

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

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING  
SANTA ANA BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 22, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Board President Hernández. Other members in attendance were Mr. Richardson, Mrs. Avila, and Mr. Palacio. Dr. Yamagata-Noji was not present at the meeting.

Cabinet members present were Ms. Russo, Mr. Murrey, Mr. Lopez, Mr. Mendez, Mr. Ayala, Ms. Lohnes, and Mr. Dixon. Dr. Olsky arrived at 7:30 p.m.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Board President Hernández asked those wishing to address the Board in matters pertaining to Closed Session to step to the podium as he called their names.

There were no speakers to address the Board regarding Closed Session items.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

The Regular meeting was immediately recessed to Closed Session to consider student discipline issues, negotiations, legal matters, and personnel matters.

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

The Regular meeting reconvened at 6:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Alejandra Jimenez, Adams' Elementary student.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

By a vote of 4-0 the Board took action to approve a workers' compensation compromise and release in the amount of \$24,050 to resolve all issues.

Moved: Hernández \_\_\_ Richardson X Yamagata-Noji \_\_\_ Avila \_\_\_ Palacio \_\_\_  
Seconded: Hernández \_\_\_ Richardson \_\_\_ Yamagata-Noji \_\_\_ Avila \_\_\_ Palacio X  
Vote: Ayes 4 Noes \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_ Absent 1

By a vote of 4-0 the Board took action to approve a workers' compensation stipulated award in the amount of \$61,696.23.

Moved: Hernández \_\_\_ Richardson \_\_\_ Yamagata-Noji \_\_\_ Avila \_\_\_ Palacio X  
Seconded: Hernández \_\_\_ Richardson X Yamagata-Noji \_\_\_ Avila \_\_\_ Palacio \_\_\_  
Vote: Ayes 4 Noes \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_ Absent 1

By a vote of 4-0 the Board took action to approve the suspension and statement of charges against a certificated teacher as identified in Closed Session.

Moved: Hernández \_\_\_ Richardson X Yamagata-Noji \_\_\_ Avila \_\_\_ Palacio \_\_\_  
Seconded: Hernández \_\_\_ Richardson \_\_\_ Yamagata-Noji \_\_\_ Avila \_\_\_ Palacio X  
Vote: Ayes 4 Noes \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_ Absent 1

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent introduced Jasmin Tran. Jasmin is a freshman at Godinez Fundamental High School, taking all Honors classes, and is performing at a very high level in all of her classes. Academics is just one of her talents as she is also an accomplished pianist. Jasmin delighted the Board with a musical piece entitled Sonata in C Major No. 3 (4<sup>th</sup> movement) by Ludwig van Beethoven.

Mr. Joe Dixon, Assistant Superintendent of Facilities and Governmental Relations, introduced Mr. Joe Gerda, Chairman of the Bond Oversight Committee (BOC). Mr. Gerda provided a brief update. The BOC, a group of private citizens appointed by the Board, meets quarterly on behalf of the taxpayers to ensure that bond money is appropriately spent. The Committee acts in an advisory capacity to the Board, it does not directly approve projects, funding, or direct District staff. He reported that the committee would soon bring the final report for Board approval as their job is complete and all funding has been expended. He stated that the committee supports Measure G, the new General Obligation Bond, that will be presented to the community-at-large for a vote on June 3, 2008. Reports and information are available on the District's website.

Mr. Palacio inquired about a transfer of funds and Mr. Gerda said he would look into it his request.

Ms. Russo reminded high school students to keep up their perfect attendance in order to be eligible to win a 2008 Chevy Aveo, courtesy of Guaranty Chevrolet. She asked all students to mark their calendars for the drawing, which will take place at Guaranty Chevrolet's showroom on Saturday, June 14.

The Superintendent drew the attention of those present to the beautiful artwork posted in the Board Room from Sepulveda Elementary and Godinez Fundamental High Schools.

## RECOGNITIONS

Tribute to Rifka Hirsch, Executive Director of The Cambodian Family Retires

Ms. Russo honored Ms. Rifka Hirsch for her many contributions to the students and families of Santa Ana. Ms. Hirsch has led the efforts of the Cambodian Family nonprofit organization for 25 years, having most recently served as the organization's Executive Director, a post from which she recently announced her retirement. Throughout her tenure as Executive Director, Rifka has given tirelessly of her time and energy to the community. She has built a competent, accountable, family-friendly, multicultural organization that provides a wide variety of services to those most in need without regard to race, religion, or national origin. The Board congratulated Ms. Hirsch.

