

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

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING  
SANTA ANA BOARD OF EDUCATION

June 10, 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 Mr. Palacio. Dr. Yamagata-Noji and Mrs. Avila arrived at 5:15 p.m.

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

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 6:20 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Jefferson Elementary student Jose De Jesus Rea, III.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Russo announced that Partners-In-Education Deloitte & Touché, LLP, for the past four years have come into our schools for an Impact Day. They have painted classrooms, created murals, improved landscaping, and lead Junior Achievement sessions. This being the 5<sup>th</sup> year that the Deloitte team of more than 300 employees have volunteered at various school sites. Last Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> Deloitte converged on the Lowell Elementary campus to embellish the school, and although we had an incident the next day, it has been resolved with the help of the local Boys & Girls Club. Michelle Kerns, Manager, Field Operations & Community Involvement and Kevin Wijayawickrama, IMPACT Day partner, were in attendance. Board members thanked them for their commitment to Santa Ana students and schools.

Mr. Bautista's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class at Washington Elementary School won the Best Editing award at the 42<sup>nd</sup> annual Student Media Festival with the iMovie entry "There's a Penguin at Washington Elementary," one of thousands of projects submitted statewide. The three-minute video was produced, filmed, and edited by

GATE students and Mr. Bautista as part an after-school technology film making project highlighting Jiji the Penguin from the MIND Research Institute. Students and Mr. Bautista teacher were in attendance. The video was presented to the Board. The Board commended the students and teacher for an outstanding job.

Villa Intermediate Counselor Maria Colmenares, Coordinator of the *A Better Chance* Scholarship program, summarized the program. She stated that all students have received a 3.5 GPA or better in all three years of attending intermediate school and, that students were accepted at the most exclusive preparatory schools totaling \$500,000 in scholarships. She then introduced Ms. Smith, Counselor at Mendez Intermediate Fundamental. Thirty-eight student recipients from Villa, MacArthur, and Mendez Fundamentals, and Sierra and Willard intermediate were each congratulated as counselors respectively identified preparatory schools and called their names. Ms. Colmenares and Ms. Smith are retiring this year. Ms. Colmenares will continue to volunteer her time to Villa and Mendez Fundamental Intermediate Schools.

Santa Ana High School's Wrestling Team won the CIF Division IV Dual Meet Championships. Santa Ana High School has won this prestigious award since 1996. They also finished as runner-ups in the Inland Empire Division of CIF Championships. Ms. Russo introduced Coach Scott Glabb, who introduced 15 champions wearing CIF rings. The Board thanked the coach and students for this great accomplishment.

Superintendent Russo highlighted some of the best-prepared teachers in the District. Twenty-three SAUSD teachers completed the requirements for the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certification. These teachers have met the high and rigorous standards to advance the quality of teaching. They are strengthened in their practice and emerge from the experience with a lasting commitment to professional growth. All 34 teachers received recognition from the Superintendent, and Board members.

Ms. Russo announced that Middle College High School, placed 4<sup>th</sup> in a series of Orange County Register articles ranking Orange County public high schools in academics, career/college planning and school culture and environment categories. She congratulated Principal Williams, staff, and students.

Congratulations to all the intermediate schools who participated in this year's Academic Pentathlon Competition. They are Carr, Mendez, MacArthur, McFadden, and Villa. The most notable student results are From Villa Fundamental, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Belinda Esqueda, Honor, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Language and Literature; Sean Khin, Scholastic, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Language & Literature; 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Jesus Andrade, Varsity, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Overall. McFadden Intermediate, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Kenneth Iwaki, Scholastic, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Math; Vietsimon Tran, Honor, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Science; and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, Nicolas Cazalis, Honor, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Essay, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Math, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Science and 1<sup>st</sup> Place Overall! Congratulations to all who participated, their coaches, principals, and parents for all of their support!

The Superintendent invited the community to attend high school commencement ceremonies beginning this week. Middle College High's ceremony will be held at Santa Ana College's Phillips Hall on June 11 at 1:00 p.m. Lorin Griset Academy's graduation is June 13 at 5:00 p.m. at Santa Ana High School; Century High's commencement will be held at Santa Ana Stadium on June 17 at 1:00 p.m. and Segerstrom's first graduating class will walk across the stage at 4:00 p.m. that day. Graduates from Chavez will be honored at Delhi Center later that evening at 6:00 p.m.

