

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

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
SANTA ANA BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 24, 2006

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Board President Yamagata-Noji. Other members in attendance were Mr. Richardson and Mr. Palacio. Mr. Tinajero and Mrs. Avila joined the meeting at 5:35 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 6:43 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Century High student Noah Moreno.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Interim Superintendent Russo acknowledged Century High students from Mr. Oveson's Government class who were in attendance for a class assignment.

Century High School Chamber Singers delighted the Board and audience with their talented voices. Students opened the meeting by singing the "Star Spangled Banner" and "Lean on Me", a piece by Kirk Franklin.

On October 17, the Ricardo Montalbán Foundation, through the Nosotros organization, donated musical instruments valued at \$10,000 to Santa Ana High School's Mariachi Los Santos. Mr. Jess Araujo, Esq.; Jerry Velasco, President of Nosotros; Dan Salcedo, Principal, Santa Ana High School; and Mariachi Los Santos, were present for the official ceremony. Mr. Tinajero was acknowledged for his part in connecting the SAUSD with Mr. Jess Araujo. A clip from Channel 31 captured the momentous event.

The week of October 9th was *Bus Driver Appreciation Week*. Taft Hard of Hearing School (D.H.H.) celebrated and honored bus drivers all week. Taft D.H.H. Students Gustavo Lopez and Mayra Bahema shared their experiences with bus drivers who they have learned to admire. Students also offered a couple of suggestions. One suggestion was that drivers learn sign language to communicate better with the children. During *Bus Driver Appreciation Week*, students shared candy and cards with drivers. A video captured interaction between students and bus drivers.

Ms. Russo stated that sports are another way for students to express themselves by displaying skill and dedication. Channel 31 covered the first football game of the season. To Valley High's dismay, Saddleback High won that game.

Adams Elementary School has two new programs *Saturday at Adams Library* and *College Bound*. Every Saturday, except holidays, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., families are welcome to checkout books and read stories together. This is an excellent program for parents who cannot get to the Santa Ana Library. In the *College Bound* program, each grade level is taking a fieldtrip to a different college or university, so by the time a child leaves Adams Elementary they will have visited six different colleges and can begin to decide where they would like to go following high school. The program is instilling the question "Where are you going to college?" not "Are you going to college?"

On Thursday, October 19, Villa Fundamental Intermediate opened its Parent Resource Center to help parents become more engaged in the education of their children. At the grand opening, there were agencies present to provide information about nutrition, health services, financial literacy, and education.

Century High School will host a Blood Drive on October 31. For more information and to sign up, please contact Century's Activities Office at 568-7014.

Interim Superintendent Russo drew attention to the beautiful artwork posted in the Board Room by Washington and Kennedy Elementary Schools.

Ms. Russo called Mr. Lopez to the podium to introduce the newest Santa Ana Unified School District's Administrators:

Lowell Elementary:

1. Paulita Martinez - Principal
2. Carmen Westberg - Assistant Principal

Valley High:

1. Anuar Shalash - Assistant Principal
2. Eleuteria "Jo" Rodriguez-Torres - Assistant Principal
3. Marianne Bola - Coordinator of Student Activities

Saddleback High:

1. Rosa Lizardi - Assistant Principal
2. Fred Gomeztrejo - Assistant Principal
3. Jimmy Bruhl - Coordinator of Student Activities

Update and Status of School Building Program

Ms. Maria Lopez, Senior Facilities Planner, presented an update and status report of the Santa Ana Unified School District School Building Program. Various pictures and aerial views were also provided in the report.

Mr. Richardson requested landscaping on the south side of bleachers at the Valley High campus.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji inquired about the tour of SAUSD facilities.