Through the organization's *Healthy Changes* Program, a three-year grant funded by the federal Office of Minority Health, and as a consultant to the grant, Ms. Hirsch will play a role in the *Healthy Changes* Club, helping the organization's clients improve their health, by teaching them how to reduce deeply-held stress and develop well-being in their body and minds, emotions, and spirits.

Ms. Russo read a brief summary of Ms. Hirsch's accomplishments which indicated why Ms. Hirsch is so deserving of the *Above and Beyond the Call of Duty* Award. With Ms. Hirsch were her former staff members and family.

Classified Employee for the Month of April - Isabel Dominguez

Dr. Robert Laxton, Principal, and Bridget Noonan, Assistant Principal, Spurgeon Intermediate School, honored Ms. Maria "Isabel" Dominguez as

Classified Employee of the Month for the month of April. Ms. Dominguez serves as Spurgeon Intermediate's School Office Manager. She performs her duties with courtesy and respect, efficiency, and with a consistent positive attitude. Isabel's efficiency and attention to the details of daily operations at Spurgeon creates a smooth and welcoming environment in the main office, and for the entire school. Ms. Dominguez was thanked by members of the Board and congratulated by all those present for her service to the students of the District. She was presented with a commemorative plaque, a gift certificate to her favorite restaurant, and flowers in recognition of this award.

#### PRESENTATIONS

##### YMCA-SAUSD Aquatic Center Project

Mr. Jon Voget, Executive Director of the Santa Ana YMCA, presented information on the new Santa Ana YMCA project. The Van Cleve Foundation Trust donated \$10 million to build a 32,000 square foot, state-of-the-art facility to meet the needs of 12,000 youth who live within walking distance, as well as more than 80,000 youth residing within two miles. The facility will be built on 2.5 acres of Armstrong Ranch land that was donated by C.J. Segerstrom & Sons in 2004. The two-story center will include a child zone and learning center, a fitness facility, and a health and wellness center. The outdoor recreational facility includes a speed soccer arena, pop fountain, and an Olympic pool that will be shared with Segerstrom High School. The facility will be built on the corner of Alton and Raitt Streets. Mr. Voget introduced Dr. Patricia Riba, M.D. who described the new Children's Health Club and Wellness Center that will be built to benefit Santa Ana students where many are found to have health issues related to obesity. Mr. Voget introduced Mr. Don Jacobs, President of JZMK Partners, whose architect firm will build the center.

##### Update on Standards-Based Report Card Pilot

Mr. Ayala, Assistant Superintendent, Secondary Education, presented an update on the Standards-Based Report Card Pilot that offers proficiency-based report cards at Carr Intermediate, Mendez Fundamental Intermediate, and Villa Fundamental Intermediate Schools. He introduced school principals Mr. Patrick Yrarrazaval, Carr Intermediate; Ms. Cynthia Landsiedel, Mendez Fundamental Intermediate; and Ms. Dawn Miller, Fundamental Intermediate, who provided information on the grading pilot that, began at the beginning of 2007-08 school year. The proficiency-based report card allows parents to be better informed about their child's progress toward meeting the State Standards and potential for passing the California High School Exit Exam in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade. Each principal spoke in support of the pilot. The principals stated that the report card provides honest and accurate feedback on student progress. They talked about impact upon teachers who believe the new report card brings greater focus on standards, richer and more precise communication amongst students, parents, and teachers. At Carr, Mr. Yrarrazaval spoke about the unanimous support among members of the Academic Leadership Team who piloted the program. At Mendez Fundamental, Ms. Landsiedel stated that a survey to teachers showed a direct benefit between the new standards-based report card and the students' desire to be proficient, and at Villa Fundamental, Ms. Miller stated that a survey conducted through departments indicated overwhelming support from all teachers. Principals stated that, at all three schools, teachers want to continue the standards-based report card for the 2008-09 school year. The Board supported the extension of the pilot for one-year and encouraged other intermediate schools to begin the process.

