

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

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
SANTA ANA BOARD OF EDUCATION

July 11, 2006

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Board President Yamagata-Noji. Other members in attendance were Mr. Tinajero, Mrs. Avila, and Mr. Palacio. Mr. Richardson arrived at 5:22 p.m. Mr. Palacio left the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Cabinet members present were Dr. Mijares, Ms. Russo, Mr. Trigg, Mr. Lopez, Dr. Stainer, and Dr. Bratcher.

MEETING RECESSED AND RECONVENED

At 4:30 p.m., the Regular meeting recessed to Closed Session to consider legal matters, personnel matters, special education contracts, and student discipline issues.

Mr. Palacio left the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

The Regular meeting reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Dr. Mijares.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent called to the attention of those present the beautiful artwork posted in the Board Room contributed by fifth grade artists from the Major Arts/Minor Artists program from Garfield, Wilson, Washington, and Hoover elementary schools. The artwork was proudly exhibited from June 3 to June 18 at Cal State Fullerton's Grand Central Art Center in downtown Santa Ana.

On Saturday, June 3, intermediate students with the gift of gab got together at McFadden Intermediate to compete in the Districtwide Speech and Debate Tournament. Channel 31 provided a brief video of that outstanding event which was shared with the Board and community. Mr. Tinajero was thanked for organizing the program in intermediate schools.

Student Beatriz Hernandez was one of the recipients of \$2,500 scholarships from the Hispanic Scholarship Fund, in a joint effort with Wells Fargo Bank and the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim. A presentation of the scholarship was a true "Grand Slam" event. Channel 31 captured the exciting event at the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim stadium.

Century High School was recently named an Orange County Stellar Technology High School by the Orange County Department of Education. The recognition award followed a site visitation where evaluators observed evidence of model-school qualities, including enthusiastic staff dedicated to student success, and the innovative use of technology in many programs.

Dr. Mijares reminded parents that the Board of Education approved a single Traditional School Calendar for the entire District. He asked parents and community members to spread the word among friends and neighbors that school will resume Thursday, August 31.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dr. Yamagata-Noji announced that this would be Dr. Mijares' final meeting as the Superintendent of the SAUSD, as he has accepted a position as Vice President of the Western Region for The College Board. His last day will be August 31, 2006.

The Board has requested special Board meetings for July 19 and August 8, to review critical issues with regard to Dr. Mijares' resignation as Superintendent of Santa Ana schools. Dr. Yamagata-Noji said that interviews would take place to select a firm to assist the District in hiring a new Superintendent.

Request for Proposals (RFPs) would be released, received, and then interviews to select a search firm would take place.

Each Board member personally expressed their gratitude and appreciation to Dr. Mijares and wished him well with The College Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

President Yamagata-Noji asked those members of the community who wished to address the Board to step forward as she called their names.

Sandy Witzigman addressed the Board regarding the offering of an AP Environmental Science Course.

Victoria Zaragoza, SAUSD parent advocate; Victor Madrigal, PTA President; and Anita Ford, SASAA President, provided heartfelt remarks regarding the Superintendent.

Kim Gerda, community member addressed the Board regarding the recruitment and hiring of a new superintendent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING - JUNE 27, 2006

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Tinajero, and carried 4-0, to approve the Regular Board meeting Minutes of June 27, 2006.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Mr. Tinajero, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 4-0, to approve the Consent Calendar in its entirety.

1.1 Acceptance of July 11, 2006, completion of contracts with Southern California Plumbing & Electric Services, Arrow Flooring, and Isec, Inc.,

for bid packages No. 8a, 20, and 22 for the construction of Segerstrom High School project for a total amount of \$5,485,967.

