

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

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
SANTA ANA BOARD OF EDUCATION

September 27, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Vice President Richardson. Other members in attendance were Mr. Palacio and Mr. Reyna. Mr. Hernández arrived at 6:15 p.m. and Dr. Yamagata-Noji arrived at 7:00 p.m.

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 Vice President Richardson 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 6:15 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Board President Hernández.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Dr. Meléndez welcomed all present at the meeting.

Superintendent Meléndez's opening report focused on preparing students to become college and career ready from the early learning stages, through the elementary level to high school. Godinez Fundamental High School ASB President Viviana Altamirano gave a brief report on the upcoming College night event on October 5. Viviana shared a brief powerpoint of last year's event.

Dr. Meléndez announced that Muir Fundamental Elementary School and Thorpe Fundamental Elementary School have been declared tops in the nation by earning a National Blue Ribbon School Award for excellence in academics. Dr. Meléndez and Mr. Mendez had an opportunity to visit the schools to congratulate the staff. A brief video was shared on how they celebrated getting the news and shared some of their instructional strategies.

On Friday, September 23, 2011, Spurgeon Intermediate School students and staff hosted a ceremony dedicating the School's new state-of-the-art classroom building in memory of retired teacher Russell Ford. Mr. Ford filled many roles at Spurgeon and was responsible for helping Spurgeon earn its 1990 Golden Bell Award for the Title I Reading Program. The "Russ Ford Hall" dedication was a beautiful tribute to preserving his memory.

Dr. Meléndez thanked the nursing staff, headed by Gayle McLean, for immunizing 99.9% of SAUSD's 7th - 12th graders against whooping cough. The nursing staff worked tirelessly since last fall to protect the health of students and ensure that SAUSD was in compliance with the new State law; the mandated deadline was met. The Orange County Office Department of Education expressed to Assistant Superintendent Doreen Lohnes that SAUSD's vaccine compliance rate to be astoundingly remarkable and far above the County average.

The Simon Family Foundation's Annual Scholar Awards Night was held on Monday, September 26, 2011. The Simon Family Foundation continues to provide SAUSD students with scholarships to help fund their college education. Dr. Yamagata-Noji, Mr. Palacio, and Dr. Meléndez attended the event.

PRESENTATIONS

STAR Results: Academic Performance Index and Adequate Yearly Progress

Dr. Cathie Olsky, Deputy Superintendent, provided a summation of the 2011 STAR Results, Academic Performance Index, and Adequate Yearly Progress.

Ms. Michelle LePatner, Director of Research and Evaluation, presented details of recent and ongoing academic progress of the District. Ms. LePatner stated that Thorpe Fundamental Elementary School had a 34 points improvement on its API score. Thorpe Fundamental is the first school to make it to the 900 level, with a score of 901. Harvey Elementary School had an increase of 22 points; Romero-Cruz had a total growth of 190 in a five-year period; Monte Vista and Diamond both increased 173 points in five years. Alternative education schools have also made a significant increase this year in API scores. In addition, several schools increased their AYP scores; 45 schools made growth in ELA and 49 schools made growth in mathematics.

SAUSD Budget Update & Historical Perspectives

Mr. Michael Bishop, Associate Superintendent, Business Services, provided an update of budget and historical perspectives from past years. He stated that ongoing prudent planning has enabled the District to remain fiscally solvent and the District has been able to maintain funding for the Board's priority areas.

Dr. Tony Wold, Executive Director, provided enrollment updates. The District has utilized a three-level approach to enrollment projections the past two school years and bases staffing allocation on the final projection: (1) input from site principal; (2) demographic analysis include trends and historical cohort-survival rates; and (3) District adjustments based upon

multiple factors done in collaboration with Human Resources, Facilities, and Business Operations. Dr. Wold stated that the enrollment projection levels have been very close to actual enrollment.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Board President Hernández asked those wishing to address the Board in matters pertaining to items on the Agenda to step to the podium.

There were no individuals wishing to address the Board.

1.0 APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION AND SEPARATE ACTION

1.1 Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of September 13, 2011

It was moved by Mr. Hernández, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 4-0, to approve that minutes with date correction of August 23, 2011

1.8 Approval of Ratification of Agreements for Period of September 13, 2011 Through September 23, 2011

It was moved by Mr. Hernández, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 3-1, with Mr. Reyna out of the room, to approve ratification of agreements for period of September 13, 2011 through September 23, 2011.

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Reyna, and carried 5-0, to approve the remainder of the Consent Calendar as follows:

1.1 Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of September 13, 2011.

This item was removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion and separate action.

