

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

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
SANTA ANA BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 10, 2006

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Board President Yamagata-Noji. Other members in attendance were Mr. Richardson, Mrs. Avila, and Mr. Palacio. Mr. Tinajero was not in attendance.

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

MEETING RECESSED AND RECONVENED

At 5:30 p.m., the Regular meeting was recessed to Closed Session to consider legal matters, personnel matters, special education contracts, and student discipline issues.

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

There were approximately 80 members of the community and District staff in the audience. Dr. Yamagata-Noji stated that Trustee Tinajero would be arriving later in the meeting due to his receiving an award at the Fullerton Union High School Board meeting this evening.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Richardson.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent wished the community of Santa Ana a Happy New Year. He then called to the attention of those present the beautiful artwork posted in the Board Room contributed by the students and teachers at Remington Elementary School.

The Superintendent introduced Violinist and Saddleback High School student, Carmen Maria Marquez. Carmen is a remarkable student who was recently selected for membership in the Orange County Youth Symphony Orchestra. More than 250 students auditioned for seats in the orchestra, 175 of those were for string instruments. He then called upon Carmen who performed the song *Scene de Ballet*. He thanked Ms. Olzak, Carmen's teacher at Saddleback, for her support and dedication and accompanist Margaret Boland.

INTRODUCTION OF NEWEST EMPLOYEES APPOINTED TO THE SAUSD:

Mr. Lopez, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, called upon the newest Administrative members to the Santa Ana Unified School District in attendance. Each shared a comment regarding his/her new position. Board members and Superintendent congratulated each employee and wished them well in their new positions:

Laura Ramirez, Employee Benefits Manager
Swan-Dayani Siggih, Assistant Director, Fiscal Services
Felisa Gear, Principal, Greenville Fundamental
Denise Bertrand, Assistant Principal, Willard Intermediate
Diana Clearwater, Assistant Principal, Sepulveda Elementary
Betsey Helie, Assistant Principal, Taft Elementary
Gregory Merwin, Assistant Principal, Hoover Elementary
Jane Mitchell, Assistant Principal, Greenville Elementary
Norris Perez, Assistant Principal, King Elementary
Peter Richardson, Assistant Principal, Martin Elementary

Dr. Mijares then introduced Mr. Joshua Havlik, teacher at Davis Elementary School, who was recently nominated by the Santa Ana Board of Education to serve as the District's representative on the City of Santa Ana Recreation & Parks Board. Mr. Havlik stated that he looks forward to working with the Santa Ana Recreation and Parks Board on behalf of the Santa Ana Unified School District. He agreed to return and provide updates regularly.

The Superintendent introduced Century High School Coach Jesse Gomez. Mr. Gomez is a 1991 graduate of Santa Ana High School. He played with the USC Trojan football team and when college his career was over, he returned to SAUSD to teach at the school where he began. Ten years ago, while Coach Gomez was on the USC team under Coach John Robinson, they captured the 1995 Pac-10 title and proceeded to beat third-ranked Northwestern 41-32 in the 1996 Rose Bowl Game. Coach Gomez said, "I want young people to have a positive experience through football. It's about giving back." The Superintendent also highlighted an outstanding article written by Century High School teacher Greg Katz entitled, "*Coach of the Century*" *It Was a Snap*, written about Coach Gomez. Mr. Katz was in attendance and was recognized for his work on the article. Board and Superintendent recognized the former Man of Troy for his dedication to the students of Santa Ana.

Alexandra Ito, Interim Director, Educational Technology and Media Services, was named Educator of the Year 2005, at the California League of High Schools (CLHS) Region 11 awards ceremony. The nominees for the award included ten educators from various districts and three from Santa Ana Unified, including Karen Bluel from Valley High School, Dr. Richard Jara from Valley High School, and Laura Rubio from Century High School. CLHS bestows the award to an educator who exemplifies educational excellence and who has made significant efforts to implement educational reform in high schools. Trustees and Superintendent congratulated Ms. Ito and presented her with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

An ***Education First*** video captured Ms. Gloria Montiel's excitement and confidence at attending Harvard University. Ms. Montiel graduated from Santa Ana High School in 2005 and recently completed her first semester at

Harvard. She is adapting to the cold weather and says she feels as though she belongs there. She enjoys playing cards and watching movies in her spare time. She said that she is able to firmly stand up and give her opinion on anything thanks to her SAUSD educational background and loves that!

