

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

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
SANTA ANA BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 27, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 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 6:10 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by 3rd grade student Jimmy Martinez, from Wilson Elementary.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Recently ten Saddleback High School students visited the State's Capital during the Youth and Government Conference. Board Member Hernandez accompanied the students. The Bill they lobbied passed allowing students to sell candy for fundraising purposes.

On February 5, MacArthur students had a visit from two Harlem Globetrotters Ambassadors. The legendary basketball stars shook up the students with their inspiring message of C.H.E.E.R., which stands for Cooperation, Healthy mind and body, Effort, Enthusiasm, and Responsibility. Channel 31 was on hand to capture the school's spirit.

On February 21, intermediate students from across the District participated in a Track and Field Meet at Segerstrom High School. They had a chance to experience what it would be like to participate in a high school competition.

Dr. Seuss' birthday is March 1. It is the 50th Anniversary of The Cat in the Hat. In 1957, Random House published the now famous book, using a vocabulary of only 236 words. This week, many of our elementary schools will

be celebrating *Read Across America* with a variety of activities in honor of Dr. Seuss, including read-alouds, book exchanges, and guest readers. Please call your local school to find out what they have planned for the week.

On March 1 at 6:00 p.m., Santa Ana High School will be celebrating its annual "*Noche de las Estrellas*" in the school auditorium. The public is invited.

The Santa Ana School Police Services and the Santa Ana Lions Club are offering a Community and Health Fair Saturday, March 3, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and will provide entertainment, prizes, music, vision and hearing screenings, a free bicycle helmet for the first 200 children who bring their bike with them, and much more.

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 King, Harvey, and Martin Elementary Schools.

PRESENTATIONS

The Changing Face of Giftedness - Alternative Methods for Identifying Gifted English Learners

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

Staffing Projections

Ms. Anderson, Executive Director Human Resources, presented an enrollment and staffing timeline, enrollment history, and student projections for 2007-08, in all grade levels according to CBEDS. She stated that there are 59 retiring teachers to date, 31 temporary elementary contracts, and 28 secondary contracts. Therefore, the SAUSD must reduce by 96 positions due to declining enrollment. There will be 22 openings, mostly in secondary, and no layoff of teachers.

Traditional Calendar Update

Mr. Lopez, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, presented the proposed 2007-08 Traditional Calendar. The teacher work year consists of 186 days (180 instructional days, three duty days, and three buy-back days). Board discussion ensued regarding winter break (whether two or three weeks), spring break, student first day of school, student last day of school, and Wednesday off before Thanksgiving. Mr. Lopez addressed questions by the Board. Ms. Detviler, a member of the calendar committee, spoke on behalf of the secondary school where she is employed, and stated that a survey was conducted in which teachers overwhelmingly voted to have three weeks off in winter and to begin school the Thursday before Labor Day. They found that student attendance increased the first day therefore enabling instruction to begin with less interruptions for students and teachers. Mr. Lopez stated that the next step would be to bring a Board Policy to the Board for adoption.

Superintendent's Budget Reductions for 2007-08 School Year

Mr. Trigg, Associate Superintendent, Business Services, presented information regarding the Superintendent's recommended Budget reductions for 2007-08. He stated that the District is proactively working to reduce its expenditures for fiscal year 2007-08 to ensure that State financial standards and criteria are met. In order to comply with the standards and criteria, it was necessary to reduce the expenditures for the 2007-08 academic year by \$21 million. There were \$15 million reductions recommended by the Budget Reallocation Committee and an additional \$6 million in reductions that will be made as teacher staffing is reduced given declining enrollment. At the previous meeting, a tally was taken of items for which there was a consensus by the Board, which totaled \$8.8 million.

President Richardson requested that public speakers address the Board at this time, prior to action. Following the speakers, individual action on each item was taken and simultaneous calculation of totals were recorded.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Richardson asked that those members of the public wishing to address the Board on matters pertaining to the proposed reductions to step to the podium as he called their names.

The following individuals addressed the Board to comment on the proposed reductions. Remarks were in the areas of the proposed Grant Elementary closure, fee increase in health benefit costs/negotiations, potential seventh and eighth grade reduction at Taft, team cleaning pilot, and Biliterate instructional assistants.

