

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

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
SANTA ANA BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 25, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Board President Hernandez. Other members in attendance were Mr. Richardson, Dr. Yamagata-Noji, Mrs. Avila, and Mr. Palacio.

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

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Board President Hernandez asked those wishing to address the Board in matters pertaining to Closed Session to step to the podium as he called their names.

There were no speakers to address the Board.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

The Regular meeting was immediately recessed to Closed Session to consider student discipline issues, negotiations, legal matters, and personnel matters.

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

The Regular meeting reconvened at 6:48 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by student Jackie Velasco from Jefferson Elementary School.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

By a vote of 5-0 the Board took action to approve a settlement in the amount of \$280,000 to resolve all issues.

Moved:	Hernández	___	Richardson	___	Yamagata-Noji	<u>X</u>	Avila	___	Palacio	___
Seconded:	Hernández	___	Richardson	<u>X</u>	Yamagata-Noji	___	Avila	___	Palacio	___
Vote:	Ayes	<u>5-0</u>	Noes	_____	Abstain	_____	Absent	_____		

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Russo presented the 2008 State of the District Address held on Thursday, March 20, 2008. Approximately 200 SAUSD partners, elected officials, educators, and members of the community converged at Segerstrom High

School's auditorium for the address on student achievements, and District accomplishments. She spoke about the challenges that lay ahead and that the SAUSD continues to provide a world-class education that has raised the bar for academic success for the students of Santa Ana. She reviewed the accomplishments and provided a forecast of the District by highlighting the District's strategic plan, instructional action plan, and the facilities master plan. She reiterated the District's motto *Failure is unacceptable Success is the Standard! It's up to us All!* Board members in attendance provided insight and encouragement to all in attendance. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available on the District's website, and it will air on Channel 31 every day at 8:25 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., except on Board meeting nights. District Channel 31 provided a brief video of the State of the District Address event.

Ms. Russo stated that researchers have examined the role of school leadership and the value of leadership training as it relates to improved academic performance for students. Through continuous training, school leaders better understand the magnitude of their role as instructional leaders and as a result are better able to adjust their leadership styles to meet the needs of their schools' teachers and students. The SAUSD has partnered with Springboard Schools to provide continuous professional development for site principals, assistant principals, and District administration. This year all instructional administrators at the District and school sites have received over 80 hours of training since July 2007. These extensive trainings have enabled our administrators to be the strong instructional leaders that we need, in able to achieve our goals. A video captured principals who conveyed positive comments about their training.

The Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce awarded scholarships to top SAUSD students at a ceremony held on March 18 at the Bowers Museum of Cultural Arts. Area businesses donated \$230,000 in scholarships to 35 SAUSD students from Century, Cesar Chavez, Lorin Griset, Middle College, Saddleback, Segerstrom, Santa Ana, and Valley High Schools. Congratulations to all scholarship recipients, as well as their families who support them. Channel 31 provided a slideshow of students.

The Superintendent announced that two Santa Ana seniors received monetary recognitions by way of scholarships from Girls Incorporated of Orange County. Helen Luna received a \$15,000 scholarship, and Stephanie Suarez was awarded \$2,500. Ms. Helen Luna was present to receive congratulations from the Board and Superintendent.

Ms. Russo stated that our business partners play an essential role in academic success, and a perfect example of this symbolic relationship is Guaranty Chevrolet, which is once again donating a 2008 Chevy Aveo, to be given away to one a SAUSD high school student who will have achieved perfect attendance throughout the 2007-08 school year. She then encouraged parents and students to strive for perfect attendance, but not solely for a chance to win a car, but because school attendance is important for academic success. The drawing will be at Guaranty Chevrolet's showroom on Saturday, June 14th.

The Superintendent drew the attention of those present to the beautiful artwork posted in the Board Room from Monte Vista Elementary, Taft Elementary Deaf/Hard of Hearing program, and Villa Fundamental Intermediate Schools, and Food 4 Thought poster contest participants.