Congratulations to Becky Yacenda, first grade teacher at Carl Harvey Elementary and District *Teacher of the Year*. She is featured in this month's issue of OC Family Magazine as one of *Ten Heroes Making a Difference*. She joins an esteemed list of community leaders, which also includes district friend Rueben Martinez of Libreria Martinez.

Bernedette Medrano, Executive Director of the Santa Ana Education Foundation, provided information about Citibank's \$20,000 Teacher Mini Grants and an additional \$20,000 for Citibank's Success Fund. Tomorrow, she will make an announcement to principals and in February, she will return to report expenditures.

RECOGNITION:

Classified Employee of the Month - January

A District Classified Selection Committee nominated Mrs. Ginnie Garcia, Instructional Assistant, Martin Elementary School, as Classified Employee of the Month, for January. Mrs. Esther Hernandez, Instructional Assistant, presented Ms. Garcia with the honor. Ginnie has worked for the Santa Ana Unified School District since 1984, having worked most of those years at Martin Elementary School. She sparks increased interest in reading among her assigned students with her kind and patience demeanor. Parents in the community appreciate her encouragement and determination. Ginnie is a hard worker with a cheerful attitude, which is transferred to the students at Martin Elementary School. She is a valued member of the Martin Elementary Team.

With Ginnie to receive this special honor was her aunt and uncle, and peers. On behalf of the Santa Ana Unified School District and the Board, she was presented a beautiful bouquet of flowers, a plaque engraved with her name and month for which she is honored, and a gift certificate for dinner.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

President Yamagata-Noji asked those members of the community who wished to address the Board to step forward as she called their names:

Tammra Detviler, SAUSD teacher, addressed the Board with concerns regarding the California High School Exit Exam and the Special Education plan with respect to students. She is asking for clarification and guidance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING - DECEMBER 13, 2005.

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 3-0, Mr. Palacio not present, to approve the Minutes of the December 13, 2005, Board meeting with a correction to page 496, misspelling of a name.

1.0 APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

The following item was removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion and separate action: Recommended Awards and Approval of Extended Field Trips.

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 3-0, Mr. Palacio not present, to approve the Consent Calendar in its entirety.

- 1.1 Approve Change Order No. 1 for the construction of Sierra Intermediate modernization project for a credit in the amount of \$9,000 for a revised total construction cost of \$1,224,844.00.
- 1.2 Authorization to obtain bids for construction of the Heroes Elementary School project.
- 1.3 Authorization to reject all bids and re-bid for the construction of additional stadium bleachers (Bid Package 25) and visitor restrooms (Bid Package 28) at Segerstrom High School.
- 1.4 Recommended Awards was removed from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion and action.
- 1.5 Approval of Purchase Order Summary and a detailed listing of orders \$25,000 and over for the period of November 23 through December 13, 2005.
- 1.6 Approval of Expenditure Summary and detailed listing of expenditures over \$10,000 for the period of November 23 through December 13, 2005.
- 1.7 Approval of listing agreements/contracts between the Santa Ana Unified School District and various consultants.

A listing is attached to the Minutes.
- 1.8 Approval of disposal of obsolete textbooks, pursuant to Education Code Sections 17545 and 17546, Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 3270.
- 1.9 Approval of disposal of unrepairable miscellaneous furniture, pursuant to Education Code Sections 17545 and 17546, Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 3270.
- 1.10 Approval of disposal of unrepairable computer equipment, pursuant to Education Code Sections 17545 and 17546, Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 3270.
- 1.11 Adopt Resolution No. 05/06-2637 for approval of amendment to the State Preschool Contract CPRE-5241 for the 2005-06 program year.
- 1.12 Adoption of Resolution No. 05/06-2638 - Acceptance of Funding From Assembly Bill (AB) 128 for CAHSEE Intensive Instruction and Services to the Students in the Class of 2006.
- 1.13 Approval of Individual Service Agreement with Center for Autism and Related Disorders for the Education of a Student with Disabilities for the 2005-06 School Year.

