

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

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING  
SANTA ANA BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 9, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:55 p.m. by Board President Richardson. Other members in attendance were Mrs. Avila and Mr. Palacio. Dr. Yamagata-Noji arrived at 5:00 p.m. and Mr. Hernandez arrived at 5:15 p.m.

Cabinet members present were Ms. Russo, Dr. Olsky, Mr. Trigg, Mr. Lopez, Mr. Mendez, Mr. Nelson, and Ms. Lohnes.

MEETING RECESSED AND RECONVENED

The Regular meeting was immediately 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 6:25 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Walker Elementary Student Ivan Baque.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Russo began her report this evening highlighting the Parent/Youth Expo Conference, Willard physical education equipment, and Walk to School Day at Walker Elementary. A video captured the successful Parent/Youth conference where over 1,200 parents participated. Various sessions were held for parents with wellness and nutrition being emphasized throughout the District, students at Willard Intermediate were caught utilizing their newly installed equipment and loving it!

*Walk to School Day*, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, was also very successful having approximately 200 parents participate in support of physical fitness and safety. Parents joined Walker Elementary students, staff and administrators, elected officials and the community, for the International *Walk to School Day*. The Walker PAL (Peer Assistance Leadership) students performed a Pedestrian Safety Study prior to that day, and student Ivan Baque presented the results to our Board and audience members. PAL students were in attendance and received recognition from the Board and Superintendent for their hard work on the research.

Segerstrom students Gilbert Marquez and Taylor Smith were recognized by the National Hispanic Recognition Program, which identifies the exceptional academic achievements of Hispanic high school seniors, for postsecondary institutions. Students were in attendance to receive recognition from Superintendent and Board members.

Superintendent Russo invited parents and students to attend College Night at Saddleback High School tomorrow evening, Wednesday, October 10. Representatives from UC colleges and the Cal State system in addition to private colleges and universities were present to lead seminars and answer questions on planning for college and the admissions process. For the evening's schedule and list of participating colleges, log on to [www.sausd.us](http://www.sausd.us) or call Sally Lane at 714-513-2938.

The Superintendent announced that OfficeMax recently honored one of our teachers at Kennedy Elementary School with a surprise visit on October 5. As part of a national effort to honor teachers and the teaching profession, third grade teacher Loretta Beaumont was chosen to receive \$1200 in classroom supplies such as a computer printer, digital camera, and a crayon sharpener. Ms. Beaumont was selected by the administration because of her determination and dedication to her students, in spite of having to deal with some challenging health and physical issues. We'd like to thank OfficeMax for supporting our teachers, and congratulate Loretta Beaumont for this great honor. Keep up the great work!

Ms. Russo recognized High School Business Technology Teacher Nguyet Moore, who was selected as Wal-Mart/Sam's Club Teacher of the Year. The retailers, in partnership with Phi Delta Kappa International, recently awarded Ms. Moore a \$1000 educational grant for the school to support the only on-line tutoring program, the Homework Café, and web page development program. Congratulations!

On Thursday, October 4th, the Tiger's Tale Staff, comprised of MacArthur's Journalism class for 2006-07, scored 971 out of 1000 points from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, from Columbia University, in New York. The association rates school newspapers across the country. This was the highest score obtained by a journalism class in the history of MacArthur! Congratulations to their Advisor, Lenard Davis, the students and staff.

The Superintendent referred to a poster size rendition of a stamp the U.S. Postal Service presented in marking the 60th anniversary of the 1947 Mendez et al. v. Westminster School District case that pre-dated Brown v. Board of Education, ending segregation in California schools. A new 41-cent stamp was issued to commemorate this historic event on Friday, September 14 at the Gonzalo and Felicitas Mendez Fundamental Intermediate School. Thurgood Marshall, Jr., Son of Associate Justice of the United States Thurgood Marshall (who argued Brown v. Board of Education), along with several other dignitaries and representative Mendez family members helped to commemorate the special occasion. Ms. Russo added that Mendez Fundamental Intermediate School is the only school in the nation named after Felicitas and Gonzalo Mendez.

The Superintendent and Mr. Nelson addressed concerns brought up at a previous Board meeting related to Valley High School's textbooks, wrestling room, student work stations, and class size. Investigations were concluded and corrective measures are taking place at this time. The wrestling portable has not been occupied in over a year, and will be completed in 15

days, administration is working diligently to balance classes, furniture is in place in classrooms, and administration has been informed that every student, if currently do not, will have textbooks in the next couple of days to keep in compliance with the Williams Act.

