

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

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
SANTA ANA BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 10, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 p.m. by Board President Rob Richardson. Other members in attendance were Dr. Yamagata-Noji, Mr. Hernandez, and Mr. Palacio. Mrs. Avila was not in attendance.

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

MEETING RECESSED AND RECONVENED

At 4:46 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 6:25 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance signed by student Ted Zoerner, 6th grade student, from Taft Deaf and Hard of Hearing School, while Ms. Chapman, Taft teacher, recited it.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Russo provided an explanation regarding the Class Size Reduction program. She stated that it is important to note that at no time have false rosters or reports been submitted to the State in an effort to secure funding as suggested in newspaper articles. An audit has been ordered by the SAUSD to ensure that all aspects of attendance reporting are in compliance with state mandates and the District will take any necessary actions to correct inadvertent inaccuracies that may have occurred. In addition there is no indication of any problems in high school classes, but the audit will expand into ninth-grade English and mathematics classes as well.

The Superintendent called Ted Zoerner, 6th grade student from Taft School to the podium. Ted won first place in the individual competition at the National Deaf Math Counts Competition at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf in Rochester, New York. Ted was the youngest participant of the middle school competition.

The 2007-08 District Teachers of the Year and Support Services Staff Patricia Elington, Lincoln Elementary; Hector Chavez, Mendez Fundamental Intermediate; Laura Palen, Segerstrom High; and Helen Tross, District Curriculum Specialist from Support Services, were notified on April 4th.

Channel 31 captured a preview of the Teacher of the Year event, scheduled for May 10th at Santa Ana High School.

Mendez Fundamental Intermediate School was named after Gonzalo and Felicitas Mendez. Their struggle ended segregation in California and was the test case for Brown v. Board of Education which ended segregation nationwide. This year marks the 60th Anniversary of the legal decision. The Mendez campus was the unveiling of the Magical History Bus that will journey cross-country sharing the importance of the Mendez v. Westminster decision. Channel 31 was at Mendez Fundamental to capture the momentous occasion.

On Sunday, April 15th, Chapman University will be the venue for the unveiling of the Mendez Commemorative US Postage Stamp. The event will feature panelists representing the families of the original plaintiffs, the Munemitsu sisters, who were interned during World War II, and many more. The event is free and space is limited.

On Saturday, March 31st, Parents went to Century High School to sharpen their leadership skills. A brief video of the event was highlighted.

Century High School's Digital Media program is building international ties. On Tuesday, April 3rd, Ms. Nicola Holmes from the West London College in London, England, visited the school to set up a working relationship with the school. After the visit, Ms. Holmes will be speaking to the Chancellor upon her return to London and formally establish a Memorandum of Understanding. They will also extend an invitation to Principal Margie Salcedo and the Digital Media staff to visit their college.

Franklin Elementary has established a Saturday Book Adventure Reading Club for 4th and 5th grade students to enhance comprehension skills. The students read books and take tests in the computer lab to earn points. The program began in February, and by the end of March they read about ten books, which earned them 1,000 points, and they were treated to a pancake breakfast by the Saturday staff and 5th grade teacher Ms. Lujan.

The Superintendent drew attention to the beautiful artwork posted in the Board Room by students and teachers from Sepulveda and Lincoln Elementary Schools.

PRESENTATION

Orange county Academy Charter School Petition

Representatives from the Orange County Academy (OCA) provided a presentation to inform the Board about the Orange County Academy Charter School petition that has been submitted to the SAUSD. All timelines are being met by both parties and official action whether to approve or deny the charter will be taken on May 8, 2007.

Mr. Dennis Eastman, Executive Director, stated that the OCA offers a hybrid curriculum model, having two days instruction and three days independent study, including parental involvement, one-on-one instruction, State standards, STAR testing, and certificated teachers. He discussed the potential of high API scores and compared similar school rankings. He then outlined the foundation of the *Core Knowledge* curriculum which provides sequenced learning in all subjects including drama, band, Science Adventure, and Math Olympiad. The academic program consists of Open Court

phonics, Saxon math, Spanish instruction, and art and music. Mr. Eastman stated that Orange County Academy would provide quality instruction and services in areas of Special Education, psychology, IEP, and speech. He stated that OCA is ranked as one of the State's top potential new schools with a California Department of Education start-up grant of \$180,000.

PUBLIC HEARING

Orange County Academy Charter School Petition

Mr. Richardson declared the meeting open to receive comments regarding the charter school petition for the Orange County Academy. He asked those interested in speaking to come forward:

The following individuals addressed the Board in support of the Orange County Academy (OAC).

Michael Martinez Scott, OCA Board Member
Ryan Scott, student

The following individuals addressed the Board with opposition to the Orange County Academy.

Troy Rexelle
Art Pedroza

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

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.

