

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

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
SANTA ANA BOARD OF EDUCATION

December 11, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 p.m. by Board Vice President Avila. Other members in attendance were Dr. Yamagata-Noji, Mr. Hernandez, and Mr. Palacio. Mr. Richardson arrived at 5:00 p.m.

Cabinet members present were Ms. Russo, Dr. Olsky, Mr. Trigg, Mr. Mendez, Mr. Ayala, and Ms. Lohnes. Mr. Hammitt substituted for Mr. Lopez who was not present.

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 6:10 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION:

By a vote of 4-0, the Board took action to approve the Workers' Compensation Compromise and Release in the amount of \$90,000 to include all issues.

Moved: Richardson ____ Avila ____ Yamagata-Noji ____ Hernández X Palacio ____

Seconded: Richardson ____ Avila ____ Yamagata-Noji ____ Hernández ____ Palacio X

Vote: Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstain _____ Absent Dr. Yamagata-Noji

By a vote of 4-0, the Board took action to approve the Workers' Compensation Stipulated Award in the amount of \$65,662.50.

Moved: Richardson ____ Avila X Yamagata-Noji ____ Hernández ____ Palacio ____

Seconded: Richardson ____ Avila ____ Yamagata-Noji ____ Hernández ____ Palacio X

Vote: Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstain _____ Absent Dr. Yamagata-Noji

By a vote of 4-0, the Board took action to approve the suspension of a certificated employee as named in closed session.

Moved: Richardson _____ Avila _____ Yamagata-Noji _____ Hernández X Palacio _____

Seconded: Richardson _____ Avila _____ Yamagata-Noji _____ Hernández _____ Palacio X

Vote: Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstain _____ Absent Dr. Yamagata-Noji

ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

President

Ms. Russo opened the annual organizational meeting and declared that nominations were in order for the office of President.

Mr. Palacio entered the nomination of Mrs. Avila for President. Mrs. Avila accepted the nomination. Upon call for the vote, it failed 2-3.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji entered the nomination of Mr. Hernandez for President. Mr. Hernandez accepted the nomination. Upon call for the vote, it carried 5-0.

President Hernandez presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Vice President

Nominations were opened for the office of Vice President. Mr. Richardson's name was placed in nomination by Dr. Yamagata-Noji. Mr. Hernandez seconded the nomination and the motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Clerk

Mr. Richardson nominated Dr. Yamagata-Noji for the office of Clerk and Dr. Yamagata-Noji seconded the motion. Upon call for the vote, Dr. Yamagata-Noji was elected to the office by a vote of 5-0.

District Political Action Representative

Mr. Richardson nominated Mr. Palacio to serve as the District Political Action Representative, and Mrs. Avila seconded the motion. Upon call for the vote, Mr. Palacio was elected as the representative by a vote of 5-0.

County Committee on School District Organization

Mrs. Avila nominated Mr. Richardson to serve as the District Representative for nominating members to the County Committee on School District Organization. Upon call for vote, Mr. Richardson was elected to the office by a vote of 5-0.

Establishment of Regular Meeting Dates, Time, and Location

Dr. Yamagata-Noji believes canceling the second meeting in July and the first meeting in August leaves a gap of time that would disrupt the flow of District business.

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 4-1, Dr. Yamagata-Noji dissenting, to approve the present schedule for regular meetings: second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, closed meeting beginning at 4:30 p.m. and open meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m., in the Board Room of the

District Administration Building, 1601 East Chestnut Avenue, Santa Ana, unless a meeting is moved to another site for space accommodation.

MEETING RECESSED AND RECONVENED

At 6:23 p.m., the Regular Meeting was recessed to a reception in honor of the newly re-elected Board Members. The reception was hosted by the Santa Ana Unified School District.

The Regular meeting reconvened at 6:45 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Russo announced that Middle College High School received a Silver Medal status as one of America's Top 100 high schools in a 2008 search, according to the December issue of *U.S. News & World Report*. *U.S. News* studied academic and enrollment data from more than 18,000 public high schools to find the very best across the country, and they found a Silver Medalist right here in Santa Ana. Middle College High being a collaborative effort between SAUSD and Santa Ana College. Dr. Sara Lundquist, Santa Ana College Vice President of Student Services, Dr. Erlinda Martinez, President of Santa Ana College, and Middle College High Principal Jean Williams were recognized for their collaborative efforts. Superintendent Russo congratulated students, parents, and administration for a job well done!

