

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

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
SANTA ANA BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 13, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Board President Richardson. Other members in attendance were Mrs. Avila, Dr. Yamagata-Noji, Mr. Hernandez, and Mr. Palacio.

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 6:20 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Clerk Yamagata-Noji.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Efrain Solis, a senior at Saddleback High School, recently won the Cerritos Music Center Vocal competition, earning him a \$10,000 scholarship. Efrain represented the City of Santa Ana and District at the Los Angeles Music Center Spotlight Awards. This Saturday, he will be representing Saddleback at the Orange County Performing Arts Center's *Tomorrow's Stars*. Efrain is the lead performer in Saddleback High's spring musical, *Les Miserables*. Efrain has been involved in music since elementary school. With him tonight are Efrain's Music Teacher, Jeanette McMahon, and accompanist Anne-Marie Bullard. Efrain performed *Non piu andrai* from the opera *The Marriage of Figaro* by Mozart.

Cynthia Cady, Santa Ana High School Nurse, is referred to as an "amazing lady." She was recently recognized as Orange County's *School Nurse of the Year*. Aside from her daily duties, Cynthia volunteers in district clinics for hepatitis B and TB screenings and managed the school nurse immunization program in the past. Her nurse colleagues, many of whom she has mentored, enjoy assisting her on screening day. Gayle McLean, District Nurse, commended Cynthia for her outstanding efforts and contributions throughout the years. Ms. Cady was presented with a bouquet of flowers from Ms. McLean

on behalf of the Santa Ana Unified School District. Cynthia thanked the District for the honor and credited her wonderful assistant Stella Gonzalez for helping make her job easier.

On Friday, February 2, Willard Intermediate State Superintendent of Schools Jack O'Connell visited the school. He observed the Corporate Academy program at Willard, as well as the innovative and inclusive way the school is combining math and science concept-development in their physical education class. Channel 31 has provided a brief video for the Board and the public.

The Santa Ana Unified School District participated in the Black History and Multicultural Parade on Saturday, February 3. Channel 31 captured participating SAUSD schools, Trustees, and staff on video.

The Superintendent congratulated Gilbert Peñaloza, student at Chavez High School, for his winning entry into the Model School Logo Contest. His graphic arts teacher, Larry Mireles, asked the students to submit entries as part of an assignment, and Gilbert developed his logo with simplicity in mind. Now, Gilbert's creation will be displayed on model schools across the State, giving him further motivation and validation of César Chávez's motto "Sí se puede."

Ms. Russo stated that school districts in California are facing a shortage of qualified math and science teachers. On Saturday, February 24, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Segerstrom High School, the District will hold its High School Math/Earth Science Teacher Job Fair, where administrators will be available for on-site interviews. For more information, contact Diana Diaz at 558-5731.

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 Edison Elementary and Century High schools.

CHANGE IN ORDER OF AGENDA

SCHOOL BUILDING PROGRAM

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

PRESENTATIONS

Superintendent's Budget Reductions for 2007-08 School Year

Mr. Trigg, Associate Superintendent, Business Services, presented information regarding the Superintendent's Budget reductions for 2007-08. He reviewed an enrollment change stating that the SAUSD increased student enrollment by 288 students while the expected projection was a loss of 1,950 students. He stated that the District receives \$5,500 per student annually totaling \$9 million and noted that there was a one-time loss of 343 SAUSD students to the OCEAA charter school in Santa Ana.

Mr. Trigg stated that the recommendations presented to the Board tonight come from the Budget Reallocation Committee (BRC). Reductions required are \$21 million, \$15 million from BRC recommendations and \$6 million from loss of teachers due to declining enrollment. He stated that school districts are required to meet the State's mandated reserve requirement for certification.

Making the essential reductions would keep the District in line with that directive. A 63-member BRC committee representative group comprised of parents, community, association, principals, teachers, classified staff, administrators, and visitors as well as suggestion forms available on District's webpage (anonymously if so desired) provided input. The committee spent 1,890 person hours identifying, evaluating, and deliberating 213 suggestions. A 96-member sub-committee also provided input which met the Board of Education's directive. Board discussion ensued at length as Mr. Trigg identified each proposed reduction item. A Channel 31 video was shown interviewing representatives from the BRC affirming a fair and equal representation. They each conveyed the seriousness and importance of having to make the difficult, but necessary proposed reductions. The Board continued asking questions of Mr. Trigg and other members of Cabinet. Mr. Trigg reiterated that later on the agenda an item to approve the reductions and a process to reach Board consensus on each item would be completed at that time.

