

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

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
SANTA ANA BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 23, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Board President Richardson. Other members in attendance were Dr. Yamagata-Noji and Mr. Palacio. Mr. Hernandez arrived at 5:10 p.m. and Mrs. Avila arrived at 7:00 p.m.

Cabinet members present were Ms. Russo, Dr. Olsky, Mr. Trigg, Mr. Mendez, Mr. Nelson, and Ms. Lohnes. Mr. Lopez left the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

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 6:15 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Jackson Elementary 4th grade student Cristian Gonzalez.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Russo began her report by inviting back Jackson Elementary 4th grade student Cristian Gonzalez, who was honored as a MIND Research Institute Outstanding Student for 2007. The organization honors educators for their excellence in program implementation and raising math test scores, and students for their accomplishments in mathematics and music through a program called ST Math+Music, which has proven to dramatically raise student proficiency on standardized math tests, and also teaches children powerful problem-solving skills using a unique, language-independent approach. The Superintendent and Board congratulated Cristian.

Ms. Longacre, Principal of Jackson Elementary, was named 2007 MIND Research Institute Principal of the Year. Ms. Longacre began her administrative career at Andrew Jackson Elementary School in 1999. She was appointed Assistant Principal in 1999, and was promoted to principal eight months later. Jackson Elementary has been participating in the ST Math+Music program for two years, and its students' math proficiency levels increased by 12 percent in the last year. As a strong proponent of the program, Ms. Longacre is one of three principals in Southern California who will receive this distinct honor in an awards ceremony on Friday, October 26. Ms. Longacre spoke about the student success and credited the program and student and teacher diligence.

The Superintendent congratulated Special Education Program Specialists Debbi Woods and Marilyn Nehrbass for their expertise and hard work in the education of students with autism. The California Department of Education Office of Administrative Hearings invited them to present their comprehensive Autism program. This presentation is the first of its kind, and presents a wonderful opportunity to showcase the program in SAUSD.

The SAUSD's observance of National Drug Prevention Red Ribbon Week was October 22 through October 26. Schools hosted various activities to raise awareness about the dangerous effects associated with the illicit use of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco. Red Ribbon Week serves as a vehicle for communities and individuals to take a stand for the hopes and dreams of our children through a commitment to drug prevention and education, and a personal commitment to live a safe, healthy and drug-free lifestyle. Many community agencies, guest speakers, and other resources were mobilized during this event to educate students. Efforts also were aligned with language arts and/or math standards, or held during non-instructional time.

Congratulations to Principal Judy Magsaysay, students and staff of Pio Pico Elementary School for being named a recipient of the California School Boards Association Golden Bell Award. The school received the honor for engaging the community in its Academic Volunteer Mentor Program. The recognition will take place at the California School Boards Association's annual conference in San Diego in December.

Madison Elementary, Muir Fundamental, and Middle College High School were recently named Honor Roll Schools for 2007 by the California Business for Education Excellence/Just for the Kids Foundation. This foundation annually selects schools for recognition that have raised student achievement and closed achievement gaps among testing subgroups. Participants were invited to attend a Best Practices Institute and awards ceremony on November 6, 2007.

Recently Assemblyman Jose Solorio presented Jefferson Elementary with a \$5,000 Barona Education Grant, made possible by the Barona Band of Mission Indians. The school will use the funds for an accelerated reader program in order to improve student reading abilities.

Ms. Russo drew the attention to those present the beautiful artwork posted in the Board Room from Kennedy Elementary, Washington Elementary, and Valley High School.

RECOGNITIONS

Classified Employee of the Month for October - Estuardo Cifuentes

A selection committee selected Estuardo Cifuentes as Classified Employee of the Month for October. Ms. Cardenas, Curriculum Specialist for Kinder Readiness Program provided the presentation.

Mr. Cifuentes is the Classified Data Entry Technician for the Kinder Readiness Program. He was described as enthusiastic, polite, professional, and is the epitome of a gentleman. Mr. Cifuentes is well respected by all who know him. He has tremendous knowledge of District policies and procedures and maintains a positive attitude even when under immense pressure. With Mr. Cifuentes was his family. Estuardo was presented a plaque for which he was honored and a gift certificate to his favorite restaurant. The Board and Superintendent congratulated and thanked him for his outstanding services with the SAUSD.