The Superintendent called to the attention of the Board and attendees the beautiful artwork posted in the Board Room contributed by the students and teachers at Lowell, Carver, and Monroe Elementary schools.

Classified Employee of the Month for October - Teresa Salazar

A selection committee selected Teresa Salazar as Classified Employee of the Month for December. Ms. Lucinda Pueblos, Principal at Lathrop provided the presentation.

Ms. Salazar is a School Office Assistant - Secondary. She is described as an outstanding and wonderful individual that would do anything for another. She always has a smile on her face and gladly stops what she does to attend to other's needs. She is dynamic, intelligent, and talented. She maintains a positive attitude even when under immense pressure. With Ms. Salazar was her family. Teresa was presented a plaque for which she was honored and a gift certificate to her favorite restaurant. The Board and Superintendent congratulated and thanked her for her outstanding services with the SAUSD.

PRESENTATIONS

Review of Annual Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2005-06

Ms. Christy White and Mr. Craig Lash with Nigro Nigro & White, PC, presented the District's annual audit report for Fiscal Year 2006-07, and an assessment of the District's financial condition and internal controls. She stated that the State and Federal Government requires each district to submit an audited financial statement by December 15 for the preceding fiscal year.

Ms. White reviewed the report, noted minimal findings, and stated that all prior year findings with the exception of the one related to ASB were implemented, and district controls that have been put in place are clearly working except ASB internal controls which have improved.

Board members provided suggestions to resolve the ASB issue. Ms. Russo stated that she would address issues with principals and bring resolve to this matter. The Board Policy will be sent home to the Board for review.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mrs. Avila, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of November 13, 2007, and moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Palacio to approve the Minutes of the Special Board meeting of November 20, 2007.

1.0 APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- 1.1 Approval of purchase order summary and detailed listing of orders \$25,000 and over for the period of October 24 through November 13, 2007.
- 1.2 Approve expenditure summary and warrant listing of expenditures over \$25,000 for the period of October 24 through November 13, 2007.
- 1.3 Approval of agreements/contracts between the Santa Ana Unified School District and various consultants for the period of October 24 through November 13, 2007.
- 1.4 Approval to dispose obsolete un-repairable computer equipment, miscellaneous furniture, equipment, or textbooks.
- 1.5 Approval of CalNet II Agreement with AT&T for a period of five years; the State of California may elect to extend the contract term for up to two additional periods of one year each.
- 1.6 Approval of agreement with Orange County Superintendent of Schools to provide Internet network access and support services for the 2008-09 fiscal year, in the amount of \$12,312.
- 1.7 Approval of release of contract retention in the amount of \$202,850 for bid package No. 5 for Minako America dba Minco Construction for the construction of Valley High School Modernization Project which represents 50% of the escrow retention amount.
- 1.8 Approval of distribution of funds to compensate SAUSD teachers and counselors for completing activities in the Santa Ana College Faculty and Counselor In-Service Grant.
- 1.9 Approval of amendment of consultant contract between Santa Ana Unified School District and T.H.I.N.K. Together to include Carr Intermediate School effective January 7 through June 30, 2008.
- 1.10 Acceptance of gifts in accordance with Board Policy (BP) 3290 - Gifts, Grants, and Bequests.
- 1.11 Approval of Extended Field Trips in Accordance With Board Policy (BP) 6153(a) - School-Sponsored Trips and Administrative Regulation (AR) 6153.1 - Extended School-Sponsored Trips.
- 1.12 Approval of reimbursement in the amount of \$178,730.51 to the Orange County Educational Arts Academy (OCEAA) for the cost of special education services for the 2005-06 and 2006-07 school years.

