

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

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING
SANTA ANA BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 2, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. by Board President Hernández. Other members in attendance were Mr. Richardson, Dr. Yamagata-Noji, Mrs. Avila, and Mr. Palacio. Board member Palacio left the meeting at 6:20 p.m. and Board member Yamagata-Noji left at 6:40 p.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Palacio.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

President Hernandez 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 of Saxon Mathematic textbooks:

Laurie Tristan, SAUSD parent
Debbie Swan, SAUSD teacher
Kerri Moreno, SAUSD parent
Jila Hayatshahi, SAUSD teacher
Douglas Denniston, SAUSD teacher
Margaret Chamberlain, SAUSD teacher
Jennifer Charles, SAUSD teacher
Jeanette Mayer, SAUSD teacher
Beth Carner, SAUSD teacher
Maria Hernandez, SAUSD parent
Angelica Flores, SAUSD parent
Kim Sprafka, SAUSD teacher

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

K-8 Mathematics Textbooks and Instructional Materials

Ms. Russo introduced the item and stated that staff would be presenting information in preparation of grades K-8 mathematics adoption for the 2008-09 school year. An item will be placed on the April 8, 2008, Board Agenda for Board's authorization of a 28-day textbook review. She stated that this is an important decision that must be made by the Board and community. She then called upon Mr. Mendez, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education.

Mr. Mendez introduced presenters: Alex Ayala, Assistant Superintendent, Secondary Education; Dr. Pat Machado, Director of Secondary Student Achievement/Charter Schools; Freda Odum, Director of Elementary Student Achievement/Charter Schools; and Juanita Walker, Curriculum Specialist, Mathematics and Science. Collaboratively, they presented information regarding the textbook adoption process.

The Elementary Mathematics Textbook Committee was comprised of a primary teacher, an upper-grade teacher, a site administrator, and a parent from each school. A total of 85 members participated. They reviewed Harcourt, Houghton-Mifflin, Saxon, and Scott Foresman textbooks. The top two textbooks were Houghton-Mifflin and Saxon. The process included the comparison of textbook programs, program components, alignment with the Standards, program organization, assessment, universal access, and instructional planning and support.

The Intermediate Math Textbook Committee was comprised of department chairs, a math curriculum specialist, and an administrator liaison from each school. Department chairs shared criteria and materials with teachers, administrators, and School Site Councils at all elementary and intermediate school sites.

Board discussion ensued. It was by consensus of the Board to bring a dual adoption of Saxon and Houghton-Mifflin to the Board for 28-day review for elementary and intermediate.

Mr. Ayala stated that a 28-day review will be placed on the Agenda for April 8, 2008, and a request for adoption will come before the Board on May 13, 2008. Materials will be purchased in May 2008 and at school sites by August/September 2008, which will be in compliance with the No Child Left Behind Act.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Jane A. Russo
Secretary
Santa Ana Board of Education