On June 18 the following commencements will take place at Santa Ana Stadium beginning with Valley High at 1:00 p.m.; Saddleback High at 4 p.m., and Santa Ana High at 7 p.m. For a complete list of times and dates for each school including 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion ceremonies, please visit our website at [www.sausd.us](http://www.sausd.us).

The Superintendent announced the Drawing for the Perfect Attendance Car Giveaway sponsored by Guaranty Chevrolet this Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. If you think or you know you have perfect attendance for both semesters of your high school year, check with your principal's office before Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at noon, and attend the event this Saturday, because the student must be present to win. There will be door prizes such as an IPOD Shuffle, Angels Baseball tickets, restaurant gift cards and a teen car control clinic session as well, which will lead to the Grand Prize of the brand new Chevy Aveo. The Guaranty Chevrolet dealership is located on 17<sup>th</sup> Street and the 5 Freeway.

Ms. Russo drew the attention to those present to the beautiful artwork posted in the Board Room from Fremont, Roosevelt, and Muir Elementary Schools.

The Superintendent thanked the Santa Ana community for voting on June 3, 2008. The SAUSD's Bond Measure passed with a 68.8% mandate from the voters. She stated that the passage of the bond is a result of an unprecedented alliance of elected officials on behalf of the children of Santa Ana including the Board of Education, Congresswoman Sanchez, State Senator Lou Correa, Assemblyman Jose Solorio, Mayor Miguel Pulido, Mayor Pro-Tem Claudia Alvarez, City Council members David Benavidez, Carlos Bustamante, Michelle Martinez, Vince Sarmiento, Sal Tinajero, parents SAEA, Business partners, community members, staff, and administrators. She noted that since 2001 there have been 13 education bond measures in Orange County, none had a higher yes vote than that achieved by SAUSD. She also thanked the Measure G Election Committee Chairpersons, Alfredo Amezcua and Mark McLoughlin who were present. She stated that with the implementation of Measure G, the District commits to transparency and accountability in every project. She stated that the District looks forward to bringing the Measure G Bond Oversight Committee to transform Santa Ana facilities and maximize student achievement. Each Board member voiced gratitude for everyone's tireless efforts in support of a positive turn out.

#### PRESENTATIONS

##### Update and Status of School Building Program

Mr. Joe Dixon, Assistant Superintendent Facilities and Governmental Relations, introduced this item and indicated that this will be the last presentation regarding past projects, as they are all substantially complete. Mr. Dixon then asked Mr. Hills to the podium to present the school building program updates.

Mr. Jerry Hills, Construction Manager, presented an update and status report of the SAUSD building program. He reviewed QZAB science room remodels at Carr, Spurgeon, and Willard Intermediate Schools. Projects are complete and closeout documents are being prepared. Mr. Hills then provided costs for projects under construction and completed projects for a total amount of \$484,541,861.

Mr. Dixon highlighted projects under development utilizing the Emergency Repair Program (ERP) consisting of deciles 1, 2, & 3 schools which are Saddleback and Valley High and Carr Intermediate. He reviewed Critically Overcrowded Schools (COS) and Portable to Permanent (P2P) projects at Diamond, Greenville Fundamental, Kennedy, Lowell Madison, Martin, and Santiago elementary schools and Carr intermediate school. He stated that the Facilities Master Plan implementation to be paid by the Overcrowded Relief Grant, at Hoover, Lowell, Madison, Martin, Monte Vista, Remington, Sepulveda, Taft, and Wilson elementary schools and Carr, MacArthur, McFadden, and Willard intermediate schools, and Santa Ana Saddleback High Schools would be presented to the Board in July. Also

coming to the Board in July will be the new Bond Oversight Committee members as the selection process will be complete.

PRESENTATION

Review of 2008-09 Budget

Superintendent Russo introduced the item and stated that at the Special Board meeting of June 4, 2008, budget reduction proposals were presented to the Board as a result of the current State budget crises. Several areas were identified for budget reductions that included the District Office and Special Education. Discussion ensued. Also discussed was the implementation of Site Base Programs at school sites Districtwide, music and arts, and Class Size Reduction. The Board requested additional information and staff is prepared to address those questions and/or requests.

