

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

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
SANTA ANA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Tuesday, September 23, 2003

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:55 p.m. by Board President Avila. Dr. Yamagata-Noji, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Palacio, and Mr. Tinajero were also present.

Cabinet members present were Dr. Bennett, Dr. Stabler, Mr. Best, Mr. Sharp, Ms. Araujo-Cook, and Dr. Bratcher. Dr. Stainer was not in attendance.

MEETING RECESSED AND RECONVENED

At 4:55 p.m., the Regular meeting was 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 6:00 p.m.

There were approximately 45 members of the community and District staff in the audience.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by students from Roosevelt Elementary School.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Mijares called attention to student artwork displayed in the Board Room from Willard Intermediate and Greenville Fundamental Elementary schools.

The Superintendent called upon Mrs. Araujo-Cook who introduced the newly appointed principals serving in Santa Ana schools. She provided highlights with each introduction as follows:

GREG RANKIN - CENTURY HIGH

His career began in 1973 at Gerald P. Carr Intermediate School, where he taught English, reading, social studies and physical education. His first assistant principal assignment was at Muir Fundamental Elementary School from 1980-1982. He also served at Willard Intermediate School as assistant principal, from 1983-1987. He was then promoted to principal of Lathrop Intermediate from 1987-1998, and transferred to Villa Fundamental Intermediate School in 1998 to 2003. He is presently the principal of Century High School.

DAWN MILLER - VILLA FUNDAMENTAL INTERMEDIATE

She brings 15 years of fundamental school experience to Villa Fundamental Intermediate. She assisted with the opening of Mendez Fundamental Intermediate School, where she served as assistant principal until 2000. She was a science teacher at MacArthur Fundamental Intermediate School from 1984 until her

appointment as assistant principal at Lathrop Intermediate in 1998. She then served as Assistant principal at Century High School in 2002, Guidance Department and testing program.

PATRICK YRARRAZAVAL - CARR INTERMEDIATE

He began his career as an English Language Development (ELD) teacher at Saddleback High. He then became a counselor at Willard Intermediate in 1990 until becoming an assistant principal at McFadden in 1999.

DR. ROBERT LAXTON - SPURGEON INTERMEDIATE

His assignment in education began in 1981 as an instructional aide. In 1992, he became an assistant principal at Santa Ana High with an emphasis on student discipline, child welfare, and staff development. In 1995, he was assigned as an assistant principal at Saddleback High School with the responsibility for student testing and special education among his many other duties. Dr. Robert Laxton received his Masters and Doctoral degrees from Pepperdine University.

JEFF BISHOP - WILLARD INTERMEDIATE

He came to the SAUSD in 1986 as a teacher at Valley High but his teaching career began in 1976 as a teacher at Blessed Sacrament in the Archdiocese of Orange. Mr. Jeff Bishop has been an assistant principal charged with focusing on technology and student services at Santa Ana High School since 1999. His first assistant principal assignment was at Valley High School in 1989. Summer school principalships were held at Willard Intermediate, Cesar E. Chavez, Santa Ana, and Valley High Schools.

DAMARIS MOLINA - DAVIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Ms. Damaris Molina began her career in October 2000, at Andrew Jackson Elementary School as an assistant principal. She held a position as Title VII Coordinator and also taught at Martin R. Heninger Elementary School from 1993-1998. Her career with the SAUSD goes back to 1991. Prior to that, she taught in Puerto Rico, where she earned her Bachelors degree. She earned her Masters degree from National University in Costa Mesa.

CHAD HAMMITT - EDISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

He served as assistant principal at Washington Elementary School since 2001 and Bilingual Resource Teacher (BRT) at Roosevelt Elementary School from 1996 to 2001. His educational experience includes working with Limited English Proficient (LEP) students, as well as Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) students, serving as a school site GATE coordinator. He earned his Bachelors degree from Vanguard University and his Masters degree from Azusa Pacific University.