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 Approval of expulsion of students for violation of California Education Code 48900, 48900.2, 48900.3, 48900.4, 48900.7, and/or 48915(c) according to Board policy 5144.1

326349 - Chavez High School

For the violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph c and j, that the Board expel the student for the balance of the fall semester, school year 2011-12, and that the student may apply for readmission on or after January 30, 2012.

178892 - Valley High School

For the violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph a, that the Board expel the student for the balance of the fall semester, and the spring semester school year 2011-12 and that the student may apply for readmission on or after June 14, 2012.

- 1.5 Approval of application for The California Wellness Foundation Grant for 2011-12 school year.
- 1.6 Ratification of purchase order summary and listing of orders \$25,000 and over for period of September 9, 2011 through September 22, 2011.
- 1.7 Ratification of expenditure summary and warrant listing for period of September 11, 2011 through September 25, 2011.
- 1.8 Approval of ratification of agreements for period of September 13, 2011 through September 23, 2011.

This item was removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion and separate action.
- 1.9 Approval of disposal of obsolete library books and/or textbooks.
- 1.10 Approval of rejection of government code §910 and §910.2 claim against Santa Ana Unified School District - file no. 11-96052 DP
- 1.11 Acceptance of completion of contract for replacement of roofing system at McFadden Intermediate School.
- 1.12 Acceptance of completion of contract for bid package no. 1J general construction at Jackson Elementary School under Modernization program
- 1.13 Acceptance of completion of contract for bid package no. 3 Cast in Place Concrete and concrete reinforcing at Spurgeon Intermediate School under Overcrowding Relief Grant program
- 1.14 Acceptance of completion of contract for bid package no. 8 doors, frames and hardware at Spurgeon Intermediate School under Overcrowding Relief Grant program
- 1.15 Acceptance of completion of contract for bid package no. 12 accoustical ceilings at Spurgeon Intermediate School under Overcrowding Relief Grant program
- 1.16 Acceptance of completion of contract for bid package no. 16 fire suppression system at Spurgeon Intermediate School under Overcrowding Relief Grant program

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 Mr. Hernández, and carried 5-0, to accept gifts in accordance with Board Policy 3290 - Gifts, Grants, and Bequests. Attached is a copy of the gifts.

3.0 APPROVAL TO CALL FOR PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE FOR PUPIL TEXTBOOKS AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS FOR 2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Reyna, and carried 5-0, to approve the call for public hearing to review statement of assurance for pupil textbooks and instructional materials for 2011-12 school year.

4.0 APPROVAL TO CALL FOR PUBLIC HEARING FOR FOUR QUALITY EDUCATION INVESTMENT ACT (QEIA) WAIVER APPLICATIONS TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

It was moved by Mr. Hernández, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 5-0, to approve call for public hearing for four quality education investment act (QEIA) waiver applications to the State Board of Education.

5.0 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO 11/12-2899 - AUTHORIZATION OF FIRST AMENDMENT TO INCREASE CALIFORNIA STATE PRESCHOOL FUNDING CONTRACTS

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 5-0, to adopt resolution no. 11/12-2899 - authorization of first amendment to increase California State preschool funding contracts.

6.0 APPROVAL OF APPLICATION CERTIFICATION FOR CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN CLASS SIZE REDUCTION OPERATIONS FUNDING PROGRAM FOR GRADES K-3 FOR 2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0, to approve application certification for continued participation in class size reduction operations funding program for grades K-3 for 2011-12 school year.

7.0 APPROVAL OF CONSULTANT AGREEMENTS WITH STATE-APPROVED SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES PROVIDERS FOR 2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR

It was moved by Mr. Hernández, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0, to approve consultant agreements with State-approved supplemental educational services providers for 2011-12 school year.

8.0 ACCEPTANCE OF ACTUARIAL STUDY OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION PROGRAM AS OF JUNE 30, 2011

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0, to accept the actuarial study of workers' compensation program as of June 30, 2011.

9.0 AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AND BIDS FOR SECURE OUR SCHOOLS GRANT OBJECTIVES DISTRICTWIDE

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 5-0, to obtain request for proposals and bids for Secure Our Schools grant objectives districtwide.

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

Dr. Meléndez de Santa Ana requested to amend item 10.0. She requested to hold one of the law firms and bring them back at the next Board meeting in order to do some follow-up; requested to have two of the Firms continue their work. It was moved by Mr. Reyna, seconded by Dr.

Yamagata-Noji, and carried 5-0, to hold Fagen, Friedman & Fulfroost, LLP and bring them back as a separate item.

11.0 APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATION TO IMPLEMENT A PRE-TAX TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING BENEFIT FOR EMPLOYEES

It was moved by Mr. Hernández, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0, to approve the recommendation to implement a pre-tax transportation and parking benefit for employees.