Mr. Murrey, Associate Superintendent, introduced Dr. Wendy Benkert with the OCDE who was present at the meeting. He provided information to the Board in reference to balancing the 2008-09 budget, keeping in mind, the Governor's May Revise. He stated that schools continue to be under-funded with continued declining enrollment. He stated that due to the Governor's budget the SAUSD looked at additional reductions added to reductions previously made. The additional amount of reductions presented at the meeting was \$14 million.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji asked for clarification regarding the adoption of the Budget by the State of California. She stated that it seems as though the State, by withholding payments until late spring, is hoping to save money. She indicated that this would create problems for all districts with payroll for employees. Those districts without adequate provisions would then have to borrow money and pay interest on that money just to meet payroll obligations to their employees.

Mr. Murrey stated that Dr. Yamagata-Noji was correct and would provide information to the Board which has been received from the State in this regard.

REVIEW OF BUDGET REDUCTION CONTINUED

Mr. Tsunozumi, Executive Director of Fiscal Services, provided a presentation on the 2008-09 Budget. He discussed the State economy, feedback on the Governor's May Revise, State Education Budget, and a breakdown of the 2008-09 SAUSD Budget. He stated that in order for the District to maintain its positive certification the District must maintain a 2% Reserve for the current year and two years out. He stated that SAUSD recommended \$14 million in additional budget reductions beyond the \$16.2 million ongoing cuts that the Board authorized in January for 2008-09 school year. Mr. Tsunozumi stated that the Multi-year projections do not include COLA salary increases for 2008-09 or any future years. It does include salary increases related to step and column and longevity. The Budget also includes revenues for all future years, increased by projected COLA. Mr. Tsunozumi warned that if national and state economics do not improve that 2009-10 and 2010-11 COLAs could be deficiated and this may require additional budget reductions in those years. He stated that the District's budgeted total Revenue is \$482 million and the total Expenditures is \$486 million resulting in a shortfall of \$4 million. Currently the ending Fund balance is \$18 million, with a total student enrollment of 54,369. He identified key Revenue Assumptions. He stated that total approved cuts from 2004-2009 totals \$95.2 million and the approved and pending cuts total \$109.2 million. He reiterated that reductions must be made in order to maintain the State mandate of a 2% minimum reserve for SAUSD.

Mr. Murrey stated at the Special Study Session on June 4, 2008, staff presented additional reductions in four areas. Administration looked at reduction plan components which included budgets at District offices, special education, school-based programs, and Class Size Reduction/categorical funding totaling \$14 million.

Discussion ensued in reference to personnel funding. Mr. Palacio recommended that staff refrain from using Measure G Funds to pay personnel.

The Administration then presented Budget reductions adjustments to the special education and music/art programs. Those reductions resulted in an overall \$500,000 decrease to the previously recommended \$14 million in reductions.

Mr. Palacio inquired about the \$2.5 special education plan. It was by Board consensus that the proposed Special Education plan required no further discussion.

Mrs. Avila asked for and received clarification that the action to be taken in this vote would provide funding for the Special Education Instructional Aides and that cuts to Arts and Music would not be used to make up that difference. She further received clarification that the Administration's proposal would not cut as much in the area of Special Education as had previously been proposed.

#### MEETING RECESSED AND RECONVENED

At 9:00 p.m., President Hernández recessed the Regular Meeting for a brief intermission. The meeting was reconvened at 9:20 p.m.

After further review and discussion, the reductions recommended for approval totaled \$13.5 million. The reductions for SAUSD centralized services was \$2.4 million, Special Education was \$1.3 million, site base budgets for \$3.8 million and elimination of CSR encroachment by the use of categorical funds \$6.0 million. Without encroaching on the General Funds, the Elementary music program will continue whereas elementary Arts in the Schools will no longer be funded.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji proposed that help be requested from the local arts community during these times of financial constraint. She also suggested that a benefit concert be held for the purpose of fundraising.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

The following individuals addressed the Board in opposition of lay offs to special education instruction assistants, outsourcing, Measure G, Class Size Reduction, and RIF notices. Others spoke about items that were not discussed at the meeting such as District Safety Officers and School Police Services. Ms. Russo stated that staff brought forward the aforementioned reductions in areas so that other areas are not affected.

