

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

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING  
SANTA ANA BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 13, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:50 p.m. by Board Vice President Avila. Other members in attendance during Closed Session were Dr. Yamagata-Noji, Mr. Hernandez, and Mr. Palacio. President Richardson was absent.

Cabinet members present were Ms. Russo, Mr. Trigg, Mr. Lopez, Dr. Stainer, and Ms. Lohnes.

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 6:35 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Board Member Hernandez.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Kevin Yen, President of the Kevin Armstrong, M.D. Memorial Sports Foundation, presented a monetary gift to fund equipment for the new Aquatic Center at the newly renovated Valley High School. This is part of their mission to support Santa Ana Unified athletes.

The Superintendent congratulated Santa Ana High's Wrestling Team who was in attendance. They recently became Dual Meet CIF Champions. The Board of Education conveyed congratulatory remarks. Coach Scott Glabb and Assistant Coach Jose Leon introduced the wrestlers to the Board of Education who shook and congratulated each athlete individually.

On Friday, March 2, many schools celebrated *Read Across America* in honor of Theodor Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss. A video captured the visit to Wilson Elementary School's celebration.

On Saturday, March 3, Santa Ana School Police Services and the Santa Ana Lions Club co-sponsored a Community and Health Fair, which was well-attended by parents children of Santa Ana. They received information on community and health resources from about 23 community organizations, as well as vision and hearing screenings courtesy of the Santa Ana Lions Club.

At the last Santa Ana City Council meeting, Dr. Yamagata-Noji and Superintendent Russo were recognized during the City's dedication to Women's History Month. Ms. Russo congratulated Dr. Yamagata-Noji for this honor. A video segment is currently airing on Channel 31.

On Friday, March 23, Santa Ana College will host their annual Kinder Caminata, where kindergarten students get a chance to tour the college campus to be exposed to their home-away-from-home during their first two years after graduating high school. The event is scheduled for 8:30 a.m.

On Saturday, March 24, the SAUSD will be celebrating the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual César Chávez State Holiday Celebration from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., at Cesar Chavez Campesino Park, located in Santa Ana. The event will consist of storytelling of Cesar Chavez biography, free copies of children's books, the participation of the Early Literacy Network, as well as the Corbin Family Resource Center and the Minnie Street Family Resource Center. Right before that event, high school students have organized a Rally and March, starting at 11:45 a.m. at Spurgeon Intermediate. Again, for more information, please call our Public Information Office at 558-5555.

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 Willard Intermediate and Wilson Elementary Schools.

#### PRESENTATIONS

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

Superintendent Russo called upon staff to make a presentation regarding the District's program for gifted students. She stated that the SAUSD has been recognized for its exemplary program and expressed appreciation to staff for its development. Ms. Russo recognized Kathy Apps, Director of Gifted and Talented Educators (GATE), for her award as California Association for the Gifted Distinguished Service Award.

Ms. Kathy Apps briefed the Board on the program's participants, stating that GATE students now make up 7% of the District, up from 4.2% in 1999. At that time the department started the process of looking at alternative forms of identification to find hidden potential within SAUSD's student population. Standards were recommended which changed the process of GATE identification. These standards assure that all children are eligible, regardless of socioeconomic, linguistic, or cultural background and/or disabilities. Using both traditional and non-traditional instruments and procedures, these methods actively search for referrals among underrepresented populations.

Ms. Jenny Shumar and Ms. Pat Thurman further described current practices which ensure equal access for English learners. They reviewed examples of growth as evidenced by proficiency levels.

Ms. Thurman summarized program highlights by reviewing accomplishments which have been attained by the GATE Department in providing the best for students:

- Being one of 14 districts statewide to receive the honor of a five-year validation
- Being one of the first and few districts to test all second graders

- Providing a comprehensive in-house staff development program, with paraprofessional training slated to start this summer
- Being chosen by USC to collaborate on two federal grants
- Sharing best practices with national and international school districts; presenting at state-level conferences
- Program Specialists serving as application and district program reviewers for the Orange County Department of Education

Mrs. Avila expressed the Board's appreciation for the comprehensive report.

#### PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. Avila asked that members of the public wishing to address the Board on matters pertaining to the District step to the podium.

Mrs. Bertha Ortega, Valley High School parent, asked that the Board give consideration to reinstating Mr. Espinosa as principal of the school.

Ms. Lisa Caligiun and her husband referred to a petition being gathered by Hoover parents urging the Board to move students back to Hoover for the fifth grade. (Dr. Noji asked that this subject be placed on the agenda of a future Board meeting.)

Ms. Cecelia Aguinaga thanked the Board and staff for their participation in the Community Health Fair on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, which served approximately 375 adults and children.

The following parents addressed the Board asking for reconsideration of the decision to close Grant Elementary School: Cristina Calderon, Efigenia Bruno, and Rocio Villalobos. They were accompanied by approximately 30 parents and students in the audience.

#### PRESENTATIONS CONTINUED:

##### Quality Education Investment Act Grant

Dr. Stainer gave the historical background of the Quality Education Investment Act (QEIA) grant, stating that during the 2004-05 school year Governor Schwarzenegger and the education community negotiated a temporary suspension of \$3.8 million of Proposition 98 funding to be paid back the following year. The 2005-06 budget was created without repaying the suspended amount. Following the threat of suit by the California Teachers Association and the Superintendent of Public Instruction, funding was approved to pay back one-time losses over a seven-year period. Schools must apply for these funds per specified criteria. SAUSD's priority list is based on API scores and school need.

Dr. Stainer reviewed with the Board the 27 District schools for which funding is being requested based on those schools being ranked in decile 1 or 2 on the 2005 Base Academic Performance Index: Century High; Sierra, Willard, Spurgeon, and Lathrop intermediates; and Davis, Wilson, Lowell, Kennedy, Monte Vista, Garfield, Diamond, Martin, Edison, Fremont, Hoover, King, Franklin, Pio Pico, Adams, Sepulveda, Carver, Lincoln, Walker, Jackson, Roosevelt, and Grant elementary schools.

In response to questions from members of the Board, Ms. Russo and Dr. Stainer stated that the major goal of QEIA funding is to reduce class size and that with Century High School being ranked first priority for SAUSD, some portables might be needed to accommodate lower class size. Further, it was noted that implementation of the funding is set for the 2007-08 school year and is guaranteed for the first four years with the ensuing three years' funding being provided according to how well schools have implemented the program.

Dr. Noji and Mr. Palacio asked that the Board be provided information as to how the District would plan to reduce class size.

Mr. Hernandez asked how priorities were set, to which Dr. Stainer responded that emphasis was placed on the core classes at the secondary level.

In summary, Ms. Russo stated that the Board would be holding a Public Hearing later in this meeting and would be asked to approve the submittal of the District's application by the March 31 deadline. Districts will be notified by the State prior to the end of May.

#### Certification of Financial Status - January 31, 2007

Mr. Tsunozumi, Director of Budget, presented the following report.

During this presentation, Dr. Noji asked that the Board be apprised of how well the District has done in accomplishing its budget reduction goals as established in the stop light report.

Mr. Hernandez emphasized that the District needs to do a better job in getting grant money spent and suggested that the Budget Office do monthly follow-up with schools on this matter.

Mr. Palacio asked that principals be given more flexibility in utilizing those dollars.

Mr. Tsunozumi responded by stating that greater efforts have been initiated in the area of staff development, and that combining training for all schools in specified areas has been implemented, i.e. all schools come together with their grants relating to safety, etc. He further stated that the District is now utilizing some EIA funding in Special Education.

Dr. Noji and Mrs. Avila asked that staff develop a summary statement to inform the public of the pertinent information affecting the SAUSD budget: 6,158-student loss over the past five years; \$79 million cut from the budget in last four years; another \$12 million to be cut in the next year.

#### PUBLIC HEARING:

#### QUALITY EDUCATION INVESTMENT ACT GRANT

Mrs. Avila opened the meeting for public comment regarding the District's submission of the Quality Education Investment Act Grant.

