

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

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
SANTA ANA BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 11, 2005

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Board President Yamagata-Noji. Other members in attendance were Mr. Richardson, Mr. Tinajero, Mrs. Avila, and Mr. Palacio.

Cabinet members present were Dr. Mijares, Dr. Bennett, Mr. Trigg, Mr. Lopez, Mr. Sharp, Dr. Stainer, Dr. Bratcher, and Mrs. Araujo-Cook.

MEETING RECESSED AND RECONVENED

At 5:15 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 110 members of the community and District staff in the audience.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mrs. Avila.

Following the Flag Salute, President Yamagata-Noji called for a Moment of Silence in honor of those who lost their lives and for the displaced due to the Tsunami tragedies, both internationally and locally.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent began the evening by wishing everyone a happy and prosperous new year. Photos from the recent holiday CENA (Caring Educators Nourishing All) celebration were shared with all in attendance. CENA has been in existence for 15 years, feeding the less fortunate and bringing holiday cheer to all in attendance. The event was held at the Southwest Senior Center where over 2,000 residents attended and 200 volunteers were present. Besides a delicious meal, toys, books, and dictionaries highlighted the Christmas event.

Dr. Mijares expressed gratitude to students and staff from Jackson Elementary and McFadden Intermediate schools for artwork displayed in the Board Room.

Aired on NBC Channel 4 recently were deaf and hard of hearing children, who together with staff and parents put on a spectacular holiday show that included Santa Ana's very own Taft Elementary school. Performances were outstanding. Signing was provided throughout the

performance. Dr. Mijares thanked the students, parents, teachers, and Principal, Mr. Longacre, for an excellent job.

OC Family Magazine has named its 10 *Educators Making A Difference*. Congratulations to Cristina Vicente of Pio Pico Elementary School. The fourth-grade science teacher and Santa Ana Unified District Teacher of the Year is featured in January's publication.

Congratulations to Grant Elementary School, which was recently recognized with Experian's *Heart of Experian* National Education Award for the 2004-05 school year. The award, including a \$2,000 donation, supports the work and specifically the mobile computer lab of the school. Accepting the award on behalf of Grant Elementary was Principal Brian Martinez.

On Monday, January 17, the District will observe the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. Learning at all grade levels about the work of Dr. King has been taking place over the past weeks. At Mountain View High School, school business partner Super Antojitos restaurant will be catering for a lunchtime assembly at which Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez been invited to speak. Thanks to Howard Booker for coordinating this annual event.

Commendations to the parents, students and staff of Century High School, specifically those involved in the Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA). Even though the recent weather has dampened, it did not deter the Centurions from having a very successful association meeting last night at the Century Theatre. Hundreds of people braved the weather and packed the auditorium to hear keynote speaker Rueben Martinez and to learn more about the PTSA. More than 86 new members were recruited at the meeting. Community leader Therese Mims attributes the high participation to the District's ConnectED system, a communications vehicle used to contact all Century parents about this important meeting.

RECOGNITION

Classified Employee of the Month for December - Moctezuma Enriquez

A selection committee consisting of classified employees selected Mr. Moctezuma Enriquez as the Classified Employee of the Month for December. Cesar Chavez High School Office Manager Martha Taylor made the presentation. She said Moctezuma works in the attendance office at Chavez High School with great humor, flexibility, and positive reinforcement. Moctezuma uses gentle persuasion when speaking to students, as well as parents, concerning daily attendance and receiving a good education. His manner is so effective; that it has contributed to student attendance. He shows kindness, initiative, collaboration, and always goes beyond the call of duty. With Mr. Enriquez were his brothers Fernando and Mario, sister-in-law Erica, sister Raquel, two nieces Raquel and Angela, and co-workers. On behalf of the District and the Board, a plaque engraved with his name and month for which he was honored was presented with a gift certificate for dinner at the Olive Garden.

PUBLIC HEARING

Proposal of Orange County Educational Arts Academy (OCEAA) Charter School of Santa Ana

The President declared the hearing open to receive public comments on the proposal of Orange County Educational Arts Academy (OCEAA) Charter School of Santa Ana.

Robin Romain, SAUSD parent, spoke in support of the proposed charter school.

