

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

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
SANTA ANA BOARD OF EDUCATION

September 13, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m. by President Hernández. Other members in attendance were Mr. Richardson, Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and Mr. Palacio. Mr. Reyna was not present at the meeting.

Cabinet members present were Dr. Meléndez de Santa Ana, Dr. Olsky, Mr. Lopez, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Mendez, Ms. Lohnes, Mr. Dixon, and Ms. Miller.

CLOSED SESSION PRESENTATIONS

Board President Hernández asked those wishing to address the Board in matters pertaining to Closed Session to step to the podium.

There were no individuals wishing to address the Board on matters of Closed Session.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

The Regular meeting recessed to Closed Session to consider confidential issues, negotiations and personnel matters.

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

The Regular meeting reconvened at 6:35 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Jonathan Garcia, fourth grade student from John Adams Elementary School.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Dr. Meléndez welcomed all present at the meeting.

Superintendent Meléndez's opening report consisted of ways SAUSD is furthering the teaching and learning process. Dr. Meléndez spoke about the Response to Intervention Strategies at the elementary school level which have added academic gains to students. Dr. Meléndez has also looked into "Data Dives" with the District Instructional Leadership Team. Each individual school and student achievement is analyzed.

Marking a special time in the history of our country, Segerstrom High School students from Ms. Mateo's U.S. History class and Mr. Bradshaw's A.P. U.S. History class reflected on 9/11 discussion and conducted interviews for a Channel 7, ABC Network special segment.

The Superintendent invited Valley High School ASB President Josue Barajas to the podium. Josue shared highlights of the week's events in commemoration of this historic occasion. A short video was shared.

Dr. Meléndez presented an excerpt from a video featuring Board Vice President Rob Richardson in observance of Constitution Day on Friday, September 16. Students will be recognizing Constitution Day and Citizenship Day to commemorate the signing of the U.S. Constitution.

Superintendent Meléndez reminded parents of the upcoming Back-to-School nights as follow:

Thursday, September 15 - Elementary Schools

Wednesday, September 21 - High Schools

These Back-to-School nights serve as an opportunity for parents to meet teachers and learn about the upcoming school year as well as school policies, procedures, class assignments, and student expectations.

The annual Santa Ana Unified School District College night will be hosted by Godinez Fundamental High School on Wednesday, October 5, 2011 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

The Fiestas Patrias Parade in celebration of Mexican Independence Day will take place on September 18 at 4:00 p.m. Board members including Dr. Yamagata-Noji, Mr. Richardson, and Mr. Reyna will participate in the parade along with Superintendent Meléndez.

Dr. Meléndez announced Senator Lou Correa's kickoff event sponsoring the California in Motion Health and Fitness Fair on Saturday, September 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Valley High School.

The third annual Closing the Latino Achievement Gap Orange County Summit will be held on Friday, September 30, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Santa Ana College's Phillips Hall. The conference will feature several informative sessions. The keynote speakers for this event include Director Juan Sepulveda, White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans; Dr. Patricia Gándara, leading UCLA researcher on educational equity and Dr. José Moreno, CSU Long Beach Associate Professor and Los Amigos President.

Superintendent Meléndez shared her experience during her first weeks at SAUSD. Dr. Meléndez has visited school sites and has met with members of the community and key constituents.

RECOGNITION

Classified Employee of the Month for September 2011 - Ernesto Dolores Lopez

The District Classified Selection Committee nominated Mr. Ernesto Dolores Lopez as the Classified Employee of the Month for September. Ernesto serves as night custodian of Santiago Elementary School. Ernesto is a hardworking, dedicated employee who has provided students with a positive learning environment as well as maintenance and safety for all students and staff. Mr. Lopez was presented with a gift card and a plaque. He was accompanied by family, friends, and colleagues.

PRESENTATIONS

Unaudited Actuals and Budget Update

Mr. Michael Bishop, Associate Superintendent, Business Services, provided an overview of budget priorities/considerations for the 2011-12 school year which included 2010-11 unaudited actuals, budget updates, cash flow updates, and enrollment updates.

Mr. Bishop stated that the reduction target has been met for 2011-12. There are no lay-offs and no significant changes from the past five months of budget updates. The 2012-13 budget challenge is expected to be more difficult than fiscal 2011-12.

Federal Jobs Bill was partially used in 2010-11 for Certificated and Classified retirement incentive, and used to restore five negotiated furlough days for site certificated and administration in the current year.

School Improvement Grant schools were required to complete a corrective action plan prior to the opening of school to maintain year two funding which included an extension of the school day for Increased Learning Time.

QEIA sites are reviewed on multiple targets including class size and API; funding is in jeopardy due to class size targets.

Dr. Tony Wold, Executive Director of Business Operations, presented information regarding Program Verification. Students that are "no show" have been inactivated from enrollment and sites are beginning the outreach process for locating these students. Staffing is budgeted based upon enrollment projections. Staff is not hired until there is a verified enrollment at the elementary and intermediate level. Discussion ensued relative to credit recovery and independent studies.