##### Elementary Mathematics Adoption Update

Mr. Mendez, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary Education, and Ms. Freda Odum, Director of Elementary Student Achievement, presented an update on the elementary mathematics adoption. Mr. Mendez stated that at the April 8, 2008,

Board meeting the Board authorized staff to place Saxon and Houghton Mifflin mathematics programs on 28-day review, providing the opportunity for feedback from the school community. They reviewed student-performance research data for both textbooks, with comparative results from adjacent school districts such as Anaheim, Long Beach, and Norwalk-La Mirada. He reviewed staff development for Houghton Mifflin vs. Saxon. He stated that staff would continue to provide the Board with relevant information to guide in its decision. Mr. Mendez stated that the Board is scheduled to take action at the May 13, 2008, Board meeting to move forward with a selection of elementary K-5 mathematics textbooks and materials for initial implementation in the 2008-09 school year.

The Board asked for comparative data of District math scores to publisher scores.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Board President Hernández asked that those wishing to address the Board step to the podium.

The following individuals addressed the Board in support of the Saxon mathematics textbook on the Board agenda for 28-day review:

Susana Mejia, SAUSD student  
Douglas Denniston, SAUSD teacher  
Celeste Benninger, SAUSD teacher  
Keri Moreno, SAUSD parent  
Laurie Tristan, SAUSD parent and employee  
Margaret Chamberlin, SAUSD parent and employee  
Ginger Chambers, SAUSD parent  
Jeanette Mayer, SAUSD teacher  
Maria Flores, SAUSD parent  
Angelica Flores, SAUSD parent

The following individual addressed the Board in support of the Houghton-Mifflin mathematics textbook currently on 28-day review:

Greg Geck, SAUSD teacher

The following individuals addressed the Board in opposition of student movement from Newport Mesa School District to Taft Hard of Hearing school. They believe deaf and hard of hearing children benefit from an oral education program. Additionally, they stated that oral deaf education prepares children for success in mainstreaming, and that being surrounded by auditory students builds a child's confidence and life skills. They stated bussing and attrition was the reason SAUSD provided for bringing back students to Santa Ana.

Staff clarified that the Santa Ana Unified School District will be providing an oral program at Taft DHH for SAUSD students currently in the Newport Mesa program.

Eric Altman, Irvine parent  
Scott Surico, Fountain Valley parent

Monique Statler, SAUSD teacher, addressed the Board in regards to the RIF notice she received. She stated that she is a Speech & Debate Coach and Teacher of the Year. She also said that she spoke on behalf of others who have received RIF notices.

The following individuals addressed the Board with regard to budget reductions and they explained how cuts would affect school sites and most importantly student's education:

Patty Cortez, SAUSD parent and employee  
Janette Arellano, SAUSD employee  
Jessie Rodriguez, SAUSD employee  
Salvador Hernández, SAUSD employee

MEETING RECESSED AND RECONVENED

The meeting was recessed at 8:35 p.m. for a brief intermission and was reconvened at 8:52 p.m.

**CHANGE IN AGENDA ORDER**

It was with consensus of the Board that action be taken on Agenda Item 21.0 at this time.

**BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR CARVER, HOOVER, ROMERO-CRUZ, AND WILSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF HEROES ATTENDANCE BOUNDARY**

Mr. Dixon, Assistant Superintendent, Facilities and Governmental Relations, introduced the item. He then called upon Mr. Darryl Taylor, Planner, who provided the presentation. Mr. Taylor stated that Heroes Elementary School is a K-5 elementary school, on a 3.6-acre site that will open in September 2008, with a capacity of 650-870 students. The school was completed in December of 2007 at a total cost of \$21,789,163.

Mr. Taylor provided an overview of elementary schools' attendance in reference to boundary adjustments necessary for the establishment of Heroes Elementary School. As a result, the proposed Heroes attendance boundary will affect attendance for Carver, Hoover, Romero-Cruz, and Wilson Elementary Schools. Mr. Taylor reviewed a colored map illustrating the new proposed boundaries. Board discussion ensued in favor of the proposal. He shared the following changes in enrollment:

<b>SCHOOL</b>		
<b>Projected Enrollment for 2008-2009</b>		
	<i>Without Heroes K-5</i>	<i>With Heroes K-5</i>
Carver	540	486
Hoover	987	567
Romero-Cruz	351	314
Wilson	730	609
<b>Heroes Projected at:633</b>		

Mr. Taylor explained that Heroes Elementary was built as a High Performance School a "green school" which means that the school is a facility that improves the learning environment while saving energy, resources, and money. Also discussed was the removal of portables with a budget savings in the amount of \$143,000 and transportation savings in the amount of \$113,378. The proposal will relieve overcrowding at the aforementioned schools and return open/play area space. Registration at Heroes is scheduled for May-June 2008 in preparation of the first day of school on August 28. The Board requested that staff meet with the Washington Square Neighborhood Association to inform them of the proposal, prior to the next Board meeting when an item concerning the boundaries comes before the Board for action. The Board made several requests for staff to follow up.