Ms. Russo drew the attention to those present to the beautiful artwork posted in the Board Room from Jefferson and Sierra Intermediate Schools and the Lorin Griset Academy.

Introduction of Newest SAUSD Administration

Mr. Lopez 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.

Laura Martin, Assistant Principal, Hoover Elementary  
Kimberly c. Kempa, Assistant Principal, Madison Elementary  
Giselle Rivera, Assistant Principal, Esqueda Elementary  
Cynthia Carter-Bedoya, head Start Coordinator  
Daniela Wilmes, Head Start Assistant Coordinator Education/Disability  
Dr. Claudine Dumais, Early childhood Coordinator  
Michael Moss, Coordinator of Student Activities at Valley High School

CHANGE IN AGENDA ORDER

PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

President Richardson asked those members of the community who wished to address the Board to step forward as he called their names.

The following individuals addressed the Board urging Administration to investigate concerns

Don Taylor, community member, addressed the Board with concerns about vehicular traffic and the safety of students on Raitt and MacArthur Streets.

The following individuals addressed the Board to express gratitude to the SAUSD for holding an effective parent conference recently.

Alfredo Rivas, SAUSD parent  
Mario Alia Javier, SAUSD parent

The following individuals addressed the Board on behalf of the O.C. Alliance for Immigrants Rights. They referred to a newspaper article indicating raids had taken place in Santa Ana. They asked that the District be proactive and create a policy to address student safety.

Lisann Martinez, SAUSD resident  
Debbie LeAnce, 2612 Avenida Del Vista, Corona

Tyrone Borelli, SAUSD teacher, addressed the Board to voice an oral grievance regarding overcrowding in SAUSD schools regarding contractual limits on class size.

Elizabeth Blas, SAUSD parent, addressed the Board to request after school intervention for her daughter.

Michael Murphy, SAUSD teacher, addressed the Board in reference to graduation requirements. He asked that Administration look into a variety of class offerings for SAUSD students.

#### PRESENTATIONS

##### Exceptional Audit of Albor Charter School Called for by Orange County Department of Education

Mr. Trigg, Associate Superintendent, Business Services, introduced the item. He stated that as a result of the financial concerns of the Albor Charter School, the O.C. Department of Education called for an extraordinary audit to be conducted of the school's financial operation. The Fiscal Crisis Management Team (FCMAT) was asked to complete the audit. Mr. Trigg introduced Dr. Benkert, Assistant Superintendent, Business Service, Orange County Department of Education, to bring forth information concerning the audit of Albor Charter School.

Dr. Benkert stated that as a result of the multiple indications of irregularities at the charter school, OCDE initiated an investigation. She stated that the charter school was authorized in May, 2002 to operate a grade 9-12 high school classroom-based program. There were fiscal and educational program concerns. In the 2003-04 school year, SAUSD's Board and legal counsel requested information on numerous occasions with no response. Dr. Benkert reviewed adequate daily attendance which showed in 2002 there were 859 students enrolled and in 2005 the enrollment dropped to 327. She stated that a significant amount of state apportionment was paid to Albor for students who did not appear to have graduated. Subsequently, Albor closed abruptly on March 25, 2006, without any notice to employees or students. Furthermore, findings showed that Albor improperly transferred public funds to private companies controlled by related parties and friends. Additionally, it appears that the school may have improperly charged tuition and fees to students, contrary to state law. She stated that Albor and MI-Vocational School, Inc. are one in the same and contractual arrangement effectively handed over all decision making authority and revenue to MI-Vocational School. Emilio Vasquez was the Executive Director/Founder of both Albor Charter and MI-Vocational School. Dr. Benkert stated that the SAUSD appropriately and diligently discharged its fiscal oversight duties. She stated that the Chairman of the Board for Albor Charter School signed the MOU between Albor charter School and MI-Vocational School and received salary from Albor and MI-Vocational. Mr. Vasquez appeared to be related to or involved with several other companies and ventures. Dr. Benkert stated that the OCDE is recommending legislative action in an effort to:

- Strengthen conflict of interest laws with respect to charter schools.
- Develop a policy regarding the hiring of charter school relatives.
- Prohibit contracting with companies or profit making corporations owned by the charter school operators.
- Make charter school operations more transparent and require public disclosure of financial transactions.
- Prohibit charter school operators from self-dealing transactions.
- Require advance review and approval of contracts, cash transfers to related parties and expenditures exceeding a certain predetermined dollar amount.