Ms. Elizabeth Leyva, Lowell Elementary, encouraged the Board to submit its application for these funds.

Hearing no further comment, the presiding officer declared the public hearing closed.

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

Mr. Palacio requested that the Minutes of the February 27 meeting be amended to reflect comments he made during the discussion of the closure of Grant Elementary School.

Following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, and carried 3-1, Dr. Yamagata-Noji dissenting, to direct staff to research what was said and reflect that discussion in an amendment to the Minutes to be brought to the next Regular meeting for approval.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

Four items were removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion and separate action: Authorization to Obtain Bids for Site Preparation and Installation of New Playground Equipment at Kennedy and Monroe Elementary Schools; Authorization to Obtain Bids for Career Technical Education Modules at Valley High School; Approval of Submission of U.S. Department of Transportation Grant; and Approval of Retainer Agreement with Law Offices of Timothy P. Creyaufmiller and Board Member John Palacio for Legal Services.

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, and carried 4-0 to approve the remaining items on the Consent Calendar as follows:

- 1.1 Authorization to amend contract with Ben's Asphalt, Inc., in the amount of \$100,000 for a total of \$500,000 for asphalt repairs Districtwide.
- 1.2 Approval of Purchase Order Summary of orders \$25,000 and over for the period of February 14 through 27, 2007.
- 1.3 Approval of Expenditure Summary and Warrant Listing of expenditures over \$25,000 for the period of February 14 through 27, 2007.
- 1.4 Approval of listing of agreements/contracts between the Santa Ana Unified School District and various consultants for the period of February 14 through 27, 2007. A list is attached to the Minutes.
- 1.5 Approval to dispose of obsolete un-repairable computer equipment, miscellaneous furniture, equipment, or textbooks.
- 1.6 Acceptance of Treasury Report - December 31, 2006.
- 1.7 Authorization to obtain bids for installation and electrical for Smartboard and LCD projector mounts at Spurgeon Intermediate.
- 1.8 Acceptance of gifts in accordance with Board Policy (BP) 3290 - Gifts, Grants, and Bequests. A copy 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: 149265 and 142625) 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:

107624 - Valley High School

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph 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 June 15, 2007.

171692 - Villa 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.

176567 - 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.

172404 - Villa 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.

150328 - McFadden 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.

186410 - McFadden 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.

146853 - 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 March 13, 2008.

173988 - 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.

157211 - 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.

172473 - 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.

184417 - 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.

176148 - MacArthur Intermediate

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph 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 June 15, 2007.

174036 - Willard 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.

336923 - Saddleback High School

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.

152300 - Willard 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.

160018 - Villa Intermediate

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph 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.

159401 - Sierra 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 January 15, 2007.

146574 - 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 June 15, 2007.

- 1.14 Approval of master contract and/or individual service agreements with nonpublic school/agency for students with disabilities for the 2006-07 school year.
- 1.15 Approval of payment and/or reimbursement for costs incurred for designated instructional services of students with disabilities.

**Items Removed from the Consent Calendar for Discussion and Separate Action**

- 1.8 Authorization to Obtain Bids for Site Preparation and Installation of New Playground Equipment at Kennedy and Monroe Elementary Schools

Dr. Yamagata-Noji stated that she had removed this item from the Consent Calendar to discuss the use of School/Library funds for the purpose of replacing playground equipment.

Mr. Trigg stated that this is one way schools can choose to spend dollars to accomplish projects not funded through capital expenditures.

Superintendent Russo reminded the Board that playground equipment is not an eligible use of deferred maintenance funds.

Mr. Palacio asked that staff look up the Santiago playground equipment replacement five or six years ago wherein Senator Dunn was involved and review the funding utilized in that situation. He further asked that staff inform the Board as to how to make certain that playground equipment safety issues don't become liabilities to the District.

Mr. Trigg stated that the District is conducting an assessment of playground equipment at all sites which will be completed this summer. The cost of this equipment is in the range of \$60,000-\$80,000 per school.

