

Santa Ana Unified School District
Meeting Location: Rancho Santiago Community College District
Santa Ana, CA 92706

Board Retreat
SANTA ANA BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 23, 2009

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting was called to order at 8.10 a.m. by President Hernández. Also in attendance were Mr. Richardson, Mr. Palacio, and Mr. Reyna. Dr. Yamagata-Noji arrived at 8:15 a.m.

Cabinet members present were Ms. Russo, Dr. Olsky, Mr. Murrey, Mr. Lopez, Mr. Mendez, Mr. Ayala, Ms. Lohnes, and Mr. Dixon.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Hernández. He welcomed staff and two members of the community in the audience to the special meeting.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

President Hernández asked those members of the community who wished to address the Board to step forward.

There were no individuals wishing to speak at the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

As indicated on the Board Agenda, the topic for the Special Study Session is "Board of Education Priorities and Direction." Annually, a Board Retreat is held which provides the Superintendent and Executive Cabinet direction for the year.

A calendar with 2009-10 and 2010-11 proposed Presentations, Study Sessions, Discussions, and Recognitions was discussed. Suggestions and direction from Trustees were noted. Each Cabinet member then briefly highlighted specific information regarding their respective departments as a source of information to the Board.

Also reviewed was a brochure produced by SAUSD's Public Information Office. The brochure entitled: Strategic Plan Progress Update "Success is the Standard" contained adopted Board Vision/Goals/Mission Statement, various demographics, State recognized "Most Improved Schools in Orange County" (four of top ten are SAUSD schools,) data showing growth in 2009 academic performance, changes in State Revenues, a \$27.5 million revenue loss in a year was noted, highlights of the facilities program, and construction projects completed using Measure G Funds.

Mr. Hernández left the meeting at 9:00 a.m. The meeting continued with all other Trustees present. Mr. Hernández returned at 9:45 a.m.

Recess

At 9:50 a.m. President Hernández called for a brief break. At 10:05 a.m. the meeting reconvened.

Ms. Russo presented retreat headlines from the July 21, 2007, Board Retreat where Trustees outlined where they anticipated the District to be in 2010. In review of those documents, current data showed achievement in the district as a whole. Board discussion ensued regarding key elements and expectations from the Board for 2010 which included:

- schools exiting Program Improvement (six schools exited)
- graduation rate improved to 87% (10% jump in target)
- close attrition gap from grade 8 through graduation
- increased enrollment due to language acquisition programs/ADA (English Language students highest achievement in State level)
- extended school day for increased instruction for all students below grade level

Trustees made numerous requests and suggestions to be addressed at future Board meetings.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

The Retreat was recessed to Closed Session to discuss negotiations.

ADJOURNED

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Special Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, October 27, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Jane A. Russo
Secretary
Santa Ana Board of Education