PRESENTATIONS

Superintendent Search Update

Mr. Lopez provided a progress report regarding the superintendent search. The Board expressed changes to the "draft" announcement to be used in soliciting applications. They asked to review the draft before it was publicized. Board discussion ensued. The timeline calls for a special Board meeting in November to review applicants and another meeting in December to interview candidates with the expectation to select a top candidate in mid-December. Board members expressed that the timeline presented would possibly be extended. Trustees asked that the timeline, brochure, and any other pertinent information concerning the Search be placed on the District's Website. Trustees were asked to submit names for panel representatives to Human Resources by Friday, October 27th. It was by consensus of the Board that stakeholder groups also include representatives from DELAC and Special Education.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji asked that the Search firm frequent Board meetings and provide more information.

K-8 After-School Program Update and Proposition 49

Dr. Machado provided a detailed presentation of the K-8 after-school program components. She addressed grant requirements, accountability, labor contract issues, and contract agreements, which included three delivery models: in-house, outside, and a blended model. She reviewed advantages and disadvantages of each model, and anticipated the next steps with the addition of hiring a Program Administrator and an additional Program Coordinator. Dr. Machado introduced Proposition 49 and its delivery model and funding. She stated that Prop 49 would grandfather current After School Education and Safety (ASES) and 21st Century Community Learning Center (CCLC) school sites and reimbursement will increase to \$7.50 a day per student. It also allows for a fulltime Administrative Director and three fulltime Program Coordinators. Currently the District manages the After-School Program under three grants. Programs include CCLC, ASES, and a State/Federal program. She stated that Administration would soon return to the Board with a recommendation to select an after-school program for the District.

Dr. Noji asked for additional information concerning student academic gains. Dr. Machado stated that information would be included in the next achievement report.

Mrs. Avila expressed concern about utilizing teachers following a long day of instruction.

Mr. Richardson requested a chart identifying each school, list of providers, and the number of students currently enrolled vs. last year.

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.

Bernedette Medrano, Executive Director, Santa Ana Education Foundation, (SAEF) announced a SAUSD Candidate Forum hosted by the SAEF and the League of Women Voters, scheduled for Thursday, October 26,th at Santa Ana High School, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Hector Espinoza, Esqueda Elementary parent, addressed the Board with concerns of the School Site Council (SSC) and its governing ways at Esqueda Elementary School. He requested intervention from the Board to help bring the SSC at Esqueda to compliance.

The following Grant Elementary parents and community members voiced concerns regarding the school's potential closure. Parents asked that the Board reconsider keeping the school open, reported that cold pizza was being served, alleged that administration was refusing to meet with parents, and disagreed with the combination classes that are present at the school:

Rocio Villalobos
Cristina Calderon
Mariela Moreno
Leticia Perez
Rosalia Galindo
Alex Vega

Victoria Zaragoza expressed her appreciation to Cabinet for their presentation at the last DAC/DELAC meeting and to apologize for her absence. She thanked Cabinet for their dedication to the program.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING - OCTOBER 10, 2006

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 5-0, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 10, 2006.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

The following item was removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion and separate action: Approval of Expulsion of Students for Violation of California Education Code 48900, 48900.2, 48900.3, 48900.4, 48900.7, and/or 48915 According to Board Policy 5144.1.

It was moved by Mr. Tinajero, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0, to approve the remainder of the Consent Calendar.

- 1.1 Approval of purchase order summary and detailed listing of orders \$25,000 and over for period of September 27 through October 10, 2006.
- 1.2 Approval of expenditure summary and detailed listing of checks \$25,000 and over for period of September 27 through October 10, 2006.

- 1.3 Approval of agreements/contracts between Santa Ana Unified School District and various consultants for period of September 27 through October 10, 2006. - A copy of the listing is attached to the Minutes.
- 1.4 Approval of disposal of obsolete un-repairable computer equipment, miscellaneous furniture, equipment, or textbooks.
- 1.5 Approval of license agreement renewal with Red Schoolhouse software for On-Line Assessment and Reporting System (OARS) for 2006-07 school year.
- 1.6 Approval to renew the Special Education Interagency agreement with other school districts and government support services agencies for 2006-07 school year.
- 1.7 Acceptance of gifts in accordance with Board Policy 3290 - Gifts, Grants, and Bequests. A list is attached to the Minutes.
- 1.8 Rescind the expulsions of the identified students and return to designated comprehensive schools of the District.
- 1.9 Approval of Expulsion of Students for Violation of California Education Code 48900, 48900.2, 48900.3, 48900.4, 48900.7, and/or 48915 According to Board Policy 5144.1.

