

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

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING
SANTA ANA BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 5, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Board President Hernández.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting was recessed to Closed Session to consider a personnel matter.

MEETING RECESSED AND RECONVENED

The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 6:20 p.m.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

The President reported the following action taken in Closed Session:

By a vote of 4-1, the Board took action to appoint Dale "Joe" Dixon to the position of Assistant Superintendent, Facilities and Governmental Relations.

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

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

Vote: Ayes _____ Noes Palacio Abstain _____ Absent _____

The Superintendent acknowledged those present for the Facilities Master Plan presentation and welcomed Assemblyman Jose Solorio.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

President Hernandez asked those members of the community who wished to address the Board to step forward as he called their names.

Cecilia Aguinaga addressed the Board to offer her support to the SAUSD should the Board decide to seek the Bond. She said that she has a passion for SAUSD students and parents and would like to assist anyway she can.

Assemblyman Solorio addressed the Board to offer his support should the Board decide to move forward with a Bond measure. He stated that there is much need in Santa Ana with overcrowded classrooms and outdated facilities. He asked that the SAUSD, when looking at modernization, consider joint-use facilities. He asked that the SAUSD count him as a partner in whatever path the District decides to take.

There were no other public comments.

PRESENTATION

Facilities Master Plan

Superintendent Russo introduced the item and called upon Mr. Trigg, Associate Superintendent, Business Services, who introduced Facilities Planners Tova Corman and Darryl Taylor, and Construction Manager Jerry Hills.

Mr. Trigg welcomed and thanked Mark McLoughlin, Vice Chair, Bond Oversight Committee, for his leadership.

Ms. Corman welcomed Henry Petrino and Susan Lendway of Total School Solutions; Larry Ferchaw and Maura Velasco with Dolinka Group, Inc.; and Emily Baratta and Rebecca Mortensen with School Facility Consultants, who were helpful in providing data used in the PowerPoint.

Collaboratively Ms. Corman and Mr. Taylor presented the Facilities Master Plan (FMP). The intent of a FMP is to provide a fact-based, data-driven report for the Board and District to assist in making decisions related to educational facilities in order to best serve the needs of all students. Ms. Corman provided information on current and completed construction projects, expenditures, revenue sources, Measure C Bond accountability, and accomplishments utilizing Measure C. Mr. Taylor stated that the FMP should be updated every five years to determine future project needs. It should outline proposed projects, assess funding sources and financing options, and it should identify facility resources available to provide world class learning environment for students.

Mr. Taylor and Ms. Corman provided information regarding enrollment trends; facilities needs assessment and implementation plan, aged portables, student capacity, and overall District facilities' needs and costs. They identified stakeholders as Board of Education, Administration, teachers, support staff, parents, students, community at large, and consultants. They continued identifying key components of the FMP and stated that the total program cost represents all identified District facilities needs totaling \$526,679,132 using 2007 dollars. Mr. Taylor stated that additional funding sources include a general obligation bond, other agency joint participation/State joint-Use program, asset management, and debt financing. Also discussed was financing and funding sources such as Critically Overcrowded Schools and Overcrowding Relief grants including timelines for submission.

Mr. Trigg stated that if the Board decides to seek the local Proposition 39 General Obligation Bond, there are two possible election dates on June 3, 2008, there are funding advantages in the amount of \$242.6 million; the District is able to leverage additional State resources with more projects. If Board decides on November 4, 2008, there would be loss of guaranteed Critically Overcrowded Schools funding in the amount of \$148.7 million; diminished project list due to loss of funding, but more time to get information out to the public.

Below are requests or questions from the Board of Education that will be addressed in Weekly Bulletin to the Board of Education or future Board meetings:

- Prepare scattergram to show where students reside/attend school
- Update District map
- Publicize student density/overcrowding when reporting information
- List of portables 38 years and older by age and ownership
- Joint-use information at all District facilities
- Supply copy of SAUSD seismic report
- Send additional information of Overcrowding Relief Grant
- Clarification of summary of key points vs tables
- List of outstanding and current debt including maturity dates
- Should Board approve Bond inquired cost of average home in Santa Ana?
- What would be cost for additional taxes?
- What would be the Bond amount?
- Request for sensitivity analysis
- Send rules and requirements for hardship loans

Mr. Trigg stated that the requests by the Board would be addressed at a future Board meetings and presentation would be provided to the Board and public at the regular Board meeting of February 12, 2008, highlighting the special Board meeting of February 5, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Jane A. Russo
Secretary
Santa Ana Board of Education