- 1.14 Approval of Individual Service Agreement with Pacific Child and Family Associates for the Education of a Student with Disabilities for the 2005-06 School Year.
- 1.15 Approval of Individual Service Agreement with Therapeutic Education Centers for the Education of a Student with Disabilities for the 2005-06 School Year.
- 1.16 Approval of Individual Recommended for Membership to the Community Advisory Committee for the SAUSD for the 2005-06 School Year.
- 1.17 Acceptance of gifts in accordance with Board Policy (BP) 3290(a) - Gifts, Grants, and Bequests.

A listing is attached to the Minutes.

- 1.18 This item was removed from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion and action.
- 1.19 Approval of recommendations by the Administrative Hearing Panels to expel students for recommended terms and remediation conditions:

309680 - Mendez Fundamental Intermediate

For violation of Paragraphs a & b, that the Board expel him from the schools of the District for the balance of the fall semester, 2005-06 school year, and that the expulsion order be suspended until January 15, 2006, and that he be permitted to return to a District school/program on a probationary status.

127172 - Century High

For violation of Paragraph f, that the Board expel him from the schools that he may apply for readmission on or after June 15, 2006.

120197 - Santa Ana High

For violation of Paragraph f, that the Board expel him from the schools of the District for the balance of the fall semester, 2005-06 school year, and that the expulsion order be suspended until January 15, 2006, and that he be permitted to return to a District school/program on a probationary status.

175108 - Taft Elementary

For violation of Paragraphs a & b, that the Board expel him from the schools of the District for the remainder of the fall semester 2005-06 school year and that the expulsion order be suspended for only the spring semester of the 2005-06 school year, and that he be permitted to return to a District school/program on a probationary status during that time period.

129440 - Saddleback High

For violation of Paragraph f, that the Board expel him from the schools of the District and that he may apply for readmission on or after June 15, 2006.

159706 - Willard Intermediate

For violation of Paragraph b, that the Board expel him from the schools of the District for the balance of the fall semester, 2005-06 school year, and that the expulsion order be suspended until January 15, 2006, and that he be permitted to return to a District school/program on a probationary status.

334112 - Willard Intermediate

For violation of Paragraph c, that the Board expel him from the schools of the District for the balance of the fall semester 2005-06 school year and the spring semester 2005-06 school year; however, that the expulsion order be suspended until June 15, 2006, and that he be permitted to return to a District school/program on a probationary status.

149490 - Willard Intermediate

For violation of Paragraphs c & f, that the Board expel him from the schools of the District for the balance of the fall semester 2005-06 school year and the spring semester 2005-06 school year; however, that the expulsion order be suspended until June 15, 2006, and that he be permitted to return to a District school/program on a probationary status.

1.4 AWARDS	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Purchase of Dell Computer Equipment for King Elementary School	Apple Computer, Inc.	\$115,000
Roof Repairs at Wilson Elementary	Best Roofing & Waterproofing, Inc.	\$144,100

This item was removed by Administration with a request to take action solely on the purchase of Dell Computer equipment for King Elementary School and return to a future Board meeting the approval to repair roofs at Wilson.

It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 3-0, Mr. Palacio absent, to approve the purchase of Dell Computer equipment for King Elementary School and return the repair of roofs at Wilson Elementary to a future Board meeting.

1.17 Approval of Extended Field Trips in accordance with Board Policy (BP) 6153(A) - School-Sponsored Trips and Administrative Regulation (AR) 6153.1 (A) - Extended School Sponsored Trips.

This item was blue sheeted to bring to the attention of the Board a change in years of three field trips inadvertently dated 2006.

It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 3-0, Mr. Palacio not present, to approve the extended field trips with the years revised to read December 2005.

A listing is attached to the Minutes.

APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS:

2.0 APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH ARCHITECT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SERVICES FOR VALLEY MODERNIZATION PROJECT

Mr. White provided an explanation of the amended costs for the improvements in addition to the standard modernization scope of work for the Valley High School modernization project. He stated that the \$921,500 was for the expansion of the project, the \$366,630 is what is being brought before the Board for approval, with a total amount not to exceed \$1.28 million. He stated that the architects would receive approximately five percent of the total project budget. He then briefly described specific areas of the renovation such as major landscape improvements, a new aquatic center, and major administration building renovations.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji asked Administration to provide a breakdown of specific costs regarding the cafeteria expenditures.

Mr. Richardson asked that a running total be included as back up to the Agenda Item Back up Sheet or another means by which to monitor funds.

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 4-0, to amend the agreement with Ghataode Bannon Architects to provide additional services for the Valley High School modernization project.

3.0 AUTHORIZATION FOR ANNUAL RENEWAL FOR CERTIFIED TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, INC.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji stated that the Board had previously approved this item and requested an explanation.

Mr. Tsunozumi, Director of Business Services, responded that this item is not for repayment. It is merely for clarification requested by the Orange County Department of Education (OCDE) regarding the Certified Transportation, Inc. agreement previously sent to the OCDE in reference to the Cost of Living (COLA) adjustment. An explanation was provided to OCDE, which was acceptable, and now calls for Board approval.

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mrs. Avila, and carried 4-0, to authorize Administration to award an annual renewal for the fiscal period, which began on October 1, 2005 for the period of one year to Certified Transportation Services, Inc., with the option to renew for an additional year commencing on October 1, 2006, pursuant to Bid No. 17-02.

4.0 COMPREHENSIVE SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION SUPPLEMENT (REVISION: FOR FIRST READING)

Dr. Bratcher introduced the item. He stated that on September 27, 2005, the Board approved the adoption of the revised high school Health Curriculum and textbook to become compliant with the Coordinated Compliance Review mandate for HIV/AIDS prevention education. At the direction of the Board, additional curriculum was to be developed and returned for approval. The high school teacher textbook committee met with State CCR representatives, teachers, parents, and community members to develop the supplement.

Mrs. Avila questioned the method by which the supplemental curriculum item was placed on the Board Agenda. Dr. Bratcher said that it is customary to agendaize textbooks as a 28-day review. Supplemental curriculum/materials are agendaized as a first Reading with the final reading being an adoption. Another concern was that the documents indicate *draft copy, not for general distribution*. Dr. Bratcher stated that Board members may suggest changes to the curriculum therefore it was recommend not disseminating at this time. It was suggested that wording be changed to *proposed curriculum* and made clear that copies of this supplement can be disseminated to parents as long as it indicates that it is a proposal. She then requested a legal opinion regarding whether Game Plan was legally "disapproved" by the Board, due to its approval prior to a 28-day review period.

Board discussion ensued. Mrs. Avila then reviewed specifics from the supplement. She voiced her concern about the absence of marriage relationships within the curriculum, which allows in her opinion beliefs to be compromised and could ultimately harm students. She asked that the supplement include an expanded definition including marriage intimacy.

It was the consensus of the Board that the word "Draft Copy Not for General Distribution" be changed to "Proposal" and that it may be shared with interested parties.

Presented for first reading; no action required.

5.0 APPROVAL OF PARTICIPATION OF TECH PREP PATHWAYS PROJECT

Dr. Bratcher introduced the item. He stated that Tech ROP Prep courses articulate with community college courses in the same field entitling students to receive advanced credits at the community college level.

Dr. Noji asked for a more extensive report on the current status of advanced credits concerning students in college.

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 4-0, to approve the participation of Tech Prep Pathways project, a Local Networks and Collaborative Project, with Rancho Santiago Community College District and Central County Regional Occupational Program: Garden Grove, Orange, and Santa Ana Unified School Districts for the 2005-06 school year.

6.0 APPROVAL OF REVISED DECLARATION OF NEED FOR FULLY QUALIFIED EDUCATORS FOR THE 2005-06 SCHOOL YEAR

Mr. Lopez introduced the item. He stated due to recent State legislation initiated by the Williams Case Settlement, all teachers are required to hold an English Learner authorization if they are assigned to teach English Learners. In order to comply, it is necessary to request additional Emergency CLAD permits for approximately 400 teachers.

