

Santa Ana Unified School District
1601 E. Chestnut Avenue
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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
SANTA ANA BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 8, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Board Vice President Richardson. Other members in attendance were Dr. Yamagata-Noji, Mrs. Avila, and Mr. Palacio. Mr. Hernandez arrived at 5:20 p.m.

Cabinet members present were Ms. Russo, Dr. Olsky, Mr. Trigg, Mr. Mendez, Mr. Ayala, and Ms. Lohnes. Mr. Hammitt attended in place of Mr. Lopez who was not present.

MEETING RECESSED AND RECONVENED

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

The Regular meeting reconvened at 6:15 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by student Jessica Avila, a senior from Century High School.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent announced that the Campaign for College Opportunity has teamed up with the Santa Ana Partnership to host a college planning event at several of our high schools throughout the month of January. The Campaign offers a \$500 scholarship opportunity drawing for those workshops that attract more than 100 attendees. Campaign for College Workshops will take place beginning tonight. Each workshop will provide students relevant college-going information and offer a chance to enter the "Save Me a Spot in College" scholarship contest for prizes ranging from \$500 to \$2,500. Students can register for the contest at www.collegecampaign.org/contest or call 1-800-459-9586. For additional information concerning workshops, call Public Information at (714) 558-5515.

The Superintendent called to the attention of those present the beautiful artwork posted in the Board Room contributed by the students and teachers at McFadden Intermediate and Garfield Elementary Schools.

Council for Exceptional Children

Ms. Russo introduced Jerry Hime from the Council for Exceptional Children of Orange County. He made a special presentation to Santa Ana High School special education teacher J. W. Rosenberg's classroom for special education equipment. J.W. Rosenberg, who was present, applied for funding for his classroom and was selected to receive the \$1,000 award. Mr. Hime stated that a Nintendo game unit would be purchased for the use of hands and motor skills training for special education students while engaging higher learning.

The Cambodian Family Agency

The Superintendent introduced Mr. Sundaram Rama, Youth Program Coordinator, from The Cambodian Family. The organization offers quality-mentoring services to some SAUSD students. Youth Program Coordinator Sundaram Rama was present to update the Board on the work The Cambodian Family has been doing. Mr. Rama stated that the Cambodian Family, through the Mentoring Program would address the needs of youth in the Santa Ana community to become strong, positive role models. They will recruit 40 at-risk youths and assign each a volunteer mentor. Mentors will meet with youths for at least one hour per week to provide tutoring and overall support. Mentors will accompany youths on field trips and other activities. Mr. Rama introduced staff members in attendance.

Introduction of Newest SAUSD Administration

Mr. Hammitt, Executive Director Human Resources, introduced the newest Santa Ana Unified School District's Administrators. Board members welcomed and congratulated each Administrator to the SAUSD and/or to their new assignments.

Jaime Ramirez, Assistant Principal, Roosevelt Elementary
Brent Nagele, Coordinator of Activities, Century High

Above & Beyond the Call of Duty "A-B-C-D" Award - Dr. Juan Lara

Dr. Juan Lara, who is retiring from the University of California, Irvine after 17 years, working as an Assistant Vice Chancellor Emeritus, Enrollment Services, also the founding Director of Center of Educational Partnerships (CFEP), was the recipient of the *Above & Beyond the Call of Duty A-B-C-D Award*.

The Superintendent Russo presented the award describing the great impact Dr. Lara has had on education, specifically in the SAUSD. Dr. Lara's goal when he founded the Center of Educational Partnerships which includes the Santa Ana Partnership, was to improve academic achievement and college access among low income and first generation college students. The Santa Ana Partnership is recognized as one of California's most enduring student-centered partnerships. Since its inception, Dr. Lara has brought more than \$30 million in supplemental funding to the region through the coordinated efforts of SAUSD, SAC, CSUF, UCI, and community and business partners. Ms. Russo stated that Dr. Lara has demonstrated every quality that exemplifies what the A-B-C-D Award was created to honor. As Dr. Lara accepted the honor, Ms. Russo thanked Dr. Lara for his efforts and support of SAUSD students who chose to pursue higher education at UC schools during his 17-year tenure and for the legacy that he leaves intact to future generations. Ms. Russo introduced Ms. Sara Lundquist, Vice President, Student Services, from Santa Ana College who was present to support Dr. Lara.

Each Board member paid tribute by expressing how Dr. Lara had inspired him or her through his programs and genuine interest to the SAUSD community. Trustees congratulated him on his retirement.