This item was removed for discussion and separate action.

- 1.10 Ratification of negotiated settlement for openers for 2005-06 school year within 2004-07 contract with California School Employees Association.
- 1.11 Approval of agreement for School Nursing Students Clinical placement with California State University, Fullerton for the 2006-07 school year.
- 1.12 Approval of internship agreements with Chapman University, California State University, Fullerton, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, National University, and University of LaVerne for 2006-07 school year.
- 1.13 Approval of District's participation in the Santa Ana College Faculty and Counselor Inservice Training grant.
- 1.14 Approval of Board members Audrey Yamagata-Noji, Ph.D., Rob Richardson, and John Palacio to attend the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Annual Education Conference in San Francisco, California on November 29-December 2, 2006.

REGULAR ACTION ITEMS

- 1.9 Approval of recommendations by the Administrative hearing panels to expel students for the recommended terms and conditions:

149176 - Sierra Intermediate

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph b, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District for the remainder of the fall semester 2006-07 school year and that the expulsion order be suspended for only the spring semester of the 2006-07 school year, and that the student be permitted to return to a District school/program on a probationary status during that time period.

155241 - Carr Intermediate

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph b, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District for the remainder of the fall semester 2006-07 school year and that the expulsion order be suspended for only the spring semester of the 2006-07 school year, and that the student be permitted to return to a District school/program on a probationary status during that time period.

300603 - Sierra Intermediate (Change from Option 4 to Option 3, plus transer)

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph b, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District, for the balance of the fall semester, 2006-07 school year and the spring semester, 2006-07 school year; however, that the expulsion order be suspended until June 15, 2007, and that the student be permitted to return to a District school/program on a probationary status.

- 2.0 APPROVAL OF CONSULTANT CONTRACT WITH WERTHEIMER-GALE & ASSOCIATES TO CONTINUE OCCUPATIONAL AND PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES FOR 2006-07 SCHOOL YEAR

It was moved by Mrs. Avila, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0 to approve the consultant contract with Wertheimer-Gale & Associates to continue occupational and physical therapy services to students with disabilities for 2006-07 school year.

- 3.0 APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF AFTER SCHOOL EDUCATION AND SAFETY GRANT/PROPOSITION 49 TO CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Tinajero, and carried 5-0 to approve the submission of the After School Education and Safety grant application for 21st CCLC after school programs to the California Department of Education.

- 4.0 APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF AFTER SCHOOL EDUCATION AND SAFETY GRANT/PROPOSITION 49 TO CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR GREENVILLE FUNDAMENTAL, SANTIAGO, AND THORPE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0 to approve the submission of the After School Education and Safety Grant application to the California Department of Education for Greenville Fundamental, Santiago, and Thorpe Elementary Schools.

- 5.0 APPROVAL OF NEW JOB DESCRIPTION OF EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 5-0 to approve the new job description for Executive Assistant to the Deputy Superintendent.

- 6.0 APPROVAL OF NEW JOB DESCRIPTION OF HELP DESK ANALYST

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

- 7.0 APPROVAL OF NEW JOB DESCRIPTION OF HELP DESK TECHNICIAN

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

8.0 APPROVAL OF REVISED JOB DESCRIPTION OF MANAGER OF COMPUTER OPERATIONS/TECHNICAL SERVICES

It was moved by Mr. Tinajero, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0 to approve the revised job description of Manager of Computer Operations/Technical Services

9.0 APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL CALENDAR

It was moved by Mr. Tinajero, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0 to approve the Personnel Calendar in its entirety. A copy of the calendar is attached to the Minutes.

BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS/ACTIVITIES

Sal Tinajero:

- Congratulated Santa Ana High's Debate team. They placed 9th out of 16 teams from Santa Ana.
- Congratulated Saddleback High on their football game win!
- Asked for information concerning combination classes and inquired as to what schools had combination classes.

John Palacio:

- Requested update on combination classes district-wide.

Rosemarie Avila:

- HEEF dinner was a wonderful event. Many SAUSD's teachers were honored. The speeches were great!
- Noted concerns about combo classes, asked District to investigate.
- Requested rules and laws governing School Site Council. Also, requested an investigation to make certain that all schools are in compliance.
- Salsa Ball hosted by *Learning for Life* was great. Congratulations to all!

Rob Richardson:

- It was a great pleasure to take part in the Boys and Girls Club *Castle of Dreams* auction. There was representation from the District and school sites. They raised over \$200,000 at the event!
- Echoed Mrs. Avila comments regarding concerns of School Site Council meetings. He asked that staff follow up on comments voiced by a community member.
- Encouraged community to the right and privilege to vote.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji:

- Met with parent from Grant Elementary regarding concerns as stated this evening. There are food services issues to look into as well. She said that it is important that the Board work together with parents to obtain resolutions.
- Board has supported many events recently: The HEEF, Apple of Gold Awards; Boys and Girls Club, 13th Annual Castle of Dreams Dinner; Teacher of the Year Awards Dinner; and Chancellor's Ball.
- Attended a briefing with State Superintendent Jack O'Connell, regarding topics such as the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) criteria and exemptions for Special Education students. Also discussed was English Language Learners (ELL).
- Asked that staff continue to develop a legislative agenda.
- Noted changes to ROP, asked that Administration keep the Board apprised of new changes.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION:

By a vote of 3-0, the Board took action to approve the settlement of ISEC, Inc. vs. SAUSD in the amount of \$50,000.

Moved: Yamagata-Noji___ Richardson ___ Tinajero___ Avila___ Palacio X
Seconded: Yamagata-Noji___ Richardson X Tinajero___ Avila___ Palacio ___
Vote: Ayes 3 Noes 0 Abstain___ Absent: Tinajero and Avila

By a vote of 3-0, the Board took action to Amend and Correct an Accusation regarding the dismissal of an employee.

Moved: Yamagata-Noji X Richardson ___ Tinajero___ Avila___ Palacio ___
Seconded: Yamagata-Noji ___ Richardson ___ Tinajero___ Avila___ Palacio X
Vote: Ayes 3 Noes 0 Abstain___ Absent: Tinajero and Avila

By a vote of 5-0, the Board took action to appoint Timothy Peck as Manager of Accounting for the 2006-07 school year.

Moved: Yamagata-Noji___ Richardson ___ Tinajero___ Avila___ Palacio X
Seconded: Yamagata-Noji___ Richardson X Tinajero___ Avila___ Palacio ___
Vote: Ayes 5 Noes 0 Abstain___ Absent: ___

By a vote of 5-0, the Board took action to appoint Ana Gonzalez as Assistant Principal/Resource Teacher at Adams Elementary School for the 2006-07 school year.

Moved: Yamagata-Noji___ Richardson X Tinajero___ Avila___ Palacio ___
Seconded: Yamagata-Noji___ Richardson ___ Tinajero___ Avila___ Palacio X
Vote: Ayes 5 Noes 0 Abstain___ Absent___

By a vote of 5-0, the Board took action to approve renewal of employment contracts for Assistant Superintendent Human Resources and Associate Superintendents Business Services.

Moved: Yamagata-Noji___ Richardson ___ Tinajero___ Avila___ Palacio X
Seconded: Yamagata-Noji___ Richardson X Tinajero___ Avila___ Palacio ___
Vote: Ayes 5 Noes 0 Abstain___ Absent___

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, November 14, 2006, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Jane Russo
Secretary
Santa Ana Board of Education