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 4-0, to approve the revised Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for the 2005-06 school year as requested by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

7.0 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO DELEGATE ASSEMBLY FOR CALIFORNIA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION (CSBA) REGION 15

Mr. Palacio entered the nomination of Mr. Richardson as the District's representative to the Delegate Assembly for CSBA. He accepted the nomination.

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 4-0, to appoint Mr. Richardson as representative to the Delegate Assembly of the California School Boards Association (CSBA).

8.0 APPROVAL OF NEW JOB DESCRIPTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 4-0, to approve the new job description Assistant Director, Instructional Technology.

9.0 APPROVAL OF NEW JOB DESCRIPTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, FACILITIES AND PLANNING

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mrs. Avila, and carried 4-0, to approve the new job description of Assistant Director, Facilities and Planning.

10.0 APPROVAL OF TRADITIONAL INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR FOR 2006-07 SCHOOL YEAR

It was the consensus of the Board that this item be returned to a future Board meeting to enable further discussion concerning calendar dates.

11.0 PERSONNEL ACTION

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 3-0, Mrs. Avila not present, to approve the Personnel Calendar in its entirety.

12.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION (AR) 7310.1 - PLAQUES FOR SCHOOLS

This item was removed and will return to a future Board meeting.

13.0 BOOKS DONATED BY MEXICAN CONSULATE FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO SUPPORT LITERACY

Dr. Stainer introduced the item. She read a portion of a letter from the Mexican Consulate to the SAUSD indicating their reason for the book donations. It is without question that the Mexican Consulate recognizes the importance of the acquisition of English, for both the children and parents of the community and that the parents are not yet sufficiently fluent in English to be able to serve at this time as strong English reading role models for their children. Until they are able to do so, it is critical that parents continue to read to their children on a daily basis to enrich their child's learning. Dr. Stainer explained the reason the District avoided the donation process. She clarified that the books were not for school or District use. The District acted as a conduit for dissemination. Some books were also sent to school sites for dissemination during PTA and other parent meetings. Dr. Stainer stated that the current process is being reviewed and other avenues are being considered. Mrs. Avila stated that when the books were first brought up that the intention was for teachers to look at books and see what students were learning in Mexico and nothing was said about parents. She then observed the books were being given away at PTA meetings and other parent meetings. She suggested that the District look at the Delhi Cultural Center and other locations for dissemination, therefore, freeing up the District's responsibility.

Dr. Mijares concluded by saying that the books were sent to us in an effort to be neighborly and to work with a public agency, such as the Mexican Consulate. He said that it is important to handle this issue with a great degree of diplomacy. The Mexican Consulate has been cordial and will continue to be very supportive of any decision the District makes.

14.0 BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Palacio:

- ❖ Welcomed everyone back from the holidays and hopes that the New Year would be a positive one for all.

Mr. Richardson:

- ❖ Wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji:

- ❖ Asked Administration to look into a way to begin more recognitions at alternative schools (Middle College, Mountain View, and Chavez).

Announcements:

- Valley High School Student Union is hosting an assembly in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Friday, January 13 at 10:22 a.m. Featured speaker is Star Parker, founder and president of CURE, the Coalition of Urban Renewal and Education.
- The Orange County Black History Multicultural Parade & Faire is scheduled for Saturday, February 4. The parade will begin at 10:00 a.m.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Dr. Yamagata-Noji reported the following actions taken in Closed Session:

Approval of Appointment of Ana Gutierrez, to the position of Assistant Principal to be assigned to Santiago Elementary School for the 2005-06 school year.

Moved: Yamagata-Noji ___ Richardson ___ Tinajero ___ Avila ___ Palacio X

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

Vote: Ayes _____ Noes _____ Abstain _____ Absent Dr. Yamagata-Noji

Dr. Yamagata-Noji closed the meeting with a Celebration of Life and in memory of Gail King-Burney. She was an outstanding instructor and educator. She was previously the President of SAEA and one with an indelible presence. She never shied away from her views and was highly admired for that quality. She will be missed by all who knew her.

ADJOURNMENT

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, January 24, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

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