Jane Ross-Laguna, SAUSD parent, spoke in support of the proposed charter school.

The following individuals telephoned the Superintendent's office in support of the proposed OCEAA Charter School:

Elizabeth Blas, SAUSD parent
Janet Granados, SAUSD parent
Lee Rogers, SAUSD parent
Carolina Salvador, SAUSD parent and teacher
Michelle Donahue, SAUSD parent

Dr. Yamagata-Noji called upon Mr. Teele, Consultant for the District and Ms. Sandhu, Legal Counsel for the District, to update the Board on the proposal of proposed OCEAA Charter School.

Mr. Teele stated that since the last presentation, he has received amendments to the proposal and continues to have on-going discussions with both the District and OCEAA. He expects to receive an updated petition due to the three-year term of the agreement. He said that if all were fine at the end of the three-year period, a five-year renewal would be considered.

Ms. Sukhi Sandhu stated that she has been working with Mr. Teele and Mr. Trigg. She also has had email and voicemail communications with OCEAA's legal counsel. There are primary legal concerns in reference to the facility, governance, and financial viability of the charter. Those concerns have been conveyed to Mr. Trigg. In reviewing the one-year and three-year lease agreements the three-year term states that monthly payments would be \$36,000. At the end of the three-year lease, the option to purchase the facility is \$10.5 million. She said that it poses the question that if OCEAA does not have the funds to pay for the building at that time, the charter will have to look for a new facility. Ms. Sandhu stated that she would look into the matter and provide information to the Board. She said that Mr. Trigg has submitted 14 items of all financial issues that have yet to be resolved. Ms. Sandhu stated that the District would have satisfactory answers by January 18, so when Board is asked to render its decision on January 25, they will have all the information.

Dr. Noji inquired about Santa Ana Future Education, LLC mentioned in the lease. Ms. Sukhi stated that the owner works through a number of entities. They are the entity that holds title to the building, and who provides the lease. A term in the agreement states that if the school is unable to pay rent at any point, it can be delayed until they are able to pay, or until the end of the lease term. She stated that this is an unusual lease provision and a concern. The lease amount is \$432,000 annually.

Mr. Palacio inquired about past issues of concern and if they had been addressed. Ms. Sandhu responded that most issues have been alleviated and some yet remain. Ms. Sandhu said that she desires to meet with representatives from OCEAA and the SAUSD to iron out all final details as soon as possible and before the vote.

Mr. Palacio asked about the drop off and/or traffic plan. Ms. Sandhu stated that there is not one at this time and will receive clarification from OCEAA and report back to the Board.

Dr. Noji stated that the SAUSD would soon receive clarification whether this is a City or District issue.

Mr. Tinajero urged this matter to be dealt with immediately to avoid potential problems. Ms. Sandhu stated that it will be addressed in either the Charter petition or in the Memorandum of Understanding.

Mr. Tinajero posed the question, if charter schools have financial problems could a District take over. Ms. Sandhu stated that there have been changes to the law, which have imposed supervisory responsibilities on the chartering agency/District. Ms. Sandhu's response was that if a District grants the charter, and if districts have exercised oversight responsibility, and if charter schools are organized as a public non-benefit profit corporation, districts are not responsible and can take over.

The Board thanked Mr. Teele and Ms. Sandhu for the update.

Hearing no additional comments, the Public Hearing was declared closed.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji stated that Mr. Habermehl, County Superintendent, sent a letter to the SAUSD recently confirming certification of the First Interim Report. She read the letter aloud. It stated that the District would have sufficient reserves in 2005-06 and 2006-07 to maintain the State's recommended minimum reserve levels. It also stated that the District has identified \$4 million in unidentified on-going budget cuts to be made in 2005-06 that are projected to enable the District to maintain healthy unrestricted reserves through 2007-08. The letter mentioned the substantial decline in student enrollment in 2003-04 and projects the trend to continue with future enrollment declines anticipated through 2006-07, which was the case of almost half of the school districts in California. Mr. Habermehl encouraged the District to closely monitor future enrollment trends and prepare for appropriate budget adjustments should enrollment projections fluctuate adversely.

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:

Rory Jordan, community resident, addressed the Board in support of the Superintendent and his renewal contract.