PRESENTATIONS

Update and Status of School Building Program

Mr. Jerry Hills, Construction Manager, presented an update and status report of the SAUSD building program. He reviewed construction projects by aerial view photos. He provided information on funding, revenue, expenditures and balances of specific projects. He then examined the moving schedules due to the lease expiring at Fairview and Alton Streets. He stated that Valley High School's aquatic center and landscape would be completed by February 2008. The wrestling room at Valley High is expected to be completed next week, and QZAB Science labs and lecture rooms projects at Carr, Spurgeon, and Willard intermediate schools will be completed by April 2008.

Board members requested information regarding wrestling room wall pads and costs at the next construction update.

Quality Education Investment Act Grant Update

Dr. Olsky introduced the item. She stated that the Quality Education Investment Act (QEIA) grant through Senate Bill 1113 legislation resulted from collaborative settlement agreement for the CTA v. Schwarzenegger lawsuit that awarded repayment of \$2.7 billion owed to school districts throughout the State under Proposition 98. The SAUSD received \$77 million over the next seven years for over 60% of eligible students in 14 schools. The goal of the QEIA is to improve the quality of sustainable academic instruction and academic achievement in schools with high poverty students. Dr. Olsky stated that training has been received for District administration, principals, and teachers from the California Teachers Association (CTA). The California Teacher's Association recommended a survey to assure adequate facilities in to begin services as soon as possible. She stated that one goal was to lower class size. In addition, to bring additional information, she introduced Dr. Tony Wold, Director, Quality Education Investment Act.

Dr. Wold presented an update on the QEIA grant. He stated that the 2007-08 school year is the planning year. A single-site plan for each of the 14 QEIA sites will be brought before the Board for approval. Formal QEIA presentations will be made to the Board in the months to come, and monthly updates will be sent to the Board to keep them apprised of the program. He stated that the steering committee will be comprised of Santa Ana Educator's Association, Human Resources, Student Achievement, Facilities, Instructional Services, and site principals. Initial plans for 2008-09 will be completed in February/March and brought to the Board for approval. He provided details and requirements of the QEIA that included Class Size Reduction to the instructional program. He shared the implementation timeline as follows:

2008-09

- One-third implementation of QEIA CSR (1 grade level or subject area at secondary)
- Forty hours of focused staff development

2009-10

- 2/3 implementation of QEIA CSR (2 grade levels or subjects)
- 40 hours of focused staff development

2010-2011

- Full implementation of QEIA CSR (all grade levels/core subjects)
- 36-38 additional elementary classrooms needed
- 15-20 secondary classrooms based upon master schedule decisions

- 40 hours of focused staff development yearly for all certificated staff and paraprofessionals

Trustees requested a detailed layout of the plan, what has been completed in the current year, and exactly what the \$7 million is being spent on in the current year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mrs. Avila, and carried 5-0, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of December 11, 2007, excluding item 4.0, pages 413 and 414 to clarify language on items.

1.0 APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0, to approve the Consent Calendar in its entirety.

- 1.1 Approval of purchase order summary and detailed listing of orders \$25,000 and over for the period of November 14 through December 11, 2007.
- 1.2 Approve expenditure summary and warrant listing of expenditures over \$25,000 for the period of November 14 through December 11, 2007.
- 1.3 Approval of agreements/contracts between the Santa Ana Unified School District and various consultants for the period of November 14 through December 11, 2007.
- 1.4 Approval to dispose obsolete un-repairable computer equipment, miscellaneous furniture, equipment, or textbooks.
- 1.5 Approval of Appointment of GEI-CEO Environmental, Inc., as consultant for Construction of Facilities Relocation Project.
- 1.6 Approval to release contract retention in the amount of \$221,817.48 for bid package No. 2 for USS Cal Builders construction for the construction of Valley High School Modernization Project which represents 50% of the escrow retention amount.
- 1.7 This item was removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion and separate action.
- 1.8 Approval of Change Order No. 2 for Qualified Zone Academy Bond project in the amount of \$16,598.27.
- 1.9 Authorization to obtain bids for removal and replacement of Physical Education lockers at MacArthur Fundamental Intermediate School.
- 1.10 Approval of amendment agreement with Ghataode Bannon Architects to provide additional services for the Valley High School modernization project.
- 1.11 Approval of sub agreement between Santa Ana Unified School District and the University of California, Irvine GEAR UP II grant for the 2007-08 school year.
- 1.12 Approval of Extended Field Trips in Accordance With Board Policy (BP) 6153(a) - School-Sponsored Trips and Administrative Regulation (AR) 6153.1 - Extended School-Sponsored Trips.