Therese Mims, SAUSD parent  
Meg Robinson, SAUSD employee  
Pilar Sanchez, SAUSD employee  
Randy Fenwick, SAUSD employee  
Victoria Zaragoza, SAUSD parent & employee  
Leticia Vargas, SAUSD employee  
Marci Dallazen, SAUSD employee  
Alba Zamora, SAUSD parent  
Marylou Peña, SAUSD parent

The following individuals addressed the Board regarding personal special education issues.

Yolanda Ochoa, SAUSD parent  
Maria Saldana, SAUSD parent

Martha Artiaga, a SAUSD parent addressed the Board regarding an issue of attendance for her kindergartener.

#### CHANGE IN AGENDA ORDER

#### California High School Exit Exam Cumulative Results

Mr. Ayala, Assistant Superintendent, Secondary Education presented an update on the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE). He stated that the purpose of the CAHSEE is to improve student achievement in high school and to ensure that those graduating from high school are able to demonstrate competency in reading, writing, and mathematics. He provided CAHSEE pass rates by grade, outreach plans to the Class of 2006-07, plans for passing the CAHSEE and graduation. Dr. Heard presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the CAHSEE Success Plan and the Independent Study for Ultimate Success (ISUS) 2008-09 program.

Mr. Ayala stated that scores range from 275-450 and a passing score of 350 is required for graduation. While a score of 380 is required to meet the NCLB Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), percent proficient called annual measurable objectives. He stated that with the programs in place, there are more sophomores and juniors passing the CAHSEE in each section. Mr. Ayala stated that the class of 2006 had 2,262 graduates from a senior class of 3,217 and 35% of those students enrolled in a college or university per the National Clearinghouse data. There were 598 students that did not pass the CAHSEE and from that number, 498 students were credit deficient.

Mr. Ayala provided information regarding the CAHSEE Legislation, Valenzuela settlement of 2007. It states that students who fail to pass the CAHSEE and fail to graduate receive an additional two years of academic assistance. He stated that special education students were able to receive a waiver or exemption from CAHSEE.

From the class of 2007, there were 2,258 graduates out of 3,112 students. There were 710 who did not pass the CAHSEE and/or were credit deficient. The students were provided credit recovery or CAHSEE remediation in grade 13 with 506 students participating in the programs. He then identified the CAHSEE Success Plan for grades 7-12 implemented in 2007-08 school year. Mr. Ayala stated that there is a coordinated process for identifying, tracking, and monitoring students for CAHSEE preparation and passage as well as credit recovery. And a Task Force that is comprised of counselors, administrators, Santa Ana College Administration, and District staff in an effort to increase the graduation rate.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 3-0, Dr. Yamagata-Noji and Mrs. Avila not present to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of May 27, 2008.

#### **1.0 APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

The following items were removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion and separate action: Approval of Consultant Agreement for Legal Services and Approval of Amendment to Classified Employee Layoffs.

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 4-0, Mrs. Avila not present 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 May 14 through May 27, 2008.
- 1.2 Approval of expenditure summary and warrant listing of expenditures over \$25,000 for the period of May 14 through May 27, 2008.
- 1.3 Approval of agreements/contracts between the Santa Ana Unified School District and various consultants submitted during the period of May 14 through May 27, 2008.
- 1.4 Approval of disposal of obsolete unrepairable computer equipment, miscellaneous furniture, equipment, or textbooks.
- 1.5 Accept June 10, 2008, as completion of contract with USS Cal Builders for bid package No. 13 for the construction of Valley High School Modernization Project for a total amount of \$2,810,600.
- 1.6 Authorization to award a contract for exterior painting at Monte Vista Elementary to C.T. Georgiou Painting Company in the amount of \$37,000, Santiago Elementary to Alpha Décor and Painting, Inc. in the amount of \$37,000 and Santa Ana High School to Painting and Décor, Ltd. in the amount of \$11,490.
- 1.7 Approve of request for proposal for inspection of asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act mandated three-year inspection.
- 1.8 Authorization to obtain bids for flooring services to include sub floor testing Districtwide.
- 1.9 Authorization to obtain bids for roof repair Districtwide.
- 1.10 Acceptance of June 10, 2008, completion of contracts with USS Cal Builders, Johnson, Barnes & Finch, Westside Electric, J.M. Farman Co., The Seiss Co. dba Complete Door Systems, and Universal Metro contractors for bid packages No. 07-09A, 07-09A-4, 07-09B-04, 07-11E, 07-12C, and 7-12E for the construction of Facilities Relocation Project for a total amount of \$1,382,925.
- 1.11 Approval of consultant agreement for legal services.  
  
