

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

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
SANTA ANA BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 27, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Board President Rob 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, Dr. Bratcher, and Ms. Lohnes.

MEETING RECESSED AND RECONVENED

At 5:05 p.m., the Regular meeting was recessed to Closed Session to consider real estate negotiations, legal matters, personnel matters, special education contracts, and student discipline issues.

The Regular meeting was reconvened at 6:20 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Eric Sanchez, fourth-grade student at Thorpe Fundamental School.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. DeVera Heard, District United Way Representative, introduced Brie Griset, United Way Campaign representative. Ms. Griset provided the Board with an update of SAUSD's progress on the current United Way Campaign. This year's donations totaled over \$40,000.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School recently celebrated an important milestone, as they marked their first decade of instructing students in Santa Ana. Channel 31 filmed staff at King Elementary during this celebration.

Channel 31 had a Station Identification Logo Art Contest open to all Santa Ana K-12 viewers. The winner was Arturo Barradas, Jr. Arturo an 11th grade student at Segerstrom High School. Arturo received a \$25 *Blockbuster Video* Gift Card. A video was shown of Arturo receiving his award.

Congratulations to the SAUSD scholarship award recipients who were honored at a recent banquet held at Joe's Garage in Tustin. More than 40 seniors represented several high schools in Santa Ana. Students received scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 from the Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce. This event will be airing on Channel 31 beginning March 30th.

On March 24th, the City of Santa Ana, SAUSD, and elected officials, as well as other community organizations, celebrated Cesar Chavez State Holiday with a Day of Service and Learning at Cesar Chavez Campesino Park. The day began with a rally at Spurgeon Intermediate, followed by a march from the school to the park. Channel 31 will be recapping the event during weekly news briefs on Channel 31.

Bowers Kidseum will display SAUSD students' artwork from April 1st through April 15th, for the grand re-opening after seven months of renovations. They will feature student art from Saddleback, Century, McFadden, Spurgeon and Villa Fundamental schools. The Kidseum is located at 1802 N. Main, and general admission is \$5. Santa Ana residents with proof of residency will receive free entry on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month.

Superintendent Russo called attention to student artwork displayed in the Board Room from Villa Fundamental Intermediate, Taft, and Monte Vista elementary schools.

RECOGNITION

Classified Employee of the Month - Nyllda Anaya

Ms. Nyllda Anaya, School Office Manager at Thorpe Fundamental Elementary School, was presented the award by Ms. Berenice Sanchez, School Office Assistant at Thorpe Fundamental. Ms. Sanchez shared with the Board and audience that Ms. Anaya is considered employee "extraordinaire." Nyllda's positive attitude and expertise makes her a valued team member at Thorpe. She has served the school district and community unselfishly for 19 years. This recognition of Classified Employee of the Month saluted Ms. Anaya for her commitment and dedication. With Nyllda was her husband and three children, and parents. She was presented with a plaque and gift card on behalf of the Santa Ana Unified School District and a bouquet of flowers from Thorpe's staff.

PRESENTATIONS

Mind Institute: Pianos + Computers = Math Achievement

Ms. Baker, Madison Elementary Principal, provided an overview of the MIND Institute program that has been in effect at the school for six years. She stated that it serves approximately 200 second-grade students with API scores increasing each year since its inception. The school's year 2000 API score of 521 has increased to current score of 741. During this four-year period, the number of students scoring Proficient and Advanced on the California Standards Test has doubled in grades 3, 4, and 5 and tripled in grade 2. She credits her outstanding staff and the program for the growth. This year, 62.6% students scored Proficient and Advanced, including 61% of English Learners and 33.3% of Special Education students.

The Board has asked that the MIND Institute be implemented in other elementary schools as the program is credited for bringing successful results in student achievement.

High School Inc. Academies at Valley High School Update

Mr. Jack Oakes, Regional Occupational Program (ROP) Director, and Mr. George Heidler, President of High School Inc. Academies at Valley High School, presented an update of the H.S. Inc. Academy program's timelines, activities, and next steps. The program is set to commence in September of 2007. The academy would prepare students for college through compliance with the "A-G" requirements for Universities of California and the State University systems, also preparing students to have the career technical training to prepare them for the immediate workforce, should students choose that direction after graduation. Board discussion ensued, with Mr. Oakes and Dr. Bratcher addressing questions. Mr. Oakes conveyed that the H.S. Inc. Academies continue to seek corporate sponsorships, continue to develop curriculum, intermediate registration meetings are occurring, and International Institute for Leadership in Education staff development activities with Valley High School faculty and staff are ongoing, and the completion of Santa Ana College grant activities is underway.

The Board conveyed several requests such as a goal for the H.S. Inc. Academies to emphasize college following graduation; the offering of SAT prep courses/Princeton Review to be offered at all high schools; a Higher Education Center presentation to include College Prep, Upward Bound, etc.; and a tour of Valley High School to be set up for the Board.

CHANGE IN ORDER OF AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

President Richardson asked those members of the community who wished to address the Board to step forward as he called their names.