Bernardo Ortega, SAUSD parent, addressed the Board in support of the Superintendent and with concerns about Valley High School's modernization, lighting, and urged the Board to hire teachers prior to student's start date.

Tom Harrison, SAEA President, addressed the Board on behalf of the Santa Ana Education Association, in opposition of the Superintendent's contract renewal.

Marisela Longacre, SASAA President, addressed the Board on behalf of the Santa Ana Schools Administrator's Association and teachers who contacted the association, in support of Superintendent's contract renewal.

Becky Salazar, SAUSD parent, addressed the Board on behalf of Segerstrom High School and encouraged "fundamental" student priority registration.

Cynthia Criollos, SAUSD parent, addressed the Board in reference to fundamental school enrollment and urged fairness for parents and students who have invested years of fundamental education for their children. She also spoke concerning her support for the Superintendent.

Kim Gerda, SAUSD parent, addressed the Board in reference to OCEAA and the budget.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 5-0, to approve the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of November 29, 2004; Minutes of Regular Board meeting of December 14, 2004; and Minutes of Special Board Meeting of December 21, 2004, with the revision of Mr. Palacio being present at the December 21, 2004, special Board meeting.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

The following item was removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion and separate action: Approval of Submission of Reapplication for Middle School Programs for Tobacco use Prevention Education (TUPE) Competitive Grant to the California Department of Education Safe and Healthy Kids Program Office at Identified Middle Schools.

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

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.

Gifts

Monroe Elementary
School Uniforms

Remington Elementary
\$2,000 for library books

Remington Elementary
\$250 for carnival expenses

Roosevelt Elementary
\$3,200 for reading program

Santiago Elementary
Bookshelves for library

Santiago Elementary
Bookshelves for library

Washington Elementary
\$250 for students materials

Donors

Roosters & Roosters Foundation of O.C.
Mr. Doug Davidson
Trabuco Canyon

Melinda Heights Elementary School
Student Body and PTA
Mrs. Perry
Rancho Santa Margarita

AIG-VALIC
Mr. William Christensen
Anaheim

Digital metro Printing
Mrs. Carolina Gonzalez
Santa Ana

Mr. and Mrs. David Karos
Santa Ana

Mr. and Mrs. Rosendo Ortiz
Santa Ana

Target
Mr. Gregg Steinhuf
Minneapolis, MN

Spurgeon Intermediate \$200 for adopt-a-family program	Ms. Kymberlee Russell Laguna Beach
Spurgeon Intermediate \$2,000 for adopt-a-family program	Mr. Kent Russell Laguna Beach
Willard Intermediate \$2,000 for student planners	Willard Intermediate P.T.S.A. Santa Ana
Century High School \$300 for classroom supplies	California Lutheran University Dr. David Marcey Thousand Oaks
Santa Ana High \$300 for girls basketball equipment	Western Sequoia, Corporation Mr. Robert McConneghy III Westchester, CA 90045
Santa Ana High \$150 for girls basketball equipment	Alta Contracting Ms. Susan Correra Santa Ana
Santa Ana High \$145 for PSAT tests	Orange County Community Foundation/ Draper Family Community Fund Mr. Todd M. Hanson Costa Mesa
Santa Ana High \$300 for girls basketball equipment	Mission Landscape Services Mr. Dave Serris Costa Mesa
Santa Ana High \$300 for girls basketball equipment	Wiegert Construction Mr. Mike Wiegert Riverside
Santa Ana High \$300 for girls basketball equipment	Cuesta Construction Company Ms. Angelica Contreras Costa Mesa
SAUSD/ROP Program \$100 for ROP Student Scholarships	Mrs. Simone Eichenberger Santa Ana
SAUSD/ROP Program \$100 for Joan Sullivan Scholarships	Mr. James Sullivan Fountain Valley
SAUSD/Health Services \$5,000 for student health services	Kaiser Permanente Mr. Luis Prado Oakland

Approval of purchase orders issued November 11 through December 14, 2004, to purchase materials, supplies, etc., with funds previously approved.

Approval of warrant listings prepared December 7 through December 21, 2004, to pay budgeted District financial obligations.