Traditional Calendar Update

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

Changing Face of Giftedness - Alternative Methods for Identifying English Learner GATE

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

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Richardson asked that those members of the public wishing to address the Board on matters pertaining to the District step to the podium.

The following individuals addressed the Board in support of Grant Elementary School:

Viviana Botelo, SAUSD student
Lizette Calderon, SAUSD student
Tiffany Villalobos, SAUSD student
Rocio villalobos, SAUSD parent
Christina Calderon, SAUSD parent
Alex Vega, SAUSD parent
Efigenia Bruno, SAUSD parent

The following individuals addressed the Board with concerns regarding the high premiums for PPO insurance benefits:

Sandra Yamashita, SAUSD teacher
Dr. Gary Reynolds, SAUSD teacher
Patricia Davenport, SAUSD teacher
Robert Chavez, SAUSD teacher
Tyrone Borelli, SAUSD teacher
Alice Borelli, SAUSD teacher
Meg Robinson, SAUSD teacher

Larry Collier, SAUSD teacher
 Fred Lammers, SAUSD teacher
 Margo Parmenter, SAUSD teacher
 Cathy Strulow, SAUSD teacher
 Carolyn Setterland, SAUSD teacher

Steve Plumley, SAUSD teacher, addressed the Board regarding the lack of textbooks at Saddleback High School. He invited the Board and Cabinet to visit him during his preparation period for a tour.

Mike Weber, SAUSD teacher, addressed the Board in support of keeping Taft Elementary open as he has heard of a proposed closure.

Tammra Denviler, SAUSD teacher addressed concerns regarding Special Education and other issues relative to reduction of student enrollment. She looks forward to a Study Session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING - JANUARY 17, 2007
 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING - JANUARY 23, 2007

It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 5-0, to approve the following special Board meeting of January 17, 2007, and regular Board meeting of January 23, 2007.

1.0 **APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1.1 Approval of purchase order summary of orders \$25,000 and over for the period of January 10, 2007 through January 23, 2007.
- 1.2 Approval of expenditure summary and warrant listing of expenditures over \$25,000 for the period of January 10 through January 23, 2007.
- 1.3 Approval of agreements/contracts between the Santa Ana Unified School District and various consultants for the period of January 10 through January 23, 2007. A list is attached to the Minutes.
- 1.4 Approval of disposal of obsolete un-repairable computer equipment, miscellaneous furniture, equipment, or textbooks.
- 1.5 Authorization to award contract for exercise equipment at Willard Intermediate to FHI, Inc., dba as LA Gym Equipment, in the amount of \$94,954.
- 1.6 Approval of amendment to the agreement with Ghataode Bannon Architects to provide additional services for the Valley High School modernization project.
- 1.7 Approval of Change Order No. 3 for construction of Heroes Elementary School project in the amount of \$3,853 for a revised total construction cost of \$14,161,835.

- 1.8 Approval of Change Order No. 15 for the construction of Mountain View High School (Lorin Griset Academy) in the amount of \$60,129 for a revised total construction cost of \$13,450,732.
- 1.9 Approval of Change Order No. 25 for the construction of Godinez Fundamental High School project in the amount of \$149,141 for a revised total construction cost of \$66,190,528.
- 1.10 Approval of Board Member's Conference Attendance at the 59th Annual California YMCA Model Legislature & Model Court Day, Sacramento, California, on February 16, 2007.
- 1.11 Approval of Amendment 01 to the State Preschool Contract CPRE-6249 for the 2006-07 program year.
- 1.12 Ratification of submission of the FEDCO Foundation grant application to the FEDCO Charitable Foundation.
- 1.13 Approval of Master Contract and Individual Service Agreements with Nonpublic Schools/Agencies for students with disabilities for the 2006-07 school year.
- 1.14 Acceptance of gifts in accordance with Board Policy 3290 - Gifts, Grants, and Bequests. A list is attached to the Minutes.
- 1.15 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. A list is attached to the Minutes.
- 1.16 Readmission of expelled former students (student identification numbers: 139386, 144260, 145553, 145815, 175041, 174137, and 175550), for the spring semester of the 2006-07 school year.
- 1.17 Approval of recommendations by the Administrative hearing panels to expel students for the recommended terms and conditions:

158490 - 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.