Jennifer Isensee, Santa Ana Education Grievance Chairperson, addressed the Board with concerns of school safety. She requested that a list of *seriously disruptive students* be sent to the SAEA.

Troy Rexelle, SAUSD teacher, addressed the Board in support of the intermediate music program with concerns that the arts would be cut. He asked that Board reconsider not reducing the programs.

Barbara Schmidt, SAUSD teacher, addressed the Board with concerns about teachers not being aware of student's IEP results and lack of notification to teachers concerning potentially dangerous students.

The following individuals addressed the Board with concerns of Class Size Reduction issue at hand. Mr. Gordon asked that staff have an open Request for Proposal concerning the audit firm, and asked who is being held responsible. Ms. Alcantar also spoke in support of arts in the schools.

Thomas Gordon, SAUSD community member
Aidee Alcantar, SAUSD parent

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, and carried 4-0, to approve the Minutes of the Special Board meeting of March 26, 2007 and Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of March 27, 2007.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

The following items were removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion and separate action: Approval of Listing Agreements/Contracts Between Santa Ana Unified School District and Various Consultants for Period of March 14 through March 27, 2007 and Approval of Schoolwide Single Plans for Student Achievement.

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

Acceptance of completion of contract for roof replacement of the boys and girls gym at Valley High School.

Authorization to award a contract to CS Legacy Construction, Inc., apparent lowest responsible bidder for a total amount of \$234,830 for the landscaping of Valley High School modernization project.

Approval of purchase order summary of orders \$25,000 and over for period of March 14, 2007 through March 27, 2007.

Approval of expenditure summary and detailed listing of checks \$25,000 and over for period of March 14, 2007 through March 27, 2007.

Approval of listing agreements/contracts between the Santa Ana Unified School District and various consultants for the period of March 14 through March 27, 2007. This item was removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion and separate action.

Approval disposal of obsolete un-repairable computer equipment, miscellaneous furniture, equipment, or textbooks.

Approval of Schoolwide Single School Plans that are required by SB 374 and the No child Left Behind Act. This item was removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion and separate action.

Approval of one-time only funding for Head Start for the 2006-07 school year.

Acceptance of gifts in accordance with Board Policy 3290 - Gifts, Grants, and Bequests.

Approval of continued participation in vocational and Applied Technology Education Act Tech-Prep Consortium with Rancho Santiago community College District, Orange Unified School District Garden Grove Unified School District, and Central County Regional Occupational Program for the 2006-07 school year.

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:

174204 - 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.

174277 - 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.

142248 - Saddleback 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 January 15, 2008.

162057 - Sierra Intermediate 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.

127084 - Valley High School

For violation of Education Code Section 48915, paragraph (c)(1), that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District, and that the student may apply for readmission on or after April 10, 2008.

140932 - 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 January 15, 2008.

188241 - Saddleback High School

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.

157791 - Willard Intermediate 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 January 15, 2008.

139922 - Saddleback 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 January 15, 2008.

325651 - Willard Intermediate 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.

159538 - Carr Intermediate 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 June 15, 2007.

120072 - Lorin Griset 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.

161829 - Willard Intermediate 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 January 15, 2008.

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.

Approval of payment and/or reimbursement of costs incurred for designated instructional services of students with disabilities.

- 1.5 Approval of listing agreements/contracts between the Santa Ana Unified School District and various consultants for the period of March 14 through March 27, 2007. A listing is attached to the Minutes.

This item was removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion and separate action

The question was raised about the auditing firm of Nigro Nigro and White, LLC. on the list for Board approval, and whether a Request for Proposal (RFP) was ever completed to hire the firm. Mr. Trigg stated that the District did in fact use the RFP process and the Board took action to approve Nigro Nigro and White, LLC, as an independent auditor for the SAUSD's annual audit. Ms. Russo stated that the District has proactively hired the firm to ensure that compliancy with State Regulations is in place. Another issue raised was that the agreements listed have dates for the period of March 14-March 27, 2007. The Nigro Nigro and White LLC., auditing firm, asked to add the special audit on April 5th. The item could have had its own Board item.

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, and carried 4-0, to approve the listing of agreements/contracts between the Santa Ana Unified School District and various consultants for the period of March 14 through March 27, 2007, including Nigro Nigro and White which was included on the listing for approval.

- 1.7 Approval of Schoolwide Single School Plans required by SB 374 and the No child Left Behind Act

This item was removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion and separate action.

Dr. Stainer, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary Division stated that schools participating in the Consolidated Application Categorical Aid programs annually update or rewrite their Single Plan for student achievement. The plans represent the product of each school's planning for the 2006-07 school year and provide program statistical and budgetary information. The completed plans are on file in the Student Achievement office for review.

The Board made suggestions as to the format for submission to the District. Information was noted and Administration will process future plans as directed by the Board.

It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 4-0, to approve the Schoolwide single school plans that are required by SB 374 and the No Child Left Behind Act.