This item was presented for discussion only. Board approval will be sought at the May 13, 2008, Board of Education meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 4-0 to approve the Minutes of the Special Board meeting of April 2, 2008; It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mrs. Avila, and carried 4-0, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of April 8, 2008; and it was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 4-0, to approve the revised Minutes, pages 577 and 578 of February 26, 2008.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

District staff removed agenda items 1.12 through 1.17 from the Consent Calendar and will return to a future Board meeting: Authorization to Obtain Request for Qualifications for Geotechnical Services for Future District Projects; Authorization to Obtain Request for Qualifications for Architectural Services for Future District Projects; Authorization to Obtain Request for Qualifications for Construction Management Services for Future District Projects; Authorization to Obtain Request for Qualifications for Property Survey Services for Future District Projects; Authorization to Obtain Request for Qualifications for California Environmental Quality Act Services for Future District Projects; and Authorization to Obtain Request for Qualifications Legal Services Related to Land Development and Financing.

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mrs. Avila, and carried a 3-0, Mr. Richardson and Dr. Yamagata-Noji absent, to approve the remaining items on the Consent Calendar as presented.

- 1.1 Approval of purchase order summary of orders \$25,000 and over for the period of March 26 through April 8, 2008.
- 1.2 Approval of expenditure summary and warrant listing of expenditures over \$25,000 for the period of March 26 through April 8, 2008.
- 1.3 Approval of agreements/contracts between the Santa Ana Unified School District and various consultants submitted during the period of March 26 through April 8, 2008.
- 1.4 Approval of disposal of obsolete unrepairable computer equipment, miscellaneous furniture, equipment, or textbooks.
- 1.5 Authorization to award contract for playground equipment to Sun Country Systems in the amount of \$247,997 utilizing the State of California Multiple Award Schedule.
- 1.6 Authorization to award a contract for site preparation and installation of playground equipment at Hoover Elementary to Flemming Environmental, Inc., in the amount of \$18,750.
- 1.7 Authorization to obtain bids for purchase of portable and mobile handheld radios Districtwide.
- 1.8 Authorization to obtain bids for purchase of first aid supplies Districtwide.
- 1.9 Authorization to obtain Requests for Proposals for fixed asset inventory management systems Districtwide.
- 1.10 Authorization to renew contracts for purchase of school paper supplies for warehouse stock in the amount of \$215,687.72.
- 1.11 Implementation of Administrative Regulation (AR) 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint procedures.
- 1.12 Authorization to Obtain Request for Qualifications for Geotechnical Services for Future District Projects.  
  
This item was removed from the Agenda and will return to a future Board meeting.
- 1.13 Authorization to Obtain Request for Qualifications for Architectural Services for Future District Projects

This item was removed from the Agenda and will return to a future Board meeting.

- 1.14 Authorization to Obtain Request for Qualifications for Construction Management Services for Future District Projects

This item was removed from the Agenda and will return to a future Board meeting.

- 1.15 Authorization to Obtain Request for Qualifications for Property Survey Services for Future District Projects

This item was removed from the Agenda and will return to a future Board meeting.

- 1.16 Authorization to Obtain Request for Qualifications for California Environmental Quality Act Services for Future District Projects

This item was removed from the Agenda and will return to a future Board meeting.

- 1.17 Authorization to Obtain Request for Qualifications Legal Services Related to Land Development and Financing

This item was removed from the Agenda and will return to a future Board meeting.

- 1.18 Approval of extended field trips in accordance with Board Policy 6153 - School-Sponsored Trips and Administrative Regulation (AR) 6153.1 - Extended School-Sponsored Trips. Attached is a copy of the approved field trips.