Sal Tinajero, City Councilmember
Steve Plumley, SAUSD teacher
Robert Chavez, SAUSD staff
Jerry Costa, SAUSD employee
Debbie Fitzpatrick, SAUSD parent
Meg Robinson, SAUSD teacher
Irma Malfavon, SAUSD parent
Rocio Villalobos, SAUSD parent
Cristina Calderon, SAUSD parent
Kathleen Hoolihan, SAUSD teacher
Lesbia Mendoza, SAUSD parent
Alex Vega, SAUSD parent
Paulina Gonzalez, SAUSD parent

The following individuals addressed the Board and staff to commend the Budget Reallocation Committee and its transparent process. They stated that the committee meetings were open to all parents and staff and that at no time did parents attend to make any requests or comments regarding the potential reductions or closure of Grant Elementary.

Rosa Aldaz, SAUSD PTA Council President
Victoria Zaragoza, SAUSD parent

MEETING RECESSED AND RECONVENED

At 8:48 p.m., the Regular Meeting was recessed for a brief intermission.

The Regular meeting reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

Mr. Trigg identified items reviewed by the Board at the previous Board meeting and included additional items that totaled \$15,578,000. The following are items and individual action (per consensus of the Board) taken with respect to Item 2.0 on the Board Agenda.

2.0 APPROVAL OF BUDGET REDUCTIONS FOR 2007-08 SCHOOL YEAR

Item #'s	Votes Taken By Board
7, 8, 215, 45, & 46	Moved by Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Hernandez, and carried a 5-0 vote.
9, 94, 118, 212, 25, & 40	Moved by Avila, seconded by Hernandez, and carried a 5-0 vote.
192, 193, 89, & 57	Moved by Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Avila, and carried a 5-0 vote.
145, 213, 92, & 96	Moved by, Hernandez, seconded by Yamagata-Noji, and carried a 5-0 vote.
70	Moved by, Hernandez, seconded by Yamagata-Noji, and carried a 4-1 vote, Mr. Palacio dissenting.
191, 53, 11, 37, & 150	Moved by Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Avila, and carried a 5-0 vote.
10	Moved by Palacio, seconded by Richardson, and carried a 5-0 vote.
61	Moved by Richardson, seconded by Palacio, and carried a 5-0 vote.
121	Moved by Hernandez, seconded by Richardson, and carried a 3-2 vote, Mrs. Avila and Mr. Palacio dissenting.
47	Moved by Richardson, seconded by Yamagata-Noji, and carried a 4-1 vote, Palacio dissenting.
2	Moved by Richardson, seconded by Hernandez, and carried a 4-1 vote, Mr. Palacio dissenting.
93	Moved by Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Avila, and carried a 4-1 vote, Mr. Palacio dissenting.
79	Moved by Richardson, seconded by Hernandez, and carried a 5-0 vote.
22	Moved by Richardson, seconded by Avila, and carried a 5-0 vote.

Proposed Closure of Grant Elementary

Dr. Stainer, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary Education, presented information on the proposed closure of Grant Elementary. She provided the school's history and stated that a full modernization of Roosevelt Elementary is completed which provides for the return of students relocated

to Grant Elementary due to overcrowding. Available space at Heninger Elementary allows students to return there as well. This is a recommendation from the Budget Reallocation Committee to reduce expenses caused by income loss due to the drop in student enrollment. The space would allow for other revenue-generating programs and neighboring sites to demonstrate higher levels of student achievement.

Mr. Palacio raised the issue that under Proposition 39, El Sol and Ed Cole Charter schools have requested access to District facilities to expand their enrollment. The fact that the District is declaring Grant Elementary as a surplus property may give the schools priority access.

Board discussion ensued concerning portables, team-cleaning pilot, home school transportation, the legislative agenda, and Special Education encroachments. Trigg, members of the Cabinet, and Mr. Tsunezumi addressed questions. Several requests were made by the Board that will be followed up by Cabinet members in Week In Review.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

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

The Following individuals addressed the Board to convey their concerns about the rising costs of insurance benefits and/or negotiations.

Ernie Cannata, SAUSD teacher
Tyrone Borelli, SAUSD teacher
Sandra Corr, SAUSD teacher
Seth Liebman, SAUSD parent
Jamie Salafia, SAUSD teacher

Irma Macias, SAUSD parent, addressed the Board regarding a personal personnel issue.

