

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

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
SANTA ANA BOARD OF EDUCATION

May 27, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Board President Hernández. Other members in attendance were Mr. Richardson and Mrs. Avila. Mr. Palacio arrived at 5:20 p.m. and Dr. Yamagata-Noji was not present at the meeting and Mr. Richardson left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Cabinet members present were Ms. Russo, Dr. Olsky, Mr. Murrey, Mr. Lopez, Mr. Mendez, Mr. Ayala, and Mr. Dixon. Ms. Lohnes was not present.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

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

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 Romero-Cruz student Ruby Mata.

Classified Employee for the Month of May - Louie Macias

Mr. Dan Salcedo, Principal, Santa Ana High School, honored Mr. Macias as Classified Employee of the Month for the month of May. Mr. Macias serves as Santa Ana High School's Athletic Equipment Tech II. He performs his duties with courtesy and respect, efficiency, a consistent positive attitude, and goes above and beyond the call of duty. Louie's efficiency and attention to the details of daily operations at Santa Ana High creates a smooth and welcoming environment in the athletic department and the entire school. Mr. Macias was commended by members of the Board and congratulated by all those present for his service to the students of the District. With Mr. Macias were his wife, two children, and Santa Ana High staff. He was presented with a commemorative plaque and a gift certificate to his favorite restaurant.

Longevity Recognition for Employees Who Have Served for 25, 30, and 35 Years

The Board of Education annually recognizes those employees who have served the Santa Ana Unified School District for 25, 30, and 35 years. From over 500 employees with service in these categories, 40 were in attendance and were presented with plaques and/or certificates. The employees received personal greetings from the Superintendent and Trustees and were commended for their dedication to the students of the District.

MEETING RECESSED AND RECONVENED

At 6:35 p.m., President Hernández recessed the Regular Meeting for a reception to honor the employees receiving longevity awards hosted by the SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union. The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 6:50 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent introduced the Santa Ana Unified School District Educators of the Year. Armando Gutierrez from Martin Elementary, Mr. Gutierrez was also named the 2009 County Teacher of the Year by the Orange County Department of Education and will now compete in the State competition. Cristina Coello-Barber from MacArthur Intermediate, Daniel Echeverria from Lorin Griset Academy, and Adriana Isabel Huevo, Districtwide Support Services Educator of the Year from Segerstrom High School. The Board congratulated each one for their outstanding service to the students of Santa Ana.

Ms. Russo introduced student teams from Valley and Santa Ana High Schools who were among 46 Southern California teams to take part in the Metropolitan Water District's 2008 Solar Cup Powered Boat competition on May 16-18 in Temecula. It was a culmination of a seven-month program encompassing lessons in engineering and natural resources management, construction, and ultimately racing of a solar-powered boat. The Santa Ana High team, led by math teacher Alex Bassine, won 2nd place in the 200-meter sprint race and 3rd place in the video presentation category, rookie division. Also led by Regional Occupational Program instructor Larry Mireles, was the Valley High School Inc. team who did not compete due to technical difficulties, but displayed true sportsman-like qualities by aiding the Santa Ana High team with their berth. The teams, along with sponsor Mr. Burke of the Metropolitan Water District were in attendance to tell about their experiences. The Superintendent and Board members thanked the students and staff for their great work.

Dalia Raya, an 8th grade student from Lathrop Technology Magnet School, delighted the audience as she read her award winning essay which "spells out" her version of the life-shaping tradition "Laws of Life". Dalia, was inspired by the following prompt: Persuade your audience that respect for self and others is important in shaping a significant life. The Board commended her for a well-written essay that speaks louder than words.