It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, and carried 4-0 to authorize the Administration to obtain bids for the site preparation and installation of new playground equipment at Kennedy and Monroe Elementary schools.

- 1.9 Authorization to Obtain Bids for Career Technical Education Modules at Valley High School

The Administration requested that this item be removed from the Agenda.

1.10 Approval of Submission of U.S. Department of Transportation Grant Application

Dr. Yamagata-Noji asked as to the intended use of the grant funding.

Mr. Jack Oakes, Director, Career Development/ROP, stated that the funds would be used primarily for staff development in developing curriculum and any necessary software to accomplish that purpose.

Mrs. Avila stated that the Board had approved the High School Inc. Academies with the promise that local executives would be involved in establishing the programs and curriculum. She expressed her dismay that a national model would be copied.

It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 4-0 to approve the submission of the Garrett A. Morgan Technology and Transportation Education Program grant application to the U.S. Department of Education.

1.17 Approval of Retainer Agreement with Law Offices of Timothy P. Creyaufmiller and Board Member John Palacio for Legal Services

In response to a question from Dr. Yamagata-Noji, the Superintendent stated that this item allows payment at an hourly rate of \$100-\$175 per hour for the attorney approved at the previous Board meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Mrs. Avila, and carried 3-0 Mr. Palacio abstaining, to approve the Retainer Agreement with the Law Office of Timothy P. Creyaufmiller and John Palacio for legal services.

**REGULAR ACTION ITEMS**

CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL STATUS - JANUARY 31, 2007

Mr. Tsunozumi stated that the Board had received a presentation of the District's financial status earlier in the meeting and asked that action be taken to certify the report for submittal to the Orange County Department of Education Superintendent of Schools.

It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 4-0 to certify that the District can meet its financial obligations through the remainder of this fiscal year and for the subsequent two fiscal years.

AUTHORIZATION OF RESCISSION OF ACTION PREVIOUSLY TAKEN BY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO VERIZON CALIFORNIA, INC., FOR STRUCTURED CABLING SYSTEMS AT TAFT ELEMENTAARY SCHOOL, CARR, LATHROP, MCFADDEN, SIERRA, SPURGEON, AND WILLARD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS, MACARTHUR FUNDAMENTAL, MENDEZ FUNDAMENTAL, AND VILLA FUNDAMENTAL INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS, AND BID NO. 7-07, E-RATE YEAR 10 (2007-08), AND TO REJECT ALL BIDS RECEIVED

Mr. Trigg stated that the Board had awarded a contract at its January 23, 2007, meeting for cabling services at the above-listed schools. Verizon California, Inc. had failed to enter into the agreement as set forth in the bid documents rendering Verizon's bid non-responsive.



During the ensuing discussion, members of the Board expressed concern regarding Verizon's failure to enter into the agreement for services. Mrs. Avila asked for more information regarding the responsibility of a vendor to complete work once that vendor has submitted a bid.

Mr. Trigg replied that Verizon's resistance was based mostly on the E-rate mandatory timelines.

Mr. Palacio and Mr. Hernandez indicated that they would not support this rescission because of the additional cost involved in contracting for these services at a future date.

It was the consensus of the members that this item be removed from consideration and be brought back to the Board at a future meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF COMPLETION OF CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF MOUNTAIN VIEW HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT (LORIN GRISET ACADEMY)

Brief discussion ensued regarding the need to change some aspect of the fencing at this site.

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, and carried 4-0 to accept the March 13, 2007, completion of contract with S.J. Amoroso in the amount of \$13,450,732 for the construction of Mountain View High School Project (Lorin Griset Academy).

ACCEPTANCE OF COMPLETION OF CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF GODINEZ FUNDAMENTAL HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT

Dr. Yamagata-Noji noted that, on a recent visit to the site, there were many items not yet completed.

It was the consensus of the members present to delay action on this item and bring it back to a future Board meeting.

AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR BID PACKAGES NO. 1, 2, AND 3 FOR FACILITIES RELOCATION PROJECT

At the February 13, 2007, Board meeting, the Administration obtained multi-prime bids for the construction of Facilities Relocation Project. The architect, construction manager, and staff are in agreement that the following bid packages represent the apparent lowest responsible bidders:

Bid No. 1	Demolition	\$85,657	Edwin G. Bowen Co.
Bid No. 2	Roofing	\$59,155	Al-Cal Roofing
Bid No. 3	Tenant Improvement	\$128,482	Edwin G. Bowen Co.

It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, and carried 3-1, Mr. Palacio dissenting, to authorize the Administration to award contracts to the above-listed apparent lowest responsible bidders for a total amount of \$273,294 for the construction of Facilities Relocation Project.

Mr. Palacio indicated that he had previously noted his objections to this action.

AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN BIDS FOR PURCHASE OF AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT AND COMPUTER SUPPLIES DISTRICTWIDE

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mrs. Avila, and carried 4-0 to authorize the Administration to obtain bids for the purchase of audio visual equipment and computer supplies Districtwide.

AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN BIDS FOR LEASE/PURCHASE OF FOUR-COLOR OFFSET PRESS FOR PUBLICATIONS

Mr. Trigg stated that the two-color offset press approved by the Board in January 2000 is now becoming outdated and worn for the District's needs. The District presently produces 72 million impressions daily. Lottery funding would be used for this purchase at an estimated cost of \$775,000 with an annual payment of \$117,000 over seven years.

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mrs. Avila, and carried 4-0 to authorize the Administration to obtain bids for the lease/purchase of a four-color offset press for Publications.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 06/07-2675 - AUTHORIZATION OF SIGNATURE FOR SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, and carried 4-0 to adopt Resolution No. 06/07-2675 authorizing Jane A. Russo, Superintendent, as signatory for Santa Ana Unified School District. A copy of the resolution is attached.

APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR 2006-07 SCHOOL YEAR

It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji and seconded by Mr. Hernandez to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Orange County Department of Education (OCDE) for the 2006-07 school year.

In response to a question from Mr. Palacio, Ms. Lohnes stated that this Special Education collaboration with OCDE would provide services to 57 SAUSD students requiring very intensive services, including secondary students who are deaf or hearing impaired.

APPROVAL OF RENEWAL OF LOCAL SCHOOL READINESS INITIATIVE CONTRACT WITH CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY FOR 2007-08 AND 2008-09 SCHOOL YEARS

Dr. Stainer stated that this renewal of the grant will pay for two coordinator positions to oversee the School Readiness Program grants and the overall District school readiness outreach efforts, facilitating the smooth transition of young children and their families into a formal educational environment.

It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 4-0 to approve the Local School Readiness Initiative renewal contract between the Children and Families Commission of Orange County and the Santa Ana Unified School District for the 2007-08 and 2008-09 school years.

APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF QUALITY EDUCATION INVESTMENT ACT GRANT

Approximately \$3 billion statewide is available for the next seven years to improve the quality of academic instruction and the learning environment at the lowest-performing schools in the State. Senate Bill 1133 and California Education Code sections known as the Quality Education Investment Act of 2006 authorizes school districts to apply for funding to perform various specified measures to improve academic instruction and pupil academic achievement for schools ranked in decile 1 or 2. SAUSD is applying for approximately \$49 million over a seven year period, 2007-14.

It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 4-0 to approve the submission of the Quality Education Investment Act grant application to the California Department of Education.

ELEMENTARY SOCIAL SCIENCE TEXTBOOKS AND SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

The District's teachers, curriculum specialists, and administrators have selected and reviewed the social studies textbooks and supplementary instructional materials for instruction to Santa Ana's Kindergarten through Grade 5 students.

Mrs. Avila stated that she would be opposing approval of these instructional materials based on her belief that students are not learning history any more. She explained and visually depicted her preference that history be separated from social science. She indicated her awareness that all of education has moved towards combining the instruction, but stated her desire that the District be a maverick in keeping history from being combined with social science. She asked if the District could look for options to these materials.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji stated that there is a timeline problem in starting a new process. She indicated that such a decision could mean that schools would not have instructional materials for the start of the year in July.

