

Santa Ana Unified School District
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Santa Ana, California 92701

MINUTES

SPECIAL BOARD STUDY SESSION
SANTA ANA BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 20, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:27 p.m. by Board President Palacio. Other members in attendance were Ms. Iglesias and Ms. Amezcua.

Cabinet members present were Dr. Miller, Dr. Phillips, Dr. Haglund, Mr. McKinney, Ms. Lohnes, Dr. Rodriguez, Ms. Douglas, and Ms. Pueblos.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Ms. Iglesias.

Discussion

K - 3 Literacy

Dr. Haglund, Deputy Superintendent Educational Services opened the discussion followed by Ms. Pueblos, Assistant Superintendent, K-12 School Performance and Culture, and Dr. Miller, Superintendent related to Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) Assessment tests scores. Betsy Martinez, Pio Pico Elementary School teacher provided additional information on assessments, identifying areas of needs for students, comprehensive skills, strategies, and exposure.

Mr. Hernández arrived at 5:52 p.m., Mr. Richardson arrived at 5:53 p.m., and Mr. Williams arrived at 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent, K-12 Teaching and Learning stated reclassification occurs in approximately the fifth-grade or before intermediate. Ms. Lohnes, Assistant Superintendent, Support Services identified long-term efforts by district. Dr. Rodriguez highlighted literacy pathway, units of study, learning dynamics, and programs to help students. Veronica DeBruhl, Carver Elementary School TK teacher provided information on Open Court Core training, interventions, and phonological awareness. Christina Sullivan, Curriculum Specialist spoke on phonological awareness and provided activities. Ms. Pereria, Principal at Franklin Elementary School provided information on parent development offered at Franklin; and the need for providing resources to parents. Jennifer Santana, Curriculum Specialist addressed phonics and tools.


Following discussion, Mr. Richardson asked for the needs of teachers, their responses were: smaller class size, instructional assistants, new strategies and techniques, training, support, demonstrations, and collaboration.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Special Board Study Session was adjourned at 7:37 p.m. by Board President Palacio.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 27, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:



Rick Miller, Ph.D.
Secretary
Santa Ana Board of Education