The Superintendent next presented the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program, which is a college preparatory program that begins in middle school. Kathy Apps, SAUSD GATE Coordinator for secondary schools, and Denise Harshman from the Orange County Department of Education, presented a special recognition to Scholarship winners. They called up the following students who received special honors and who were recognized at the Angel Stadium on May 7 as AVID Standouts:

Lathrop Intermediate - Adrianna Alejandre	Middle College - Brenda Minjares
Mendez Fundamental Intermediate - Cristina Garcia	Saddleback High - Brenda Moreno
Sierra Intermediate - Vianey Gonzalez	Saddleback High - Daisy Castro
Villa Fundamental Intermediate - Meyri Velasquez	Santa Ana High - Lisette Vega
Willard Intermediate - Cristina Guzman	Santa Ana High - Montserrat Garcia

Last week was Classified Employees' Week. The Classified School Employees Association (CSEA) held a luncheon at Godinez Fundamental High School. Ms. Russo congratulated the 2008 classified school employees of the year nominees. Along with others statewide, the names of SAUSD's six nominees for classified employee of the year appeared in a recent ad in a Sunday edition of the Orange County Register. They are Rachel Banda, Maria Barrios, Debra Garrow, Gloria Lopez, Thomas Munoz, and Grace Quintero.

Ms. Russo announced that the Lorin Griset Academy earned a six-year WASC Accreditation, the highest distinction that a high school can receive from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. The team reviews the school program offerings to determine its ability to prepare students to earn a high school diploma. The Superintendent and Board of Education congratulated Principal Virginia Eshtehardi, the staff, parents, and students for this great accomplishment.

Maria Jesus Garcia, Bilingual Resource Teacher at Lincoln Elementary was awarded the Multiple Subject Outstanding Part-Time Faculty 2008 Award for her outstanding dedication to the students and staff at Chapman University. She has been teaching at Chapman University for the past year and a half. She represents SAUSD well.

Ms. Russo congratulated Veronica Perez & Gerry Oxx, Santa Ana High School Counselors, who were selected to present at the National Forum for The College Board next November. Their session, Accountability for College Counseling, is sure to put Santa Ana High School and Santa Ana Unified on the map, in the field of high school counseling.

The Superintendent drew the attention of those present to the beautiful artwork posted in the Board Room from Madison and Romero-Cruz Elementary Schools.

PRESENTATION

May Revision Update of 2008-09

Mr. Murrey introduced Mr. Stephen Rhoads, from Strategic Education Services, who provided an overview of the 2008-09 Governor's proposed Budget. Mr. Rhoads began his presentation by stating that Vice President Richardson supported Assembly Bill 2589, authored by Assemblyman Jose Solorio. This Bill would require healthcare insurance providers and healthcare plans to annually disclose commissions paid in respect to contracts. He noted that, Mr. Richardson did such an outstanding job speaking to legislators, that there was not a single "no" vote in the assembly for the Bill.

Mr. Rhoads continued with the presentation. He stated that the Governor's budget is a projected budget and the final budget will be approved later this year. Mr. Rhoads presented a budget overview that included the following:

- Additional funding for education in the amount of \$1.1 billion
- Revenues in 2008 down by \$6 billion
- Lottery proposal in the amount of \$5 billion
- More cuts to health and social services in the amount of \$1.1 billion
- Budget stabilization and lottery ballot measure being an integral part of solving this year's budget problem. (If the measure does not pass, a \$.1 cent sales tax will be implemented)

Mr. Rhoads discussed cuts in education of \$4 billion from statutory COLA by 5.66%; cuts in categorical programs by 6.5%; K-12 year-to-year increase of \$72 million; and stated that Districts with a larger number of disadvantaged students would be cut even more than districts with affluent students.

He then reviewed flexibility options that included reducing reserve requirements for two years, increase apportionments to insure 2% COLA from categorical programs, and the reducing of reserves for routine maintenance from 3% to 2%.