DR. SUSAN JOHNS - HENINGER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Her teaching career began in 1970 in Pomona. SAUSD career began in 1981 as a reading specialist. In 1984, she became an assistant principal and served at Lowell and Greenville elementary schools. Two years later, she was named principal at Jackson. She has held a number of administrative positions, including Coordinator of Safe and Drug-Free Schools. Most recently, she has been serving as interim Director of Pupil Support Services since April 2003. She received her Doctoral degree from the University of Southern California, Los Angeles.

FELIX MENDOZA - KENNEDY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

He has been a principal at Lakeland Elementary School at the Little Lake City School District since 1998. He gained valuable administrative experience as assistant principal at Paramount Unified School District from 1990-1998, during the time that the school restructured from K-5 traditional to become a K-8 year-round, multi-track school. His teaching experience includes elementary grades 3 and 5. Mr. Mendoza is a graduate of California State University, Dominguez Hills and is currently a candidate for a Doctorate in Education from the University of Southern California.

Dr. Mijares and Board members congratulated each principal and expressed appreciation for their leading. The Superintendent then continued his remarks.

The Superintendent announced that on September 26, more than 300 Santa Ana Unified parents are expected to attend the *First Annual Reading Conference* to be held at the Santa Ana College from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The project celebrates reading and literacy. The conference will offer four workshops, supported by UCI, the Santa Ana Public Library, and our District, among others.

Dr. Mijares stated that the Measure C Bond Oversight Committee recently took a tour of some construction sites throughout the District. A video provided highlights of projects. Dr. Mijares announced that the Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) tour was a success. The tour was led by Mr. Mike Metzler, who chairs the BOC. Mr. Richardson and Dr. Yamagata-Noji were also in attendance.

Work has begun on the site for the new Segerstrom High School. The public is invited to the school's official Groundbreaking Ceremony which will be held on Tuesday, September 30th, at 4 p.m. The staging area for the ceremony will be diagonally opposite Thorpe Fundamental Elementary School, near the intersection of MacArthur Blvd. and S. Raitt Ave. The facilities and Public Information Offices welcome the community to join the celebration as the District begins work on High School No. 6.

On Wednesday, October 8th, the District will join the nation in an event called *Walk to School Day*. In years past, hundreds of parents and children have walked to school together on this day, noting safe paths to school and learning pedestrian safety tips from our school police force. Dr. Mijares invited all parents and family members to participate in *Walk to School Day*.

The Superintendent invited Mr. Ed Pecinovsky, a Senior Law Enforcement Consultant from *Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST)* to the podium. He presented School Police Chief Jim Miyashiro with a special commendation. In attendance were Police Officers, District Safety Officers, and office Personnel.

Dr. Mijares added that *POST*, was established by the Legislature in 1959 to set minimum selection and training standards for California Law Enforcement personnel. More than 600 agencies and 80,000 peace officers adhere to *POST*'s standards of professional excellence. Santa Ana Unified School District's Police Services is one of those agencies. All peace officers must obtain basic certification to maintain their jobs. However, less than two percent of California's Law Enforcement officers achieve Executive Certification. The *POST* Executive Certificate is awarded only to those individuals that meet stringent criteria for college education, tenure in rank as a peace officer and as a Department Head, and have passed the *POST* Executive Development Course.

The Superintendent introduced Dr. Raymond Ross who was in the audience. Dr. Ross is the sponsor of the *One Book One Classroom* reading program. The program is designed to help teachers and students benefit by providing a book for each student for group reading and discussion during the school year. Dr. Ross was born in Santa Ana and has a long history in Santa Ana. He is a medical doctor who graduated from Santa Ana College in 1940, then attended the University of California, Berkeley and Stanford University. He has also been active in numerous associations and Boards in Orange County. Dr. Ross has been a member of the Kiwanis Club for 44 years. He is currently the Chairman of its Youth Services Committee.