- 1.13 Approval of payment and reimbursement of costs incurred for designated instructional services for students with disabilities for 2007-08 school year.
- 1.14 Approval of master contracts and/or individual service agreements with nonpublic schools and agencies for student with disabilities for 2007-08 school year.
- 1.15 Approval of recommendations by Administrative hearing panels to expel students for the recommended terms and remediation conditions.

139254 - Lorin Griset Academy High School

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 February 4, 2008.

132435 - Saddleback 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 June 18, 2008.

157906 - Santa Ana 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 June 19, 2008.

171363 - Mendez Fundamental Intermediate School

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 February 1, 2008.

185750 - McFadden Intermediate School

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 February 4, 2008.

158756 - Santa Ana High School

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 February 4, 2008.

158565 - Saddleback High School

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 19, 2008.

147308 - Valley High School

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 18, 2008.

REGULAR ACTION ITEMS

2.0 ACCEPTANCE OF THIRD PROGRESS REPORT AND BENCHMARK TIMELINE FROM ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SCHOOL ASSISTANCE AND INTERVENTION TEAM FOR LOWELL ELEMENTARY AND SPURGEON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS

Mr. Moorhouse, Chairman of the Lowell Elementary School Assistance and Intervention Team (SAIT), provided the third progress and benchmark timeline for Lowell Elementary School. In February 2007, Lowell Elementary and Spurgeon Intermediate Schools were identified as SAIT schools. Under the II/USP legislation, the SAUSD contracted with OCDE to provide support and implement the school reform initiatives in the Corrective Action Report. Mr. Moorhouse defined the nine essential program components indicating that both schools have reached the rating of "fully" in most areas in mathematics and reading language arts. He is confident that the schools will soon meet the "completed" rating, which is the sixth Benchmark and Final Report of Progress. He introduced Ms. Cheri McDonald, Chairperson for Spurgeon Intermediate School.

She stated that Spurgeon Intermediate is doing an outstanding job and is certain Spurgeon Intermediate will also meet the completion mark soon. They thanked the schools and administration for their hard and achieving the high rating. The next report is due to the California Department of Education on February 1, 2008.

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 5-0 to accept the School Assistance and Intervention Team (SAIT) Third Benchmark Report of Progress for Lowell Elementary and Spurgeon Intermediate Schools by the Orange County Department of Education.

3.0 ACCEPTANCE OF SCHOOL ASSISTANCE AND INTERVENTION TEAM SIXTH BENCHMARK AND FINAL REPORT OF PROGRESS FOR KENNEDY ELEMENTARY

Mr. Mendez stated that the SAIT team has completed its "Sixth Benchmark and Final Report" and Kennedy has exited the SAIT program. He said that the school has improved pupil literacy and achievement making progress toward meeting the school's growth target.

Ms. Russo stated that because of the success of the program the SAUSD is looking at replicating the process to assure that similar structures are in place at other school sites.

It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0 to accept the School Assistance and Intervention Team Sixth Benchmark and Final Report of Progress for Kennedy Elementary School by the Orange County Department of Education.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

The following individuals addressed the Board concerning the proposed budget cuts on the Board Agenda. They have asked that the Board reconsider reducing instructional assistant's hours and benefits. They believe reducing their hours would affect the classroom when the Board has asked to keep cuts away from classroom.

Victoria J. Hanson, SAUSD staff
Kurt Nelson, SAUSD staff
Maria Cristina Garcia, SAUSD staff
Vanessa Vargas, SAUSD staff
Maria S. Deleo, SAUSD staff and parent
Liliasna Ledesma, SAUSD staff
Anita Magill, SAUSD staff
Rosa Jaramillo, SAUSD staff
Barbara Winn, SAUSD staff
Alice Garcia, SAUSD staff
Janet Hutson, SAUSD staff
Thu-Nguyen Hoang, SAUSD staff
Yuvana Lopez, SAUSD staff
Ana Onchi, SAUSD staff
Rosalinda Rodriguez, SAUSD staff and parent
Veronica Lares, SAUSD staff
Yolanda Manzo, parent
Maria Pineda, SAUSD parent
Shirley Lane, SAUSD staff
Pam Campbell, SAUSD staff
Cristina Segura, SAUSD parent
Anita O'Brian, SAUSD staff and parent
Lidia Perez, SAUSD staff and parent
Steve Clayton, SAUSD staff
Louise Settino-Sobieski, SAUSD staff
Juan Carlos Diaz, SAUSD staff