Introduction of Newest SAUSD Administration

Mr. Chad Hammitt, Executive Director of Human Resources, 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.

Tracy L. Brennan, Ed.D., Principal, Saddleback High
Gary S. Gonzalez, Coordinator of Student Activities, Saddleback High
Brenda Loh, Coordinator of Student Activities at Santa Ana High
Gamilia Mherian, Assistant Principal, Segerstrom High
Tony Wold, Ed.D., Director of Quality Education Investment Act (QEIA)

PRESENTATIONS

CHANGE IN ORDER OF AGENDA

Legislative Update

Mr. Steven Rhoads and Ms. Sandra Vargas with Strategic Educational Services presented an update to Trustees regarding SAUSD legislative priorities in an effort to create a legislative platform for Sacramento. Items reviewed and discussed were ADA, demographics, budget updates for 2007 through 2009, budget facts, collaboration efforts with CSBA, ACSA, ConnectEd, etc., and next steps for the SAUSD. Recommended legislative priorities include:

Equalization
Declining enrollment
K-3 Class Size Reduction (more flexibility)
District oversight of Charter Schools
Enrollment based funding
Grade-span funding
Weighted pupil funding
Longer school day (7th period/summer school)
Preschool facilities

The Board requested the following information to be followed up at a future Board meeting or in the Friday Board packet:

- Have Strategic Educational Services return in 30 days
- Develop a Briefing Paper
- Research information on the Serrano vs. Priest Bill
- Look at similar schools with similar issues and wants
- Meet with elected officials following return of Educational Services, perhaps hold a town hall meeting with Assemblyman Solorio and Senator Correa
- Provide information to the Board following meeting at Glendale Unified
- Further clarification on Publications Lottery fund

Update and Status of School Building Program

Mr. Hills, SAUSD Manager of Construction, presented an update and status report of the Santa Ana Unified School District's School Building Program. Various pictures and aerial views were provided in the report. Heroes Elementary School was highlighted. It will be completed in December 2007, having a student capacity of 600, 29 classrooms, and totaling 51,643 square feet in size. He provided details to the facilities relocation project moving schedule and stated that dates may be delayed if weather affects construction of sites. He also updated the Board on the progress of the Valley High wrestling room which is to be completed within two weeks.

Mr. Hills stated that the completion of Valley High’s Aquatic Center and landscape is scheduled for January 2008. Staff indicated that Valley High School’s auditorium and air conditioning plan would be included in the Facilities Master Plan to be presented in January.

Summarized Data of Williams Settlement

Dr. Olsky stated in order to meet the Williams Settlement Uniform Complaint reporting requirements; staff is required to report summarized data on the nature and resolution of all complaints on a quarterly basis to the County Superintendent and Governing Board of the District. There were seven minor complaints that were resolved. The complaints were relevant to specific physical conditions at school sites that custodians were able to resolve.

Status of Budget Reductions for 2007-08 School Year

Mr. Tsunozumi presented an update concerning Budget reductions for 2007-08 academic year. He stated the Board of Education gave the committee the charge to keep the budget reductions as far away from the classroom as possible, while recognizing that all reductions impact the District. He stated in order to comply with the State of California Financial Standards and Criteria, reductions are necessary. Of the Board approved reductions in the amount of \$15.6 million for the 2007-08 academic year, \$1.6 million is yet to be reduced. Mr. Tsunozumi provided a stop light report showing items reduced or on target (green light), a variance within \$250,000 (yellow light), and variance of \$250,000 or/not implemented (red light). He provided explanations for yellow and red light items. Mr. Tsunozumi will provide information to the Board regarding additional information on the P2 budget reduction and how it works and the amount of savings on portables.