PUBLIC HEARING

Academic Achievement and Corrective Actions for Diamond, Fremont, and Martin Elementary Schools

The meeting was declared open to conduct a public hearing to receive comments regarding the academic achievement and corrective actions for Diamond, Fremont, and Martin elementary schools. Anyone wishing to speak to this matter was asked to approach the podium for comment.

Dr. Stainer stated that Diamond, Fremont, and Martin elementary schools did not meet the High Priority Schools Grant Program API growth requirement in 2005-06. Therefore, the Board must take appropriate action to provide corrective assistance that will enable each school to achieve the components established in each school's action plan. Dr. Stainer reviewed the plan's requirements stating that significant growth is defined as ten points over three years and positive API growth in two of the three years. HPSGP schools API growth scores are monitored yearly and the purpose of local monitoring is to avoid the need for the School Assistance Intervention Team process.

Hearing no additional comments regarding academic achievement and corrective actions for Diamond, Fremont, and Martin elementary schools, Mr. Richardson declared the hearing closed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING - FEBRUARY 27, 2007

It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0, to approve the regular Minutes for Board meeting of February 13, 2007.

1.0 **APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, 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 24, 2007 through February 13, 2007.
- 1.2 Approval of expenditure summary and warrant listing of expenditures over \$25,000 for the period of January 24, 2007 through February 13, 2007.
- 1.3 Approval of agreements/contracts between the Santa Ana Unified School District and various consultants for the period of January 24, 2007 through February 13, 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 purchase of computer equipment to Western Blue Corporation utilizing the Ed Tech K-12 Voucher program.
- 1.6 Authorization to award a contract to Dell Marketing LP for purchase of server equipment at Information Technology Center (ITC) in the amount of \$198,000 utilizing the State of California Department of General Services Participating Addendum contract number A63307.
- 1.7 Approval of Comprehensive Safe School Plans for Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities program required by SB 187 and Education Code Section 35294.2.
- 1.8 Approval of expenditures in the amount of \$7,000 for Math Field Day, Saturday, June 2, 2007.
- 1.9 Approval of membership with Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) for Spurgeon Intermediate School.
- 1.10 Acceptance of gifts in accordance with Board Policy 3290 - Gifts, Grants, and Bequests. A list is attached to the Minutes.
- 1.11 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.
- 1.12 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.

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

311403 - Sierra Intermediate

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph 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.

328693 - 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 January 15, 2007.

125100 - Lorin Griset 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 15, 2007.

150925 - Sierra Intermediate

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph 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.

327989 - 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 January 15, 2007.

170771 - Lathrop 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.

REGULAR ACTION ITEMS

2.0 APPROVAL OF BUDGET REDUCTIONS FOR 2007-08 SCHOOL YEAR

Mr. Trigg stated that individual action had been taken as there were many details to this item. Please refer to action taken earlier in the meeting.

3.0 CALL FOR PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS SUBMISSION OF QUALITY EDUCATION INVESTMENT ACT GRANT

It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 5-0 vote, to approve the call for a Public Hearing to discuss the submission of the Quality Education Investment Act Grant application.

4.0 ADOPTION OF REPORT OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SCHOOL ASSISTANCE AND INTERVENTION TEAM (SAIT) PROVIDER FOR GRANT AND LOWELL ELEMENTARIES AND SPURGEON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS

The OCDE was awarded a contract to serve as the SAIT provider for Grant, Lowell elementaries, and Spurgeon intermediate as they have been identified by the California Department of Education as SAIT schools for not meeting API growth target for two years. Principals of each school provided an overview of schools plan to raise student achievement at their sites. Mr. David Morehouse, SAIT Consultant for the Orange County Department of Education (OCDE) was present to provide information regarding the report of findings with corresponding recommendations for

corrective actions for Grant, Lowell elementaries and Spurgeon intermediate.

It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 5-0 to adopt the report of findings and recommendation from the Orange County Department of Education School Assistance and Intervention Team (SAIT) provider for Grant and Lowell Elementary and Spurgeon Intermediate Schools.

5.0 ACCEPTANCE OF SCHOOL ASSISTANCE AND INTERVENTION TEAM FOURTH BENCHMARK REPORT OF PROGRESS FOR KENNEDY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mr. David Morehouse, SAIT Consultant for the Orange County Department of Education (OCDE), was present to provide information regarding the fourth benchmark report detailing the progress of Kennedy Elementary on the recommended corrective actions to improve pupil literacy and achievement in order to make progress toward meeting the school's growth target.

