

Santa Ana Unified School District  
1601 East Chestnut Avenue  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

MINUTES

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

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Board President Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Other Board members in attendance were Ms. Torres, Dr. Alvarez, Ms. Amezcua, and Mr. Palacio.

Executive Cabinet members in attendance were Superintendent Almendarez, Ms. Corridan, Dr. Perez, Ms. Barquin, Dr. Helguera, Dr. Llamas, Dr. Martinez, Mr. Roychowdhury, Mr. Williams, and Lieutenant Hill.

CHANGE IN ORDER OF AGENDA

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Rodriguez asked Ms. Quiroz if there was anyone wishing to address the Board. Public speakers addressed distance learning, reopening of schools, vaccinations, social emotional wellness, and senior activities.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Superintendent Almendarez led the Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENTATION

4.1 Board Priority Updates

Superintendent Almendarez, Dr. Perez, and Ms. Corridan provided the Board with a Board Priority Update presentation. Dr. Rasmussen and Ms. Hempstead from Education Support Services (ESS) facilitated the meeting. Board members asked questions and provided comments on each of the Goal statements. Superintendent Almendarez went over next steps and stated that Board Priorities would be brought back in June for Board approval and would provide updates on a quarterly basis.

5. BOARD REPORTS

Dr. Alvarez asked if the Board meeting can be closed in the memory of the student we lost in the Orange shooting. He reminded everyone to stay safe, practice social distancing, and announced vaccination availability. Dr. Alvarez also announced today as the first day of fasting for Ramadan 2021 and Lao/Thai/Cambodian New Year 2021.

Ms. Amezcua formally requested an action item be placed on the April 27, 2021, Board agenda on the reopening of schools per Education Code 35145.5 as a community member and as an elected official. She asked that staff meet with social services to hear about their prevention plan. She also announced that vaccines will continue at the County, Latino Health Access, at Segerstrom, and at Villa. She thanked all the volunteers who have helped at the vaccine clinics. Ms. Amezcua stated she is looking forward to seeing the safety plans on the district website. She also requested clarification on public presentations and that clear public notice is posted on the district website.

Mr. Palacio shared that Santa Ana High School will be playing Orange High School at Santa Ana Stadium Friday, April 16 at 7:00 p.m. He also shared that help is needed for the vaccination clinics, asked for volunteers, and suggested that staff be assigned to work the clinics.

Ms. Torres commented on appropriate decorum, social media posts, and public comments. She thanked staff and Board members for the smooth process of reviewing Board priorities.

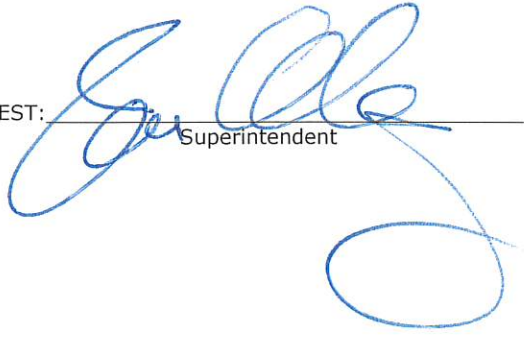
Dr. Rodriguez thanked his colleagues and staff for their work during the meeting. He also commented on the process related to Board and governance around public presentations and asks that Mr. Romo provide a memo to all of Board. Dr. Rodriguez closed the meeting in memory of the student we lost and sent condolences to the student's family and to the families of all the others that have lost their lives.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.  
A Special Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 20, 2021.

ATTEST:



Superintendent