Perla Najera, SAUSD parent
Shannon Freedman, SAUSD parent
Therese Mims, SAUSD community member
Evelyn Guzman, SAUSD staff
Ralph Sandoval, SAUSD staff
Bev McIntyre, SAUSD staff
Sal Hernandez, SAUSD staff and parent

Lee Yadrick, SAUSD staff member, addressed the Board to express her opposition to cut nurses and have them replaced by health clerks.

The following individuals addressed the Board in support of the necessary proposed cuts. They stated that this was a difficult time and although cuts are painful, they are necessary for the school district to receive a positive certification.

Victoria Zaragoza, SAUSD staff and parent
Rosa Aldaz, PTA president

Irma Macias, SAUSD parent, addressed the Board to oppose the selling of Grant Elementary School property and the reducing of school nurses.

Meg Robinson, SAUSD staff member, addressed the Board to oppose the reduction of instructional assistants who are essential to the classroom and not to deprive them of benefits. She advised that cuts should be kept out of the classroom and to consider reducing District administration.

George Garcia, SAUSD staff member, addressed the Board to request implementation of a Karate program to SAUSD students after school, as a form of physical education.

Robert Chavez, SAUSD staff member, urged the Board to keep cuts away from the classroom. He asked the Board to vote no on reducing custodians, no on removing instructional assistants and their benefits, and no on the closure of Civic Center.

Tamara Dtviler, SAUSD staff member, addressed the Board to bring attention to a number of issues schools must deal with on a daily basis such as a policy passed at the last Board meeting related to budget cuts in the schools limiting small appliance use at school sites. She also noted that not all schools have teacher's lounges. In addition, the cost, time, and efforts to remove graffiti were astronomical, and the overall general costs for supplies is a concern when budget cuts are being requested.

4.0 APPROVAL OF BUDGET REDUCTIONS FOR 2008-09 SCHOOL YEAR

Ms. Russo stated that the meeting is one of the SAUSD's most challenging in recent history. The Superintendent is requesting that \$17 million be reduced from the District's budget to remain fiscally solvent with a 2% reserve and to receive a positive certification from the State. In the last four years, the District has cut \$79 million and lost 6,134 students making it difficult to find areas to cut and limiting options for reducing. She thanked Dr. Benkert, Assistant Superintendent Business Services and Mr. Fogarty, Director of Business Services, Orange County Department of Education for being present at the meeting and for their support to the SAUSD. She called Mr. Trigg to the podium.

Mr. Trigg stated that the Budget Reallocation Committee (BRC) is comprised of 60 members that include parent representatives, association representatives, community members, certificated staff, classified staff, and administrators. The BRC has met every Monday from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. since September for a

total of 14 weeks to come up with their best and extremely difficult recommendations. Mr. Trigg stated that the District is working to reduce its expenditures for fiscal year 2008-09 to ensure that State financial standards are met. It is necessary to reduce by \$17 million. As Mr. Trigg identified each proposed item, simultaneous calculation of totals were recorded. Budget Reallocation Committee members addressed questions from the Board. Board discussion ensued regarding management reductions and other designated employee reductions, positions eliminated, or reassigned, and an extensive discussion of Special Education Instructional Assistants eliminations and benefit reductions, etc. Board President Hernandez received Board consensus to vote on items that were tentatively agreed upon totaling \$2.3 million. Board discussion ensued at length and due to the hour of 12:35 a.m., the Board meeting was recessed to reconvene on Thursday, December 13, 2007, at 6:00 p.m.

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The Board continued identifying reductions and discussion ensued. Ms. Benkert stated that the direction expected by the County with respect to budget reductions is that the Board make the necessary cuts to obtain a 2% reserve in order to receive a positive certification. Mr. Tsunezumi with the Board's consensus presented the certification of financial status through October 31, 2007, which he believes was beneficial at this time as it relates to the budget cuts.