Dr. Mijares announced that Ms. Bernedette Medrano, Executive Director of Santa Ana Education Foundation is featured in the current issue of the Orange Coast Magazine in the "Broadly Speaking" section. She speaks about the children in Santa Ana, their dreams and opportunities. In the article when asked her personally and professional legacy, she responded, "That I consciously lived my life, holding the space and believing in others, especially children, until they are strong enough to believe in themselves".

UPDATE ON MEASURE C AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

A section is agendized to update the Board and community on projects being accomplished with Measure C funding and other related construction projects.

Mr. Jerry Hills, Manager of Construction, provided a summary of projects and timelines as follows:

Mr. Hills stated that the majority of the bid packs for the Manuel Esqueda project have been awarded with the remaining three to be opened in September. The grading contractor will be mobilizing by the end of the week and the grading phase will last through the month of October. Underground utilities and forming of the foundations will take place in November with a school opening date of July 2005.

- Segerstrom High School/High School #6. - Off-site street work is at 98% complete.
- Southern California Edison is in the process of installing street lights which will be completed next week. On-site grading is at 90% complete and will be completed within three weeks. This phase is two weeks behind schedule due to wet soil. The sidewalks for the entire perimeter of the school began today and will take seven days to complete. The amount of concrete to be placed is 350 yards. All certified pads will be completed next week. Utility trenching will start within two weeks. The project will be substantially completed by September 2005.
- Godinez High School/High School No. 5 - Bids were opened for bid pack #1 on September 12; staff's recommendation is going before the Board tonight for authorization to award contracts. Start date of construction is October 13, 2003, with a school opening date of September 2006.
- Jackson, Roosevelt, Washington, and Lincoln New School Additions are approximately 78% complete with a completion date of April 2004.

Mr. Palacio inquired about the status of Mountain View High School. Mr. Hills responded that an update would be presented at an upcoming Board meeting.

Ms. Brown introduced Mr. Dave Burke, Financial Project Manager and Ms. Sandra Yount, Financial Analyst with Capital Program Management. Ms. Brown said that the management firm is in the process of defining and refining budgets within Measure C and all other school projects for both the construction and facilities department. She then called upon Mr. Burke who presented the scope

of work and current progress. He said that the intent is to prepare a master program budget along with individual budgets for each project. He will also provide a budget tracking system for all current and future projects, reconcile expenditures to the District's fund accounting system, and provide planning for a potential future local bond measure. The scope of work is divided into three phases: Discovery, analysis of information, and preparation of plans. He provided an overview of each phase. He then defined the financial planning program components. He said that using all the information gathered from components will provide information on the funding available for future projects. He said that there is an opportunity for the District to leverage State funding without out-of-pocket funding and said that the District is currently working toward that.

Ms. Brown said that the Facilities Department would be returning to the Board to present a detailed program budget on October 28, 2003.

Mr. Richardson inquired about funds allocated from the State and questioned the timeframe in spending those monies. Mr. Burke stated that there is an 18-month contract and if funds are not released, they would be returned to the State. Ms. Brown provided a chart with information by project to the Board this evening relative to timelines.

PRESENTATIONS:

