeutic Arts Center, a state-approved Supplemental Education Services (SES) provider.

**10.0 APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO CONSULTANT AGREEMENT WITH EDUCATION STATION, A STATE-APPROVED SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES PROVIDER**

Services by this provider have expanded from the initial 23 student start up to the current 492 enrollment.

Ms. Nuria Solis, Coordinator, Student Achievement, answered questions about the lack of regulations controlling fees charged by the different providers and stated that discussion is taking place on that aspect as the NCLB bill comes up for reauthorization.

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 5-0 to approve the amendment to consultant agreement with Education Station, a State-approved Supplemental Education Services (SES) provider.

**11.0 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 06/07-2686 - PROCLAIMING MAY 2007 AS ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

The Santa Ana Unified School District annually recognizes the many contributions made by celebrating May in honor of the local Asian Pacific American community.

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mrs. Avila, and carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution 06/07-2686 designating May 2007 as SAUSD's Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. A copy of the Resolution is attached to the Minutes.

**12.0 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 06/07-2687 - PROCLAIMING MAY 6-12, 2007, AS NATIONAL SCHOOL NURSES' WEEK**

In recognition of contributions made by school nurses to the total education program, May 6-12 will be set aside to express appreciation to these valued employees.



Ms. Gayle McLean, Program Specialist, Health Services, stepped to the podium to announce the news that District nurse Cynthia Cady has just been recognized as the School Nurse of the Year by the Orange County School Nurse Organization and by the Southern Section of the California School Nurse Organization. Congratulations were offered by members of the Board of Education.

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, and carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution 06/07-2687 designating May 6-12, 2007, as National School Nurses' Week. A copy of the Resolution is attached to the Minutes.

**13.0 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 06/07-2688 - PROCLAIMING MAY 6-12, 2007, AS NATIONAL TEACHER/SUPPORT STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK AND MAY 15-20, 2007, AS CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE WEEK**

May is the month in which celebrations take place in the Santa Ana Unified School District to recognize and honor the contributions of teachers, support staff, and classified employees as partners in education.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji inquired as to plans for celebrating and asked that the Board be kept informed of such events.

It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution 06/07-2688 designating May 6-12, 2007, as National Teacher/Support Staff Appreciation Week and May 15-20, 2007, as Classified Employee Week. A copy of the Resolution is attached.

**14.0 PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH SANTA ANA EDUCATOR'S ASSOCIATION FOR 2006-07 SCHOOL YEAR**

Government Code requires educational agencies to publicly disclose the provisions of all collective bargaining agreements before entering into a written agreement.

Mr. Lopez presented a synopsis of the tentative agreement, pointing out the 5% salary increase retroactive to February 1, 2007, and the changes to health benefits. These provisions have been approved by the Orange County Department of Education per AB 1200.

It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0 to accept and publicly acknowledge the Collective Bargaining Agreement (per AB 1200) with the Santa Ana Educator's Association for the 2006-07 school year.

**15.0 PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH CALIFORNIA SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION FOR 2006-07 SCHOOL YEAR**

Government Code requires educational agencies to publicly disclose the provisions of all collective bargaining agreements before entering into a written agreement.

Mr. Lopez reviewed the salary provisions and modifications to the health benefits contained in the tentative agreement with the District's classified employees. Terms of the agreement have been approved by the Orange County Department of Education.

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, and carried 5-0 to accept and publicly acknowledge the Collective Bargaining Agreement (per AB 1200) with the California School Employees Association.

**16.0 APPROVAL OF SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT'S INITIAL BARGAINING PROPOSAL TO SANTA ANA EDUCATOR'S ASSOCIATION (SAEA) AND SUCCESSOR AGREEMENT FOR 2007-10 SCHOOL YEARS AND CALL FOR PUBLIC HEARING**

The entire collective bargaining agreement with the District's certificated staff is subject to negotiations for the 2007-10 school years. Under provisions of Government Code and Board Policy, the District's proposal must be made available to the public. An opportunity will be provided for public comment at the next Regular Board meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, and carried 5-0 to approve the initial reopening bargaining proposal to SAEA for the 2007-10 school years and call for a public hearing on May 22, 2007

**17.0 APPROVAL OF SANTA ANA EDUCATOR'S ASSOCIATION INITIAL BARGAINING PROPOSAL TO SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND SUCCESSOR AGREEMENT FOR 2007-10 SCHOOL YEARS AND CALL FOR PUBLIC HEARING**

Under provisions of Government Code and Board Policy, the District's proposal must be made available to the public. An opportunity will be provided for public comment at the May 22, 2007, Regular Board meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 5-0 to approve the initial reopening bargaining proposal to Santa Ana Unified School District for the 2007-10 school years and call for a public hearing on May 22, 2007.

**18.0 PERSONNEL ACTION**

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mrs. Avila, and carried 5-0 to approve the Personnel Calendar in its entirety. A copy is attached to the Minutes.