This item was presented for discussion and separate action.
- 1.12 Approval of amendment to Classified Employees Layoff.  
  
This item was presented for discussion and separate action.
- 1.13 Approval of California High School Exit Exam waivers for student with disabilities.
- 1.14 Approval of payment and/or reimbursement of costs incurred for designated instructional services for students with disabilities.
- 1.15 Approval of recommendation by the Administrative hearing panels to expel students, as listed, for the recommended terms including the remediation conditions:

337199 - Carr Intermediate

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph n, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District, and that the date eligible to reapply be on or after June 10, 2009.

168374 - Carr Intermediate

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraphs c & J, 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.

353896 - Carr Intermediate

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph n, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District, and that the date eligible to reapply be on or after June 10, 2009.

346612 - Carr Intermediate

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph n, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District, and that the date eligible to reapply be on or after June 10, 2009.

300980 - Carr 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 February 3, 2009.

177248 - Lathrop 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 February 3, 2009.

162051 - Lathrop 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 February 3, 2009.

337463 - McFadden 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.

146565 - Santa Ana High

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.

201339 - Santa Ana High

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraphs b & c, 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.

183924 - 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 February 3, 2009.

347282 - Willard 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.

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION AND SEPARATE ACTION****1.11 APPROVAL OF CONSULTANT AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES**

Mr. Palacio removed this item for clarification. Mr. Lopez stated that the invoice is an accumulative cost that includes a couple of months from former counsel charges, making it difficult to itemize. The costs on the document presented to the Board, represents various duties. Mr. Lopez stated that costs include RIF and BCLAD hearings and issues related to CSEA and SAEA on employee discipline. He noted that this year there is a huge savings in comparison to previous years. The item was also confirmed to be a ratification.



It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richardson and carried 4-0, Mrs. Avila absent, to ratify an increase in the amount, with the Law Offices of Eric Bathen in the amount of \$210,000.

#### **1.12 APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES LAYOFF**

Mr. Palacio removed this to indicate that he would be dissenting due to the item representing 155 special education instructional assistants.

It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 3-0-1, Mrs. Avila absent and Mr. Palacio dissenting, to approve the amended Classified Employee Layoffs.

### **REGULAR ACTION ITEMS**

#### **2.0 APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL BUDGET REDUCTIONS FOR 2008-09 SCHOOL YEAR**

Mr. Murrey summarized the recommended Budget reduction savings of \$13.5 million:

- Centralized Support Services for \$2.4 million
- Special Education after adjustment for \$1.3 million
- School Base Program for \$3.8 million
- Elimination of Artists in the School Program and fund the Class Size Reduction encroachment using State Lottery and Categorical funding \$60 million.

It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 3-1, Mrs. Avila was absent and Mr. Palacio dissenting, to approve the recommended reductions of at least \$13.5 million in additional Budget reductions for the 2008-09 school year.

#### **3.0 CALL FOR A PUBLIC HEARING: ADOPTION OF 2008-09 BUDGET**

It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 4-0, Mrs. Avila absent, to approve the call for a public hearing on the adoption of the 2008-09 Budget.