Classified Employee for the Month of April - Dora Aguilar

Ms. Shelly Heredia, Bilingual Resource Teacher, Monte Vista Elementary, honored Ms. Dora Aguilar as Classified Employee of the Month for the month of March. Ms. Aguilar serves as a bilingual instructional assistant for Monte Vista Elementary School. Dora performs her duties with expertise, efficiency, and with a consistent positive attitude. Ms. Aguilar was thanked by members of the Board and congratulated by all those present for her service to the students of the District. She was presented with a commemorative plaque, a gift certificate to her favorite restaurant, and flowers in recognition of this award.

PRESENTATION

Williams Site Review 2007-08 School Facilities Needs Report

Dr. Olsky, Deputy Superintendent, referred to a Williams Site Review Team Report. Dr. Olsky stated that all issues were reviewed and have already been repaired by District staff. A report will come quarterly as an update to the Board of Education per Williams Settlement legislation requirements on complaints received at the schools/District.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

Public Hearing and Adoption of Assembly Bill 602 Annual Budget and Service Plans for School Year 2007-08

Ms. Lohnes, Assistant Superintendent, Support Services, introduced the item. On March 11, 2008, the Board approved the Call for a Public Hearing for Assembly Bill 602. The Bill requires Special Education Local Plan Areas (SELPA) to submit annual budget and service plans that are adopted at a public hearing by the Governing Board of the SELPA. The plan identifies expected expenditures, description of services, and locations for such services. The plans must also demonstrate that all students with disabilities have access to services and instruction to meet their needs, as specified in the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP). Ms. Lohnes satisfied questions from the Board and stated that current data regarding services to Godinez Fundamental High would be sent home to the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mrs. Avila, and carried 5-0 to approve the conducting of a public hearing and to adopt Assembly Bill (AB) 602 Annual Service and Budget Plans for school year 2007-08, in an effort to meet State requirements.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Board President Hernandez asked that those wishing to address the Board step to the podium.

The following individuals addressed the Board to voice their concern about Reduction in Force (RIF) notices and some spoke in support of specific teachers.

Janet Schermer, SAUSD teacher
Gary Reynolds, SAUSD teacher
D. Lopez, SAUSD student
L. Flores, SAUSD student
S. Moss, SAUSD student
R Magaña, SAUSD student
A. Castellanos, SAUSD student
A. Francisco, SAUSD student
Marielena Gonzalez, SAUSD parent

J. Lucero, SAUSD student, addressed the Board regarding lack of bathroom supplies at Valley High School.

Meg Robinson, SAUSD teacher, addressed the Board to inform them as a representative of the SAEA, they voted to endorse the General Obligation Bond, Measure G that will go before the community for a vote on June 3, 2008.

A. Aguilar, SAUSD student, addressed the Board to inform them of concerns of construction workers being in the girls' locker room during the school day.

C. Ramirez, SAUSD student, addressed the Board to inform them of a lack of bathroom supplies, and lack of AP Spanish books at Valley High.

Thomas Gordon, addressed the Board to discuss the Measure G Bond going for a vote in June 2008. He stated that he applauded the efforts of the District and students, but would like the District to be mindful of spending should the measure pass.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENT

At the request of a Board member and due to the number of students speaking in reference to RIF notices, Ms. Russo was asked to briefly clarify how this occurred. Ms. Russo stated that the Governor's budget proposal (which called for reductions in the amount of approximately \$16 billion), has obviously affected not only the SAUSD, but all California school districts. The SAUSD is in a fiscal crisis and must make extremely difficult decisions, therefore having to reduce staff. Ms. Russo stated that in May or June, the SAUSD would have a better idea of the number of staff members having to be reduced. She informed students that there are two items on the agenda that call for retirement incentives and if approved by the Board, we could have more retirees that would help to lessen the number of staff members being rified. She said that the District is asking the State to remove restrictions on funding to use on the teacher issue. The Board and administration knows that the SAUSD has outstanding teachers and is doing everything to lessen cuts.