**19.0 BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS/ACTIVITIES**Mr. Palacio:

- ❖ Invited Board members and community to participate in the Nutrition Fair on May 19 and the tentatively-scheduled July 8<sup>th</sup> youth program fund raiser. For each event, Councilmember Martinez has asked elected officials to participate in a basketball game and a baseball game, respectively.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji:

- ❖ Congratulated Karen Bluel and the Valley staff for the excellent production of "Anything Goes." She thanked members of the community for their support of this event.
- ❖ Invited members of the community to get an insiders look at the District by joining in the bus tour of campuses and lunch on May 17, 2007.

Mr. Hernandez:

- ❖ Expressed appreciation to all retirees for their years of dedicated service, especially noting Betty Wagner, Principal of Thorpe Fundamental Elementary School.

Mrs. Avila:

- ❖ Congratulated Don Trigg, Associate Superintendent, Business Services, for his selection for the Association of California School Administrator's (ACSA) Region XVII Business Services Award. Ms. Russo added that two other SAUSD administrators have been honored: Mr. Jack Oakes, Director of ROP, for Career Technical

Education; and Ms. Lucinda Nares-Pueblos, Principal, Lathrop Intermediate School, for Valuing Diversity Award. Congratulations were offered to all of these deserving recipients.

Mr. Richardson:

- ❖ Echoed Dr. Yamagata-Moji's praise of the Valley High School production of "Anything Goes." He emphasized that the event, including the dinner beforehand, was an excellent way to showcase the great things happening in the District.

**AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA**

Mr. Richardson asked that the Board take action to amend the Agenda to consider a time sensitive item pertaining to commencement activities.

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, and carried 5-0 to amend the Agenda to consider the following item.

**20.0 BOARD POLICY (BP) AND ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION (AR) 5127 - GRADUATION CEREMONIES AND ACTIVITIES, EXIT EXAMINATION (REVISED: FIRST READING)**

Dr. Bratcher stated that bringing these two documents to the Board for review at this meeting and revision at the next meeting would give the opportunity to severely handicapped pupils to receive a Certificate of Achievement and participate in graduation ceremonies.

While reviewing the document, Dr. Yamagata-Noji asked that the Board be given an update on CAHSEE. She further suggested that the District continue certificates of completion as well as certificates of achievement with distinguishing criteria for each.

Dr. Bratcher stated that the District does not have the results of the March CAHSEE, but will present that information to the Board at a future meeting.

Board Policies and Administrative Regulations are brought to one meeting for review and the following meeting for adoption. Approval of these items will be added to the agenda of the next Regular meeting.

**REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

By a vote of 5-0, the Board took action to approve the non-reelection of a certificated employee as identified in Closed Session.

Moved: Richardson \_\_\_ Avila \_\_\_ Yamagata-Noji X Hernández \_\_\_ Palacio \_\_\_  
Seconded: Richardson \_\_\_ Avila \_\_\_ Yamagata-Noji \_\_\_ Hernández X Palacio \_\_\_  
Vote: Ayes 5 Noes 0 Abstain \_\_\_\_\_ Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

By a vote of 5-0, the Board took action to appoint William Souza to the position of Principal, Edison Elementary School.

Moved: Richardson \_\_\_ Avila X Yamagata-Noji \_\_\_ Hernández \_\_\_ Palacio \_\_\_  
Seconded: Richardson \_\_\_ Avila \_\_\_ Yamagata-Noji \_\_\_ Hernández X Palacio \_\_\_  
Vote: Ayes 5 Noes 0 Abstain \_\_\_\_\_ Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

By a vote of 5-0, the Board took action to appoint Art Jimenez to the position of Principal, Esqueda Elementary School.

Moved: Richardson \_\_\_ Avila X Yamagata-Noji \_\_\_ Hernández\_\_\_ Palacio \_\_\_  
Seconded: Richardson \_\_\_ Avila \_\_\_ Yamagata-Noji \_\_\_ Hernández X Palacio \_\_\_  
Vote: Ayes 5 Noes 0 Abstain \_\_\_\_\_ Absent \_\_\_\_\_

By a vote of 5-0, the Board took action to appoint Lisa Gonzales-Solomon to the position of Principal, Martin Elementary School.

Moved: Richardson \_\_\_ Avila X Yamagata-Noji \_\_\_ Hernández\_ \_ Palacio \_\_\_  
Seconded: Richardson \_\_\_ Avila \_\_\_ Yamagata-Noji X Hernández\_\_\_ Palacio \_\_\_  
Vote: Ayes 5 Noes 0 Abstain \_\_\_\_\_ Absent \_\_\_\_\_

By a vote of 5-0, the Board took action to appoint Lisa Hinshaw to the position of Principal, McFadden Intermediate School.

Moved: Richardson X Avila \_\_\_ Yamagata-Noji \_\_\_ Hernández\_\_\_ Palacio \_\_\_  
Seconded: Richardson \_\_\_ Avila \_\_\_ Yamagata-Noji X Hernández\_\_\_ Palacio \_\_\_  
Vote: Ayes 5 Noes 0 Abstain \_\_\_\_\_ Absent \_\_\_\_\_

Additionally, there were three litigation cases discussed in Closed Session.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Richardson recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 7:50 p.m. to consider a personnel matter for which there was no action to be reported.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Regular meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, May 22, 2007, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jane A. Russo  
Secretary  
Santa Ana Board of Education