CHANGE IN ORDER OF AGENDA

Overview Santa Ana Partnership

Dr. Bratcher, Assistant Superintendent, Secondary Education, stated that the Santa Ana Partnership dates back to 1982. Members of the partnership first gathered to analyze barriers to student success. Ms. Sara Lundquist, Vice President, Student Services from Santa Ana College; Mr. Juan Lara, Assistant Vice Chancellor from UCI; and Mr. Henry Gee, Dean of Student Affairs, from Santa Ana College were in the audience and were introduced. More recently, community-based organizations, parents, and students have assumed increasingly active roles in the partnership. Partners include SAUSD, SAC, CSUF, and UCI. A quick overview of each higher education partner was provided and identified such as Libreria Martinez, T.H.I.N.K. Together, Delhi Community Center, Latino Health Access, and the Mexican American Opportunity Foundation. He then provided information on the *Padres Promotores de la Education* program and welcomed the parents in attendance. He then highlighted the *Reading Corners* program and *Homerom for College* in the middle schools. He said that Higher Education Centers were established at all four comprehensive high schools in order to provide schoolwide coordination of pre-college programs and services. He said that the Santa Ana Partnership also provides formalized high school, college, and university student participation in the areas of support evaluation, mentoring, and program development work. A leadership team from SAUSD, SAC, CSUF, and UCI meet year-round to plan programs, services, and critical follow-up activities for students and their families in coordination with parent and school site efforts. *College Now* provides SAC courses on-site at comprehensive high schools to 95 SAUSD students. With the resources provided students have gained in core areas. He then provided statistics in mathematics, language arts, social science, history, and the arts. He provided information on the advancing process from SAC to universities and the special transfer initiatives. He announced that on October 4, 2003, there are workshops being offered to all High School seniors.

Mrs. Avila asked a parent from the *Padres Promotores de la Education* program to step to the podium to describe the program. Ms. Macias stated that parents

are trained and informed on student's college and university entrance requirements. Mrs. Rosa Harrison, Santa Ana parent, stated that the Latino Health Access trained parents to become Padres Promotores. Parents were taught many skills such as communication, confidentiality, and parenting. She said that Ms. Patricia Gomez also provided resources in education training, and teenager emotional and physical growth. Other ongoing training provides teaches parents home visitation and offers various resources focusing on children.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji asked Dr. Bratcher, at a later date to explain how the gap is being closed with the dual immersion program and the new initiative.

The Board thanked Dr. Bratcher for a detailed and informative presentation.

Mrs. Avila announced that due to the hour, Public Presentations would occur at this time. At the conclusion the final presentation would resume.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Mrs. Avila asked that members of the audience wishing to address the Board submit a card and step to the podium as called.

Maria Arias, parent, spoke in support of bilingual education. She said that school is three months into the session and Walker is yet to receive Spanish materials. She also said that some waivers are being denied for the same reasons other are being approved, she then requested a response.

The following Walker Elementary teachers spoke in support of bilingual education. They said that their student scores are higher in language arts and math in every single grade:

Tanya Guzman
Pat Tully
Diana Clearwater

The following Valley High teacher and former Valley High student (now in college), spoke in support of Algebra A and B and urged the approval of Super Algebra A and B:

Michael Murphy, teacher,
Janet Moreno, former Algebra A and B student

Victoria Zaragoza, Co-Chair of CLASS, urged the Board to approve the Minnie Street Family Resource Center Grant at Kennedy Elementary on the Agenda. She also announced the Women's Health and Resource Fair on Saturday, October 4, 2003 at Kennedy Elementary School, sponsored by Loretta Sanchez, Coastal Communities Hospital, Minnie Street Family Resource Center, MOMS Resource Center, and the City of Santa Ana.

Florence Ball-Freeman, Lowell Elementary teacher, urged the Board to hire more substitutes to cover classes for teachers who attend the AB 466 training. She said that other school districts pay higher salaries, and urged the SAUSD to be more competitive.

PRESENTATION - Continued

District's Multi-Year Budget Projection

Dr. Mijares said that the current deficit was discussed at a previous Board meeting and in 1980 a similar situation occurred. He said that a new State procedure requires that Districts meet a three-year financial obligation and is concerned because the District must produce \$29,872,657. He said that it is possible, but is concerned that there may be more reductions. He said that the budget situation would affect the 2003-04, 2004-05, and 2005-06 school year budgets. He explained how the effects from the State trickled down to affect the District. He then called upon Dr. Stabler to present the multi-year budget projections.