Mr. Rhoads stated that the State's remaining Budget shortfall is approximately 14.5 billion. He then reviewed the following:

Problem as of January is:	-\$14.5
Plus May Forecast	
Lower revenues	-\$6.0
Higher spending	-\$1.7
Equals Revised Problem	-\$22.2
Subtract Special Session Solutions	+\$7.0
Equals Remaining Problem	-\$15.2
Plus Proposed Solutions	-\$17.2
Equals May Revision Reserve of:	\$2.0

Mr. Rhoads stated that the next Legislative steps include:

- No action until after June 3 Primary
- Legislative Budget Proposal soon after
- Specific Tax increase will not be known until late June
- Increase Education funding by at least \$1 billion
- Funding tied to tax increase
- Major categorical programs will be restored - EIA, transportation, K-3 CSR

Mr. Murrey then provided a financial review of the Governor's May Revise for 2008-09 and its impact to the SAUSD. He stated that there were revenue shifts allowing flexibility options that included a one-time item that would allow a transfer of 2% Revenue Limit funds from Categorical programs to the General Funds allowing funds to be used for unrestricted expenditures. Other flexibility options would be a high risk in Mr. Murrey's opinion. An example would be to reduce the routine maintenance contribution from 3% to 2% and reduce the reserve for economic uncertainty from 2% to 1%. He stated that these reductions may cause compliance issues and a lack of funds for emergency expenditures. Another high-risk option would be to eliminate General Fund transfers from the Deferred Maintenance Fund which would reduce funds needed to complete facility repairs.

Mr. Tsunozumi stated that there are two adjustments that will be presented in the District's final budget adoption in June with consideration to the Governor's Budget. Deficit reduction in the amount of \$7.1 million and restoration of Special Education cuts in the amount of \$1.8 million.

Mr. Tsunozumi noted that utilizing 2nd Interim financials updated with the above adjustments will be less than originally expected. However, the District must still make cuts in the amount of \$11 million in addition to the \$16.2 million previously authorized by the Board, now having to reduce \$27.2 million for the 2008-09 school year and \$10 million for the 2009-10 school year to maintain state mandated reserves. Mr. Murrey interjected, and stated that given uncertainties with respect to the approval of the Governor's proposals that additional cuts of \$15 million is required rather than the \$11 million that was noted. He stated that COLA salary increases for all years are not yet negotiated and are, therefore, not included in costs. Mr. Tsunozumi stated that staff would be bringing budget reductions to the Board at a future Board meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

President Hernández declared the Public Hearing open to receive comments regarding the Charter Renewal Petition for Edward B. Cole Sr. Academy. He asked those wishing to speak to come forward at that time.

Ms. Kitty Fortner, Principal of the Edward B. Cole Sr. Academy presented information regarding the charter school. She stated that Templo Calvario Community Development Corporation has partnered with the SAUSD for the past five years in the education of the students. She reviewed the school-wide goals and described the daily activities at the school. She stated that parents play an integral role in the educational process and the school has built relationships with the community to maintain a healthy and safe environment. In addition, she stated that administration believe that they must model high expectations for students in order to receive high achieving students. Ms. Fortner introduced Board members in attendance.

Mr. Lee DeLeon, President and CEO of Templo Calvario Community Development Corporation, stated that he was pleased to have partnered with the Edward B. Cole Sr. Academy and has been in collaboration with the Academy for five years. He stated that partnership speaks to accountability and thanked the Board of Education and SAUSD for their support.

Hearing no further comments regarding the Charter Renewal Petition for Edward B. Cole Sr. Academy, Mr. Hernandez declared the hearing closed.

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 Edward B. Cole Sr. Academy. They urged the Board of Education to approve the charter school when submitted for renewal.

Jesse Cisneros, SAUSD parent
Josefina Anaya, SAUSD student
Olivia Lopez, SAUSD parent
Mercedes Contreras, SAUSD parent
Olivia Cisneros, SAUSD student
Juan Morales, SAUSD parent
Sam Perla, SAUSD parent

The following individuals addressed the Board in support of the Youth Martial Arts and Fitness (YMAF) program. They urged the Board to extend the Karate Program, as many students cannot be served due to the limited size offering at this time. Following the speakers, the children presented a karate demonstration to the Board.