CHANGE IN AGENDA ORDER

2.0 ACCEPTANCE OF FOURTH PROGRESS REPORT AND BENCHMARK TIMELINE FROM ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SCHOOL ASSISTANCE AND INTERVENTION TEAM FOR LOWELL ELEMENTARY AND SPURGEON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS

Mr. Mendez introduced the item, and called upon Ms. Lapham from the Orange County Department of Education for a presentation. Ms. Lapham stated that in the 2007-08 school year, Lowell Elementary and Spurgeon Intermediate schools participated in a School Assistance Intervention Team (SAIT) review as part of a requirement for the Intermediate Intervention/Underperforming Schools Program. The District contracted with the OCDE, a SAIT provider to provide support to the schools, to implement the schools' reform initiatives in the Corrective Action Report, and to report the progress in achieving the benchmarks of the report. Ms. Lapham stated that the SAIT team has completed its Fourth Benchmark Report to improve student literacy and achievement in order to make progress toward meeting each school's growth target. Ms. Lapham identified the nine essential program components in reading language arts and mathematics and stated that the next report due to the California Department of Education is May 30, 2008. She then reviewed a chart identifying each school's corrective actions and achievements completed. Ms. Lapham commended the staff at both schools for their outstanding work.

It was moved by Mrs. Avila, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0 to accept the School Assistance and Intervention Team's fourth benchmark report of

progress for Lowell Elementary and Spurgeon Intermediate schools by the Orange County Department of Education.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0 to approve the Minutes of Special Board meeting of March 4, 2008 and Regular Board meeting of March 11, 2008.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mrs. Avila, and carried 4-0, Mr. Palacio not present, to approve the Consent Calendar in its entirety.

- 1.1 Approval of purchase order summary of orders \$25,000 and over for the period of February 27 through March 11, 2008.
- 1.2 Approval of expenditure summary and warrant listing of expenditures over \$25,000 for the period of February 27 through March 11, 2008.
- 1.3 Approval of agreements/contracts between the Santa Ana Unified School District and various consultants submitted during the period of February 27 through March 11, 2008.
- 1.4 Acceptance of Treasury Report for the period ending December 31, 2007.
- 1.5 Approval of Change Order No. 2 for Bid Packages No. 07-02, 07-09A-04, and 07-09B-06 for construction of the facilities relocation project in the amount of \$27,890 for a revised total construction cost of \$15,215,448.54.
- 1.6 Approval of Change Order No. 4 for Qualified Zone Academy Bond project in the amount of \$34,478.23 for a revised total construction cost of \$2,764,706.84.
- 1.7 Approval of Extended Field Trips in Accordance with Board Policy (BP) 6153(a) - School-Sponsored Trips and Administrative Regulation (AR) 6153.1 - Extended School-Sponsored Trips. See attached list.
- 1.8 Approval of consultant agreement with nonpublic agency for students with disabilities for 2007-08 school year.
- 1.9 Approval of master contracts and/or individual service agreements with nonpublic schools and agencies for student with disabilities for 2007-08 school year.
- 1.10 Approval of Board members' attendance at the CSBA conference - Tools for Strategic Leadership in Fresno, California on April 11, 2008.
- 1.11 Approval of recommendation by the Administrative hearing panels to expel students, as listed, for the recommended terms including the remediation conditions:

302051 - 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 19, 2008.

185664 - McFadden 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 19, 2008.

173815 - 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 February of 2009.

140180 - Valley High

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph a, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District for the spring semester, 2007-08 school year and that the expulsion order be suspended for the fall semester of the 2008-09 school year, and that the student be permitted to return to a District school/program on a probationary status during this time period.

200932 - Valley High

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 19, 2008.

171969 - Villa Fundamental 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 19, 2008.

186637 - Villa Fundamental Intermediate

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraphs a & 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 25, 2009.

170637 - Willard Intermediate

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraphs c & j, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District, and that the student may apply for readmission on or after February of 2009.

