

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

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
SANTA ANA BOARD OF EDUCATION

November 14, 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 Mr. Richardson, Mr. Tinajero, Mrs. Avila, and Mr. Palacio. Mrs. Avila left the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Cabinet members present were Ms. Russo, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Trigg, Mr. Lopez, Dr. Stainer, 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 6:25 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Tinajero.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Russo called upon Mr. Jack Toan from Wells Fargo Foundation, to recognize the foundation for graciously funding the printing of Mendez vs. Westminster book *For All the Children*, co-written by Michael Matsuda and Sandra Robbie. The book describes the landmark case that was the precursor for ending segregation in U.S. schools. Through the Orange County Asian Pacific Islander Community Alliance and the County Superintendent of Schools, Bill Habermehl, it was distributed to all public elementary schools in Orange County. Sylvia Mendez, Gonzalo Mendez, and both authors personally autographed each book. Ms. Russo awarded Mr. Toan a certificate of appreciation from the Santa Ana Unified School District.

On November 8th and 9th, Century High School was the venue for the annual Art Song Soloist Competition where students from grades 6 through 12 put their best voices forward. Channel 31 captured student talents and shared with the Board.

The California Business for Education Excellence Foundation recognized Jim Thorpe Fundamental Elementary for their outstanding success in raising student academic achievement. The school was named "California Business for

Education Excellence and Just for the Kids-California Honor Roll School for 2006". Thorpe Fundamental will be recognized with other schools at an awards dinner on Thursday, November 16th, at the Park Hyatt Los Angeles.

Ms. Russo then recognized Nita Walker, a Math and Science curriculum specialist for Santa Ana Unified. Nita is the California Math Council Vice President and a Conference Chair. She was responsible for making the conference happen and more than 4,500 people enjoyed over 400 workshops presented at the Convention Center and four different hotels. A big Congratulation to Nita for an outstanding job. She is not only fulfilling her place in her chosen field, but she makes Santa Ana Unified proud.

On Thursday, November 9, 2006, approximately 400 Activity Supervisors were in-serviced at the Delhi Center by Alan Morier, with a powerful, humorous, and compelling professional development training entitled "Approach to Effective School Yard Supervision." Based on the content and the participant's evaluations, staff is confident that children are served from the moment they set foot on the school grounds which are safer and better supervised.

The Superintendent called to the attention of those present the beautiful artwork posted in the Board Room contributed by the students and teachers at Esqueda Elementary and Greenville Fundamental Elementary Schools

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

Elementary

Carol Muse, Principal at Kennedy

Ana Gonzales, Assistant Principal and Resource Teacher at Adams

Paulina Jacobs, Principal at Monte Vista

Intermediate:

Dennis Cole, Assistant Principal at Villa Fundamental

Dr. Yamagata-Noji suggested that a fun collection be put to work. *Who has been here the longest?* Unite staff members who were born and raised in Santa Ana, went through the educational process and have returned to service in the SAUSD. In addition, perhaps a story and photo.

PRESENTATIONS

Superintendent Search Update

Mr. Lopez updated the Board and public stating that the official deadline to submit applications was November 10, 2006. There were 18 applications received which are being reviewed for eligibility and background checks are being conducted. A Community Advisory Panel was established with six organizations each appointing one person to the panel and each SAUSD Board member also appointed one, totaling 11 members. A Closed Session Board meeting is scheduled for November 21 to review candidate applications. On December 8, 2006, interviews will be conducted and on December 14, visitations will take place. Another special Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 19 to appoint a Superintendent.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji asked that staff work with PIO to provide a notice out to various partners to inform them of process as we move forward.

Program Improvement Update

This item was removed and will be agendized at a future Board meeting.

Summarized Data of Williams Settlement

Mr. Trigg presented the Williams Settlement Uniform Complaint Report for the 1st quarter. Education Code requires that any complaints be reported publicly at governing board meetings. One minor complaint was reported which was immediately resolved.

2007-08 Budget Reduction Rationale

Mr. Tsunozumi provided a presentation of the 2006-07 State and District Budgets that included information on enrollment decrease, staffing ratios and salaries, salary restoration, new schools plus costs, escalating benefit costs, state mandates, Cost of Living Adjustments, equalization, elimination of deficit reduction, revenue assumptions, and District budget reductions for the 2007-08 school year.

Mr. Tsunozumi stated that cuts are significantly greater than in the prior two years. Cuts have been kept from the classroom as much as possible, but with the additional reductions that will be very difficult. In the 2004-05 school year there were \$29 million in cuts; in the 2005-06 school year cuts totaled \$14 million, in the current year \$15 million (reductions to date \$6.7); and for the 2007-08 projected cuts in the amount of \$22 million must be made. The Orange County Department of Education continues to closely monitor the District's financial health and if the SAUSD fails to make the required cuts, the District is at risk of receiving a qualified or negative opinion, thus restricting our financial independence. Therefore, the Budget Reallocation Committee will convene to bring recommendations to the Board.