- 1.2 Approval of Change Order No. 20 for bid package No. 7a for the construction of Segerstrom High School project in the amount of \$146,857.63 for a revised total construction cost of \$57,353,847.81.
- 1.3 Acceptance of July 11, 2006, completion of contract with Al Shankle Construction Company, Inc., for the construction of Lathrop Intermediate modernization project in the amount of \$4,650,523.72.
- 1.4 Approval of renewal of contract to Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc., for roofing maintenance services Districtwide in the amount of \$159,500 for the 2006-07 fiscal year.
- 1.5 Approval of purchase order summary and detailed listing of orders \$25,000 and over for the period of June 14 through June 27, 2006.
- 1.6 Approval of expenditure summary and warrant listing of expenditures over \$25,000 for the period of June 14 through June 28, 2006.
- 1.7 Approval of disposal of obsolete un-repairable computer equipment, miscellaneous furniture, equipment, or textbooks, pursuant to Education Code Sections 17545 and 17546, Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 3270.
- 1.8 Approval of payment and/or reimbursement for costs incurred for designed instructional services for students with disabilities.
- 1.9 Approval of individual service agreement with nonpublic schools for students with disabilities for the 2005-06 school year.
- 1.10 Approval of continuation of contract with Paradigm Health Care Services and Medi-Cal Administrative Activities for billing services for Medi-Cal reimbursement.
- 1.11 Approval of contract between the Orange County Superintendent of Schools Region 9 Local Educational Consortium to provide administrative activities for the Medi-Cal Administrative Activities Program.
- 1.12 Approval of recommendations of administrative hearing panels to expel students for the recommended terms and conditions:

180599 - Pio Pico Elementary

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph b, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District for the balance of the spring semester, 2005-06 school year, and the fall semester, 2006-07 school year; however, that the expulsion order be suspended until January 15, 2007, and that the student be permitted to return to a District school/program on a probationary status.

164678 - Carr Intermediate

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph b, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District for the balance of the spring semester, 2005-06 school year, that the expulsion order be suspended until June 15, 2006, and that the student be permitted to return to a District school/program on a probationary status.

175828 - Carr 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 student may apply for readmission on or after January 15, 2007.

117439 - Mountain View High School

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraphs c and j, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District, and that the student may apply for readmission on or after January 15, 2007.

172049 - Carr 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 student may apply for readmission on or after January 15, 2007.

158304 - Spurgeon Intermediate

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph b, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District for the balance of the spring semester, 2005-06 school year, that the expulsion order be suspended until June 15, 2006, and that the student be permitted to return to a District school/program on a probationary status.

128413 - Valley High School

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph c, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District for the balance of the spring semester, 2005-06 school year, and the fall semester, 2006-07 school year; however, that the expulsion order be suspended until January 15, 2007, and that the student be permitted to return to a District school/program on a probationary status.

- 1.13 Approval of extended field trips in accordance with Board Policy (BP) 6153 - School-Sponsored Trips and Administrative Regulation (AR) 6153.1 - Extended School-Sponsored Trips. A list of field trips is attached to the Minutes.
- 1.14 Acceptance of gifts in accordance with Board Policy (BP) 3290 - Gifts, Grants, and Bequests. A list of gifts is attached to the Minutes of this meeting.

REGULAR ACTION ITEMS

- 2.0 APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION FOR "SECURE OUR SCHOOLS" 2006 PROGRAM

The funds will be used for safety equipment/deterrent measures such as school site fencing and video monitoring equipment. Placement and use of contraband detectors, locks lighting, and other deterrent equipment will be purchased and placed at school sites in need of safety equipment. Dr. Yamagata-Noji asked that, at the time grant funds are received, this item be returned to the Board for a discussion of priorities.

It was moved by Mr. Tinajero, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 4-0, to approve the submission of a grant application for the "Secure Our Schools" Program.

- 3.0 CALL FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT FINAL BUDGET FOR 2006-07

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mrs. Avila, and carried 4-0, to approve the call for a public hearing to adopt the final budget for 2006-07. A public hearing and adoption will be conducted at the August 22, 2006, Board meeting.

- 4.0 CALL FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE FOR PUPIL TEXTBOOK AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS PER EDUCATION CODE SECTION 60119

It was moved by Mr. Tinajero, seconded by Mrs. Avila, and carried 4-0, to call for a public hearing to review the Statement of Assurance for pupil textbooks and instructional materials. A public hearing will be conducted at the August 22, 2006, Board meeting.