<u>Awards</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Purchase of Computer equipment at Lathrop Intermediate	Arey-Jones Educational Solutions, Inc.	\$100,000.00

Approval of contract with SBC for public telephones at various District sites for a period of two years.

Approval of Change Order No. 3 for construction of the Godinez Fundamental High School Project in the amount of \$219,667.39 for a revised total construction cost of \$63,313,344.80.

Approval of Change Order No. 4 for Bid Package 1 for construction of the Godinez Fundamental High School project in the amount of \$112,993.00 for a revised total construction cost of \$63,426,337.80.

Ratification of agreement executed between Santa Ana Unified School District and By Suomi, Inc., DBA Interra, Inc.

Authorization of disposal of obsolete textbooks, pursuant to Education Code Sections 39520 and 39521, Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 3270.

Authorization of disposal of surplus miscellaneous furniture, pursuant to Education Code Sections 39520 and 39521, Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 3270.

Ratification of submission of Advanced Placement Incentive Program (APIP) grant application for high school programs for the 2005-06, 2006-07, and 2007-08 school years, to the U.S. Department of Education.

Approval of submission of reapplication for the middle schools programs for Tobacco Use Prevention Education, TUPE Competitive Grant to the California Department of Education, Safe and Healthy Kids Program Office at identified middle schools.

Approval of submission of reapplication for the high school programs for Tobacco Use Prevention Education, TUPE Competitive Grant to the California Department of Education, Safe and Healthy Kids Program Office at identified high schools.

Approval of submission of the 2005 Enhancing Education Through Technology (EETT) Competitive grant.

Approval of submission of California Technology Assistance Project (CTAP) Teacher grants to the Orange County Department of Education.

Adoption of HIV/AIDS Prevention Education supplementary books.

Approval of Extended Field Trips:

Jefferson Elementary
Ocean Institute, Before the Mast
Dana Point Harbor
March 25-26, 2005 (Friday-Saturday)

Century High School
Model United Nations Conference
Norfolk Virginia and Washington, D.C.
February 6-18, 2005 (Sunday-Friday)

APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF PATHWAY PROJECT A COGNITIVE STRATEGIES APPROACH TO ACADEMIC LITERACY COMPETITIVE GRANT TO THE INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION SCIENCES/UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Mrs. Avila removed the item for discussion. She inquired about the need for more opportunities, as this program, throughout the District.

It was moved by Mrs. Avila, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0 to approve the submission of the Pathway Project: A Cognitive Strategies Approach to Academic Literacy Competitive Grant to the Institute of Education Sciences/United States Department of Education.

APPROVAL OF ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR VALLEY HIGH MODERNIZATION PROJECT

It was moved by Mr. Tinajero, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0, to approve the architectural Services Agreement with Ghataode Bannon Architects, LLP, for the Valley High modernization project.

APPROVAL OF VAVRINEK, TRINE, DAY & CO. (VTD), LLP, FOR AUDITING AND CONSULTING SERVICES FOR SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND ALBOR CHARTER SCHOOL

Mr. Trigg stated that Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co. (VTD), LLP, auditing and consultant contract for the period of December 20 through February 28, 2005, is due for renewal. He said that VTD has requested that the District co-sign their auditing/consulting agreement in the event that Albor Charter School is unable to fulfill its obligations to pay its bills. The funding will also cover any ancillary auditing services required by the district.

Mr. Richardson asked staff to look into a reimbursement for \$25,000, utilizing Charter fund fees for the use of VTD's audit services.

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0, to approve Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP, for the period of December 20, 2004, through February 28, 2005.

APPROVAL OF SCHOOLMAX STUDENT INFORMATION SOFTWARE PURCHASE AND CONSULTANTS MAXIMUS AND NEW VISION FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF SCHOOLMAX STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM

Mr. Trigg stated that the District presently uses three student information systems. Elementary schools use SchoolMax, secondary year-round schools use SASI, and Secondary traditional schools use CASTS. Moving to one student information system will allow uniformity and efficiency in managing student data as well as simplifying the data furnished to the State of California.

Mrs. Avila inquired about safeguarding student information. Mr. Trigg stated that information contained would be specifically related to student attendance, student grades, student demographics such as home address, and emergency phone numbers. He said that there would be specific training and inservicing across the District.