Revised 2007-08 Budget

Mr. Tsunezumi reported that on June 26, 2007, the Board adopted the 2007-08 District budget. The assumptions used in the budget were based upon the "May Revise." On August 24, 2007, the State adopted the budget. He brings a revised budget that incorporates assumption changes due to the State adopted budget which includes revisions to the District's 2006-07 P2 ADA statistics and the hiring of additional teachers due to higher than projected enrollment. He provided detailed information regarding revenue, expenditures, excess/shortfall, with an ending fund balance of \$21 million or 3.0 Reserve. He discussed declining enrollment and its affects to the Budget. He stated that in the 2004-05 school year \$29 million was reduced; in 2005-06 school year \$14 million was reduced; in the 2006-07 school year \$15 million was reduced; and in 2008-09 the projected amount is \$19 million that must be reduced. From 2004 school year through 2009, \$98 million will have been reduced in the SAUSD which is astronomical. He stated that revenues reflect increases in COLA and noted that 2007-08 negotiations are ongoing and as a result, salary and benefit expenditures reflect only previously negotiated salary increases and the multi-year projection does not include any salary increases for 2007 through 2010 school years.

Mr. Tsunezumi then reviewed the following:

Significant District Adjustments  
 (Made since Budget Adoption - June 2007)

Adjustments	\$ Impact
2005-06 K-3 CSR Audit	<\$7 million>
Revenue Change (Attendance Related) - Extended School Year - Special Ed. - Supplemental Hours - Moving of P2 Date	<\$2.8 million>
Hiring of 38 Add'l Teacher Positions <small>(Note: Total of 58 Add'l Teachers Hired, but budget \$s for 20 of these positions budgeted in contingencies.)</small>	<\$3.2 million>
Hiring of 30 Add'l Special Ed Positions <small>(Teachers, Therapists, Speech Pathologists, &amp; Aides)</small>	<\$1.4 million>
<b>Total Adjustments</b>	<b>&lt;\$8.1 million&gt;</b>

What the multi-year projection tells us  
 Combined restricted/Unrestricted

(\$s in 000's)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
Revenues*	\$500,819	\$512,432	\$520,721
Expenditures*	\$549,306	\$512,297	\$514,539
Net Increase - Decrease	<b>(\$48,487)</b>	<b>\$135</b>	<b>\$6,182</b>
Unrestricted	<b>(\$15,516)</b>	<b>(\$2,519)</b>	<b>\$5,576</b>
Restricted	<b>(\$32,971)</b>	<b>\$2,654</b>	<b>\$606</b>
Reserves	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>3.8%</b>

## Projected Ending Balances (all other funds)

Fund (all \$ in 000's)	2006-07 Unaudited Actuals	2007-08 Revised Budget	Difference
Fund 09 - Charter Schools	\$84	\$84	\$0
Fund 11 - Adult Education	\$115	\$134	\$19
Fund 12 - Child Development	\$123	\$123	\$0
Fund 13 - Cafeteria	\$10,005	\$5,017	(\$4,988)
Fund 14 - Deferred Maintenance	\$2,829	\$1,275	(\$1,554)
Fund 17 - Special Reserve	\$8,861	\$8,161	\$800
Fund 21 - Building	\$7,876	\$0	(\$7,876)
Fund 25 - Capital Facilities	\$2,650	\$491	(\$1,659)
Fund 30 - State Bldg Lease-Purchase	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fund 35 - School Facilities	\$3,797	\$0	(\$3,797)
Fund 40 - Special Reserve/Capital Outlay	\$4,774	\$0	(\$4,774)
Fund 48 - Capital Projects (COP)	\$30,521	\$0	(\$30,521)
Fund 51 - Bond Interest & Redemption	\$7,902	\$7,902	\$0
Fund 68 - Debt Service	\$15,890	\$15,713	(\$177)
Fund 67 - Workers' Comp/Bell-Ins.	\$10,313	\$7,020	(\$3,293)

Following discussion, it was with consensus of the Board that the action item be brought forward for a vote.

**ADOPTION OF REVISED 2007-08 BUDGET**

It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 4-1, Mr. Palacio dissenting, to adopt the revised 2007-08 Budget.