REGULAR ACTION ITEMS

3.0 ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH BOARD POLICY (BP) 3290 - GIFTS, GRANTS, AND BEQUESTS

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0 to accept the gifts in accordance with Board Policy 3290 - Gifts, Grants, and Bequests. A list is attached to the Minutes.

4.0 ACCEPTANCE OF GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD 45 VALUATION REPORT OF OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

It was by consensus of the Board that this item be removed from the Agenda and returned to the next Board meeting.

5.0 ACCEPTANCE OF COMPLETION OF CONTRACT FOR BID PACKAGES NO. 07-01A, 07-08, 07-09A-02, 07-09A-03, 07-09A-05, AND 07-09A-06 FOR FACILITIES RELOCATION PROJECT

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 5-0 to accept the March 25, 2008, completion of contracts with the above listed contractors for bid packages No. 07-01A, 07-08, 07-09A-02, 07-09A-03, 07-09A-05, AND 07-09A-06 for the facilities relocation project.

6.0 APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTANTS TO PROVIDE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR CRITICALLY OVERCROWDED SCHOOLS PROGRAM PROJECTS

Mr. Dixon clarified the item and addressed questions from Board members. Dr. Yamagata-Noji requested that staff send funding sources and specific amounts to the Board. By consensus of the Board, recommended action was amended to include that the architect fees would not exceed 9% of the construction cost.

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 4-1, Mrs. Avila dissenting, to approve the appointments of gkkworks, NTD Architects, and LPA to provide architectural services for the Critically Overcrowded Schools (COS) program projects not to exceed 9% of the total construction cost.

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION 4040.1 - EMPLOYEE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR USE OF E-MAIL (REVISED: FOR IMPLEMENTATION)

Mr. Murrey introduced the item, subsequently calling upon Ms. Ito to address questions from the Board. She stated that revisions to the policy have resulted due to the change from GroupWise to Outlook.

The Board requested that Ms. Ito effectively communicate with school sites and departments by sending a letter informing them of the policy change, implement a monitoring system, annually have staff sign off on memo, include in new staff training, and include language to acceptable use policy.

This item was presented for implementation and does not require a formal vote. A copy of the Administrative Regulation is attached to the Minutes.

8.0 AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR 60-MONTH LEASE/PURCHASE OF DISTRICT COPIERS

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richardson and carried 5-0 to authorize a contract award to Xerox Corporation for lease/purchase of District copiers in the amount of \$855,070 annually for 60 months, utilizing the State of California Multiple Award Schedule contract number 3-01-36-0030A, pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 10298, 10299, and 12100 et al. It was by consensus of the Board that this item be returned to the Board in year 2012 with a RFP to go out to bid.

9.0 AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO LEASE PURCHASE FINANCING AGREEMENT FOR OFFSET PRESS FOR PUBLICATIONS DEPARTMENT

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richardson and carried 5-0 to authorize the entering into a lease purchase finance agreement with California First National Bank for lease purchase of an offset press for the Publications Department in the amount of \$142,051 annually for five years.

10.0 APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF 2008-10 ENHANCING EDUCATION THROUGH TECHNOLOGY ROUND 7 COMPETITIVE GRANT

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji and carried 4-0, Mr. Hernández not present, to approve the submission of the 2008-10 Enhancing Education Through Technology (EETT) Competitive Grant application.

11.0 APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF CAROL M. WHITE PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM TO UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OFFICE OF SAFE AND DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS

It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mr. Palacio and carried 4-0, Mr. Hernández not present, to approve the submission of the Carol M. White Physical Education Program grant to the United States Department of Education Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools.

12.0 APPROVAL OF RESUBMISSION OF RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR HEAD START FUNDING FOR 2008-09 PROGRAM YEAR TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richardson and carried 4-1, Mrs. Avila dissenting, to approve the resubmission of renewal application for Head Start funding for the 2008-09 program year to Orange County Head Start program.