No.	Orig. Savings	Revised Savings	Light Color	Proposal
1	\$2,200,000	\$2,200,000	G	Reduce Special Ed Encroach. – Fund Select Special Ed.
2	\$1,600,000	\$500,000 *	R	Move-up P2 Cut-off Date * For 2005-06
3	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	G	Increase Amount of Portable Lease Costs Pd w/ Fund 25 \$s
4	\$1,290,000	\$1,200,000	G	Redirect AP Funding – New Categorical Dean of Instruction
5	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	G	Redirect Music Teacher Funding
6	\$800,000	\$1,088,000	G	Reduce Transportation Encroach. – Flexibility Transfer
7	\$750,000	\$750,000	Y	Redirect ROP Funds – Career Technical Classes
8	\$623,000	\$623,000	G	Expand Team Cleaning Pilot
9	\$500,000	\$27,000 **	R	Return Additional Portables ** QEIA impact
10	\$500,000	\$500,000	G	Legal Fees Reduction
11	\$413,000	\$413,000	G	Close Grant Elementary
12	\$400,000	\$400,000	G	Purchase of State Leased Portables
13	\$378,000	\$378,000	G	Eliminate Unrestricted Fund – Intermediate Intramural Program
14	\$350,000	\$350,000	G	Reduce Special Ed Encroach.–Prop 20 Funds to Special Ed
15	\$350,000	\$175,000	Y	Monitor # of Days Classified Subs & ST Employees Work
16	\$340,000	\$340,000	G	Consolidate Groundskeepers (High School)

No.	Orig. Savings	Revised Savings	Light Color	Proposal
17	\$310,000	\$315,000	G	Eliminate Intermediate Grades at Taft
18	\$300,000	\$300,000	G	New PC Setup Fee
19	\$292,000	\$292,000	G	Eliminate Unrestricted Funding – Select Nurse Positions
20	\$270,000	\$270,000	G	Reduce # of Full-Time Home School Teachers
21	\$218,000	\$218,000	G	Delay Heroes Elementary Opening
22	\$195,000	\$195,000	G	Eliminate Unrestricted Funding – 4 Instructional Assist. Positions
23	\$186,000	\$149,700	G	Association Sub-Pay
24	\$160,000	\$160,000	G	Do Not Extend Waiver for Extra Employment Months
25	\$120,000	\$120,000	G	Reduce Warehouse Inventory / Storekeeper Position
26	\$110,000	\$110,000	G	Pro-Rata Share – Teacher Sub Costs
27	\$100,000	\$100,000	Y	Eliminate Unrestricted Funding – Higher Ed Center Prog. Specialist
28	\$90,000	\$90,000	G	5% Department Budget Reduction
29	\$70,000	\$64,000	G	Implement Web Based IEP & Reduce Clerical Position
30	\$63,000	\$69,000	G	Change Summer Program Calendar for Students w/ Autism
31	\$40,000	\$40,000	Y	In-House Service for OT & PT
32	\$40,000	\$40,000	G	Eliminate/Reassign Second Civic Center Position
33	\$20,000	\$18,000	G	Refinance Existing District Debt

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

Victoria Zaragoza, parent and District Advisory Council member, addressed the Board asking to re-establish the Legislative Council such as the one created for the Tustin Marine Base.

George Garcia, parent, inquired about the District's cell phone policy and voiced his discontent regarding the handling of the complaint at the school site.

The following individuals addressed the Board urging replacement to playground equipment at Adams Elementary School

Ginger Chambers, SAUSD parent
 Euedina Monreal, SAUSD parent
 Alma Hernandez, SAUSD parent

It was by Board consensus that an update on playground equipment be presented to the Board when bringing forth the Facilities Master Plan.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

By a vote of 4-0 the Board took action to approve a workers' compensation compromise and release in the amount of \$175,000 to include all issues.

Moved: Richardson ___ Avila ___ Yamagata-Noji X Hernández ___ Palacio ___
 Seconded: Richardson ___ Avila ___ Yamagata-Noji ___ Hernández ___ Palacio X
 Vote: Ayes 4 Noes _____ Abstain _____ Absent Avila

By a vote of 3-1 the Board took action to approve the suspension of a certificated employee as identified in Closed Session

Moved: Richardson ___ Avila ___ Yamagata-Noji X Hernández___ Palacio ___
 Seconded: Richardson ___ Avila ___ Yamagata-Noji ___ Hernández X Palacio ___
 Vote: Ayes 3 Noes Palacio Abstain _____ Absent Avila

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 Seconded: Richardson ___ Avila ___ Yamagata-Noji ___ Hernández X Palacio ___
 Vote: Ayes 3 Noes Palacio Abstain _____ Absent Avila

By a vote of 4-0 the Board took action to appoint Maria D. Gumucio, as Assistant Principal, Century High School

Moved: Richardson ___ Avila ___ Yamagata-Noji X Hernández___ Palacio ___
 Seconded: Richardson ___ Avila ___ Yamagata-Noji ___ Hernández___ Palacio X
 Vote: Ayes 4 Noes _____ Abstain _____ Absent Avila

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 5-0, to approve the Regular meeting of September 25, 2007.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 5-0, to approve the Consent Calendar in its entirety.