- 1.13 Approval of master contracts and/or individual service agreements with nonpublic schools and agencies for student with disabilities for 2007-08 school year.
- 1.14 Approval of payment and reimbursement of costs incurred for designated instructional services for students with disabilities for 2007-08 school year.

Item removed from Consent Calendar for Discussion and Separate Action

- 1.7 Authorization to award contract for the installation of Smartboard/LCD projector mounts and electrical for Carr and Spurgeon Intermediate to Pub Construction Inc., in the amount of \$94,300.

Mrs. Avila removed the item for clarification. Through the English Language Acquisition Project (ELAP) at Spurgeon and the General Fund at Carr Intermediate, Smartboards and LCD projector mounts and all electrical needs for installation of Smartboards totaled \$94,300. Ms. Alex Ito, Assistant Director of Instructional Technology provided insight in reference to Smartboards use.

REGULAR ACTION ITEMS

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

Dr. Olsky reviewed the various gifts and donations to the Santa Ana Unified School District. She highlighted a \$100,000 donation by Mr. and Mrs. William Marshall, from Laguna Beach to Harvey Elementary to promote student achievement programs. Entirely the District received gifts and donations totaling \$143,037 for the month of January.

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Palacio and carried 5-0 to accept the gifts in accordance with Board Policy 3290 - Gifts, Grants, and Bequests.

- 3.0 **AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT SERVICES FOR SEGERSTROM HIGH SCHOOL OLYMPIC POOL AND ATHLETIC TRACK**

The Board thanked the O.C. Children's Family Commission and the YMCA for their generous donation totaling \$3 million for the joint project.

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Hernandez and carried 5-0 to authorize administration to obtain a Request for Proposal for CEQA Services for Segerstrom High School Olympic Pool and Athletic Track.

- 4.0 **AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN BIDS FOR PURCHASE OF INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES FOR WAREHOUSE STOCK**

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mrs. Avila and carried 5-0 to authorize administration to obtain bids for purchase of instructional supplies for warehouse stock.

5.0 **AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR LEASE/PURCHASE OF OFFSET PRESS FOR PUBLICATIONS DEPARTMENT**

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mrs. Avila and carried 5-0 to authorize administration to award contract for lease/purchase of offset press for Publications Department to Heidelberg USA, in the amount of \$674,963.

6.0 **ACCEPTANCE OF COMPLETION OF CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF HEROES ELEMENTARY E-RATE PROJECT**

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richardson and carried 5-0 to accept the January 8, 2008, completion of contract with Minako America dba Minco Construction in the amount of \$880,000 for the construction of Heroes Elementary E-rate Project.

7.0 **ACCEPTANCE OF COMPLETION OF CONTRACT FOR BID PACKAGE NO. 06 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL MODERNIZATION PROJECT**

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Palacio and carried 5-0 to accept the January 8, 2008, completion of contract with J.L. Cobb Painting for bid Package No. 6 for the construction of Valley High School Modernization project for a total amount of \$702,810.

8.0 **APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF SENATE BILL 472 MATHEMATICS AND READING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION TO CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

The reimbursement program will allow the District to be reimbursed from the State for the costs of implementing SB 472 teacher training to over 200 teachers.

It was moved by Mrs. Avila, seconded by Mr. Palacio and carried 5-0 to approve the submission of the Mathematics and Reading Professional Development Program SB472 application to the California Department of Education for the 2007-08 school year.

9.0 **APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF ASSEMBLY BILL 466 MATHEMATICS AND READING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION TO CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mrs. Avila and carried 5-0 to approve the submission of the Mathematics and Reading Professional Development program SB466 application to the California Department of Education for July 1, 2005 through December 31, 2006.

10.0 **APPROVAL OF SED DE SABER ESL PROGRAM MATERIALS FOR ADULT ESL LEARNERS**

It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Mrs. Avila and carried 5-0 to approve the Sed de Saber ESL program materials for adult ESL Learners.

11.0 **APPROVAL OF SUB-AGREEMENT BETWEEN SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND RANCHO SANTIAGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT FOR GEAR UP III FOR 2007-08 SCHOOL YEAR**

It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Mrs. Avila and carried 5-0 to approve the GEAR UP III sub agreement between Santa Ana Unified School District and Rancho Santiago Community College District for the 2007-08 school year.