- 1.19 Approval of consultant agreement with nonpublic agency for students with disabilities for the 2007-08 school year.

- 1.20 Approval of master contracts and/or individual service agreements with nonpublic schools/agencies for students with disabilities for the 2007-08 school year.

- 1.21 Approval of recommendation by the Administrative hearing panels to expel students, as listed, for the recommended terms including the remediation conditions:

182079 - Community Day Intermediate

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph a, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District, and that the date eligible to reapply be on or after June 19, 2008.

157185 - Sierra Intermediate

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph a, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District, and that the date eligible to reapply be on or after February of 2009.

192481 - Spurgeon Intermediate

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraphs b & f, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District for the spring semester, 2007-08 school year and that the expulsion order be suspended for the fall semester of the 2008-09 school year, and that the student be permitted to return to a District school/program on a probationary status during this time period.

326181 - Spurgeon Intermediate

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraphs b & f, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District for the spring semester, 2007-08 school year and that the expulsion order be suspended for the fall semester of the 2008-09 school year, and that the student be permitted to return to a District school/program on a probationary status during this time period.

- 1.22 Adoption of Resolution No. 07/08-2726 - Certifying a Board member's absence from a Board meeting - Mr. Palacio.

- 1.23 Adoption of Resolution No. 07/08-2727 - Certifying a Board member's absence from Board meetings - Dr. Yamagata-Noji.

- 1.24 Approval of travel expenses for Rob Richardson to Sacramento.

**REGULAR ACTION ITEMS****2.0 ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH BOARD POLICY (BP) 3290 - GIFTS, GRANTS, AND BEQUESTS**

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 4-0 to accept the gifts in accordance with Board Policy 3290 - Gifts, Grants, and Bequests. A list is attached to the Minutes.

**3.0 AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD CONTRACTS FOR PURCHASE OF INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES FOR WAREHOUSE STOCK.**

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried a 4-0, to authorize award contracts to Southwest School & Office Supply, School Specialty, Office Depot, and Pioneer Stationers, Inc. for purchase of instructional supplies for warehouse stock.

**4.0 AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DATA BASE CONTRACTOR**

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried a 4-0, to authorize the awarding of contract for Emergency Management Database to Prepared Response.

**5.0 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 07/08-2725 - AUTHORIZATION OF SIGNATURES FOR SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 4-0, to adopt Resolution No. 07/08-2725 - authorizing Ronald W. Murrey, Associate Superintendent, Business Services, and Kelvin Tsunezumi, Executive Director, Fiscal Services, as Signatories for Santa Ana Unified School District

**6.0 ACCEPTANCE OF COMPLETION OF CONTRACT FOR BID PACKAGES NO. 07-09B AND 07-11C FOR FACILITIES RELOCATION PROJECT**

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 4-0, to accept the April 22, 2008, completion of contracts with the P.H. Hagopian Contractor for bid packages No. 07-09B, and 07-11C for the construction of Facilities Relocation Project for a total amount of \$1,327,620.

**7.0 AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN BIDS FOR INSTALLATION OF AIR CONDITIONING EQUIPMENT AT FREMONT AND GARFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 4-0, to authorize the obtaining of bids for the installation of air conditioning equipment at Fremont and Garfield Elementary Schools.

**8.0 AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW COMPETITIVELY BID CONTRACTS FOR 2008-09 FISCAL YEAR**

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 4-0, to authorize the renewing of competitively bid contracts for the 2008-09 fiscal year for the term of the original contracts.

**9.0 APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR CARL D. PERKINS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION FUNDS**

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 4-0, to approve submission of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Funds application.



**10.0 RATIFICATION OF CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN VOCATIONAL AND APPLIED TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION ACT TECH-PREP CONSORTIUM FOR 2007-08 SCHOOL YEAR**

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 4-0, to ratify the continued participation in Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act (VATEA) 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 2007-08 school year.

**11.0 HIGH SCHOOL MATHEMATICS TEXTBOOKS AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS RECOMMENDED FOR 28-DAY REVIEW**

This was presented for 28-day review; no vote required.

**12.0 APPROVAL TO PARTICIPATE IN SPRINT AHEAD FOR EDUCATION GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR HOOVER ACADEMY AND ROP/HIGH SCHOOL INC. ACADEMIES AT VALLEY HIGH FOR 2008-09 SCHOOL YEAR**

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 4-0, to approve the submission of the Sprint Ahead for Education Grant applications for Hoover Academy and ROP/High School Inc. Academies at Valley High School for 2008-09 school year.

