

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

MINUTES

Emergency Board Meeting  
Santa Ana Board of Education

March 13, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Rodriguez called the emergency meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Other members present were Ms. Amezcua, Mr. Palacio, and Ms. Torres. Dr. Alvarez participated remotely via conference call.

Cabinet members present were Superintendent Almendares, Dr. Jimenez, Dr. Allen, Dr. Llamas, Dr. Helguera, Mr. Roychowdhury, and Chief Smith.

Dr. Stekol, Dr. Martinez and Mr. Williams were not present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Rodriguez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Rodriguez asked the Executive Secretary if there was anyone wishing to address the Board.

There was no one wishing to address the Board.

OPEN SESSION ITEMS

4.1 Consider and Adopt Emergency Resolution No. 19/20-3343 Resolution Delegating Authority to take necessary Action to Protect Students and Staff From the Spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Moved by Ms. Amezcua, seconded by Mr. Palacio, carried 5-0, to Adopt Resolution No. 19/20-3343 Resolution Delegating Authority to take necessary Action to Protect Students and Staff From the Spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19).

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to come before the Board, the emergency meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Superintendent

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**EMERGENCY RESOLUTION No. 19/20-3343  
RESOLUTION DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO TAKE NECESSARY ACTION TO  
PROTECT STUDENTS AND STAFF FROM THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS  
(COVID-19)**

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a statewide emergency arising from the coronavirus (COVID-19).

**WHEREAS**, on February 26, 2020, the Orange County Board of Supervisors and the Department of Public Health declared a local and public health emergency.

**WHEREAS**, the Orange County Office of Education has advised all school districts to prepare for school closures resulting from the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2020, Governor Newsom issued an executive order directing Californians to cancel large public gatherings (over 250 people) and to enforce social distancing.

**WHEREAS**, Article I, Section 28, of the California Constitution declares that “[a]ll students and staff of public, primary, elementary, junior high, and senior high school . . . have the inalienable right to attend campuses which are safe, secure and peaceful.”

**WHEREAS**, Education Code section 35161 permits the Board to delegate to an officer or employee of the District any of the Board’s powers and duties, and the Board desires to delegate to the District Superintendent certain powers and duties to address the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED:**

That the Board hereby declares the existence of an ongoing public health emergency within the District arising from the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

That the Superintendent is delegated authority to take all appropriate action to respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, including, but not limited to, any action:

- A. To ensure and protect the welfare, safety and educational wellbeing of all students;
- B. To ensure and protect the welfare and safety of persons working for the District which shall include its agents, employees, representatives and all others acting for or on behalf of the District;
- C. To provide necessary staffing and instruction;
- D. To modify school and work schedules;

- E. To declare an emergency pursuant to Government Code § 3100 et seq., and to assign District employees (in their capacity as disaster service workers) to perform such disaster service activities as may be assigned to them;
- F. To cancel or modify any activities, programs, or courses, up to and including the temporary closure of the District.
- G. To protect District property.
- H. To make further declarations of emergency and to take emergency action as permitted by law.

That should any portion of this Resolution be held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are declared to be severable.

That this Resolution is an emergency measure within the mandate and jurisdiction of the Board and is necessary for the immediate welfare of the schools and pupils thereof. Therefore, this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and shall remain in effect until repealed by formal Board action.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the following vote of the Board of Education of the Santa Ana Unified School District, County of Orange, State of California on March 13, 2020.

AYES: Rodriguez, Amezcua, Alvarez, Palacio, Torres

NOES: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT:: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Rigo Rodriguez, Ph.D.  
 President, Board of Trustees  
 Santa Ana Unified School District