

Santa Ana Unified School District
1601 E. Chestnut Avenue
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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
SANTA ANA BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 10, 2006

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Board President Yamagata-Noji. Other members in attendance were Mrs. Avila and Mr. Palacio. Mr. Richardson and Mr. Tinajero joined the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Cabinet members present were Ms. Russo, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Trigg, Mr. Lopez, and Dr. Bratcher.

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 6:08 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Santa Ana High School Band Assistant Drum Major Ray Magana.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Russo introduced Mr. Troy Rexelle, director of the Santa Ana High School Saints Marching Band. He informed the Board that the band has grown greatly and thanked the Board for their support. The Board, Cabinet, and audience were entertained as the Saints' drum line marched through the Board Room before joining the remaining band members in the courtyard for two spirited selections. President Yamagata-Noji thanked the students and leader for sharing their talents.

REGULAR MEETING RECESSED AND RECONVENED

The Regular Meeting was recessed at 6:20 p.m. and reconvened at 6:25 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS (CONTINUED)

Interim Superintendent Russo introduced Ms. Lindsay McAleer of the Target organization who presented checks to Fremont and Santiago Elementary and to Willard Intermediate Schools. Through Target's *Take Charge of Education* program, 1% of qualifying purchases are donated back to the schools designated by the cardholders. Principals of each school were on hand to accept the checks and thank Target for making the funds available.

Mr. Trigg introduced to the Board and community the following newly appointed members of the Bond Oversight Committee: Mr. Juan Laguna, Mr. Roland Lujan, Mr. Joseph Gerda, Mr. Gerardo Mouet, Mr. Desi Reyes, and Mr. Alfredo Amezcua. Continuing members were also introduced as follows: Mr. Narinder Majal and Mr. Mark McLoughlin. Ms. Russo thanked these volunteers for their willingness to serve in this capacity.

Ms. Russo introduced a film clip of the October 8th event sponsored by Santa Ana College, the City of Santa Ana, and the District. These agencies came together with community organizations and other educational institutions for the 2006 Youth Expo and Santa Ana Unified Annual Parent Conference. She thanked staff and Board members for their support.

The next video clip showed highlights of the District's College Night held at Saddleback High School.

The Superintendent introduced a program at Sierra Intermediate which not only encourages student learning, but puts money in their pockets. A brief clip of this program was presented.

Ms. Russo commended Lathrop teacher Susan Mercer for being a featured speaker at the upcoming California Math Council Southern Section Conference. She will be discussing Using Multiples to Introduce Percents which assists with student comprehension of this mathematical facet.

Thanks to the efforts of Chief Miyashiro, Santa Ana Unified School District is the first school district in the nation to receive funding through a Community Oriented Policing Services Grant. The \$300,000 award was announced by Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez this past week and will be used for safety measures on SAUSD campuses. When she returns to Washington, DC, the Congresswoman will be using the District's application as an example of how federal dollars can be used for school safety.

On a further note of government and community working together, Ms. Russo informed the Board of the accomplishments of the e-Business and Education Academies. The \$81,000 per year from the Department of Education must be matched by at least equal funding through in-kind donations. SAUSD matches surpassed One Million Dollars in the 2005-06 school year, far exceeding the previous highest amount (\$200,000) ever received by any academy in the State or the nation. Congratulations were offered to Century Principal Greg Rankin, Janice Hopper, Project Director, the students, and teachers of Century for this great achievement!

Ms. Russo drew attention to the artwork posted in the Board Room by the student artists from Jefferson and Spurgeon schools. Thanks to these schools for the contributions to beautifying the District Office. Dr. Yamagata-Noji asked that staff consider conducting an art faire of student work.

PRESENTATIONS

Superintendent Search Update

Dr. Aguilar and Dr. Anzaldua with The International Group provided a progress report regarding the Superintendent search.

Following a review of actions taken to date, a timeline was presented for the selection process during October/November and the final interviews and deliberations during the month of December. Board members were asked to review a draft of the announcement to be used in soliciting applications and give input to the search firm within the next two weeks.

Members of the Board emphasized that the timelines presented most likely will need to be extended.

Mr. Richardson asked that the consultants make sure the Board is given input regarding the panel selection.

Mr. Tinajero left the meeting following this report.

Update on District Action to Remedy Audit Findings Identified in June 30, 2005 Audited Financial Statements

Mr. Kelvin Tsunozumi, Director of Budget, reviewed with the Board the District's progress in remedying the 2004-05 audit findings, identified by external auditors Vavrinek, Trine, Day and Company, LLP. The presentation provided a status update as to the corrective actions. He stated that, of the six audit findings from 2005, four are currently on target, and two continue to be monitored. He further summarized the findings from the 2004 audit. He indicated that District staff has conducted in-services with site employees to provide training in the areas of accounting of student body funds and attendance reporting. New software systems have been put in place to unify procedures throughout the District. He stated that current findings would be replicated in November/December and reported to the Board.

