

Santa Ana Unified School District
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SANTA ANA BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Study Session

April 20, 2010

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting was called to order at 6:24 p.m. by President Yamagata-Noji. Also in attendance were Mr. Richardson, and Mr. Hernández and Mr. Reyna. Mr. Palacio was not present at the meeting.

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

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

The Regular meeting was immediately recessed to Closed Session to discuss negotiations and personnel matters.

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

The Regular meeting reconvened at 7:20 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Dr. Yamagata-Noji.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Yamagata-Noji asked those members of the community who wished to address the Board to step forward.

There were no individuals wishing to speak.

DISCUSSIONS:

#1 Board Planning for 2010-11 School Year

Superintendent Russo opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance. She outlined the presentation and said that the focus of the meeting was to share the SAUSD plan for the upcoming year framed around the nine Board approved goals that have been in place for the past 5 years. She noted that the 2009-10 school year ends the strategic plan.

Each of the seven members of the Superintendent's Cabinet highlighted five previous accomplishments and five goals focusing on the 2010-11 school year.

Following the presentations, Board discussion ensued. Board members pointed out additional achievements and accomplishments as well as concerns that were not addressed. The Board suggested that administration celebrate successes and describe how goals should be presented in the future.

Board suggestions and/or recommendations as follows:

- Present goals using stop-light configuration
- Increase communication
- Celebrate successes
- Parent orientation

- More push for higher education/A-G requirements
 - Review testing dates (i.e. SAT/ACT and best time to administer)
- On-line courses discussion
- Replicate strategies that are working
- Add safety and health as part of strategic goals
- Communicate budget to community
- Advocacy/Legislative Agenda

The Board has asked staff to schedule a follow up special study session at the end of June 2010.

#2 Promotion/Commencement Ceremonies

Promotion and Commencement exercise schedules were reviewed and assignments discussed. Board members have decided that there would be one Board member to speak/greet for each high school and one to assist. It was also agreed, that if any Board member wishes to attend any promotion or commencement ceremony and assist they may do so.

ADJOURNED

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Special Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, May 25, 2010, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Jane A. Russo
Secretary
Santa Ana Board of Education