CHANGE IN AGENDA ORDER

5.0 Certification of Financial Status - October 31, 2007

Mr. Tsunezumi, Executive Director of Fiscal Services, provided information on the SAUSD's financial status as of October 31, 2007. Mr. Tsunezumi provided a PowerPoint presentation including a review of the District's overall budget which included student enrollment, Average Daily Attendance (ADA), COLA, Revenue assumptions for 2007-10, General fund revenue distribution, expenditure distribution, unrestricted dollars, Multi-Year Projection (MYP) for years 2007-10, employee benefits including GASB-45. He addressed questions from the Board regarding the report. Mr. Tsunezumi stated that in year 2004-05 the District cut \$29 million, in year 2005-06 the District cut \$14 million, in year 2006-07 \$15 million was cut, in the 2007-08 year \$21 million cut, and 2008-09 projected cuts total \$17 million.

While the report shows the District to be fiscally sound through June 30, 2008, he identified three points of caution with respect to the District Multi-year Projection:

- BRC cuts of \$17 million would result in projected reserves of 2.62% in 2008-09 which leaves little, if any, funds for COLA salary increases
- Assumes achievement of 100% of all approved BRC cuts
- 2008-09 State Budget deficit estimated at \$16 billion that could reduce the District's level of revenue funding in 2007-08 and/or 2008-09 and require additional budgetary cuts for the District in these years.

Mr. Tsunezumi explained that total cuts from 2004-05 through 2008-09 totals \$96 million.

A vote by the Board was delayed at this time, as information continued to be presented to the Board related to budget reductions. Board President called for a recess at 8:50 p.m. and reconvened at 9:10 p.m., which was during the votes below.

CONTINUED - 4.0 APPROVAL OF BUDGET REDUCTIONS FOR 2008-09 SCHOOL YEAR

The following are approved budget reductions by the Board of Education totaling: \$14,877,160

1. Elimination of Management Stipends including Cabinet and Board of Education Members (moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mrs. Avila, vote carried 5-0)	\$64,000
2. Management Furlough Days including Cabinet (moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mrs. Avila, 5-0)	\$495,455
3. Consultants Use (moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mrs. Avila, vote carried 5-0)	\$1,000,000
4. Association Sub Pay (Dr. Yamagata-Noji moved, seconded by Mrs. Avila, vote carried 5-0)	\$186,000
5. Substitute Teacher Costs (pro-rata) (moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mrs. Avila, vote carried 5-0)	\$32,000
6. Eliminate Personal Appliances (space heaters, microwaves, refrigerators, toasters, etc., excluding the need for students/special education students) (moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mrs. Avila, vote carried 5-0)	\$184,000
7. Eliminate Unrestricted Funding for Conference Attendance (moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mrs. Avila, vote carried 5-0)	\$87,000
8. Consolidate Intermediate School Groundskeepers (moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mrs. Avila, with Mr. Palacio dissenting, vote carried 4-1)	\$310,000
9. Eliminate Two of Thirty-two District Office Administrator Positions (moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mrs. Avila, vote carried 5-0)	\$268,974
10. Increase Number of Substitutes in Sub Pool (moved by Mrs. Avila, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, vote carried 5-0)	\$100,000
11. Return Hoover Students to Home School to Decrease Bussing Costs (moved by Mrs. Avila, seconded by Mr. Richardson, vote carried 5-0)	\$170,067
12. Eliminate Portables (moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, with Mr. Palacio dissenting, vote carried 4-1)	\$350,000
13. Reduce Activity Supervisor Budget By 20% (moved by Mrs. Avila, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, with Mr. Palacio dissenting, vote carried 4-1)	\$500,000
14. Custodial Substitute Cost/Monitoring (moved by Mrs. Avila, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, with Mr. Palacio dissenting, vote carried 4-1)	\$337,800
15. Reduce District Safety Officer Overtime Costs (Mr. Palacio moved, seconded by Mr. Richardson, carried 5-0 vote)-amending vote to evaluate 6-weeks into new year and return October 2008 with finding)	\$168,000
16. Eliminate Unrestricted Funding of High School Library Media Technician Positions (moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mrs. Avila, with Mr. Palacio dissenting, vote carried 4-1)	\$138,000
17. Eliminate Vacant Positions (moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Palacio, vote carried 5-0) (Positions: Administrative Clerk II (7); Maintenance Worker II (1); School Office Assistant Secondary (2); Administrative Secretary (1); Communications Specialist (1); Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant (2); Occupational Therapist (2); Computer Technician (1); Accompanist (2).	\$1,618,026
18. Reduce Department Budgets by 5% of Controllable, non-salary budget (moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mrs. Avila, vote carried 5-0)	\$90,000