Inquiries from the Board included:

- Formation of the Budget Reallocation Committee
- Music/Arts Block grants - restrictions and/or limitations placed on those funds
- Identify what benefits are paid to current employees vs. what is paid to retirees
- Identify positions projected to be cut and positions that have been filled
- Expand the Budget Reallocation Committee to include an individual with a financial background
- Balance committee with a broader representation from community
- Better communication
- Report update of process to the Board

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.

Sandy Witzigman, SAUSD teacher, addressed the Board to thank them for their support regarding the Advanced Placement Environmental Science Course on the Agenda.

The following individuals sought the Board in support of keeping Grant Elementary open.

Virginia Moreno, SAUSD parent
Mariela Moreno, SAUSD parent
Cristina Calderon, SAUSD parent
Rocio Villalobos, SAUSD parent

The following individuals addressed the Board in support of keeping an employee at his current position.

Michael Murphy, SAUSD teacher
Edgar Quinonez, SAUSD staff

Sean H. Mill, Community member, addressed the Board to comment about a mailer regarding a Board member and its implications.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING - OCTOBER 24, 2006

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Tinajero, and carried 4-0, Mrs. Avila not present, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 10, 2006.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- 1.1 Approval of Change Order No. 12 for the construction of Mountain View School project (Lorin Griset Academy) in the amount of \$20,736 for a revised total construction cost of \$13,175,198.
- 1.2 Approval of Change Order No. 22 for the construction of Godinez Fundamental High School project in the amount of \$195,105 for a revised total construction cost of \$65,548,177.
- 1.3 Authorization to award a contract to Linnart Builders for the demolition and replacement of lunch shelters at Edison Elementary and Sierra Intermediate schools in the amount of \$50,000.
- 1.4 Approval of purchase order summary and detailed listing of orders \$25,000 and over for period of October 11 through October 24, 2006.
- 1.5 Approval of expenditure summary and detailed listing of checks \$25,000 and over for period of October 11 through October 24, 2006.
- 1.6 Approval of agreements/contracts between Santa Ana Unified School District and various consultants for period of October 11 through October 24, 2006. A copy of the listing is attached to the Minutes.

- 1.7 Approval of disposal of obsolete un-repairable computer equipment, miscellaneous furniture, equipment, or textbooks.
- 1.8 Adoption of Resolution No. 06/07-2668 - for signatures regarding child development/child care services for the Santa Ana Unified School District.
- 1.9 Adoption of Resolution No. 06/07-2667 for approval of one-time-only instructional materials contract for State Preschool for the 2006-07 program year.
- 1.10 Approval of addendum to contract with the Children and Families Commission of Orange County for the Kinder Readiness Program for the 2006-10 school years.
- 1.11 Ratification of submission of the FEDCO Foundation Grant application to the FEDCO Charitable Foundation for Romero-Cruz Elementary School.
- 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 (BP) 6153 - School-Sponsored Trips and Administrative Regulation (AR) 6153.1 - Extended School-Sponsored Trips.
- 1.14 Approval of cost incurred reimbursements for designated instructional services for students with disabilities.
- 1.15 Approval of payment and/or reimbursement for costs incurred for designated instructional services of students with disabilities.
- 1.16 Ratification of substitute teacher reimbursement agreement with the Orange County Department of Education.
- 1.17 Approval of recommendations by the Administrative hearing panels to expel students for the recommended terms and conditions:
 - 164952 - Sierra 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.
 - 337836 - McFadden Intermediate
For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph n, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District, and that the student may apply for readmission on or after November 14, 2007.
 - 337195 - 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.
 - 127817 - Santa Ana High
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.

143417 - Century High

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraphs c and g, 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.

157906 - Spurgeon 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.

158756 - Willard Intermediate

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph f, 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.

343527 - Carr 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.

173108 - Spurgeon 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 January 15, 2007.

181680 - Willard Intermediate

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraphs a and b, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District, and that the student may apply for readmission on or after January 15, 2007.

137649 - Valley High

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.

152929 - Santa Ana High

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 15, 2007.

REGULAR ACTION ITEMS

- 2.0 APPROVAL OF NEW JOB DESCRIPTION: HELP DESK ANALYST

AND

- 3.0 APPROVAL OF NEW JOB DESCRIPTION: HELP DESK TECHNICIAN

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji and carried 4-0, to approve new job descriptions Help Desk Analyst and Help Desk Technician, with a stipulation to hold filling position pending budget justification.

- 4.0 HIGH SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE COURSE (NEW: FOR FIRST READING)

Presented for first reading, no action necessary.

- 5.0 ADVANCED PLACEMENT ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE TEXTBOOK RECOMMENDED FOR 28-DAY REVIEW

It was moved by Mr. Tinajero, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 4-0, to approve the 28-day review for the Advanced Placement Environmental Science Textbook.