Mr. Palacio inquired about the timeline for implementation. Mr. Trigg responded that it should all be in place by summer 2005.

Mr. Richardson asked that Board receive bi-monthly status reports concerning the implementation, Week In Review.

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Tinajero, and carried 5-0, to approve the contracts for the SchoolMax implementation project with Maximus and New Vision.

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION (AR) AND EXHIBIT 1312.4 - WILLIAMS UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES (NEW: FOR FIRST READING)

Mr. Trigg stated that the District posted notices in classrooms notifying parents and guardians that textbooks are available to all students, including English Learners.

Mr. Trigg stated that this New Administrative Regulation is being presented to comply with the State's Education Code of Regulations. He said that a Board Policy would be brought forward soon for adoption as well.

Presented for first reading; no action required.

BOARD POLICY (BP), ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION (AR), AND EXHIBITS 5116.1 - INTRADISTRICT OPEN ENROLLMENT (REVISED: FOR ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION)

Dr. Bratcher stated that according to California Educational Code 35160, the Governing Board must regularly review school attendance boundaries, taking into account school capacities and enrollment data, geographic features, a student's safety and transportation, racial, ethnic balance, and educational programs.

Mr. Palacio inquired what the process is if a student plans to enroll at a school and it is capped or overcrowded. And is that information mentioned in the Administrative Regulation.

Dr. Bratcher stated that the student would have to go through the open enrollment process, and if not selected, there would be a designated wait list. Mr. Palacio stated that the AR does not refer to a student who is enrolled by intra-district transfer either. Dr. Bratcher stated that he would have to look into the matter and perhaps seek a legal opinion.

Dr. Mijares stated that if a student is requesting entrance into a school that cannot accommodate students due to overcrowding. And yet in reference to the No Child Left Behind Act, students have the right to do so, the question is how do school districts meet that request.

Dr. Bratcher stated that when the Orange County Department of Education, legal counsel, was questioned, their response was program improvement schools have not been challenged or questioned as of yet in the federal court.

Mr. Palacio suggested attaining a legal opinion from county counsel as to the handling of the issue.

Mr. Palacio inquired about transportation and distances for students to commute. He said that students living west of Bristol Street with the extended boundary to 17th Street, students attending Valley High School would now be traveling approximately four miles to school. Dr. Bratcher stated that there is a direct public bus route to accommodate students. He said that there are 30-day bus passes for students at a reduced rate of \$25.00 to assist with costs.

Mr. Richardson inquired about the term "persistently dangerous" in the Administrative Regulation. Dr. Bratcher stated that Santa Ana schools do not fall into this category. Dr. Bratcher stated that further information would be provided to the Board in Week In Review by Chief Miyashiro.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji suggested revising that statement as: "persistently dangerous as designated by the California Department of Education."

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Tinajero, and carried 5-0, to adopt and implement Board Policy (BP) and Administrative Regulation (AR) 5116.1. - Intra-district Open Enrollment.

BOARD POLICY (BP) AND ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION (AR) 5116.2 - STUDENT SELECTION BY LOTTERY (NEW: FOR ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION)

Dr. Bratcher stated that the lottery has been in practice since the 2003-04 school year. It was implemented to be an unbiased and random process for student placement for open enrollment. As two high schools are due to be opened in the succeeding school years, criteria must be established for the implementation at all school levels.

Mrs. Avila asked that the phrase "...that prohibits an evaluation of whether any student shall be enrolled based upon his/her academic or athletic performance" be removed and she finds it inappropriate. She believes the original lottery foundation stands firm on its own.

Following Board discussion the Board concurred with the following revision: *"...reaffirming the district's policy that prohibits an evaluation of whether any students shall be enrolled based upon his/her academic or athletic performance"* and removing line: ~~*Criteria for the enrollment of students shall be established at each school of choice.*~~

Mrs. Avila then stated that she agrees with parents of students who have attended fundamental schools to have priority in enrollment to fundamental schools.

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 4-1, Mrs. Avila dissenting to adopt and implement Board Policy (BP) and Administrative Regulation (AR) 5116.2 - Student Selection by Lottery.