12.0 **APPROVAL OF PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FULLERTON FOR EARLY TITAN OUTREACH PROGRAM AT LATHROP INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL**

It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Mrs. Avila and carried 5-0 to approve the participation agreement between California State University, Fullerton and Santa Ana Unified School District for early Titan Outreach Program (ETOP) at Lathrop Intermediate School.

13.0 **PERSONNEL ACTION**

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Palacio and carried 5-0 to approve the Personnel Calendar in its entirety.

14.0 **DISCUSSION ITEM**

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM UPDATE

Dr. Olsky introduced the item. She stated that as the Santa Ana Unified School District begins 2008, it is important to review the services provided to our students through the SAUSD After School Program. She stated that programs have been funded by the State of California for the past 19 years. She introduced Dr. Machado who provided an update on After School Programs.

Dr. Machado stated that ASES is a State grant program authorized by the voter-approved initiative Proposition 49. Every school in the State was eligible to receive funding to serve grades K-9 with priority for funding to schools whose Free and Reduced Lunch count is 50% or more. The After School Education and Safety (ASES) program serves approximately 5,600 students at 34 elementary sites and 9 intermediate sites. There are 19 community-based organizations and 24 SAUSD staff operated sites. She explained the difference between Site Coordinators and Instructional Providers, paid support providers and non-paid volunteers, attendance and the scope of the offerings. She reported that the ASES program has had positive effects on students. ASES students demonstrate academic gains on CST in language arts and math, regular school-day attendance improved, and regular school day behavior problems improved. Tutoring and enrichment activities, a safe environment, and homework support is offered through ASES. She stated that a student wait list continues to grow.

15.0 **BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS/ACTIVITIES**

Dr. Yamagata-Noji

- Wished all a Happy New Year!
- Reported on the District's 18th Annual CENA event of December 24, at the Southwest Senior Citizens Center, for a Holiday dinner. Each child received a toy, a book, and a dictionary. She reported that staff and Administration served approximately 3,000 people and thanked all volunteers.

Mrs. Avila:

- Wished everybody a Happy New Year! She is excited about 2008 and appreciates all staff.

Mr. Richardson:

- Wished everyone a Happy New Year!
- Looks forward to the Facilities Master Plan presentation and discussions regarding discussions concerning Medical Retiree program in Open and Closed Sessions.

Mr. Hernandez:

- Looks forward to the new year and working with members of the Board of Education and Administration to making 2008 a successful year.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

By a vote of 4-0 the Board took action to approve the Workers' Compensation Compromise and Release for a former employee in the amount of \$30,000.

Moved: Richardson ___ Avila ___ Yamagata-Noji X Hernández___ Palacio ___
 Seconded: Richardson ___ Avila ___ Yamagata-Noji ___ Hernández___ Palacio X
 Vote: Ayes 4 Noes ___ Abstain ___ Absent Hernandez

By a vote of 4-0 the Board took action to approve the Workers' Compensation Compromise and Release for a former employee in the amount of \$90,000.

Moved: Richardson ___ Avila ___ Yamagata-Noji ___ Hernández___ Palacio X
 Seconded: Richardson X Avila ___ Yamagata-Noji ___ Hernández___ Palacio ___
 Vote: Ayes 4 Noes ___ Abstain ___ Absent Hernandez

By a vote of 4-0 the Board took action to approve the Workers' Compensation Compromise and Release for a former employee in the amount of \$30,000.

Moved: Richardson X Avila ___ Yamagata-Noji ___ Hernández___ Palacio ___
 Seconded: Richardson ___ Avila X Yamagata-Noji ___ Hernández___ Palacio ___
 Vote: Ayes 4 Noes ___ Abstain ___ Absent Hernandez

By a vote of 4-0 the Board took action to approve the termination of a classified employee as identified in closed session.

Moved: Richardson ___ Avila ___ Yamagata-Noji ___ Hernández___ Palacio X
 Seconded: Richardson ___ Avila X Yamagata-Noji ___ Hernández___ Palacio ___
 Vote: Ayes 4 Noes ___ Abstain ___ Absent Hernandez

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Seconded: Richardson X Avila ___ Yamagata-Noji ___ Hernández___ Palacio ___

Vote: Ayes_____ Noes_____ Abstain_____ Absent Hernandez

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2008, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Jane A. Russo
Secretary
Santa Ana Board of Education