

Santa Ana Unified School District
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MINUTES

Special Board Meeting - Annual Planning Retreat
Santa Ana Board of Education

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Board President Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Other members in attendance were Ms. Torres and Mr. Palacio.

CLOSED SESSION PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Rodriguez asked if there was anyone wishing to address the Board related to closed session items.

There was no one wishing to address the Board.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

The Special Board meeting recessed at 5:02 p.m. to consider negotiations, personnel matters, existing litigation, and real property negotiations.

Dr. Alvarez joined the meeting at 5:08 p.m., Mrs. Amezcua and Mr. Romo joined the meeting at 5:09 p.m.

RECONVENE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

The Special Board Meeting reconvened at 6:21 p.m.

Cabinet members in attendance were Superintendent Almendarez, Dr. Perez, Ms. Flores, Ms. Marking, Ms. Barquin, and Mr. Williams.

Dr. Llamas was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Rodriguez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Rodriguez asked Ms. Quiroz if there were any public presentations related to items on the agenda.

There was no one wishing to address the Board.

PRESENTATION

6.1 Board Priorities

Superintendent Almendarez provided a brief introduction on the Board Priorities Update. He thanked the Executive Cabinet team for their hard work during difficult times and the Board for their foresight and direction. Dr. Perez, Ms. Flores, Ms. Marking, Ms. Barquin, and Mr. Williams presented the Board priorities update. Board members asked questions, received answers, provided individual input and requested additional information regarding the Rob Richardson Ribbon cutting, HVAC, optimization, Measure I Bond, and SEW and KPI surveys. Superintendent Almendarez thanked the Board for their leadership in the development of the Board Priorities.

BOARD REPORTS

Mrs. Amezcua asked that the Board be notified of events with enough time to schedule in their calendar. She asked about night school during summer school, information on seniors who are not graduating, cost of insurance testing, and commented on the retirement and longevity event.

Mr. Palacio addressed academic, safety, mental health, and optimization challenges, summer school at the alternative education sites, learning and enrollment loss and marketing.

Dr. Alvarez thanked Superintendent and Cabinet for the presentation. He shared that he and Superintendent attended a speech and debate tournament two weeks ago and looks forward to seeing how students do after nationals. Dr. Alvarez announced the Santa Ana High School orchestra performance with students from UCI being held tonight.

Ms. Torres thanked staff for their work. She gave a shout out to GSA (Gay-Straight Alliance) and LGBTQ+ student organizations at intermediate and high schools. She asked that teachers, students, and parents be gentle with each other during testing season. She thanked staff members that will be working during the summer. Lastly she shared that starting Monday, May 2, 2022, the Housing Choice Voucher Section 8 applications open up and those interested can contact the City.

Dr. Rodriguez stated that he has been made aware of a community meeting that will be sponsored by the City to generate ideas on how to turn an open space into a park. They have asked if the District can sponsor by hosting the meeting at a school site close to the park space. Dr. Rodriguez asked for Board consensus to enable Superintendent to have District co-sponsor the event? Mrs. Amezcua motioned and there was no opposition by the Board.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

The Special Board meeting recessed at 7:42 p.m. to consider negotiations, personnel matters, existing litigation, and real property negotiations.

RECONVENE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

The Special Board Meeting reconvened at 10:42 p.m.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

By a vote of 5-0, the Board took action to approve an agreement resolving existing litigation including accepting a letter of resignation and resolution of claims.

Motion: Ms. Torres

Second: Mrs. Amezcua

Yes: Dr. Rodriguez, Ms. Torres, Dr. Alvarez, Mrs. Amezcua, and Mr. Palacio

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 10:43 p.m.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, April, 26, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:


Superintendent