13.0 APPROVAL OF SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR 2008-09 SCHOOL YEAR CONTINGENT UPON STATE FUNDING

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

14.0 INTERMEDIATE MATHEMATICS TEXTBOOKS AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS RECOMMENDED FOR 28-DAY REVIEW

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

15.0 WORKKEYS GUIDANCE MATERIALS FOR HIGH SCHOOL INC. ACADEMIES AT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL FOR ADOPTION

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 5-0 to adopt WorkKeys Guidance materials for ninth grade students participating in High School Inc. at Valley High.

16.0 APPROVAL OF PARTICIPATION WITH RANCHO SANTIAGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE GRANT

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 4-0, Mrs. Avila not present, to approve the participation between High School Inc. Academies at Valley and the Rancho Santiago Community College District Career Technical Education Community Collaborative grant.

17.0 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 07/08-2718 - SUPPLEMENTARY RETIREMENT PROGRAM FOR CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES

The Board has requested staff to provide an electronic alphabetical Rif list to the Board and SAEA.

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution 07/08-2718 - Supplementary retirement program for certificated employees. Attached is a copy of the resolution.

18.0 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 07/08-2719 - SUPPLEMENTARY RETIREMENT PROGRAM FOR MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution 07/08-2719 - Supplementary retirement program for management employees. Attached is a copy of the resolution.

19.0 PERSONNEL ACTION

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 5-0 to approve the personnel calendar in its entirety. A copy of the personnel calendar is attached to the Minutes.

20.0 BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS

Dr. Yamagata-Noji

- She offered congratulations to administration and those who assisted with the State of the District event.
- She enjoyed the Chamber of Commerce dinner event last week. There were multiple scholarship recipients and great speeches. She asked that student Lara come and speak at a future Board meeting.
- She reiterated that the Board would like to have a student present at every Board meeting.
- She requested that a presentation come to the Board highlighting Santa Ana College's partnership with the SAUSD.

- She would like SAUSD schools be more involved with CSBA conferences. Stated, "our schools have so much to offer!" The deadline for placement of presentations is April 1, 2008.
- She announced the Annual Insight to Santa Ana Bus Tour and Santa Ana High School Arts on the Lawn event is scheduled for May 14 tour at Santa Ana High School.

Mr. Richardson

- He enjoyed the Santa Ana Scholarship Dinner sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce recently. In the video shown this evening the private sector contributed approximately \$300,000 totaling over half-a-million.
- He attended the O.C. Forum luncheon where Bill Lockyer, California State Treasurer, spoke and talked about his wife, a former SAUSD Board of Education Trustee. Mr. Richardson was impressed that Mr. Moss, Coordinator of Activities from Valley High School, took about 15 students to the forum.
- He thanked Ms. Russo for the Rif list and requested that the list be changed from numerical order to alphabetical order.
- He inquired about the status of the OCEAA Charter School. Ms. Russo said that an update regarding OCEAA would be coming to the Board in April.

Mr. Palacio

- He requested the Rif list to be sent to Board members and SAEA electronically, and in alphabetical order.

Mrs. Avila

- She said that it was touching to hear the students earlier in the meeting speak about their teachers with such admiration. She commented that teachers do make life changes in student's lives.
- She visited Kennedy Elementary who received playground equipment from On Track. It was very nice!

Mr. Hernández

- He had an opportunity to attend Lathrop's Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE) awards ceremony and was very impressed with the parents and turnout! Unfortunately, he was unable to attend Century High School's ceremony that same evening.
- He visited Madison Elementary School recently and said that the school should be made an example. He said that it is a tribute to the administration and teachers at Madison!
- He congratulated all scholarship recipients Districtwide. He attended the Chamber of Commerce awards banquet recently and it was nice to see that students are truly succeeding and being rewarded for their efforts.
- He said that he was proud of the students who spoke and expressed themselves quite eloquently.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2008, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Jane A. Russo
Secretary
Santa Ana Board of Education