5.0 AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW COMPETITIVELY BID CONTRACTS FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CENTER FOR 2006-07 FISCAL YEAR

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Tinajero, and carried 4-0, to authorize Administration to renew competitively bid maintenance contracts for 2006-07 fiscal year.

6.0 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 06/07-2655 - AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR STATE PRESCHOOL FUNDING FOR 2006-07 PROGRAM YEAR

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 3-1, Mrs. Avila dissenting, to adopt Resolution No. 06/07-2655 - authorizing contract No. CPRE-6249 for State Preschool funding for the 2006-07 program year.

7.0 APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE ACQUISITION PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR FUNDING TO CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-07

It was moved by Mr. Tinajero, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 4-0, to approve the submission of English Language Acquisition Program application for funding to the California Department of Education for the fiscal year 2006-07.

8.0 KINDERGARTEN THROUGH FIFTH GRADE SCIENCE-BASED PREVENTION PROGRAM AND SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS RECOMMENDED FOR 28-DAY REVIEW

Presented for a 28-day materials review.

9.0 BOARD POLICY (BP) 5030 - STUDENT WELLNESS (NEW: FOR FIRST READING)

Presented for first reading; no vote required.

10.0 APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE MEMBER TO SERVE ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR ORANGE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

This item was removed from the Agenda and will return to the August 22, 2006, Board meeting.

11.0 APPROVAL OF CONSULTANT CONTRACT BETWEEN SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THINK TOGETHER

Mrs. Avila asked for a list of various schools that have benefited from this program.

It was moved by Mr. Tinajero, seconded by Mrs. Avila, and carried 3-0, Mr. Richardson not present, to approve the subcontract agreement between the Santa Ana Unified School District and THINK Together to provide after school programs for the 2006-07 school year.

12.0 APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS WITH VARIOUS CONSULTANTS TO CONTINUE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS AT DISTRICT SCHOOLS FOR 2006-07 SCHOOL YEAR

It was moved by Mr. Tinajero, seconded by Mrs. Avila, and carried 4-0, to approve contracts with Active Learning, Boy Scouts of America, Boys & Girls Club, THINK Together, Toyama Karate-Do, and YMCA to continue operating of after school programs for the 2006-07 school year.

13.0 APPROVAL OF STUDENT TEACHING AGREEMENTS WITH UNIVERSITIES

It was moved by Mr. Tinajero, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 4-0 to approve student teaching agreements with Argosy University; Biola University; Chapman University; Concordia University; California State University, Long Beach; Hope University; National University; and University of Phoenix.

14.0 PERSONNEL ACTION

It was moved by Mr. Tinajero, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 4-0, to approve the personnel calendar in its entirety including Dr. Mijares' resignation date of August 31, 2006.

15.0 DISCUSSION OF SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR PREPARATORY ACADEMY AT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Dr. Mijares introduced the item. He stated that the framework was approved by the Board with the partnership agreement on April 11, 2006. Dr. Bratcher was then called upon. He stated that staff is seeking the Board's direction regarding the selection of Board of Directors for the Preparatory Academy at Valley High School with the Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce. According to the Agreement, the Principal and two other directors will represent the District. Following Board discussion, it was decided that advertisements would go out immediately from the District's Public Information Office, candidate names would be sent to Dr. Bratcher by August 1, and the Board would make recommendations on August 22, 2006. The Board of Directors will serve as an advisory group to make recommendations for the development and implementation of academies at Valley High School.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION:

By a vote of 4-0, the Board approved the appointment of Paul Pilon to the position of Assistant Principal at Segerstrom High School.

Moved: Yamagata-Noji X Richardson Tinajero Avila Palacio
Seconded: Yamagata-Noji Richardson X Tinajero Avila Palacio
Vote: Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstain Absent Mr. Palacio

By a vote of 4-0, the Board approved the appointment of Katy Castellanos to the position of Assistant Principal at Carr Intermediate.

Moved: Yamagata-Noji X Richardson Tinajero Avila Palacio
Seconded: Yamagata-Noji Richardson X Tinajero Avila Palacio
Vote: Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstain Absent Mr. Palacio

By a vote of 4-0, the Board approved the dismissal of a Classified Employee as named in Closed Session, effective July 12, 2006.