Dr. Stabler said that AB 1200 requires a District to certify that it can meet its financial obligations this year and the next two subsequent years. He presented to the Board the need to either increase revenues or decrease expenditures in the amount of \$29,872,657. He said that with due diligence from the District it is attainable. The reason for the deficit is a combination of State budget crisis and reduction of enrollment in the schools, which has necessitated the use of one-time funds and State flexibility to balance the budget. Dr. Stabler stated that the District must have a 2% revenue by the 2003-04 school year and would have it by 2004-05. Currently, there is no legislation to allow flexibility in 2004-05. He provided specifics as to the shortfall of 2004-05 as follows:

- increased expenditures
- zero Percent COLA
- no student enrollment growth
- use of one-time funding to balance 02/03 and 03/04 budget
- transfer of categorical carryover balances
- reduction of unrestricted reserve and
- utilization of special reserve

Dr. Stabler then summarized the recommended solutions as follows:

Revenue Enhancements:

- increase ADA (Average daily attendance): 1,700,000 for every 1% increase
- increase charges for Civic Center activities
- stop outgoing inter-District transfers
- return of unused portables (rented or leased)

Expenditure Reductions:

- utilization of substitutes
- transportation expenses
- staffing allocations
- program reductions
- employee work year (negotiable item)
- Health benefits (negotiable item)

Expenditure Transfers

- Charge direct costs to Categoricals
- Transfer appropriate personnel/non-personnel costs to categorical

Dr. Stabler addressed Mello Roos taxation and said that it would only affect a particular housing plan and not all of Santa Ana.

Discussion ensued in which each member of the Board asked questions and voiced recommendations. It was said that if the District did not make the necessary reductions that the County would and all collection agreements would become null and void.

The following were recommendations and or requests from Board Members:

- strive to raise current 1% reserve
- feedback from principals with ideas to raise ADA
- enrollment update at a future Board meeting including the importance of ADA
- return portables that are empty
- raise Civic Center (rental) fees
- look into allegations that substitutes receive higher rate of pay than tenured teachers
- if and when the District decides to reduce the number of teachers that classes would remain intact.
- strive to achieve 1.5% ADA
- deny inter-District transfers

Dr. Noji requested that Dr. Stabler provide information at the next Board meeting concerning Class Size Reduction, how it works, and the importance of it, for the purpose of informing the community and employees.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of September 9, 2003.

It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0, to approve page 69 of the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of August 12, 2003.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

The following items were removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion and separate action: Award: Construction of Godinez Fundamental High School, Vendor: Turner Construction Co., in the amount of \$63,257,600 and Approval of Submission of an Application for Improving Teacher Quality (ITQ) California Postsecondary Education Commission Grants Program.

It was moved by Mr. Tinajero, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 5-0 to approve the remainder of the Consent Calendar as presented.

The following gifts were accepted subject to the condition that the District does not guarantee maintenance of the items or expenditure of District funds for their continued use.

<u>Gift</u>	<u>Donor</u>
Cesar Chavez High School	Orange County Computer Using Educators
\$2,000 for English Department	Ms. Debra A. White
Instructional Materials	Orange

Purchase orders - review and approve orders issued August 27, through September 10, 2003, to purchase materials, supplies, etc., with funds previously approved.

Purchase orders - review and approve orders issued July 12, through August 7, 2002, to purchase materials, supplies, etc., with funds previously approved.

Warrant Listings - review and approve list of warrants prepared September 2, through September 12, 2003, to pay budgeted District financial obligations.

Authorization for the disposal of obsolete textbooks. The list of obsolete textbooks are attached to the Minutes.

Approval of Orange County Inside the Outdoors School Program and 2003-04 contract for the Santa Ana Unified School District elementary schools for grades K-3.

Approval of Orange County Inside the Outdoors Field Program and 2003-04 contract for the Santa Ana Unified School District elementary schools for grades 4-5.

Approval of Participation in Outdoors Science School Program through the Orange County Department of Education for Santa Ana Unified School District Schools for the 2003-04 school year.