Program Improvement Year-5 for Lathrop, Spurgeon, and Willard Intermediate Schools for 2007-08 School Year

Mr. Nelson introduced the item. In accordance with the No child Left Behind requirement, the District Instructional Leadership Team, administrators, staff, and parents of Program Improvement (PI) Year 4 schools must work collaboratively to develop a Year-5 plan. Should the schools meet their adequate yearly Progress (AYP) goals, they would enter "safe Harbor" and not advance to PI year 5. Three intermediate principals, Ms. Nares-Pueblos from Lathrop, Dr. Laxton from Spurgeon, and Mr. Bishop from Willard, collaboratively provided the presentation. They reviewed the AYP criteria and the target progress for each school's 2007-08 restructuring plan. All three schools met the participation rate target of 95% and the academic performance index (API) requirement of one point growth or above 590 for AYP. They reviewed data from feeder schools in language arts and math. The restructuring plan was then discussed, which included professional learning communities; Springboard Schools, OCDE, and DataWorks coaching; reduced class size utilizing Quality Education Investment Act funding; and master schedule revisions. They discussed components of the plan and refining their schools instructional program. They concluded by reviewing the increase in parental involvement and how each school will enhance, create, and expand their program.

Technology Department Update

Ms. Alex Ito, Assistant Director, Instructor Technology, offered the presentation to update and inform the Board about the educational technology initiatives that have taken place in the SAUSD this year and the expectations for the next school year. In summary she reviewed the vision using technology to increase student academic achievement. She stated that

students are required to use technology as part of learning in 78% of classes. She reviewed student technology goals and benchmarks and reviewed how skills are assessed. She then discussed strategies to meet those goals. She stated that professional development is key and student access to technology continues to increase. With over 3,000 computers purchased in 2006-07 (bringing the district computer total over 13,000) and having a current student computer ratio of 4.1:1, students continue to achieve. Additional access strategies include eRate for increased access to network upgrades, instructional television to access cable educational programs and streaming video for classrooms, and a help desk to support and maintain access to technology. There are new resources and implementations such as iCue, igrade, elementary report card maker, intermediate standards-based report card, Oracle, Follett library and textbook systems, all through SchoolMax. She stated that the XTEND communication system called over 1.4 million in 2006-07, and there are over 15,000 District Web pages viewed daily. The new District Website upgrade includes webpages for teachers to increase parent access. She concluded by reviewing snapshots of success at various school sites.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mrs. Avila, and carried 5-0, to approve the Regular meeting of September 25, 2007.

#### APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Mrs. Avila, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 5-0, to approve the Consent Calendar.

- 1.1 Approval of purchase order summary of orders \$25,000 and over for period of September 12, 2007 through September 25, 2007.
- 1.2 Approval of expenditure summary and detailed listing of checks \$25,000 and over for period of September 12, 2007 through September 25, 2007.
- 1.3 Approval of Listing of Agreements/Contracts Between Santa Ana Unified School District and Various Consultants Submitted for Period of September 12, 2007 through September 25, 2007.
- 1.4 Approval of disposal of obsolete un-repairable computer equipment, miscellaneous furniture, equipment, or textbooks.
- 1.5 Acceptance of September 14, 2007, completion of contract with Fleming Environmental, Inc., for site preparation and installation of playground equipment at Kennedy elementary in the amount of \$47,500.
- 1.6 Acceptance of a gift in accordance with Board Policy 3290 - Gifts, Grants, and Bequests. A list is attached to the Minutes.
- 1.7 Approval of extended field trips in accordance with Board Policy (BP) 6153 - School-Sponsored Trips and Administrative Regulation (AR) 6153.1 - Extended School-Sponsored Trips. A list is attached to the Minutes.
- 1.8 Approval of participation with Orange County therapeutic Arts Center 2007 Children & Families Commission Capacity Building Grant for planning a bilingual inclusive preschool program.

- 1.9 Approval to continue the special Education Interagency agreement with the Orange county Department of education for 2007-08 school year.
- 1.10 Approval of master contracts and/or individual service agreements with nonpublic schools/agencies for students with disabilities for the 2007-08 school year.
- 1.11 Ratification of the recommendation of the Expulsion Readmission Panel to readmit students with identification numbers to District schools for the fall semester of the 2007-08 school year: 157490, 146607, 141427, 177387, 157927, 155977, 165755, 200209, 161972, 173988, 157906, 158844, 157211, 173318, 159538, 146474, 140931, 119178, 158756, 147765, 153159, 174036, 158291, 137649, 147992, 329528, 170783, 142759, 196876, 150536, 309046, 158988, 170771, and 146574
- 1.12 Approval of recommendations of the administrative hearing panels to expel the following students for the recommended terms and with the recommended remediation conditions:
- 311300 - Willard Intermediate School  
For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph c, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District, and that the student may apply for readmission on or after October 10, 2007.
- 127147 - Lorin Griset Academy High School  
For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph c, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District, and that the student may apply for readmission on or after June 18, 2008.
- 172883 - Spurgeon Intermediate School  
For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph a, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District, and that the student may apply for readmission on or after June 18, 2008.