6.0 PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH SANTA ANA EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

Mr. Lopez stated that the District would provide for full restoration of salary in the amount of 13.44% effective July 1, 2007. Both parties recognize that the District previously provided 11.2% of the restoration and the District will provide the difference between 11.2% and 13.44% so the total restoration is 13.44%, making a difference of approximately \$5.4 million. The District will make a good faith effort to process the retroactive salary increase within 60 days of AB1200 approval by the County Superintendent.

It was moved by Mr. Richardson and seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 4-0 to publicly acknowledge the collective bargaining agreement (AB1200) with Santa Ana Educators Association.

7.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT REOPENING BARGAINING PROPOSAL TO CALIFORNIA SCHOOL EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION FOR 2006-07 SCHOOL YEAR AND CALL FOR A PUBLIC HEARING

It was moved by Mr. Tinajero, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 4-0, Mrs. Avila not present to approve the acknowledgement of Santa Ana Unified School District's reopening bargaining proposal to California School Employees' Association for 2006-07 school year and call for a public hearing.

8.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CALIFORNIA SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION REOPENING BARGAINING PROPOSAL FOR 2006-07 AND CALL FOR A PUBLIC HEARING

It was moved by Mr. Tinajero, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 4-0, to approve the acknowledgement California School Employees Association reopening bargaining proposal for 2006-07 school year and call for a public hearing.

9.0 APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL CALENDAR

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Tinajero, and carried 4-0 to approve the personal calendar in its entirety. A copy of the calendar is attached to the Minutes.

10.0 DISCUSSION OF COMBINATION CLASSES

Ms. Freda Odum, Director of Elementary Student Achievement; Ms. Christine Anderson, Executive Director, Human Resources; and Doreen Lohnes, Interim Director Special Education, presented information regarding combination classes in the Santa Ana Unified. Ms. Anderson stated that in elementary, a combination class consists of two grade levels in one class with one teacher. In secondary, a combination class consists of two courses taught by one teacher during one period, which commonly occurs in elective classes. She reviewed a PowerPoint which included reasons for the creation of combination. They are staffing allocation, unequal number of students enrolling in specific grades, and declining enrollment. In comparison to surrounding unified districts, SAUSD had the second lowest amount of elementary combination classes. Ms. Odum discussed the organization and support combination classes receive. She stated that students are grouped by ability level and team teaching is utilized based on student needs. Additional instructional assistant support and resource teacher support is also utilized.

Ms. Lohnes stated that Special Education Special Day Class students are placed in the least restricted environment. All special education students are mainstreamed (or included) into regular education to the maximum level possible which is in line with the student's IEP. She said that special education configurations in special day classes are multi-graded and multi-leveled. Severely disabled students are in multi-graded Special Day Classes at all levels, and classes are self-contained.

Trustees voiced their concerns about combination classes. Mr. Palacio stated that students are not receiving the maximum benefit when sharing classes. He then questioned the accommodation of students in special classes and requested that a review IEPs and investigation of student placement take place. Ms. Lohnes assured Mr. Palacio that students were placed appropriately, but at his request, begin reviewing IEPs at specific sites.

Ms. Russo stated that this is timely for the District to evaluate the Special Education Program, as the SAUSD will be hiring a new director of Special Education. Many aspects of special education will be reviewed and a broader presentation will be presented to the Board as a result of the evaluation.

BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS/ACTIVITIES

Rob Richardson:

- Visited the MIND Institute at Madison Elementary, it was very impressive! Also attended the MIND Institute Dinner event recently, stated that the theory behind it is quite remarkable. He said that the new Algebra program intended for the intermediate level is outstanding. Complimented Madison Elementary for having impressive growth in scores. He inquired of staff, what is the school doing differently from other schools?

John Palacio:

- Requested that Administration bring closure to the Grant issue at hand. Decision must be made on educational placement not on budgetary placement.

Sal Tinajero:

- Santa Ana schools are busy and doing well with Speech and Debate programs. Wished Segerstrom and Santa Ana High well in their competitions coming up!
- Wished Saddleback high the best of luck during the Goldenwest League Play Offs!

Dr. Yamagata-Noji:

- Congratulated Mr. Tinajero in his new assignment with the Santa Ana City Council. Stated that there would be a brief celebration at the next Board meeting in Mr. Tinajero's honor.
- Asked that staff bring regulations, laws and procedures to the next Board meeting describing process to replace Mr. Tinajero.
- Art/Song competition at Century High School was outstanding. Asked to have students come and sing for Board and community.
- Asked that students be present at each Board meeting.

- Asked that annual Board presentations be brought to the Board for review and to include legislative agenda, special education, and Program Improvement.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION:

By a vote of 4-1, the Board took action to approve a settlement agreement to dismiss a certificated employee with the Santa Ana Unified School District.

Moved: Yamagata-Noji___ Richardson ___ Tinajero_ X_ Avila___ Palacio ___

Seconded: Yamagata-Noji___ Richardson_ X_ Tinajero___ Avila___ Palacio_ X_

Vote: Ayes_ 4_ Noes___ Abstain_____ Absent: Avila

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, November 28, 2006, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Jane Russo
Secretary
Santa Ana Board of Education