

Santa Ana Unified School District  
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Santa Ana, CA 92706

SANTA ANA BOARD OF EDUCATION  
**Special Study Session**

March 17, 2010

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by President Yamagata-Noji. Also in attendance were Mr. Richardson, and Mr. Hernández. Mr. Reyna arrived at 6:20 p.m. and Mr. Palacio at 6:25 p.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Richardson.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Yamagata-Noji asked those members of the community who wished to address the Board to step forward.

Ms. Norma Ortiz, CTA representative, addressed the Board regarding an unfair practice charge brought against the District regarding after-school enrichment programs. She referred to an MOU between the SAUSD and SAEA that states bargaining would be conducted in good faith regarding summer school hiring, discipline, and wages. She said teachers of SAUSD believe that after-school programs and enrichment programs are important as well as SAUSD teacher contracts.

**PRESENTATION - SAUSD's After-School and Enrichment Programs**

Superintendent Russo opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance. She outlined the presentation and provided some history regarding after-school programs.

SAUSD programs began in 1998 and by 2000 they began expanding across the District. Program quality was uneven which resulted in encroachment to the general fund.

In 2006-07 Proposition 49 was implemented in California which had an impact to program compliance. After-school programs required greater accountability with the Categorical Program Monitoring system. In 2007-08 SAUSD was found to have significant issues related to compliance. In January 2008, the Board approved THINK Together as the program manager. THINK Together, to date, brings responsible coordination of programs and services to ensure compliance.

Deputy Superintendent Olsky briefly highlighted after-school requirements such as:

- Program operates every school day until 6:00 p.m.
- Content must be aligned and support the regular school day.
- Consists of at four components including academics, enrichment, nutrition, and physical fitness.

- Staffing ratio at 20:1 (not including site coordinator).
- Provides a healthy snack everyday.
- Meets the No Child Left Behind requirements of an instructional assistant.
- Principals must approve the hiring of a Site Coordinator.
- Requirement to submit student outcome data to the California Department of Education and include research-based indicators and measurable student outcomes for academic performance, attendance, and positive behavioral changes.
- Districts are to provide 33% in matching funds in cash or in-kind.

The following individuals provided responses to questions from the Board and/or spoke in support of the afterschool program. Mr. Randy Barth, THINK Together CEO, Ms. Tia Dwyer, THINK Together General Manager; Ms. Cindee Zandes, THINK Together Program Manager; parents; principals; and students spoke during the meeting in support of the program.

Dr. Olsky next reviewed various components related to staffs, partnerships, revenue and expenditures, economics, leadership, employee support and service providers. Board discussion ensued regarding costs, and auditors. Questions were addressed regarding recruiting, snacks/food and training of non-certificated staff. Concerns were also addressed.

The Board has asked staff to bring additional information to a future Board meeting.

ADJOURNED

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Special 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, March 23, 2010, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Jane A. Russo  
Secretary  
Santa Ana Board of Education