177781 - Mendez Intermediate

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.

157927 - Sierra 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.

161443 - 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.

158844 - Sierra 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.

146474 - 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.

174082 - Sierra Intermediate

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraphs a and b, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District for 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.

114318 - Valley 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.

137418 - Segerstrom High

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

125991 - Valley 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.

118759 - Valley 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.

336696 - 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.

165388 - 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.

187264 - Segerstrom 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 January 15, 2007.

REGULAR ACTION ITEMS**2.0 APPROVAL OF BUDGET REDUCTIONS FOR 2007-08 SCHOOL YEAR**

Mr. Trigg reiterated that in order to comply with the State of California financial standards and criteria, it is necessary to reduce the expenditures for the 2007-08 academic year by \$21 million. Reductions in the amount of \$15 million are recommendations identified from the BRC and the additional \$6 million in reductions will be made as teacher staffing is reduced given declining enrollment. Board President Richardson asked for consensus on each budget item presented by Mr. Trigg. A tally was taken of the items for which there was consensus by the Board, which totaled \$8.8 million. Mr. Trigg urged the Board to approve the full reduction of \$15 million at the next meeting due to the many processes involved in approving the District's budget. He stated

that official action of Budget reductions for the 2007-08 school year will be placed on the February 27, 2007, Board agenda for action. The Board requested information on most items with responses requested in Week In Review.

3.0 APPROVAL OF FACILITIES RELOCATION PLAN

Mr. Trigg introduced the item. He stated that at the June 13, 2006, Board meeting, the Board approved the facilities relocation plan which was the most cost-effective, long-term solution for housing the District's educational and support services that are presently housed in lease properties. Since that time, the Board has requested information and clarification which has been provided. Board discussion ensued. Mr. Palacio expressed concern regarding funds relative to the Otsuka site. Ms. Lopez, District Facilities Planner, stated that the District is working with a consultant who believes that the \$2.8 million will not have to be returned to the State since it was strictly used for environmental site cleanup and the Community Day School will be occupying part of the site. Staff is working with the Office of Public School Construction to receive final confirmation.

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 4-1, Mr. Palacio dissenting, to approve the facilities relocation plan.

4.0 AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN MULTI-PRIME BIDS FOR FACILITIES RELOCATION PROJECT

AND

5.0 APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTANT TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR FACILITIES RELOCATION PLAN PROJECT

It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mrs. Avila, and carried 4-1, Mr. Palacio dissenting, authorizing Administration to obtain multiple prime bids for the facilities relocation project and appointment of PCM3, Inc., to provide construction management services for the facilities relocation plan project.

6.0 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 06/07-2673 - AUTHORIZATION OF SIGNATURE ON CHECKS REVOLVING CASH FUND

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, to adopt Resolution 06/07-2673 - authorization of signature of Donald L. Trigg for the Revolving Cash Fund and appoint him as custodian pursuant to Education Code 42800 requirements.

7.0 CALL FOR PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AND CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR DIAMOND, FREMONT, AND MARTIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 5-0, to call for a public hearing in compliance to California Education Code 52055.650(b), to discuss academic achievement and corrective actions for Diamond, Fremont, and Martin Elementary schools.

8.0 APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH RANCHO SANTIAGO COLLEGE DISTRICT FOR PROVISION OF SCHOOL READINESS SERVICES FOR 2007-08 SCHOOL YEARS

This item was removed and will be returned to a future Board meeting.

9.0 APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR HEAD START FUNDING FOR 2007-08 PROGRAM YEAR

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 4-1, Mrs. Avila dissenting, to approve submission of renewal application for Head Start funding for the 2006-07 program year.

10.0 ELEMENTARY SOCIAL SCIENCE TEXTBOOK AND SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS RECOMMENDED FOR 28-DAY REVIEW

The item was presented for 28-day review; no action required.

11.0 HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE TEXTBOOKS AND SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS RECOMMENDED FOR 28-DAY REVIEW

The item was presented for 28-day review; no action required.