Mrs. Avila inquired about returning the Segerstrom designation item to the Board as a discussion.

Mr. Tinajero inquired about the protocol to return an item to a Board meeting once action has occurred.

APPROVAL OF NEW JOB DESCRIPTION: CHARTER SCHOOLS' FINANCIAL COORDINATOR

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Tinajero, and carried 5-0, to approve new job description Charter Schools Financial Coordinator.

A copy of the job description is attached to the Minutes.

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

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 5-0, to reappoint Mr. Sal Tinajero as representative to the Delegate Assembly for the California School Boards Association.

APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL ACTION

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Tinajero, and carried 5-0, to approve the personnel calendar as presented.

A copy of the Personnel Calendar is attached to the Minutes.

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

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Mr. Tinajero:

- Santa Ana High School competed in a statewide tournament at CSUF. Two debaters made it to quarterfinal rounds from 112 debate teams.

Mrs. Avila:

- Attended an Orange County Register Forum/luncheon where Mr. Chester Fin who worked for the Federal Department of Education and is involved in educational reform was present. Had interesting conversation with him concerning Uniform Standards.
- Attended a parent meeting at Century High School concerning the AIDS curriculum. Thanked the District for selecting a less offensive program. Suggested going back to the committee and revising the curriculum to include the value of marriage.
- Met with four teachers and the principal at McFadden regarding underperforming students. She said that the District needs to copy what works.

Mr. Richardson:

- Thanked Dr. Yamagata-Noji for the Moment of Silence at the beginning of the meeting.
- Requested that the letter received from the County Superintendent regarding SAUSD's positive certification be posted on the Web Site.
- Wished everyone a happy, safe, and prosperous New Year.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji:

- There will be a construction update at the next Board meeting.
- Financial update in relation to the Governor's State of the State Address will also be addressed at the next Board meeting.
- Thanked Mrs. Araujo-Cook for the updates concerning Manuel Esqueda and Fremont Elementary Schools. Fremont students are being transported to the New Manuel Esqueda school site while remodeling is taking place at Fremont Elementary.
- Reminded staff that the Board is expecting a staffing timeline in reference to Segerstrom High School.
- Wished everyone a Happy New Year.
- Thanked Dr. Mijares, Dr. Bennett, Dr. Stainer, warehouse crew, and District staff who helped with the CENA event.
- Thanked all parents, staff, and teachers for all they do.
- Announced a Special Board Meeting scheduled for February 1, 2005, to discuss student achievement.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

By a vote of 5-0, the Board took action to approve payment to the Law Offices of Kamoroff & Associates, Client Trust Account, for costs incurred related to a student as named in closed session.

By a vote of 5-0, the Board took action to ratify the individual service agreements with nonpublic school for the 2004-05 school year between Santa Ana Unified School District and the Therapeutic Education Center for four students as named in closed session.

By a vote of 5-0, the Board took action to ratify payment to a parent for costs incurred related to the transportation of a student as named in closed session for the 2004-05 school year.

By a vote of 5-0, the Board took action to approve payment to ROBERTS, ADAMS, & JEWELL Client Trust Account for costs incurred.

By a vote of 5-0, the Board took action to ratify an individual service agreement a nonpublic agency for the 2003-04 school year between SAUSD and Therapeutic Education Center for a student as named in closed session.

By a vote of 4-1, the Board took action to approve an Agreement for Assignment of First Conditional Purchase and Sale Agreement and Joint Escrow Instructions between the Santa Ana Unified School District, Olson Urban Housing, LLC, and Shea Homes Limited Partnership related to the sale of the District's 2800 North Farmers Drive property, and further took action to provide a delegation of authority to the Superintendent to execute said amendment and any corresponding escrow documents, as deemed necessary in consultation with District staff and legal counsel.

By a vote of 5-0, the Board took action to approve the appointment of Amy Avina to the position of Assistant Principal at Segerstrom High School

By a vote of 5-0, the Board took action to approve the appointment of Paul Rodriguez to the position of Assistant Principal at Valley High School.

By a vote of 5-0, the Board took action to approve the appointment of Richard White to the position of Assistant Superintendent, Facilities and Governmental Relations.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Regular meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, January 25, 2005, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

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