#### **REGULAR ACTION ITEMS**

##### **2.0 ADOPTION OF REVISED 2007-08 BUDGET**

Action was taken earlier in the meeting.

##### **3.0 APPROVAL OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS ON SURPLUS PROPERTY**

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

##### **4.0 APPROVAL OR DENIAL OF USAGE OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATION SITES AT SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES**

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

##### **5.0 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 07/08-2703 - DETERMINE STEPS TO ENSURE AVAILABILITY OF TEXTBOOKS AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS FOR 2007-08 SCHOOL YEAR**

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



**6.0 APPROVAL OF ASSESSMENT LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR PRINCETON REVIEW, INC. FOR 2007-08 SCHOOL YEAR**

Dr. Olsky stated that the SAUSD has implemented benchmark assessments in grades 2-12 in Language Arts and mathematics (in grades 6-12 in social studies and science). Over 150 teachers participated in the benchmark analysis review week in June of 2007. At that time teachers representing sites around the District requested that SAUSD identify an alternate company to develop and work with staff on benchmark assessment. After reviewing three companies, Princeton Review was selected as a replacement for Action Learning Systems. She stated that The Princeton Review, Inc., will provide the District a consistent set of tests as required by NCLB to continually monitor student progress in preparation for the California Standards.

It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Mr. Palacio and carried 5-0 to approve the assessment license agreement with Princeton Review, Inc., in the amount of \$292,000 for the 2007-08 school year.

**7.0 ELEMENTARY MUSIC PROGRAM TEXTBOOKS AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**

It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji and carried 5-0 to adopt the elementary music program textbooks and instructional material.

**8.0 APPROVAL OF PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT YEAR-5 PLANS FOR LATHROP, SPURGEON, AND WILLARD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS**

It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mr. Palacio and carried 5-0 to approve the Program Improvement Year-5 plans for Lathrop, Spurgeon, and Willard intermediate schools.

**9.0 APPROVAL OF NEW JOB DESCRIPTION: INTERNAL AUDITOR**

Requested revisions to the job description by the Board were completed. Board discussion ensued. Mr. Palacio stated that he disagrees in the way the vote transpired and with the position altogether, due to the fiscal situation of the District. Mr. Hernandez stated that the position will bring needed checks and balances to the District. Mr. Richardson stated that the internal auditor may have to report directly to the Superintendent.

It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mr. Hernandez and carried 4-1, Mr. Palacio dissenting, to approve the new job description of Internal Auditor.

**10.0 PERSONNEL ACTION**

It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Mrs. Avila, and carried 5-0, to approve the personnel calendar in its entirety.

**11.0 BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS/ACTIVITIES**Mr. Palacio

- Thanked Administration for resolving the wrestling room issue at Valley High School. He raised the issue of other high schools not having secure padding on walls and that the expense is minimal in comparison to any injuries.
- The Hispanic Education Endowment Fund (HEEF) Annual Dinner Event is scheduled for November 2, 2007. Scholarships totaling over \$170,000 will be awarded. There will be over 700 people in attendance. One of the four honorees that evening is Sharon Saxton, a teacher from SAHS.
- Will be in contact with Ms. Russo in reference to the ICE (Immigration Customs Enforcement) raids.
- Has concerns about the SAUSD music program. He said that the program must begin in elementary school in order to obtain a strong high school program.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji

- Appreciated the rocket launch at the High School Inc. Academy at Valley High School. The event was great! It showed that the business community truly supports education; she commended their partnership. While at Valley High, it provided her the opportunity to visit some classrooms. In seeing the number of special programs, students do have great options, but truly understands how difficult balancing classes is when having many specialized classes. Some with low enrollment and others with larger. Noted that the representative from Santa Ana Education Association, provided numbers of high enrollment at certain schools, but did not include Valley's numbers.
- Appreciated the follow-up meeting with District staff regarding the after school Supplemental Educational Services (SES) tutoring program. Mr. Mendez will be returning to the Board with an update.
- She suggested inviting Mr. Simon, Mr. Dukes, and Simon Scholars to a future Board meeting.
- Expressed her condolences to Alfredo Amezcua and his family for the passing of his mother. She was a mom, grandmother, and friend to many in the community.
- Wished to close the Board meeting in memory of Jackson 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Student Brenda Mora, who passed away recently and Mr. Amezcua's mother.