Mr. Palacio and Mr. Hernandez each stated that they are not educators, so they must rely on the selection process established by the District which incorporates teacher and administrator input.

It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 3-1, Mrs. Avila dissenting, to adopt the elementary social studies textbooks and supplementary instructional materials. A listing of the adopted materials is attached to the Minutes.

INTERMEDIATE MATHEMATICS TEXTBOOK RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

It was moved by Mrs. Avila, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, and carried 4-0 to adopt the intermediate school mathematics textbook. The book is list is attached to the Minutes.

HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE TEXTBOOKS AND SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

It was moved by Mrs. Avila, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, and carried 4-0 to adopt the high school science textbooks and supplementary instructional materials.

## APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL CALENDAR

In reviewing the Personnel Calendar, Mr. Palacio noted Jose Luis Pedroza transitioning from Classified to Certificated and welcomed him to the teaching staff.

Mr. Lopez pointed out that two other paraprofessionals listed on the Personnel Calendar of the previous meeting had also received credentials and have become SAUSD teachers: Maria De Jesus Roman and Aline Bravo-Taylor congratulations were offered to all three of these new teachers.

It was moved by Mrs. Avila, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, and carried 4-0 to approve the Personnel Calendar in its entirety. A copy is attached to the Minutes.

## BOARD AND STAFF RESPORTS/ACTIVITIES

Mr. Palacio:

- He commended School Police Services staff for the excellent Community and Health Fair held on March 3 and thanked all those involved.
- He added his congratulations to the Santa Ana High School Wrestling Team and commended Coach Glabb for his dedication. He further commented regarding Assistant Coach Jose Leon who, after graduating as a star athlete at SAHS, came back to teach and coach.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji

- She added her commendation regarding the Community and Health Fair.
- She recently attended Noche de las Estrellas, an event which applauds and recognizes students with a 3.0 GPA. This year, there were 1,500 in attendance and the program was very well done. She offered congratulations to Rosa Rodrigues.
- She commented on the excellent dinner for the Orange County Hispanic Influentials sponsored by United Way to which she was invited by UCI staff.
- During a recent visit to Segerstrom and Godinez, she noted some graffiti at Godinez and asked that staff be made aware. She extended thanks to Principal Greg Rankin for his work in administering both Valley West and Godinez.
- She asked staff to take another look at the waiting list procedures for the fundamental schools.
- She stated that she is still wanting to get a legislative agenda established.
- She asked that the Board be given a charter school update, especially with regards to any boundary changes which are being contemplated.

Mr. Hernandez

- He also congratulated the Santa Ana High School Wrestling coaches and team members for their CIF championship.
- He commended his cousin, Esperanza Montiel, a SAHS student who will graduate this June and attend San Diego State next year. She is only the second in the family to attend college.

Mrs. Avila

- She has recently had the opportunity to visit several schools: Esqueda, Santiago, and Wilson, and has enjoyed being in the classrooms and with the teachers.
- The District/City Joint Meeting held on March 7<sup>th</sup> was very informative.
- She is looking forward to Saddleback's production of Les Miserable to be held March 22, 23, and 24. She asked that the District publicize this event. Dr. Yamagata-Noji added to that request stating that very few high schools do musicals these days and the District needs to make a greater effort to let the community know of these events. She spoke of Valley West doing their rendition of Anything Goes April 26, 27, and 28 and asked that the Public Information Office get the word out about both of these dates. Mrs. Avila asked that advertisement for the events be something more than a list, something "splashy."

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Mrs. Avila reported that the Board had taken action on motion of Mr. Palacio, second by Mr. Hernandez, and vote of 4-0, Richardson absent, to approve the non-reelection of certificated employees named in Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:29 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING

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

ATTEST:

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Jane Russo  
Secretary  
Santa Ana Board of Education