Summer Projects Update

Mr. Joe Dixon, Assistant Superintendent, Facilities & Governmental Relations provided an update of facilities work that took place this summer. A PowerPoint slide presentation was made. Building services projects included painting, pressure washing, demolition of ceiling tiles, relocation of portable classrooms, relocation of portable restrooms, parking lot striping, sewer repairs and relocation of backflow device, wall damage repairs, boiler installation, roof repair, emergency lighting installation and numerous other projects throughout the District.

Construction projects took place at five elementary schools (Davis, Edison, Heninger, Hoover and Jackson), four intermediate schools (MacArthur Fundamental, Sierra Preparatory Academy, Spurgeon and Willard; and four high schools (Century, Saddleback, Valley and Santa Ana) during the summer.

Mr. Dixon asked all members of facilities and building services present to step to the podium to be recognized for all they do.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Hernández declared the Public Hearing to reopen Santa Ana Unified School District's Initial Bargaining Proposal for 2011-12 School Year to California School Employees Association Chapter 41.

ITEM 11.0 APPROVAL TO CALL FOR PUBLIC HEARING TO REOPEN SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT INITIAL BARGAINING PROPOSAL FOR 2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR TO CALIFORNIA SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, CHAPTER 41

The Board received no comments from the public and the hearing was closed.

Mr. Hernández received consensus from the Board to proceed to action item 11.0 on the Board agenda, which related to the public hearing.

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 4-0 to approve reopening the Santa Ana Unified School District's Initial Bargaining Proposal for the 2011-12 school year to the California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter 41 in accordance with Government Code 3547 and Board Policy 2000.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

President Hernández asked those members of the community who wished to address the Board to step forward as he called their names:

Marianne Monfils, CSEA Labor Relations Representative for classified employees, addressed the Board regarding THINK Together. The Court will be issuing a decision at a hearing on October 28 regarding the validity of the existing THINK Together agreement. Ms. Monfils asked that the District to delay entering into a new agreement with THINK Together. She stated that CSEA opposes any new program that will eliminate or displace classified positions. Ms. Monfils addressed concerns relative to SAUSD employees. Ms. Monfils informed the Board that if they do not settle the current lawsuit prior to October 28, the District could face a court ruling that would void the THINK Together contract.

Jonathan Espinoza and Ruby Mejia, Segerstrom High School students, addressed the Board regarding a recent policy regarding textbook sets for teachers. Jonathan said he was aware of the financial crisis we are in and knows the importance of education. AVID does not have textbooks and, therefore, interferes with instruction without the proper resources. Jonathan and Ruby demonstrated to the Board how students have to carry a backpack along with an additional bag if they are in athletics.

1.0 APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 4-0, to approve the Consent Calendar as follows:

- 1.1 Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of September 13, 2011.
- 1.2 Approval of extended field trips in accordance with the Board Policy (BP) 6153 - School-Sponsored Trips and Administrative Regulation (AR) 6153.1 - Extended School-Sponsored Trips.
- 1.3 Approval of master contracts and/or individual service agreements with nonpublic schools and agencies for students with disabilities for 2011-12 school year.
- 1.4 Ratification of purchase order summary and listing of orders \$25,000 and over for period of August 19, 2011 through September 8, 2011.
- 1.5 Ratification of expenditure summary and warrant listing of checks for period of August 21, 2011 through September 10, 2011.

- 1.6 Approval of listing of agreements/contracts between Santa Ana Unified School District and various consultants submitted for period of August 10, 2011 through August 23, 2011.
- 1.7 Adoption of resolution no. 10/11-2895 - district appropriations limits for fiscal years 2010-11 and 2011-12.
- 1.8 Authorization to award contract for purchases of police vehicles to McPeek's Dodge of Anaheim.
- 1.9 Approval of rejection of government code §910 and §910.2 claim against Santa Ana Unified School District - file no. 11-95692 JW
- 1.10 Approval of rejection of government code §910 and §910.2 claim against Santa Ana Unified School District - file no.11-90313 MH
- 1.11 Approval of rejection of government code §910 and §910.2 claim against Santa Ana Unified School District - file no.11-93896 MH
- 1.12 Approval of rejection of government code §910 and §910.2 claim against Santa Ana Unified School District - file no.11-94818 DP
- 1.13 Approval of rejection of government code §910 and §910.2 claim against Santa Ana Unified School District - file no.11-94817 DP
- 1.14 Approval of rejection of government code §910 and §910.2 claim against Santa Ana Unified School District - file no.11-95309 DP
- 1.15 Approval of rejection of government code §910 and §910.2 claim against Santa Ana Unified School District - file no.10-86705 MH
- 1.16 Approval of Substitute Subcontractor for site fencing at Spurgeon Intermediate School under Overcrowding Relief Grant program
- 1.17 Approval of Appointment of audit firm to conduct independent performance and financial audit of Measure G fund

REGULAR AGENDA - ACTION ITEMS

2.0 ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH BOARD POLICY (BP) 3290 - GIFTS, GRANTS, AND BEQUESTS

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 3-0, to accept gifts in accordance with Board Policy 3290 - Gifts, Grants, and Bequests. Attached is a copy of the gifts.