The following individuals addressed the Board in support to the proposed Orange County Academy on the Board Agenda:

Daniel Adelseck
Brittan Burns
Michelle Hass
Todd Winkler

The following individuals addressed the Board regarding English Language classroom placement of student:

Jordan Ochoa, SAUSD student
Yolanda Ochoa, SAUSD mother

Meg Robinson, SAUSD teacher, addressed the Board with a concern with an item on the Board agenda, when trying to keep in line with the District's budget reductions.

Pat McGuigan, SAUSD resident, addressed the Board with opposition to an item on the Board agenda concerning Godinez Fundamental High School Athletic field fencing.

REGULAR MEETING RECESSED AND RECONVENED

The Regular Meeting was recessed at 7:50 p.m. and reconvened at 8:05 p.m.

PRESENTATION - Continued

Orange County Academy Charter School Petition

Ms. Jamie Brown, Director of Accounting and Payroll, stated that a petition was submitted to the District on March 7, 2007, for the establishment of a charter school. In accordance with California Education Code Section 47605, a public hearing must be conducted by the Governing Board to consider the level of support of the petition within 30 days of receipt of the petition. She stated that following review of the petition and the public hearing, the Governing Board of the District shall either grant or deny the charter within 60 days of receipt of the petition, provided, however, that the date be extended by an additional 30 days if both parties agree to the extension. The proposal calls for a K-8 blended classroom/non-classroom based program where all students would be enrolled in independent study, having two days in structured classroom environment and three days in home study. Core Knowledge Curriculum would be implemented duplicating the Rocklin Academy program. The proposal was submitted by Classical Kids, Incorporated, a 501(c) (3) non-profit public benefit corporation; the Orange County Academy would operate under the management and direction of the Directors of Classical Kids, Inc.

A Public Hearing will be brought before the Board at the April 10, 2007, Board of Education meeting with a presentation by the proposed Orange County Academy Charter.

By consensus of the Board, Action Item 8.0: Call for Public Hearing: Charter School Petition - Orange county Academy was brought forward for action.

It was moved by Mrs. Avila, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 5-0 to approve the call for a public hearing at the April 10, 2007, Board meeting to discuss the Orange County Academy charter petition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, and carried 4-0, Mr. Richardson abstaining, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of March 13, 2007. And moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, and carried 5-0, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of February 27, 2007.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mrs. Avila, and carried 5-0 to approve the Consent Calendar in its entirety.

Approval of purchase order summary of orders \$25,000 and over for period of February 28 through March 13, 2007.

Approval of expenditure summary and detailed listing of checks \$10,000 and over for period of February 28 through March 13, 2007.

Approval of listing agreements/contracts between the Santa Ana Unified School District and various consultants for the period of February 28 through March 13, 2007.

Authorization of disposal of obsolete unrepairable computer equipment, miscellaneous furniture equipment, or textbooks.

Food Services - Statement of Operations and Balance Sheet for period of July 1 through December 31, 2006.

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.

Approval of recommendations of the administrative hearing panels to expel students for the recommended terms and with the recommended remediation conditions:

328055 - Carr 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.

163445 - Sierra 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.

156367 - 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 January 15, 2008.

148210 - Spurgeon Intermediate

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph a, k, 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, 2008.

186562 - Santa Ana High School

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.

320315 - 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 June 15, 2007.

156982 - Mendez 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.

Approval of master contract and/or individual service agreements with nonpublic school(s)/agency(ies) for student(s) with disabilities for the 2006-07 school year.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVE THE INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE AUDIT REPORT OF MEASURE C BOND FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005-06

Ms. White from Nigro, Nigro, & White, PC., provided an overview of the Measure C Bond Building Fund balance sheet and the related statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006. In the opinion of the independent auditors, the financial statements are above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Measure C Bond Building Fund is in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Ms. White addressed questions from the Board and stated that there was one finding in student transportation costs which has been reimbursed to the Measure C Bond Building fund.

It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mrs. Avila, and carried 5-0 to approve the independent financial and performance audit report of Measure C Bond Funds for fiscal year 2005-06.

AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR HEATING, VENTILATION, AND AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEMS (HVAC) DUCT CLEANING AND REMEDIATION AT VARIOUS SITES

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, and carried 5-0 to authorize an award to award contract for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems duct cleaning and remediation at various sites to Penn Air Group, on an annual basis, with the option to renew for four additional years, pursuant to Bid #4-07.

AUTHORIZE RESCISSION OF ACTION PREVIOUSLY TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO VERIZON CALIFORNIA, INC. FOR STRUCTURED CABLING SYSTEM AT TAFT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, CARR, LATHROP, MCFADDEN, SIERRA, SPURGEON, WILLARD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS, MACARTHUR FUNDAMENTAL, MENDEZ FUNDAMENTAL, AND VILLA FUNDAMENTAL INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS, AND TAFT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BID NO. 7-07, E-RATE YEAR 10 (2007-2008), AND TO REJECT ALL BIDS RECEIVED

It was moved by Mrs. Avila, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, and carried 4-1, Mr. Palacio dissenting, to authorize administration to rescind an award of contract for structured cabling systems at Taft Elementary School, Carr, Lathrop, McFadden, Sierra, Spurgeon, Willard Intermediate schools, MacArthur, Mendez, and Villa Fundamental intermediate schools and reject all bids received.

AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD CONTRACT BID PACKAGE NO. 14A FOR FACILITIES RELOCATION PROJECT

It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, and carried 4-1, Mr. Palacio dissenting, to authorize administration to award a contract to Bekins Moving Solutions, Inc., apparent lowest responsible bidder for a total amount of \$20,684, for the construction of the Facilities Relocation Project.

AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN FOR BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF GODINEZ FUNDAMENTAL HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FIELD FENCING AND SECURITY CAMERAS INSTALLATION

Mr. Trigg stated that Godinez Fundamental High School's original construction plans did not include the athletic field fence and security cameras installation.

It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 4-1, Mr. Hernandez dissenting, to authorize administration to obtain bids for the athletic field's fence and installation of security cameras on the building at Godinez Fundamental High School project in the amount of \$605,366.

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

It was moved by Mr. Hernandez seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 5-0 to accept the March 27, 2007, completion of contract with Turner Construction in the amount of \$66,190,528 for the construction of Godinez Fundamental High School project.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji requested an overview at the next Board meeting to review "loose ends and items on the punch list" for the Godinez project. Mr. Richardson asked that the punch list be sent home in Week In Review.

CALL FOR PUBLIC HEARING: CHARTER SCHOOL PETITION - ORANGE COUNTY ACADEMY

Action on this item was taken earlier in the Board meeting.

AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE FACILITIES MASTER PLAN AND APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTANT TO PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE FACILITIES MASTER PLAN

It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mr. Palacio, to authorize administration to proceed with the development of a Comprehensive Facilities Master Plan and approve the appointment of Total School Solutions to assist the District in the development of the Comprehensive Facilities Master Plan.

BOARD POLICY (BP) AND ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION (AR) 6162.52 - HIGH SCHOOL EXIT EXAM (REVISED: FOR ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION)

It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, and carried 5-0, to adopt Board Policy 6162.52 High School Exit Exam and implement Administrative Regulation 6162.52. A copy of the Board Policy and Administrative Regulation is attached to the Minutes.

Dr. Noji asked for clarification regarding adult students and the number of attempts one can take the test. She requested a brief presentation at the next Board that would include feedback from high school Special Education teachers regarding the high school exit exam.

Mr. Palacio asked if an additional waiver must be submitted if a special education student previously passed one of the tests.

INTERMEDIATE SCIENCE TEXTBOOK RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, and carried 5-0 to adopt the intermediate science textbooks and supplementary instructional materials. A list of textbooks is attached to the Minutes.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 06/07-2676 - URGING LEGISLATION TO TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO INCREASE NUMBER OF SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS

It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Mrs. Avila, and carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution No. 06/07-2676 - Urging Legislation to take appropriate measures to increase the number of speech language pathologists. A copy of the Resolution is attached to the Minutes.

APPROVAL OF NEW JOB DESCRIPTION: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mrs. Avila, and carried 4-1, Dr. Yamagata-Noji dissenting, to approve the new job description of Executive Director of Facilities & Governmental Relations. A copy of the job description is attached to the Minutes.

APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL ACTION

It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, 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.

BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS/ACTIVITIES

Dr. Yamagata-Noji:

- ❖ Thanked Chamber of Commerce and Van Guard University for their generosity in contributing scholarships to Santa Ana students.
- ❖ Enjoyed the Cesar Chavez event. Spoke with Mr. Gerardo Mouet regarding an intern project with the City of Santa Ana.
- ❖ Will be attending *Anything Goes* performance by students at Valley High School on April 27 and 28, 2007, and a pre-event dinner is being planned as a fundraiser prior to the April 28th performance. For details please contact the Public Information Office at (714) 558-5555.
- ❖ Would like a tour of Santa Ana schools concluding at Arts on the Lawn at Santa Ana High School, where lunch might be served.
- ❖ Asked for a legislative agenda to be developed by the SAUSD.

Mrs. Avila:

- ❖ Attending the *Les Miserables* performance at Saddleback High School; it was outstanding.

Mr. Hernandez:

- ❖ Also enjoyed the *Les Miserables* performance at Saddleback High School.
- ❖ Commended staff at MacArthur for an outstanding Career Day recently. He noted that the atmosphere was professional and the presentation was great.
- ❖ Paid tribute to his nephew Gerardo Guillen for making the Principal's Honor Roll.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

By a vote of 4-0, the Board took action to appoint summer school principals for the 2006-07 school year. A listing is attached to the Minutes.

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

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

Vote: Ayes _____ Noes _____ Abstain _____ Absent: Dr. Yamagata-Noji

Additionally, there were two potential litigation cases discussed in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Regular meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, April 10, 2007, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Jane Russo
Secretary
Santa Ana Board of Education