Mr. Hernandez

- Expressed his condolences to the family of Alfredo Amezcua.
- Visited Valley High and interacted with Mr. Marzilli's AVID classes. A student invited him to his football game, which he attended. Another student asked him to speak to her parents about furthering her education.
- Visited the wrestling room; thanked the District for working hard to address concerns.
- Shared with Administration that he would like to see the District work toward establishing an ethics office, such as the one at the Los Angeles Unified School District.

- Concerned about ICE raids. He expressed that the District has a responsibility to make certain that schools are a safe haven for students. He will be communicating to Board members about this situation.

Rosie Avila

- Enjoyed the launch at High School Inc. at Valley High School. That evening attended the Grand Re-opening at Valley High as well, it was great!
- Went to visit wrestling room and is pleased to hear that concerns are being remedied.
- The Early Prevention and Intervention Committee "EPIC" recently met at the Delhi Center. Said that the youth are demanding help. Students were asking about the cutting of after school sports programs. She asked for Administration to send information to her regarding any reducing of after school programs.
- Individuals mentioned to her that ComLink was told they could not use SAUSD facilities to hold meetings. She asked staff to look into the matter. Also asked that Administration look into costs for small churches that cannot afford raised costs.

Rob Richardson

- Complimented staff for the revisions on the Website. The colors and student pictures are great! He has a couple of minor suggestions that will be discussed with the Superintendent.
- Suggested publicizing community meetings at Griset Academy to encourage additional attendance.
- Attended the High School Inc. Academy at Valley event, and thanked all involved. He said that now that the program is ongoing it will require a lot of work to maintain it. He asked for an update soon.
- Today in the City of Santa Ana a groundbreaking for the Fourth District Court of Appeal for the new State Appellate Court House to be located at Santa Ana Boulevard and Ross Street took place. Thanked the community and City for that effort.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

By a vote of 5-0 the Board took action to approve the settlement agreement regarding a classified employee to include all issues.

Moved: Richardson \_\_\_ Avila \_\_\_ Yamagata-Noji \_\_\_ Hernández X Palacio \_\_\_

Seconded: Richardson \_\_\_ Avila \_\_\_ Yamagata-Noji \_\_\_ Hernández \_\_\_ Palacio X

Vote: Ayes 5-0 Noes \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_ Absent \_\_\_\_\_

By a vote of 5-0 the Board took action to appoint Alexander Ayala to the position of Assistant Superintendent, Secondary Education.

Moved: Richardson \_\_\_ Avila \_\_\_ Yamagata-Noji \_\_\_ Hernández \_\_\_ Palacio X

Seconded: Richardson \_\_\_ Avila \_\_\_ Yamagata-Noji X Hernández \_\_\_ Palacio \_\_\_

Vote: Ayes 5-0 Noes \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_ Absent \_\_\_\_\_

By a vote of 5-0 the Board took action to appoint Kelvin Tsunezumi to the position of Executive Director Fiscal Services.

Moved: Richardson \_\_\_ Avila \_\_\_ Yamagata-Noji \_\_\_ Hernández X Palacio \_\_\_

Seconded: Richardson \_\_\_ Avila X Yamagata-Noji \_\_\_ Hernández \_\_\_ Palacio \_\_\_

Vote: Ayes 5-0 Noes \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_ Absent \_\_\_\_\_

By a vote of 5-0 the Board took action to approve the suspension of a certificated employee as identified in closed session.

Moved: Richardson X Avila \_\_\_ Yamagata-Noji \_\_\_ Hernández \_\_\_ Palacio \_\_\_

Seconded: Richardson \_\_\_ Avila \_\_\_ Yamagata-Noji \_\_\_ Hernández X Palacio \_\_\_

Vote: Ayes 5-0 Noes \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_ Absent \_\_\_\_\_

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Regular meeting was adjourned at 11:13 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, October 23, 2007, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jane A. Russo  
Secretary  
Santa Ana Board of Education