Mr. Trigg expressed appreciation to staff and stated that the processes implemented have been very successful in other districts.

STAR Results Update: Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and Academic Performance Index (API) for Individual Schools

Interim Superintendent Russo prefaced the presentation of data on the STAR results by stating that the Santa Ana Unified School District has schools which are excelling and schools which are facing challenges. The District is looking at those schools which are succeeding and other districts with similar demographics to find models for improvement. She gave a summary of the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) program which includes California Standards Tests, California Alternate Performance Assessment, California Achievement Tests (6th Edition), and Aprenda 3.

Ms. Russo reviewed the accountability system, both federal and state, used to rate schools. The Academic Performance Index (API) compares school, district, and county results against statewide targets. The federal accountability requirements utilize Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) as the comparison standard.

Dr. Bratcher identified best practices of the SAUSD, discussing student interventions and instructional strategies. He pointed out that 20:1 classes have been implemented in 9th grade Mathematics to support success in Algebra and higher mathematics; counselors have been added at secondary sites to monitor graduation and CAHSEE requirements; principals have been monitoring to ensure that best practices are being used in the classroom; and District Office administrators are continuing school visitations. He stated that the District Leadership Team is working to refine support for schools through the Springboard School Program.

Dr. Bratcher indicated that a plan for Program Improvement would be presented to the Board of Education at a meeting in November.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji thanked the Administration for the report.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Review Statement of Assurance for Pupil Textbook and Instructional Materials per Education Code Section 60119

Dr. Yamagata-Noji asked those members of the community who wished to address the Board regarding the Statement of Assurance for Pupil Textbook and Instructional Materials to step forward.

No comments from the public were received and the public hearing was closed.

Santa Ana Educators' Association Bargaining Proposal to Santa Ana Unified School District for 2006-07 School Year

Dr. Yamagata-Noji asked those members of the community who wished to address the Board regarding the Santa Ana Educators' Association Bargaining Proposal to Santa Ana Unified School District for 2006-07 School Year to step forward.

There being no comment, the public hearing was closed.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Yamagata-Noji asked that those members of the public wishing to address the Board on matters pertaining to the District step to the podium.

The following members of the community addressed the Board in favor of a proposed swap meet at Century High School to be considered later in the meeting: Mr. Alex Vega, Mr. Amador Castro, Mr. Victor Madrigal, and Ms. Rosa Aldaz.

Mr. Salvador Montesdeoca (parent) and two of his children stepped to the podium to express appreciation to Dr. Helen Stainer for her assistance in a matter related to enrollment at Sepulveda Elementary School.

Ms. Therese Mims, McFadden PTSA, voiced concern regarding street vendors near the McFadden campus selling inappropriate toy guns and the swap meet proposal.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING - SEPTEMBER 26, 2006

It was moved by Mrs. Avila, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 4-0, Mr. Tinajero not present, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 26, 2006.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Ms. Russo called to the attention of the members the generous contributions made to students evidenced in two areas of the Consent Calendar. She pointed out that a gift valued at \$10,000 was given by the Ricardo Montalban Foundation providing instruments for Santa Ana High School's Mariachi program. She further noted two extended field trips had been provided through anonymous donors: Davis Elementary School's attendance at Outdoor Science School at a cost of approximately \$22,000 and Carr and Lathrop student attendance at Yosemite Science Institute at an estimated value of \$15,000 for each school. She thanked those donors for their generous support of education.

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mrs. Avila, and carried 4-0, Mr. Tinajero not present, to approve the Consent Calendar in its entirety.

- 1.1 Approval of Change Order No. 11 for construction of Mountain View High School Project (Lorin Griset Academy) in the amount of \$18,460 for a revised total construction cost of \$13,154,462.
- 1.2 Approval of purchase order summary and detailed listing of orders \$25,000 and over for the period of September 13 through September 26, 2006
- 1.3 Approval of expenditure summary and detailed listing of checks \$25,000 and over for period of September 13 through September 26, 2006.
- 1.4 Approval of listing of agreements/contracts between Santa Ana Unified School District and various consultants for period of September 13 through September 26, 2006 - A copy of the listing is attached to the Minutes.
- 1.5 Approval of disposal of obsolete un-repairable computer equipment, miscellaneous furniture, equipment, or textbooks, pursuant to Education Code Sections 17545 and 17546, and Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 3270
- 1.6 Approval of Schoolwires, Inc. Service Agreement for Academic Portal Services and Licensing for school sites through June 30, 2007, in the amount of \$59,308.
- 1.7 Acceptance of Treasury Report for the period ending June 30, 2006.
- 1.8 Authorization to reject all bids and rebid for demolition and replacement of lunch shelters at Edison Elementary and Sierra Intermediate.
- 1.9 Authorization to obtain bids for demolition and removal of buildings at Monte Vista Elementary and Saddleback High schools.