#### **4.0 APPROVAL OF PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT YEAR-5 RESTRUCTURING OPTION PLAN FOR ADAMS, FREMONT, MARTIN, AND WALKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

Mr. Mendez introduced the item and stated that four schools are currently in Program Improvement (PI) status year-4 and would be entering Year 5 in the 2008-09 school year. The No Child Left Behind Act, requires that schools entering their fifth year must implement a restructuring plan. The plan presented this evening was written by schools and District staff after a careful analysis of site level needs. Principals Roxanna Owings from Walker, Lisa Solomon from Martin, Melanie Champion from Adams, and Robert MacDonald from Fremont elementary schools provided the plan to the Board. They each highlighted components within the restructuring plan. They reviewed the school's adequate yearly progress and academic performance index dating back several years for comparison, showing all schools making gains. Also reviewed were the alternative Governance options with the goal to have systems in place in which staff, students, teachers, administrators, parents, and families collaborate to set a clear instructional focus. Additional components of the school's plan included support for the instructional program that ensures consistency in full implementation of a quality educational program dedicated to high academic achievement, and parent involvement.

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 4-0, Mrs. Avila not present to approve the Program Improvement Year-5 Restructuring option plan for Adams, Fremont, Martin, and Walker elementary schools.

**5.0 APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR DISTRICT ASSISTANCE AND INTERVENTION TEAM**

Dr. Olsky introduced the item. She stated that Administration is recommending the Orange County Department of Education (OCDE) as the SAUSD's District Assistance and Intervention Team (DAIT) in which Districts are required to participate in for Program Improvement (PI) Year 3. The OCDE, an approved DAIT provider, presented a proposal to the SAUSD to provide assistance. Dr. Olsky stated that Districts who did not meet AYP targets for two consecutive years qualify for DAIT as do schools who receive Title 1 Part A funds. Dr. Olsky then reviewed Annual Yearly Progress requirements and Annual Measurable Objectives. She then presented a proposal to select the OCDE as the DAIT provider.

Ms. Lapham from the OCDE provided the nine essential components that are included in the program:

- Instructional Program
- Instructional Time
- Principals Instructional leadership training
- Teacher professional development opportunities
- Student achievement monitoring system
- Ongoing instructional assistance and support for teachers
- Monthly meetings by Grade Level for researchers
- Pacing scheduling
- Fiscal support

Ms. Lapham also spoke about District support for school improvements and DAIT responsibilities as well as how the OCDE will work with the District to exit Program Improvement. She stated that the County would use assessment tools such as surveys emphasizing EL subgroups, and special education. Ms. Lapham then described provider responsibilities and identified priorities for district work; which consists of the revision of the current LEA plan to reflect priorities; implement action steps, and meet twice monthly.

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 4-0, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the District Assistance and Intervention Team with the Orange County Department of Education.

**6.0 APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT FUND GRANT TO CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 4-0, to approve the submission of the School Improvement Fund Grant to the California Department of Education Professional Development and the Curriculum Support Division.

**7.0 APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PILOT GRANT FOR 2008-11 SCHOOL YEARS**

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 4-0, to approve the submission of the Special Education Teacher Professional Development Pilot Grant for 2008-11 school years.

**8.0 AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR AUDIT SERVICES**

Mr. Murrey stated that a Request for Proposal for audit services for 2008-09 through 2011-2012 would go out in the fall and that this contract would close the current year's audit.

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 4-0, to approve the selection of Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP as the District's audit firm for the 2007-08 District and Measure C Audit.

**9.0 APPROVAL OF FACILITIES AGREEMENT BETWEEN SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND EDWARD B. COLE, SR. ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL**

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 4-0, to approve the Facilities Agreement as drafted between SAUSD and Edward B. Cole, Sr. Academy Charter School for the 2008-09 school year.

**10.0 APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR HEAD START FUNDING FOR 2008-09 SCHOOL YEAR**

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 4-0, to approve the contract for Head Start funding for the 2008-09 program year.

**11.0 APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF JACOB J. JAVITS GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION PROGRAM TO U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 4-0, to approve the submission of the Jacob J. Javits Gifted and Talented Students grand application for elementary, intermediate, and high school GATE programs for 2008-09 - 2012-13 school years.

**12.0 APPROVAL OF SAFE AND CIVIL SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS**

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 4-0, to approve the Safe and Civil Schools Program for intermediate schools.

**13.0 ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH BOARD POLICY 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 (BP) 3290 - Gifts, Grants, and Bequests.

**14.0 PERSONNEL ACTION**

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 4-0, to approve the Personnel Calendar as amended.