Jerry Cazales, SAUSD community member
Stacey Silva, SAUSD community member
Mila Baez, SAUSD community member
Jose Torres, SAUSD community member
Silvestre Cruz, SAUSD community member
Erika Gomez, SAUSD parent
Kenjy Rodriguez, SAUSD student
Kimberly Rodriguez, SAUSD student
Elizabeth Leon, SAUSD student
Pablos Ornelas, SAUSD parent
Leticia Bravo, SAUSD parent
Audelio Chavez, SAUSD parent

Jesus Vega, SAUSD parent
Martin Hernández, SAUSD parent
Catalina Rodriguez, SAUSD parent
Rodolfo Rodriguez, SAUSD student
Abigail Rodriguez, SAUSD student

The following students addressed the Board with concerns of the AVID teacher receiving a RIF notice. They believe the program will discontinue should the teacher not return. They also voiced concerns about staff members at their respective school site.

Francisco Acevedo, SAUSD student
Diana Lopez, SAUSD student
Jennifer Zavala, SAUSD student

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mrs. Avila, and carried 3-0, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of May 13, 2008.

1.0 APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

The following items were removed from the Consent Calendar and will be returned to a future Board meeting: Approval of Consultant Agreement for Legal Services and Approval of Amendment to Classified Employees Layoffs.

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mrs. Avila, and carried 3-0 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 April 23 through May 13, 2008.
- 1.2 Approval of expenditure summary and warrant listing of expenditures over \$25,000 for the period of April 23 through May 13, 2008.
- 1.3 Approval of agreements/contracts between the Santa Ana Unified School District and various consultants submitted during the period of April 23 through May 13, 2008
- 1.4 Approval of disposal of obsolete unrepairable computer equipment, miscellaneous furniture, equipment, or textbooks.
- 1.5 Authorization to award contracts for site preparation and installation of playground equipment to Micon Construction Inc. for \$25,155; R.E. Schultz Construction Services for \$19,460 and \$22,545; Fleming Environmental, Inc. for \$14,750; and Creative Contractors for \$8,800.
- 1.6 Authorization of public surplus system as an additional resource for disposal of District surplus property.
- 1.7 Authorization to obtain bids for exercise equipment at Santa Ana High School.
- 1.8 Approval of Consultant Agreement for Legal Services.

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

- 1.9 Approval of Change Order No. 5 for Qualified Zone Academy Bond (QZAB) project in the amount of \$8,332.93 for a revised total construction cost of \$2,773,059.98.

- 1.10 Approval of Change Order No. 5 for Bid Package No. 13 for construction of Valley High School modernization project in the amount of \$46,000 for a revised total construction cost of \$20,167,866.48.
- 1.11 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.
- 1.12 Approval of Amendment to Classified Employees Layoffs.
- 1.13 Approval of master contracts and/or individual service agreements with nonpublic schools/agencies for students with disabilities for the 2007-08 school year.
- 1.14 Approval of recommendation by the Administrative hearing panels to expel students, as listed, for the recommended terms including the remediation conditions:

182100 - McFadden Intermediate

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph b, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District, and that the date eligible to reapply be on or after February 3, 2009.

191003 - Monte Vista Intermediate

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraphs a & b, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District, for the balance of the spring semester, 2007-08 school year, and the expulsion order be suspended until June 19, 2008, and that the student be permitted to return to a District/program on a probationary status.

190152 - 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 3, 2009.

300183 - Spurgeon Intermediate

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph b, 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.

306036 - Spurgeon Intermediate

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph i, 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.

3220803 - Spurgeon Intermediate

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph g, 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.

REGULAR ACTION ITEMS

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

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mrs. Avila, and carried 3-0, to accept the gifts in accordance with Board Policy 3290 - Gifts, Grants, and Bequests. A list is attached to the Minutes.