- 1.10 Approval of participation agreement with Orange County Department of Education Friday Night Live program for 2006-07 school year.
- 1.11 Adoption of High School English Literature Textbook for Advanced Placement - A listing of the approved book is attached.
- 1.12 Acceptance of gifts in accordance with Board Policy 3290 - Gifts, Grants, and Bequests. A list is attached to the Minutes.
- 1.13 Approval of extended field trips in accordance with Board Policy 6153 - School-Sponsored Trips and Administrative Regulation 6153.1 - Extended School-Sponsored Trips. A listing of the field trips approved is attached to the Minutes.
- 1.14 Approval of recommendations by the Administrative hearing panels to expel students for the recommended terms and conditions:
- 160024 - Sierra Intermediate
For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph b, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District, and that the student may apply for readmission on or after June 15, 2007.
- 159428 - Lathrop Intermediate
For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph b, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District, and that the student may apply for readmission on or after June 15, 2007.
- 200178 - Sierra Intermediate
For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph c, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District, and that student may apply for readmission on or after October 10, 2007
- 158403 - Sierra Intermediate
For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph b, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District, and that student may apply for readmission on or after January 15, 2007.
- 139555 - Segerstrom High
For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph c, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District, for the balance of the fall semester, 2006-07 school year, and that the expulsion order be suspended until January 15, 2007, and that the student be permitted to return to a District school/program on a probationary status.
- 158291 - Willard Intermediate
For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph a, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District, and that student may apply for readmission on or after June 15, 2007.
- 309046 - Lathrop Intermediate
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 15, 2007.
- 1.15 Approval to redesignate the name from Preparatory Academies at Valley High School to High School Inc. Academies at Valley High School and amend Memorandum of Understanding as same.

REGULAR ACTION ITEMS

2.0 AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD CONTRACTS FOR PURCHASE OF BREAD ITEMS

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 4-0, Mr. Tinajero not present, to award a contract for the purchase of bread items to Bimbo Bakeries U.S.A. in the amount of \$308,356.50 under the terms and conditions of Bid No. 1-07, pursuant to the provisions of Public

Contract Codes Section 20118, renewable annually for a period of up to three years.

3.0 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 06/07-2660 - STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE FOR PUPIL TEXTBOOKS AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS FOR 2006-07

According to Education Code 60019 and 60422(b), the Board of Education is required to determine by resolution that each pupil has, or will have, sufficient textbooks or instructional materials. Earlier in this meeting, a Public Hearing was held to allow public input regarding the sufficiency of textbooks and instructional materials.

CHANGE IN ORDER OF AGENDA

Dr. Yamagata-Noji received consensus to bring forward an action item on the agenda because it is an example of a school which has achieved progress toward meeting its growth target.

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richarson, and carried 4-0, Mr. Tinajero not present, to adopt Resolution No. 06/07-2660 - Statement of Assurance for Pupil Textbooks and Instructional Materials for the 2006-07 school year. A copy of the Resolution, as adopted, is attached.

4.0 ACCEPTANCE OF SCHOOL ASSISTANCE AND INTERVENTION TEAM THIRD BENCHMARK REPORT OF PROGRESS FOR KENNEDY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Ms. Russo stated that Kennedy Elementary School participated in the School Assistance Intervention Team Review as part of a requirement for the Intermediate Intervention/Underperforming Schools Program. The District contracted with the Orange County Department of Education to provide support to Kennedy and to report the progress in achieving the benchmarks of the report.

Ms. Sandra Lapham of the Orange County Department of Education stepped to the podium and stated that it was her pleasure to report the progress made by the school. She indicated that when the "Third Benchmark Report" was completed, Kennedy had a 54-point growth on the Academic Performance Index. This was a huge improvement, especially in light of the fact the SAIT requirement was for only one growth point. She commended staff at the school and District for their dedication to making this progress.

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 4-0, Mr. Tinajero not present, to accept the School Assistance and Intervention Team Third Benchmark Report of Progress for Kennedy Elementary School by the Orange County Department of Education.

5.0 APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL CALENDAR

It was moved by Mrs. Avila, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 4-0, Mr. Tinajero not present, to approve the Personnel Calendar in its entirety.