19. Share a Principal Between Carver and Romero-Cruz Elementary Schools (moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mrs. Avila, vote carried 5-0)	\$110,000
20. Reduce Custodians to 11.5 Months (moved by Mrs. Avila, seconded by Mr. Richardson, with Dr. Yamagata-Noji and Mr. Palacio dissenting, vote carried 3-2)	\$358,000
21. Change Instructional Media Center Funding (moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, with Mr. Palacio dissenting vote carried 4-1)	\$104,000
22. Ensure Consistency and Reduce All Data Entry Clerk Position From 12 Months to 11 Months (moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, with Mr. Palacio dissenting, vote carried 4-1)	\$10,000
23. Reduce 25% of Part-time Employees (who are .5 FTEs to .75 FTEs) to Less Than .5 FTEs and Eliminate Medical Benefits (moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Mr. Richardson, with Mrs. Avila and Mr. Palacio dissenting, vote carried 3-2)	\$2,000,000
24. Pay Clerical Substitutes at Administrative Assistant Rate (moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mrs. Avila, with Mr. Palacio dissenting, vote carried 3-1)	\$74,838
25. Eliminate Civic Center Department Specialist Position (moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, Mrs. Avila and Mr. Palacio dissenting, vote carried 3-2)	\$82,000
26. Eliminate Three Psychologist Positions (moved by Mrs. Avila, seconded by Mr. Richardson, with Mr. Palacio dissenting, vote carried 4-1)	\$360,000
27. Reduce Special Education Services (Special Ed. Assistants) (moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Hernández, with Mrs. Avila and Mr. Palacio dissenting, vote carried 3-2)	\$2,500,000
28. Attrition Special Education Instructional Assistants and Benefits (moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, Mrs. Avila dissenting, vote carried 4-1)	\$976,000
29. Reduce Elementary Assistant Principal Staffing (moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Palacio, vote carried 5-0)	\$1,179,000
30. Select Activity Supervisors that Supervise Lunch (moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, with Mr. Palacio dissenting, vote carried 4-1)	\$956,000
31. Consolidate High School and Intermediate Summer School (moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, with Mr. Palacio dissenting, vote carried 4-1)	\$68,000

5.0 ACTION - CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL STATUS - OCTOBER 31, 2007

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mrs. Avila, and carried 5-0, to certify that the District can meet its financial obligations through the remainder of this fiscal year and for the subsequent two fiscal years.

6.0 ACCEPTANCE OF COMPLETION OF CONTRACT FOR BID PACKAGE NO. 9, 11, 12, AND 14 FOR VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL MODERNIZATION PROJECT

It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0 to accept the December 11, 2007, completion of contract with the above-listed contractors for bid packages No. 9, 11, 12, and 14 for the construction of Valley High School Modernization Project for a total amount of \$2,255,100.86.

7.0 AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR E-RATE 11 PROJECT FOR MCFADDEN INTERMEDIATE, HENINGER, ROMERO CRUZ, FRANKLIN, HARVEY AND REMINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 5-0 to authorize to award a contract to Minaco America dba Minco Construction, apparent lowest responsible bidder for a total amount of \$547,700 for E-Rate 11 Project for McFadden Intermediate, Heninger, Romero Cruz, Franklin, Harvey and Remington Elementary Schools.

8.0 AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN BIDS FOR 60 MONTH LEASE/PURCHASE OF DISTRICT COPIERS

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0 to authorize obtaining bids for 60-month lease/purchase of copiers Districtwide.