- 1.1 Approval of purchase order summary of orders \$25,000 and over for period of September 26, 2007 through October 4, 2007.
- 1.2 Approval of expenditure summary and detailed listing of checks \$25,000 and over for period of September 26, 2007 through October 9 2007.
- 1.3 Approval of Listing of Agreements/Contracts Between Santa Ana Unified School District and Various Consultants Submitted for Period of September 26, 2007 through October 4, 2007.
- 1.4 Approval of disposal of obsolete un-repairable computer equipment, miscellaneous furniture, equipment, or textbooks.
- 1.5 Approval of appointment of the Smith-Emery Company as the consultant for construction material testing for construction of Facilities Relocation project.
- 1.6 Approval of Change Order No. 1 for a Qualified Zone Academy Bond project in the amount of \$72,273 for a revised total construction cost of \$2,690,660.22.
- 1.7 Accept the October 23, 2007, completion of contract with Stratex Solutions, Inc., for the installation of security cameras at the school site.

- 1.8 Accept the October 8, 2007, completion of contract with Ortco, Inc., for site preparation and installation of playground equipment at Mitchell Child Development for Head Start/State Preschool in the amount of \$34,900.
- 1.9 Acceptance of a gift in accordance with Board Policy 3290 - Gifts, Grants, and Bequests. A list is attached to the Minutes.
- 1.10 Approval of payment and or reimbursement for cost incurred for designated instructional services of students with disabilities.
- 1.11 Approval of recommendations by the Administrative hearing panels to expel the following students for the recommended terms and with the recommended remediation conditions:
 - 131459 - 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 October 24, 2007.
 - 186410 - Carr 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 June 19, 2008.
 - 187414 - Carr 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 February 4, 2008.
 - 337606 - Carr 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 February 4, 2008.

REGULAR ACTION ITEMS

2.0 AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR HEALTH BENEFIT BROKER SERVICES DISTRICTWIDE

Mr. Trigg stated that services obtained will provide a professional, highly qualified benefits brokerage and consulting firm that will offer a full range of services for our retiree health benefits insurance program. Trustees have asked that staff allow interested parties to take part in submitting RFPs and consider extending the timeline for receiving the documents.

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, and carried 5-0, to obtain Request for Proposals for Health Benefits Broker Services districtwide.

3.0 AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR 403B THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATION SERVICES DISTRICTWIDE

It is the consensus of the Board that staff attaches additional back up concerning RFPs coming before the Board for action.

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mrs. Avila, and carried 5-0, to authorize Administration to obtain Requests for Proposals for 403b Third Party Administration Services Districtwide.

4.0 AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN BIDS FOR LEASE/PURCHASE OF AN OFFSET PRESS FOR PUBLICATIONS

It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 5-0, to authorize Administration to obtain bids for the lease/purchase of an offset press for publications.

5.0 AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR FIELD TRIP AND ATHLETIC TRIP USES FOR VARIOUS SITES

It was moved by Mrs. Avila, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 5-0, to authorize Administration to award contract for transportation services for field trip and athletic trip houses for various school sites to Certified Transportation Services, Inc., pursuant to Bid No. #3-08, and the provisions of Public contract code Section, for the period of one year with the option to renew for up to five years.

6.0 AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD CONTRACTS FOR PURCHASE OF AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT AND COMPUTER SUPPLIES DISTRICTWIDE

It was moved by Mrs. Avila, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0 to authorize Administration to award contracts for purchase of audio visual equipment and computer supplies districtwide, pursuant to Bid No. #15-07 and the provisions of Public Contract Code Section 20118, renew able annually for a period of up to three years.