Approval of Minnie Street Family Resource Center Grant Award at Kennedy Elementary School for the 2003-04 school year.

Approval of District's property insurance renewal with Travelers for year 2003-04, at a premium of \$342,610.

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

128355 - Lathrop

For violation of Paragraph c, that the Board expel her from the schools of the District for the balance of the fall semester of the 2003-04 school year, that the expulsion order be suspended until January 15, 2004, and that she be permitted to return to a District school/program on a probationary status.

120859 - Lathrop

For violation of Paragraph c, that the Board expel her from the schools of the District for the balance of the fall semester of the 2003-04 school year, that the expulsion order be suspended until January 15, 2004, and that she be permitted to return to a District school/program on a probationary status.

162654 - Lathrop

For violation of Paragraph c, that the Board expel him from the schools of the District and that he may apply for readmission on or after September 23, 2004.

Ratifications/Approvals of Extended Field Trips:

Valley High School (Ratification)
Lady Falcon Cross County Team
Lowell High School Invitational
San Francisco, California
September 19-21, 2003 (Friday-Sunday)

Santa Ana High
Santa Ana Debate Team
Debate Tournament
San Jose, California
September 27-28, 2003 (Saturday-Sunday)

AWARD: CONSTRUCTION OF GODINEZ FUNDAMENTAL HIGH SCHOOL, VENDOR: TURNER CONSTRUCTION CO., AND AMOUNT OF \$63,257,600

This item was removed by Dr. Yamagata-Noji. Mr. Sharp addressed questions regarding bid packages, Godinez High School coming in over budget, joint-use agreement, and phase I.

Mr. Sharp stated that previously the Board authorized the Administration to obtain bids for the construction of Godinez Fundamental High School project. The approved budget for Bid Package 1 including all alternates is \$60,774,929. Bids were received from Turner Construction Company, S.J. Amoroso Construction Company, Inc., and Swinerton Builders. The three bids were opened September 12th. The apparent low bid was submitted by Turner Construction Company in the amount of \$63,257,600 including all alternates 1-18. The apparent low bid exceeded the approved budget by \$2,482,671. Phase II and Phase III will be recommended for bid in approximately one month.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji requested an explanation on the additional two phases in Week-In-Review.

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mrs. Avila, and carried 5-0 to approve the Award: Construction of Godinez Fundamental High School, Vendor: Turner Construction Company, and in the amount of \$63,257,600.

APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR IMPROVING TEACHER QUALITY (ITQ) CALIFORNIA POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION COMMISSION GRANTS PROGRAM

This item was removed from the Agenda and will be returned to a future Board meeting.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 03/04-2534 - CERTIFICATION OF INFORMATION RELATING TO PARTICIPATION IN THE 2003-04 CLASS SIZE REDUCTION (CSR) OPERATIONS FUNDING PROGRAM

As part of the application process to receive CSR Operations funding for 2003-04, the Board is required to certify that the information contained in the District's Operations funding program application is true and correct.

It was moved by Mrs. Avila, seconded by Mr. Tinajero, and carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution 03/04-2534 - Certification of information relating to the participation in the 2003-04 Class Size Reduction Operations funding program.

A copy of the resolution is attached to the Minutes.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 03/04-2535 - DISTRICT'S APPROPRIATIONS LIMITS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2002-03 AND 2003-04

Proposition 4, "The Gann Initiative," voted for in November of 1979, requires appropriations limits for state and local governments. A formula was established for adjustment of the appropriations limit based upon changes in ADA and the Consumer Price Index. The District is within the appropriations limits for fiscal years 2002-03 and 2003-04.

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution 03/04-2535 - District's appropriations limits for fiscal years 2002-03 and 2003-04 at \$286,479,155 and \$292,979,585 respectively.

A copy of the resolution is attached to the Minutes.

APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATION FOR 28-DAY REVIEW FOR HIGH SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY TEXTBOOK

Dr. Yamagata-Noji inquired about the textbook selection procedure. She requested a response in Week-In-Review.