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH THINK TOGETHER FOR MANAGEMENT OF AFTER SCHOOL EDUCATION AND SAFETY PROGRAMS FOR 2008-09 SCHOOL YEAR

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Hernández, and carried 3-0, to approve the THINK Together, Inc. agreement for management of the After School Education and Safety Program for the 2008-09 school year.

4.0 ACCEPTANCE OF COMPLETION OF CONTRACT FOR REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF AIR CONDITIONING EQUIPMENT AT CENTURY HIGH SCHOOL

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mrs. Avila, and carried 3-0, to accept the completion of contract to Los Angeles Air Conditioning, Inc., in the amount of \$1,386,000 for the removal and replacement of air conditioning equipment at Century High School.

5.0 AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE, INSTALLATION AND REMOVAL OF DEMOUNTABLE WALLS DISTRICTWIDE

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mrs. Avila, and carried 3-0, authorizing the amendment of a contract to Interior Walls Systems, in the amount of \$265,000 for the purchase, installation, and removal of demountable walls Districtwide.

6.0 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 07/08-2732 - PROCLAIMING JUNE 13, 2008, AS PARENTS' DAY

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mrs. Avila, and carried 3-0, to adopt Resolution No. 07/08-2732 - designating June 13, 2008, as Santa Ana Unified School District's Parents' Day. Attached is a copy of the Resolution.

7.0 APPROVAL OF FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH CHILDREN & FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY

It was moved by Mrs. Avila, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 3-0, to approve the first amendment to contract with Children & Families Commission of Orange County Healthy Tomorrows Project.

8.0 HIGH SCHOOL MATHEMATICS TEXTBOOKS AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Hernández, and carried 3-0, to adopt the recommended high school mathematics textbooks and instructional materials.

9.0 HIGH SCHOOL FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEXTBOOKS AND INSTRUCTION MATERIALS RECOMMENDED FOR 28-DAY REVIEW

Presented for 28-day review; no vote required.

10.0 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 07/08-2730 - ORDER OF BIENNIAL TRUSTEE ELECTION AND SPECIFICATIONS OF ELECTION ORDER

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mrs. Avila, and carried 3-0, to adopt Resolution No. 07/08-2730 - to order Biennial Trustee Election and Specifications of the election order and calling for the election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2008.

11.0 APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL ACTION

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mrs. Avila, and carried 3-0, to approve the personnel calendar as presented.

12.0 BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS/ACTIVITIESMrs. Avila

- She looks forward to the THINK Together dinner on Thursday, May 29. Mr. Bren with the Irvine Company will present an \$8.5 million check that will assist the after-school program.

Mr. Palacio

- In the Weekly Bulletin to the Board of Education (WBBE), Learning for Life information was sent to the Board. He requested additional information regarding the financial aspects of the organization.
- Re: the California High School Exit Exam, he requested the number of students who have passed vs. not passed. Additionally, he requested the number of students that have received GEDs or diplomas in the past two years.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

By a vote of 4-0 the Board took action to approve a Workers' Compensation Stipulated Award in the amount of \$78,496.25 regarding a classified employee 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

By a vote of 4-0 the Board took action to approve the Settlement of Release Agreement regarding a certificated employee as identified in Closed Session.

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

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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 the termination of a classified employee as identified in Closed Session.

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

By a vote of 4-0 the Board took action to appoint Christeen Badolian to the position of Assistant Director of Fiscal Services.

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

By a vote of 4-0 the Board took action to appoint Donna Kertman to the position of Principal at Muir Elementary School.

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

By a vote of 4-0 the Board took action to appoint Norris Perez to the position of Principal at Wilson Elementary School.

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

By a vote of 4-0 the Board took action to approve the rejection of a claim for damages.

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2008, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Jane A. Russo
Secretary
Santa Ana Board of Education