7.0 AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF UPGRADED AVAYA PBX EQUIPMENT DISTRICTWIDE

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, and carried 5-0 to authorize Administration to award contract for purchase of upgraded Avaya PBX equipment Districtwide to ROI Networks, Inc., pursuant to CMAS #3-06-70-1163A.

8.0 APPROVAL OF LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS AND SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

It was by consensus of the Board that this item be removed from the Agenda and returned to a future Board meeting.

9.0 APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH LOS ANGELES-ORANGE IMMUNIZATION NETWORK FOR DISTRICT STAFF TO ACCESS IMMUNIZATION REGISTRY

It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Mrs. Avila, and carried 5-0, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Los Angeles-Orange Immunization Network for the Preschool Nurse Expansion program for District staff to access the immunization registry.

10.0 APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR HEAD START FUNDING FOR 2007-08 PROGRAM YEAR

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, and carried 4-1, Mrs. Avila dissenting, to approve the contract for Head Start funding for the 2007-08 program year.

11.0 PERSONNEL ACTION

It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 5-0, to approve the personnel calendar in its entirety.

12.0 BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS/ACTIVITIESMr. Palacio

- Reminded the community of the Grand Opening Ceremony of Godinez Fundamental High School, on Thursday, October 25th at 10:00 a.m.
- Requested information regarding wrestling room at Valley High school regarding wall mats. Also inquired about other schools.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji

- Announced that three SAUSD Trustees attended the RSCCD 10th Annual Chancellor's Ball & Partners in Education Ceremony on October 12th. Great to see UCI recognized for their partnership that is jointly with SAC and the SAUSD.

Mr. Hernandez

- Attended a Hispanic Bar Association event recently where Judge Jack Mandel was honored. Judge Mandel has tutored hundreds of Santa Ana students sending hundreds to colleges and universities. Mr. Hernandez recalls Judge Mandel as a great mentor to him, when Mr. Hernandez was in high school.
- Attended Padres Promotores de Educación at Carr Intermediate. He noted that there was a great turnout.

Rosie Avila

- Enjoyed the RSCCD 10th Annual Chancellor's Ball & Partners in Education Ceremony on October 12th. There was a great emphasis on support concerning the cost of textbooks.
- Noted that there was a newspaper article on that same issue. She would like to have the SAUSD lobby for smaller textbooks.
- Looking forward to Heroes tour. Complimented Mr. Hills and staff for their hard work.

Rob Richardson

- Noted that the last three days have been extraordinary due to the number of fires and disrupted lives. It is important to reflect on those who have been affected by the devastation. He urged all to take stock in preparing for these unexpected interruptions.
- Had the opportunity to visit Lathrop Intermediate School where training was taking place for staff members of Lathrop, Spurgeon, and Willard.
- Looking forward to the Godinez Fundamental High School Grand Opening Ceremony on Thursday, October 25th at 10:00 a.m.
- Mr. Richardson asked Ms. Russo for an update due to the air quality and fires in neighboring South County.

Safety of Students During Poor Air Quality Due to Fires

Ms. Russo provided an update as to safety precautions due to poor air quality relative to fires in close proximity of the SAUSD. Schools have been kept apprised by email and parents by the XTEND communication system on a daily basis. All indoor and outdoor activities have been cancelled. Students have been kept indoors. The Sheriffs office has kept the SAUSD apprised of all updates. High Schools are on alert should housing be required for those evacuated.

Closed the Meeting in Memory of High School Counselor Maria Rosales

Maria Rosales passed away unexpectedly on October 20, 2007. She was a Counselor at Cesar Chavez High School, and worked for the SAUSD for 23 years. She worked at Spurgeon Intermediate, Santa Ana High, District Office, and Chavez High School. Maria often went out of her way to help students in need by purchasing yearbooks, caps & gowns, clothing, food, and bus transportation passes when they did not have money. Maria was very involved with student leadership development, taking students to participate in a variety of community service events, volunteer work, fund-raising for charities and workshops and trainings to promote respect and value for diversity. Maria conducted classes early in the morning, during lunchtime, and after-school to give students extra access and opportunity

to complete more courses and class work. Maria never wanted to be recognized for all the extra things and extra effort she gave to students. She never boasted about how she helped them all in their transition and transformations. All of us who crossed her path and for whom she made a difference will miss her.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Regular meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, November 13, 2007, at 6:00 p.m.

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