9.0 APPROVAL OF CONSULTANT AGREEMENT FOR HEALTH BENEFITS CONSULTING SERVICES

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 5-0 to approve consulting agreement with Mercer Health & Benefits for health benefits consulting services for 2008-2010.

10.0 APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR STATE PRESCHOOL FUNDING FOR 2008-09 PROGRAM YEAR

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, and carried 5-0 to approve submission of renewal application for State Preschool funding for the 2008-09 program year.

11.0 APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL STATE PRESCHOOL FUNDING FOR EXPANSION FOR 2008-09 PROGRAM YEAR

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 5-0 to approve submission of application for additional State Preschool funding for expansion for the 2008-09 program year.

12.0 ELEMENTARY SCIENCE TEXTBOOKS AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS RECOMMENDED FOR 28-DAY REVIEW

Placement of Elementary Science textbooks and instructional materials for 28-day review; no vote required.

13.0 APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION FOR GEAR UP IV (GAINING EARLY AWARENESS AND READINESS FOR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM) TO UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR 2007-08 SCHOOL YEAR

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 5-0 to approve the partnership with Santa Ana College for GEAR UP IV grant application to the Unified States Department of Education for 2008-2014.

14.0 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO DELEGATE ASSEMBLY FOR CALIFORNIA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION (CSBA) REGION 15

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mrs. Avila, and carried 5-0, to appoint Mr. Richardson as representative to the Delegate Assembly of the California School Boards Association to serve from April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2010.

15.0 PERSONNEL ACTION

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

16.0 BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS/ACTIVITIES

Mr. Palacio:

- Wished Santa Ana a safe and prosperous Holiday Season!

Dr. Yamagata-Noji

- Thanked the Budget Reallocation Committee (BRC) for their phenomenal work, given assignments out of their area.
- Extends a safe and prosperous holiday season to the Santa Ana community.
- Thanked Mr. Richardson for his leadership and outstanding job while President of the SAUSD.
- Congratulated Mr. Hernandez for his new role as President of the SAUSD Board of Education.
- Dr. Yamagata-Noji invited the community to participate in the District's 18th Annual CENA event scheduled for Monday, December 24, at the Southwest Senior Citizens Center, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., where less fortunate families in the community will receive a Holiday dinner, and each child will receive a toy and a book.

Mr. Richardson:

- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year!
- Thanked Ms. Burrell for her work on the Parents in Education event.
- Announced the CENA (Caring Educators' Nurturing All) on Christmas Eve at the Southwest Senior Center on Monday, December 24, 2007.
- Thanked the BRC staff who took additional responsibilities to perform an outstanding task.
- Salute to Board President Hernandez for his new role. He thanked the Board and stated that although they may disagree on some things, but they work through it well. He thanked the Board for their contributions and that is something in which to be proud.

Mr. Hernandez:

- Thanked the BRC for taking responsibility for choices they made.
- He noted that he was the one who asked to bring up the issue of the Police Department; and takes responsibility. He wanted to make sure the Board had something to compare it to; due to the difficult choices, they had to make.
- Attended the Partners in Education event and thanked Ms. Burrell for a great job. Thanked partners for their contributions to our children's education.
- Enjoyed the opportunity to serve on the Board of the Santa Ana Boys and Girls Club. Attended an event in Sacramento recently that provided students the opportunity to present a bill and learn processes in legislature.
- Wished everyone great holidays and looks forward to the new year.

Dr. Olsky announced that MacArthur students collected donations for their "Turkey Cents Campaign," a school-wide community service project organized by ASB. They collected \$4,268.69, to be donated to SAUSD's CENA, Caring Educators Nourishing All. She challenged all to donate to this worthy cause.

Mr. Richardson stated that through combined efforts of all staff, we would get through this difficult time (referring to reductions). He again thanked the BRC committee members and acknowledged the additional work they contributed.

MEETING RECESSED ON DECEMBER 11, RECONVENED DECEMBER 13, AND ADJOURNED DECEMBER 13, 2007

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, January 8, 2008, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Jane A. Russo
Secretary
Santa Ana Board of Education