3.0 RATIFICATION OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, THINK TOGETHER, AND PROMISE NEIGHBORHOODS INITIATIVE PARTNERS FOR IMPLEMENTATION GRANT ROUND II, PENDING GRANT AWARD

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 4-0, to ratify the memorandum of understanding between Santa Ana Unified School District, THINK Together, and Promise Neighborhoods Initiative Partners for Implementation Grant Round II, pending grant award.

4.0 APPROVAL OF DISTRICT'S UNAUDITED ACTUALS FOR 2010-11 SCHOOL YEAR

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 4-0, to approve the District's unaudited actuals for 2011-12 school year.

5.0 AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES FOR HUMAN RESOURCES

This item was removed from the Action calendar to be presented at a later Board meeting.

6.0 AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD CONTRACTS FOR PURCHASE OF CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES FOR WAREHOUSE STOCK

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 4-0, to award contracts for purchase of custodial supplies for warehouse stock.

7.0 APPROVAL TO AMEND LEASE AND JOINT USE AGREEMENT FOR NEAL MACHANDER TENNIS CENTER WITH CITY OF SANTA ANA

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 4-0, to amend lease and joint use agreement for Neal Machander Tennis Center with City of Santa Ana.

8.0 APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH ORANGE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL OF THE ARTS FOR USAGE OF NEAL MACHANDER TENNIS CENTER

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 4-0, to approve the memorandum of understanding with Orange County High School of the Arts for usage of Neal Machander Tennis Center.

9.0 RATIFICATION OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR REPLACEMENT OF ROOFING SYSTEM AT MCFADDEN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

It was moved by Mr. Hernández, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 4-0, to ratify Change Order No. 1 for replacement of roofing system at McFadden Intermediate School.

10.0 BOARD POLICY (BP) 7400 - PARKING AND ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION (AR) 7400 - PARKING (NEW: FOR ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION)

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 4-0, to adopt and implement Board Policy (BP) 7400 - Parking and Administrative Regulation (AR) 7400 - Parking.

11.0 APPROVAL TO REOPEN SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT'S INITIAL BARGAINING PROPOSAL FOR 2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR TO CALIFORNIA SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, CHAPTER 41

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 4-0, to reopen Santa Ana Unified School District's initial bargaining proposal for 2011-12 school year to California School Employees Association, Chapter 41.

12.0 PERSONNEL CALENDAR

It was moved by Mr. Hernández, and seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 4-0, to approve the Personnel Calendar in its entirety. A copy is attached to the Minutes.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION

By a vote of 4-0, the Board took action to approve the hearing officer's recommended decision to terminate a classified employee as identified in closed session.

Moved: Hernández ___ Richardson X Yamagata-Noji ___ Palacio ___ Reyna ___

Seconded: Hernández ___ Richardson ___ Yamagata-Noji X Palacio ___ Reyna ___

Vote: Ayes 4 Noes _____ Abstain _____ Absent Reyna

13.0 BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS/ACTIVITIES

Dr. Yamagata-Noji:

- She acknowledged Norma Ortiz, CTA Representative, for making the connection for Yankee player Curtis Granderson to go to Valley High School and thanked her for making this happen.
- Great presentation from Facilities. While visiting school sites, the topic of gum came up and how much time is spent on removing gum. Dr. Yamagata-Noji made reference to a "no gum policy." She thinks it would be a good idea to further discuss this issue.
- Dr. Yamagata-Noji said that there are so many people that have gone above and beyond to get the school year started. The school year is off to a good start. We have a lot to be proud of.
- A special thanks to Cynthia Gastelo for being helpful, getting our Superintendent situated, and doing a great job with the Board and the community.

Mr. Palacio:

- Mr. Palacio thanked the Facilities staff for the work that was done this summer.
- He mentioned that Senator Correa was at a school site makeover. Mr. Palacio requested that a picture of the U.S. Map be featured at a future presentation. He said it is nice to have elected officials involved when they are doing good things in our community.

Mr. Richardson:

- Mr. Richardson complimented Mr. Barajas and Valley High School for the presentation provided this evening. He further stated that it makes him proud of the young people at Valley High School and our community. It is an opportunity for learning. It was nice seeing the slides, videos, and listening to the music that went with the presentation, which was very touching. He applauded the students for their report given.

Mr. Hernández:

- Mr. Hernández had an opportunity to visit the school sites with Dr. Meléndez. He said it is always wonderful to be able to touch

base with the people who are actually trying to offer support. He and Dr. Meléndez came away with details of the inner working of some of school staff. He is hopeful that some of the questions brought forth by teachers and administrators have been addressed.

- He thanked Mr. Dixon and staff for the incredible work they did over the summer and will continue to do. The entire community is truly blessed to have good people working for SAUSD.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, September 27, 2011, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Dr. Thelma Meléndez de Santa Ana
Secretary
Santa Ana Board of Education