6.0 DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF PROPOSED SWAP MEET AT CENTURY HIGH SCHOOL

This item was placed on the agenda at the request of a Board Member. Mr. Alex Vega, community resident, has proposed a Swap Meet at Century High School with approximately 200 vendors participating on weekends. After meeting with that school's administration, the Century PTA, and District administration, the matter has come to the Board of Education for review.

Mr. Trigg summarized the recommendations made by legal counsel. During discussion, members of the Board made suggestions regarding the 7-11 committee that is to be established and therefore, responsible for reviewing the proposal. Timelines for the process were projected, pointing to the probable conclusion of the review in January with Board consideration following in early 2007.

Mr. Palacio asked that the Administration determine if the use of Century High School for a swap meet could be accomplished through Civic Center authorization, noting that churches and other venues utilize District property without going through the above referenced process.

Mr. Richardson stated that the District must carefully look at issues related to restroom usage, security, parking, custodians, and the impact on school property and activities.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji concluded the discussion by stating that the District wants to be a good neighbor and is concerned with community interests. However, as part of this consideration, it would be advisable to review the use of all school property through the Civic Center Act.

In the ensuing discussion, the Board made several inquiries concerning the proposed Swap Meet. Administration will be addressing the following in Week In Review:

- Legal requirements to create the 7-11 Committee?
- To include a resident and business owner who resides adjacent to Century High School, a vendor/swap meet Association representative, and a City representative as participants in the 7-11 Committee.
- Provide a list of activities that a swap meet might impede - Major Christmas Basketball Tournament, etc.
- Surplus distinction for Head Start, SAC, churches, etc. (District has many outside vendors that do not declare surplus.)
- With having shared revenue, would the proceeds go to educational purposes vs. non-educational?
- Why would there be a 7-11 committee for a swap meet and not for SAC, Head Start, or churches. A legal opinion was requested.
- Have costs for custodians and DSOs been considered? (utilization of restroom facilities)
- Is there a City vendor/market/swap meet approval process? Lay down all processes! Is CEQA necessary?
- Request documents from SAC and City in reference to what issues they may or may not have had.
- Are there provisions by Civic Center? What are amounts brought in?
- Review Civic Center permits to determine who is using District facilities and indicate purpose. Requested information on long-term leases and costs.
- Having joint-use agreements with the City, would the swap meet fall under the 7-11 Committee? Or, are there exceptions?

BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS/ACTIVITIES

Rosemarie Avila:

- It is very exciting to go to Segerstrom to see football players and games taking place!
- Enjoyed the Salsa Ball event for the Learning for Life character program.

- Youth Expo-Parent Conference was a great success. Thanked Mr. Gerardo Mouet with the City of Santa Ana and Patricia Gomez, Parent Coordinator for the SAUSD, for doing a great job.
- Thanked teachers for working with Board and Administration through tough budget years, now having full salary restoration.
- Thanked the superintendent for bringing the Santa Ana High Marching Band to the Board meeting.

Rob Richardson:

- Youth Expo was well received by all! Congratulated the SAUSD, City of Santa Ana, and Santa Ana College. The venue was perfect for this type of event. It was enjoyable.
- Mr. Richardson asked that staff bring forth a measure to be considered by legislature to mandate disclosure of commissions by brokers similar to what is done in private industry.

Mr. Palacio:

- Attended the Fiesta Educativa Statewide Conference at Santa Ana College. The conference was a great resource to parents of children with special needs.
- Santa Ana teachers will be recognized at the Hispanic Educational Endowment Fund (HEEF) Apple of Gold Dinner on October 20th.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji:

- She echoed Board members comments regarding the Youth Expo. Said it was a great effort between the City and SAUSD.
- The Mendez vs. Westminster: for All the Children, Book signing took place at Mendez Fundamental Intermediate on Saturday, October 8th. Wells Fargo via Jack Tuan purchased books (personally autographed by Mendez family and authors Michael Matsuda and Sandra Robbie) for each SAUSD library. Dr. Yamagata-Noji asked that Mr. Tuan be formally recognized at a future Board meeting.
- Announced that a tentative agreement had been reached between SAEA and SAUSD, signed September 27th, to provide for full restoration of salary for a total amount of 13.44% retroactive to July 1st, 2006.
- Dr. Noji asked that Wells Fargo be invited to a Board Meeting for recognition of the books documenting the Mendez family, purchased for school libraries.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION:

By a vote of 3-0 the Board took action to approve the termination of a SAUSD employee.

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

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

Vote: Ayes _____ Noes _____ Abstain _____ Absent Mr. Tinajero

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, October 24, 2006, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Jane Russo
Secretary
Santa Ana Board of Education