Moved: Yamagata-Noji _____ Richardson _____ Tinajero X Avila _____ Palacio _____

Seconded: Yamagata-Noji _____ Richardson X Tinajero _____ Avila _____ Palacio _____

Vote: Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstain _____ Absent Mr. Palacio

By a vote of 5-0, the Board approved the Workers' Compensation Compromise and Release for an individual named in Closed Session in the amount of \$71,500 to include all issues.

Moved: Yamagata-Noji _____ Richardson _____ Tinajero _____ Avila _____ Palacio X

Seconded: Yamagata-Noji _____ Richardson X Tinajero _____ Avila _____ Palacio _____

Vote: Ayes 5 Noes 0 Abstain _____ Absent _____

By a vote of 5-0, the Board approved the Workers' Compensation Compromise and Release for an individual named in Closed Session in the amount of \$40,000 to include all issues.

Moved: Yamagata-Noji _____ Richardson _____ Tinajero _____ Avila _____ Palacio X

Seconded: Yamagata-Noji _____ Richardson X Tinajero _____ Avila _____ Palacio _____

Vote: Ayes 5 Noes 0 Abstain _____ Absent _____

By a vote of 5-0, the Board approved the Workers' Compensation Compromise and Release for an individual named in Closed Session in the amount of \$30,000 to include all issues.

Moved: Yamagata-Noji _____ Richardson _____ Tinajero _____ Avila _____ Palacio X

Seconded: Yamagata-Noji _____ Richardson _____ Tinajero X Avila _____ Palacio _____

Vote: Ayes 5 Noes 0 Abstain _____ Absent _____

16.0 BOARD REPORTS/ACTIVITIES

Mrs. Avila:

- ❖ She expressed appreciation for all the contributions by Dr. Mijares. He will be missed tremendously. There is much sadness throughout the District and community. She thanked Dr. Mijares for his many accomplishments and for his kind demeanor and fairness.

Mr. Richardson:

- ❖ It has been a privilege for the past four years to work directly with Dr. Mijares. He has inspired staff, students, and parents. With the challenges of working with five Board members of diverse personalities and opinions, his handling was with great dignity. It was just a matter of time before another organization would ask him to join them. Although the Board regrets his leaving, it has happened, and members of the Board are very happy for him. Dr. Mijares will be missed; he leaves an incredible mark and legacy on the SAUSD. Happy to have Dr. Mijares as a friend and will leave big shoes to be filled. He appreciates Dr. Mijares' support!

Mr. Tinajero:

- ❖ It has been an absolute honor to work with Dr. Mijares. He has a great rapport with the community. Dr. Mijares' sons attended Santa Ana schools which shows the trust and faith in our schools, which is to be honored. Dr. Mijares works incredibly long hours and weekends. All will certainly miss him.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji:

- ❖ The Board will meet during a special Board meeting next Wednesday, July 19, at 5:00 p.m., with Superintendent and Cabinet. Tomorrow, staff will post Requests for Proposals for search firms, due August 2nd. On Tuesday, August 8, another special Board meeting will take place to interview search firms. Dr. Mijares' official last day is August 31. Today is his last Board meeting.
- ❖ She read a letter describing Dr. Mijares: Never in 27 years as a college educator and 17 years as an elected SAUSD Board member has she had the privilege of working with an individual who exemplifies the characteristics of Dr. Mijares. He is a Superintendent with a keen vision of educating students with more ethics and more perseverance than any she has heard of or known. He is well-known and respected by so many. She continued describing him and his many contributions to the District. She thanked him for his leadership, sacrifices, and dedication to the Santa Ana Unified School District. She bid him farewell as the Superintendent of the SAUSD.
- ❖ The Board will continue to provide due diligence and work with administration and employees to lead the District forward even in the absence of the fine leadership Dr. Mijares has provided.

A standing ovation took place in honor of a great, humble, and honorable Superintendent.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, August 22, 2006, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Al Mijares, Ph.D.
Secretary
Santa Ana Board of Education