**15.0 BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS/ACTIVITIES**

Dr. Yamagata-Noji

- She reiterated appreciation for those associated with the passage of Measure G. She thanked all for their diligence and hard work to get it passed.
- She enjoyed the retirement ceremony last evening and congratulated all retirees for their service to Santa Ana students.
- She congratulated Mr. Howard Bryan for his years of service to the Santa Ana Unified School District. He will be missed!

Mr. Palacio

- Congratulated student Romero Vasquez, Baseball player at Santa Ana High School was selected Second-Team All County.

Mr. Richardson

- He had the opportunity to attend the unveiling of the popular Major Art Minor Artist Exhibit from four elementary schools at the new art building at Orange Coast College. He encouraged all to visit the great display
- Last week Ms. Magsaysay was present at the County Office where recognitions of mentors from various county agencies that participate at Pio Pico School were present. Tonight he wished to congratulate Ms. Magsaysay on her retirement.
- He enjoyed the retirement event last evening at the Delhi Center.

**REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

By a vote of 5-0 the Board took action to approve the amended the list of elementary principal assignments for summer school.

Moved: Hernández \_\_\_ Richardson X Yamagata-Noji \_\_\_ Avila \_\_\_ Palacio \_\_\_  
 Seconded: Hernández \_\_\_ Richardson \_\_\_ Yamagata-Noji \_\_\_ Avila X Palacio \_\_\_  
 Vote: Ayes 5 Noes \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_ Absent \_\_\_\_\_

By a vote of 5-0 the Board took action to appoint Nancy Diaz-Miller to the position of Senior Director, Pupil support Services for the 2008-09 school year.

Moved: Hernández \_\_\_ Richardson X Yamagata-Noji \_\_\_ Avila \_\_\_ Palacio \_\_\_  
 Seconded: Hernández \_\_\_ Richardson \_\_\_ Yamagata-Noji \_\_\_ Avila X Palacio \_\_\_  
 Vote: Ayes 5 Noes \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_ Absent \_\_\_\_\_

By a vote of 5-0 the Board took action to appoint Nuria Solis to the position of Director of ELD/Bilingual Programs for the 2008-09 school year.

Moved: Hernández \_\_\_ Richardson \_\_\_ Yamagata-Noji X Avila \_\_\_ Palacio \_\_\_  
 Seconded: Hernández \_\_\_ Richardson X Yamagata-Noji \_\_\_ Avila \_\_\_ Palacio \_\_\_  
 Vote: Ayes 5 Noes \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_ Absent \_\_\_\_\_

By a vote of 5-0 the Board took action to appoint Dawn Miller to the position of Director of Secondary Student Achievement/Charter Schools, Pupil Support Services for the 2008-09 school year.

Moved: Hernández \_\_\_ Richardson \_\_\_ Yamagata-Noji X Avila \_\_\_ Palacio \_\_\_  
 Seconded: Hernández \_\_\_ Richardson \_\_\_ Yamagata-Noji \_\_\_ Avila \_\_\_ Palacio X  
 Vote: Ayes 5 Noes \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_ Absent \_\_\_\_\_

By a vote of 5-0 the Board took action to appoint Linda C. DeLeon to the position of Principal at Garfield Elementary School for the 2008-09 school year.

Moved: Hernández \_\_\_ Richardson \_\_\_ Yamagata-Noji \_\_\_ Avila \_\_\_ Palacio X  
 Seconded: Hernández \_\_\_ Richardson X Yamagata-Noji \_\_\_ Avila \_\_\_ Palacio \_\_\_  
 Vote: Ayes 5 Noes \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_ Absent \_\_\_\_\_

By a vote of 5-0 the Board took action to appoint Jane Mitchell to the position of Principal of Edison Elementary School for the 2008-09 school year.

Moved:           Hernández \_\_\_ Richardson \_\_\_ Yamagata-Noji X Avila \_\_\_ Palacio \_\_\_

Seconded:       Hernández \_\_\_ Richardson X Yamagata-Noji \_\_\_ Avila \_\_\_ Palacio \_\_\_

Vote:            Ayes 5            Noes \_\_\_\_\_       Abstain \_\_\_\_\_   Absent \_\_\_\_\_

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 24, 2008, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Jane A. Russo  
Secretary  
Santa Ana Board of Education