It was moved by Mr. Tinajero, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 5-0 to approve the recommendation for 28-day review of High School psychology Textbook.

APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATION FOR 28-DAY REVIEW FOR HIGH SCHOOL ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) ENGLISH LITERATURE & COMPOSITION TEXTBOOK

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Tinajero, and carried 5-0 to approve the recommendation for 28-day review of High School Advanced Placement (AP) English Literature & Composition textbook.

APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATION FOR 28-DAY REVIEW FOR HIGH SCHOOL BUSINESS TEXTBOOK AND SOFTWARE

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 5-0 to approve the recommendation for 28-day review for High School Business textbook and software.

APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL ACTION

It was moved by Mr. Tinajero, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0 to approve the Personnel Calendar as presented.

A copy of the Personnel Calendar is attached to and becomes a part of the Official Minutes of this meeting.

BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS/ACTIVITIES REPORTS ON VISITS TO SCHOOLS, CONFERENCES ATTENDED, OR MEETINGS SCHEDULED

Mr. Tinajero:

- Announced that HBO sponsored an event where professional boxing occurred recently. Former Santa Ana High student Edgar Vargas was a contender and won 3-0. He reported that Rip Ribble and Gerardo Mouet from the City of Santa Ana were in attendance.
- Erasmo Ramirez, former Saddleback High student now pitching for the Texas Rangers, will be in Anaheim playing the Angels soon. He encouraged Santa Ana residents to attend the game to support him. Mr. Tinajero stated that most likely he would be pitching.
- He announced an Educational Conference at Santa Ana High School on Saturday, October 4, 2003. There will be family seminars in Spanish such as: Diabetes and the Family, Nutrition and Exercise, Living Healthy & Happy with Diabetes, and Eye and Foot Care, and Medicines. Screenings include: Body Mass Index, eyes, feet, cholesterol, blood pressure, and general information. All are welcome to attend.
- And finally, he encouraged all schools to come out and support Valley and Saddleback high schools for the Isaac Curtis Football Championship Bell, on Thursday, October 25th at the Eddie West Field.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji

- She attended the Valley High School Clean-Up Day last Saturday. She said that it was a great community and staff effort.
- She suggested that a tour of the District be arranged for the Board and business partners to see the great things going on throughout the SAUSD.

Mr. Richardson

- Congratulated Dr. Raymond Ross for contributing so much including his *One Classroom* reading program. He commended both Luisa Ruiz and Dr. Ross for their dedication to education.
- He said that he and Dr. Yamagata-Noji attended the Bond Oversight Tour last week and it was amazing to see the accomplishments and work in progress.
- Also, he attended a DLAC meeting recently where he spoke with parents and staff members.

Mr. Palacio

- He attended the Women of Vision Awards event and announced that Ms. Gloria Nogales-Talley was one of six women honored.
- Former Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services, Vera Munoz-Harrison was also honored at the Union Hispana Awards event for her commitment in Education.

Mrs. Avila:

- Attended the Ed Cole Academy opening celebration, an OCHSA event where they are doing great things, and announced that the El Sol school building project is in the works!
- Also, attended the Valley High School great clean up event.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

By a vote of 5-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to authorize nonpublic school contracts for the 2003-04 school year between Santa Ana Unified School District and a student as named in Closed Session.

By a vote of 5-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to authorize continuation of nonpublic school contracts for the 2003-04 school year between Santa Ana Unified School District and a student as named in Closed Session.

By a vote of 5-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to approve the appointment of Sergio San Martin to the position of Facilities Planner.

As written in the Minutes of September 9, 2003, Minute Book Page 164, attached are the approved Reading First District Literacy Coach and Reading First Program Administrator new job descriptions.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, October 14, 2003, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Al Mijares, Ph.D.
Secretary
Santa Ana Board of Education