It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 5-0, to accept the School Assistance and Intervention Team's fourth benchmark Report of Progress for Kennedy Elementary School by the Orange County Department of Education.

6.0 APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH RANCHO SANTIAGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT FOR PROVISION OF PROPOSITION 10, STATE SCHOOL READINESS SERVICES FOR 2007-08 SCHOOL YEAR

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 5-0 to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Rancho Santiago Community College District for the provision under the School Nurse Expansion Contract to provide services for the period of 2007-08.

7.0 APPROVAL OF CONTINUATION OF CALIFORNIA NUTRITION NETWORK FOR HEALTHY, ACTIVE FAMILIES GRANT FOR 2007-08 SCHOOL YEAR

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 5-0 to approve the continuation of California Nutrition Network for Healthy, Active Families grant through the California Department of Health Services for the 2007-08 school year.

8.0 AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH A FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER AT PIO PICO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 5-0 to accept \$33,212 from the Raise Foundation to fund the purchase of a portable classroom for the establishment of a Family Resource Center at Pio Pico Elementary School.

9.0 BOARD POLICY AND ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION 6162.52 - HIGH SCHOOL EXIT EXAMINATION (REVISED: FOR ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION)

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

10.0 INTERMEDIATE SCIENCE TEXTBOOKS AND SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS RECOMMENDED FOR 28-DAY REVIEW

No action necessary; recommended for 28-day review.

11.0 APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS - HIGH SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL SAFETY AND ENRICHMENT FOR TEENS GRANT FOR CENTURY AND VALLEY HIGH SCHOOLS

AND

12.0 APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS - ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOLS GRANT FOR GREENVILLE FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, and carried 5-0, to approve the submission of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers applications for High School After-School Safety and Enrichment for Teens (ASSET) for Century and Valley High Schools and Elementary/Middle Schools grant for Greenville Fundamental Elementary School.

13.0 APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF SANTA ANA BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER TO SANTA ANA EARLY PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION COMMISSION

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 4-1, Dr. Yamagata-Noji dissenting, to appoint Mrs. Avila, to serve on the Santa Ana Early Prevention and Intervention Commission for the City of Santa Ana.

14.0 APPOINTMENT OF 2007 REPRESENTATIVES TO DELEGATE ASSEMBLY FOR CALIFORNIA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION REGION 15

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 5-0 to appoint Bonnie P. Castrey, Sue Kuwabara, Jose Moreno, Craig T. Olson, Francine Scinto, and Robert A. Singer to the Delegate Assembly for California School Boards Association Region 15.

15.0 PERSONNEL ACTION

It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mrs. Avila, and carried 5-0, to approve the Personnel Calendar in its entirety.

16.0 **BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS/ACTIVITIES**

Mr. Hernandez:

- He thanked the Board for having the Saddleback High school team of delegates as guests to the Board meeting. He supports the comment conveyed by Ms. Jones regarding expanding the Youth and Government program.

Mrs. Avila:

- She really enjoyed her school visitations recently!

Mr. Yamagata-Noji:

- She truly enjoyed the Valley Vaudeville performance at Valley West. The students and staff were outstanding! She commended Karen Blueel for giving students the gift of a lifetime. Noted that

Ms. Bluel gives her heart and soul to this program and the outcome is remarkable.

Mr. Richardson:

- Supervisor Norby recently hosted a luncheon to celebrate George Washington's birthday. His wife was dressed as Martha. He thanked Troy Rexelle, Music teacher at Santa Ana High School, and his Fife and Drum group that consisted of talented Santa Ana High School students.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION:

By a vote of 3-0-1, the Board took action to approve retaining Timothy Creyaufmiller as additional legal counsel for the purpose of representing Board Member John Palacio.

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

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

Vote: Ayes 3 Noes _____ Abstain Mr. Palacio Absent Dr. Avila

By a vote of 4-0, the Board took action to approve the Workers' Compensation Compromise and Release in the amount of \$26,277.50 to include all issues concerning an individual named in Closed Session.

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

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

Vote: Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstain _____ Absent _____

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:47 a.m.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2007, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Jane Russo
Secretary
Santa Ana Board of Education