ACTION ITEMS

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION (AR) 1330.1 - FACILITIES USE GUIDELINES AND RATE SCHEDULES (REVISED: FOR FIRST READING)

These three items were presented and discussed simultaneously.

There were recommendations and suggestions from the Board regarding the Facilities Use items as follows:

- List of adult soccer leagues or organizations requesting utilization of facilities
- Training for staff of rules and regulations for field/facilities use
- Meet with the community at large regarding rules and fees
- Refrain from utilizing field when raining
- Add "adequate" to restroom facilities to Administrative Regulation
- Curtail number of uses in fields that are overused
- Re-look at field use costs in comparison to Irvine USD
- Return in one year to review issues that may arise regarding costs, etc.
- Provide joint-use information in writing (clearer standards written)
- Questioned joint use at Adams and Hoover Elementary and why is Lowell omitted?
- Request for joint-use charges from the City of Santa Ana
- Research information regarding Spurgeon's baseball field being converted to a soccer field when it is essential to have baseball field
- When do shared fields have time off?
- Correction to AR 1330.2 - Should read "Santa Ana College"

Presented for first reading, no action was required. These three items will be placed on the agenda of the next Regular Meeting for adoption and implementation.

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION (AR) 1330.2 - USE OF SCHOOL GROUNDS (REVISED: FOR FIRST READING)

Presented for first reading, no action was required.

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION (AR) 1330.4 - USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES PROCEDURES (REVISED: FOR FIRST READING)

Presented for first reading, no action was required.

AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR BID PACKAGES NO. 4 AND 5 FOR FACILITIES RELOCATION PROJECT

It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, and carried 3-1, Mr. Palacio dissenting, to authorize and award contracts to Zusser Co. Inc., and California Engineer Contractor who were apparently the lowest responsible bidders for a total amount of \$471,898 for the construction of facilities relocation project.

APPROVAL OF HEAD START PROGRAM PLANNING PROCESS FOR 2007-08 SCHOOL YEAR

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, and carried 4-0, to approve the Head Start program and planning process for 2007-08 school year.

APPROVAL OF HEAD START RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION PLAN FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FOR 2007-08 SCHOOL YEAR

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, and carried 4-0, to approve the Head Start recruitment and selection plan for children and families for 2007-08 school year.

APPROVAL OF SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT STANDARD CLINICAL AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH SANTA ANA COLLEGE

It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 4-0, to approve the speech and language pathology assistant standard clinical affiliation agreement with Santa Ana College.

APPROVAL OF SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT STANDARD CLINICAL AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH ORANGE COAST COLLEGE

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, and carried 4-0, to approve the speech and language pathology assistant standard clinical affiliation agreement with Orange Coast College.

APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL ACTION

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 4-0 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 Ms. Burrell, PIO, for her involvement with the Griset Dedication. In attendance were Congresswomen Loretta Sanchez; State Assemblyman Jose Solorio; and Senator Lou Correa.
- ❖ Looks forward to the Valley High School production *Anything Goes* on April 27 and 28, 2007, and a pre-event dinner is being planned as a fundraiser prior to the April 27th performance. For details please contact the Public Information Office at (714) 558-5555.
- ❖ Administration to find ways to offer music to Carr students. Find some ways to reinstate it. Look at after school programs.
- ❖ Requested progress report on modernizations and that it be included on the construction report at the next Board meeting.
- ❖ In a local publication, it names a SAUSD student who submitted an essay and was selected for an article entitled, "Save Me A spot in College." Dr. Yamagata-Noji suggested that the article be spotlighted on Channel 31.

Mr. Richardson:

- ❖ Requested that Ms. Russo meet with Dr. Jimenez with the Orange County Children's Therapeutic Arts Center. He invited other members of the Board to visit the center.
- ❖ Announced that Ms. Judy Griset, wife of Dan Griset, passed away recently. Asked that a letter be sent to the family on behalf of the Board of Education. He stated that the meeting would end in honor of Ms. Griset.

Mr. Hernandez:

- ❖ Recently met with Councilmember Tinajero and was asked for an update on the speech and debate program in the SAUSD. Mr. Hernandez has asked the District to follow up with Mr. Tinajero.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

By a vote of 4-0, the Board took action to appoint additional 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: Mrs. Avila

By a vote of 4-0, the Board took action to appoint Fred Gomeztrejo to the position of Principal at Valley High School.

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

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

Vote: Ayes 4 Noes _____ Abstain _____ Absent Mrs. Avila

By a vote of 4-0, the Board took action to appoint Dr. Cathie A. Olsky to the position of Deputy Superintendent.

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

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

Vote: Ayes 4 Noes _____ Abstain _____ Absent: Mrs. Avila

Additionally, there was one potential litigation case discussed in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Regular meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, April 24, 2007, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Jane Russo
Secretary
Santa Ana Board of Education