12.0 INTERMEDIATE MATHEMATICS TEXTBOOK RECOMMENDED FOR 28-DAY REVIEW

The item was presented for 28-day review; no action required.

13.0 BOARD POLICY (BP) AND ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION (AR) 6162.52 - HIGH SCHOOL EXIT EXAMINATION (REVISED: FOR FIRST READING)

Dr. Yamagata-Noji asked that when item returns that staff address portion that speaks about "adults" in special education and to explain waivers and modifications, also the concern that public speaker had relevant to Special Education. Mr. Richardson asked that Success Rate of Class 2007, also be included in item when item is returned.

The item was presented for first reading; no action required.

14.0 PERSONNEL ACTION

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, and carried 5-0, to approve the Personnel Calendar in its entirety. Mr. Richardson brought to the attention that the Superintendent's contract was approved on the personnel calendar to December 2009.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

15.0 HIRING RESTRICTIONS

Mr. Lopez explained that during this period of significant District budget reductions, there is the potential to create cost savings by cautiously filling vacancies. He stated that a process to fill positions would be sent home in Week In Review.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji asked that information be provided to the Board include a detailed breakdown of classifications that would be filled.

16.0 AGENDIZED TOPICS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

Ms. Russo stated that in a handout future items for Board meetings have been added. She stated that a special study session was in the works for possibly March 6 or March 20 to bring the Facilities Master Plan. A Civic Center report including increase in costs and rent will be sent in Week In Review.

Mrs. Avila asked staff to provide a presentation on the District's Physical Education program and Physical Education Fitness program, computer skills accountability (benchmarks), and Open Court.

Mr. Richardson asked that a California High School Exit Exam report come to the Board in the spring.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji asked that the District form a subcommittee to create a legislative plan stating that the deadline is soon approaching to submit items. Mr. Richardson suggested that Dr. Yamagata-Noji and Mr. Hernandez be a part of the committee.

17.0 **BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS/ACTIVITIES**

Mr. Palacio:

- Inquired about placing SAUSD Agenda items electronically online, as do other school districts and the county.
- Requested that the construction information be placed on the District Website as was previously done.

Mr. Yamagata-Noji:

- An article about Valley High School's Soccer Team Manager Eduardo Magno was touching. Having a developmental disability, he is an integral part of the team. The article states that his mother works two 12-hour jobs and Eduardo would like a senior ring. Dr. Yamagata-Noji asked for the District to assist him in his wish.
- Appreciated letters from students from the Lorin Griset Academy; they were insightful.

Mr. Hernandez:

- Visited Sierra during their Career Day.
- While driving by Saddleback High School and a student was sporting a folder with a marijuana plant. He stopped to speak with an administrator, and to date, has not received return call.

Mrs. Avila:

- Black history parade and VIP breakfast was great!
- Appreciated letters from students at the Lorin Griset Academy.
- Thanked the Budget Reduction Committee and all involved. Video was good. Budget cuts were creative.

Mr. Richardson:

- Took a tour of OCEAA and was pleased and impressed. He encouraged others to do the same. Thanked Dr. Dumais, Principal, and Mrs. Ross-Laguna, Executive Director for the tour.
- February 24, at Century High will be a Wheelchair Basketball game, cost is \$5.00. Asked that District post Flyer on website. Kiwanis.org is the email address. Thanked Mr. Jerry Drake for his efforts. Mr. Drake may be reached at (714) 516-1916.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION:

By a vote of 5-0, the Board took action to reject the Government Code Claim presented by Gladstone Anderson Owen and requested that notice of such action to be conveyed to Anderson via legal counsel before February 23, 2007, to reduce the applicable statute of limitations period.

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

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

Vote: Ayes 5 Noes _____ Abstain _____ Absent _____

By a vote of 5-0, the Board took action to appoint Myrna Aceves to the position of Assistant Principal/Bilingual Resource Teacher at Sepulveda Elementary.

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

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

Vote: Ayes 5 Noes _____ Abstain _____ Absent _____

By a vote of 5-0, the Board took action to approve the Workers' Compensation Compromise and Release in the amount of \$32,650 to include all issues.

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

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

Vote: Ayes 5 Noes _____ Abstain _____ Absent _____

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:28 a.m.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2007, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Jane Russo
Secretary
Santa Ana Board of Education