12.0 AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD CONTRACT TO DAVE BANG ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR PURCHASE OF PLAYGROUND AND OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT FOR VARIOUS SCHOOLS

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0, to award the contract to Dave Bang Associates, Inc., for purchase of playground and outdoor equipment for various schools.

13.0 APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH CALIFORNIA SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, CHAPTER 41, FOR FOOD 4 THOUGHT

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0, to approve the memorandum of understanding with California School Employees Association, Chapter 41, for Food 4 Thought.

14.0 APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH SANTA ANA EDUCATORS' ASSOCIATION FOR INCREASED INSTRUCTIONAL TIME AT SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GRANT (SIG) TRANSFORMATIONAL SCHOOLS

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0, to approve the memorandum of understanding with Santa Ana Educators' Association for increased instructional time at school improvement grant (SIG) transformational schools.

15.0 PERSONNEL CALENDAR

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

16.0 BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS/ACTIVITIES

Dr. Yamagata-Noji:

- Dr. Yamagata-Noji said she enjoyed riding in the back of the truck with Mr. Richardson during the Fiestas Patrias parade, as Mr. Reyna followed in his convertible. She enjoyed having Santa Ana High School marching band participate. "They are just phenomenal." She said having the mascots was very special as it was evident that the community was engaged and having a good time. It was a good community showing.
- She was pleased to attend the Kiwanis "Strike for Gold" event honoring Jane Russo. Ms. Russo received the "Golden Rule" award. Dr. Yamagata-Noji said it is great to have the District benefit so much from Kiwanis and also to have honored our retiring Superintendent.
- Dr. Yamagata-Noji said she was pleased to be a part of the Simon Family Foundation celebration. They honored 17 students from

Segerstrom and Saddleback High Schools. She said this is a phenomenal program which is very much life changing. They were given an opportunity to hear some of the students which shared their life struggles and knowing they will be able to go to college. This program mentors and supports them into becoming outstanding young people.

Mr. Reyna:

- Mr. Reyna said that the parade was fantastic. There was a great turnout; it was well attended by the community which showed a lot of city and cultural pride.
- He had an opportunity to visit Diamond Elementary School last week and saw all the great work they are doing. They are on the cuff of getting that 800. Mr. Reyna said he is looking forward to many great things this year.
- Mr. Reyna had an opportunity to see some sports activities. He attended Saddleback vs. Valley volleyball game and Godinez vs. Valley football game.
- Homecoming is coming up at Santa Ana High School this coming Thursday. He looks forward to seeing all those alumni out there with your letterman's jacket showing their support.
- Parents were told to continue reading to their children and have their child read to them.
- Mr. Reyna reminded parents about College Night on October 5.

Mr. Palacio:

- Mr. Palacio reminded everyone that on Friday, Santa Ana Unified School District and Santa Ana College will be hosting the Closing the Latino Achievement Gap to be held at Santa Ana College. He informed the public that they have an opportunity to participate and get an inside view on how they are doing in Orange County and with the Latino students. It's a great program.
- Mr. Palacio also had an opportunity to attend the Simon Family Foundation dinner with Dr. Yamagata-Noji and Dr. Meléndez. It was incredible. The life stories that the students shared and the challenges they overcame and how they continue to do so. It was incredible. He could not believe the 17 unique stories. The impact that the Simon Family Foundation has is incredible. The Simon Foundation alumni is coming back helping, volunteering, and sharing their experiences. The influence that the Simon Foundation is having is very incredible!
- On Thursday, October 20, at the Anaheim Hilton, the Orange County Hispanic Education Endowment Fund will be honoring educators of the year. One of the honorees is Lucinda Pueblos, Principal at Century High School. There is an honoree from Anaheim Union High School District, Yamila Castro, and Professor John Dombrink, from UC Irvine. It's an outstanding program. Come and show your support for Lucinda Pueblos.

Mr. Richardson:

- Mr. Richardson had the opportunity to participate, along with Dr. Yamagata-Noji, in the Kiwanis event held on Saturday night. Kiwanis raised some money and built a great foundation for next year's event. Jane Russo was recognized at the dinner.
- Mr. Richardson and Dr. Meléndez attended the opening of the Russ Ford Hall at Spurgeon Intermediate School. It was a positive event. He admired the Ford family's courage.

- The completion of the Russ Ford Hall which is a new classroom at Spurgeon Intermediate School. He said several of them have had an opportunity to tour the school over the past few months before the opening of school. He said that the atmosphere on campus over the last year has been very impressive. There appears to be good spirit amongst the students, staff, and community. Kudos to the staff at Spurgeon and to Mr. Dixon and his colleagues who helped get the building built on time.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION

There was no action to report out of Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 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