**13.0 APPROVAL OF ELEMENTARY SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR 2007-08 SCHOOL YEAR CONTINGENT UPON STATE FUNDING**

The Board expressed concern about the cost of running summer school with an encroachment to the General Funds Account. The Board has asked staff to research alternative funds to pay for summer school and return it to the next Board meeting.

**14.0 APPROVAL OF FIRST AMENDMENT TO STATE SCHOOL READINESS CONTRACT WITH CHILDREN & FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY FOR 2007-10 SCHOOL YEARS**

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 4-0, to approve the first amendment to State School Readiness contract with Children & Families Commission of Orange County for 2007-10 school years.

**15.0 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 07/08-2720 AUTHORIZATION OF CONTRACT FOR PRE-KINDERGARTEN AND FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAM FUNDING 2007-2008 PROGRAM YEAR**

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 4-0, to adopt Resolution No. 07/08-2720 for authorization of contract for Pre-Kindergarten and Family Literacy Contract funding for the 2007-08 program year.

**16.0 APPROVAL OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 07/08-2721 AUTHORIZATION OF PRE-KINDERGARTEN AND FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAM SUPPORT CONTRACT FOR 2007-2008 PROGRAM YEAR**

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 4-0, to adopt Resolution No. 07/08-2721 for authorization of Pre-Kindergarten and Family Literacy Program Support Contract for the 2007-08 program year.

**17.0 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 07/08-2722 - PROCLAIMING MAY 2008 AS ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 4-0, to adopt Resolution No. 07/08-2722, designating May 2008 as SAUSD's Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

**18.0 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 07/08-2723 - PROCLAIMING MAY 6-12, 2008, AS NATIONAL SCHOOL NURSES' WEEK**

It was moved by Mrs. Avila, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 4-0, to adopt Resolution No. 07/08-2723, as National School Nurses' Week.

**19.0 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 07-08-2724 - PROCLAIMING MAY 4-10, 2007, AS NATIONAL TEACHER/SUPPORT STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK AND CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE WEEK MAY 18-24, 2008**

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 4-0, to adopt Resolution No. 07/08-2724, designating May 4-10 2008, as National Teacher/Support Staff Appreciation Week and May 18-24, 2008, as Classified Employee Week.

**20.0 APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL ACTION**

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 4-0, to approve the personnel calendar in its entirety. A copy of the personnel calendar is attached to the Minutes.

**21.0 BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR CARVER, HOOVER, ROMERO-CRUZ, AND WILSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF HEROES ATTENDANCE BOUNDARY**

This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.

**22.0 BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS/ACTIVITIES**Mrs. Avila

- She stated that she appreciates nurses, teachers, and staff as they provide invaluable inspiration, encouragement, and support to students. Wished them a great celebration for all their work!

Mr. Palacio

- He communicated to staff that at a previous Board meeting, Board inquired about the plan to cut \$2.5 million in Special Education.

Mr. Richardson

- He asked staff to make certain they are rapidly communicating to staff that no Board member takes pleasure in issuing RIF notices and realizes that individuals are valuable to the SAUSD, and hopefully, the number of staff reduced will dwindle down.
- He went to Sacramento recently and said that there is talk about the budget, but no relief in sight. He was in a meeting of the Assembly Health Committee, where Senator Solorio presented a piece of legislation that would require health insurance companies to disclose commission paid. It was unanimously approved and will now go to the appropriations committee and eventually to the Senate.
- He commented on the Segerstrom High necktie he was wearing and said that they are on sale at the high school.

Mr. Hernández

- He wanted staff members who received RIF notices to know that they are an integral part of the District and that no one takes pleasure in any of this, it comes down from Sacramento. He stated that he is hoping for a resolution soon.
- He visited Garfield Elementary with Superintendent Russo recently, and stated that it is an exemplary site. He was impressed with students and credited teachers and parents.
- He also stated that as the Board is prepared to deal with the math adoption, it is important that it starts in the classroom and congratulated teachers for their hard work.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2008, 2008, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Jane A. Russo  
Secretary  
Santa Ana Board of Education