

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

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
SANTA ANA BOARD OF EDUCATION

July 8, 2003

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 p.m. by Board President Avila. Dr. Yamagata-Noji, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Palacio, and Mr. Sal Tinajero were also present.

Cabinet members present were Dr. Mijares, Dr. Bennett, Dr. Stabler, Mr. Best, Ms. Araujo-Cook, and Dr. Bratcher. Dr. Stainer was not present.

MEETING RECESSED AND RECONVENED

At 4:46 p.m., the Regular meeting was recessed to Closed Session to consider real estate negotiations, legal matters, personnel matters, special education contracts, and student discipline issues.

The Regular meeting was reconvened at 6:15 p.m.

There were approximately 35 members of the community and District staff in the audience.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Tinajero.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Mijares called attention to student artwork displayed in the Board Room from Heninger and Davis elementary schools.

The Superintendent thanked business partners and the *Sole Survivors*, an organization composed of high school and college students. Together they worked refreshing and planting new plants at Pio Pico Elementary School. Plants and supplies were donated by school business partners.

Dr. Mijares reported that El Sol Charter School held their official ground-breaking ceremony for Phase I of its development at 1020 North Broadway Street. The Superintendent congratulated El Sol Charter School on reaching that milestone. In attendance at the groundbreaking ceremony were Members of the Santa Ana Board of Education and City dignitaries.

A video clip featured students from Edison Elementary and Greenville Fundamental engaged in summer activities. Edison elementary is hosting a summer program for students that require additional assistance in literature and math or who fall below grade level. There are approximately 300 students participating. Greenville Fundamental is preparing for a summer production called the *Wild West Outlaw Band*. The performance is scheduled for July 22-24, at 10:45 a.m., at Greenville Fundamental.

The Superintendent remarked that various schools throughout Santa Ana are offering summer school as an opportunity for students to receive the added enrichment they may need. He then thanked all staff for making summer school successful in Santa Ana.

Dr. Mijares announced that the Children and Families Commission of Orange County has extended funding for the State School Readiness Initiative for an additional twelve months. The funding is more than \$766,000, bringing the total grant award for this project to more than \$2 million. He commended Nydia Hernandez, School Readiness Coordinator, for enhancing SAUSD's Kinder Readiness Program.

The Superintendent commended Villa Fundamental Intermediate School, for placing sixth at the Mathematics Engineering Science Achievement (MESA) competition in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Villa students flew a balsa wood plane 73.5 feet in the air. The plane had previously glided an amazing 151 feet at a state-level competition. Other students compiled a research paper and display for the contest. Dr. Mijares congratulated the students for representing Santa Ana so well.

Dr. Mijares introduced one of the newest members of the Santa Ana Unified School District, Mr. Archie Polanco whose title is Director, Certificated Personnel. Mr. Polanco comes with much Personnel experience.

Dr. Mijares announced that the Educational Technology and Media Services Department transformed one of the old literacy school vans into a new electronic van (eVan.) The eVan is a mobile technology training center which is driven to school sites, offering technology training to teachers and staff. The Board recessed for a tour of the eVan, led by Mr. Gary Wheaton and Mr. Mark Bello, both of Education Technology and Media Services.

RECOGNITION

Giraffe Award - Don Crevier

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

Classified Employee of the Month for July - German Ruvalcaba

Mr. Freddy Escalera, Maintenance Planner/Scheduler, Building Services, presented Mr. German Ruvalcaba, District Office Plant Custodian, the Classified Employee of the Month Award for July. German is a great asset to the District with his commitment, dedication, and dependability. He greets everyone with a smile and cheerful attitude. He is an amazing individual who goes above and beyond his job duties with an incredible work ethic. German is a detailed and task oriented person who walks the District spot cleaning between duties. He prides himself by maintaining cleanliness at the District Office. He makes himself available for every maintenance problem and provides excellent solutions.

With German were his wife Silvia, two daughters Kerrisa & Kendal, his parents Alfonso and Teresa and brother, Jaime Ruvalcaba.

On behalf of the District and the Board, a plaque engraved with his name and month for which he is being honored was presented. A gift certificate for dinner at his favorite restaurant was also provided.

MEETING RECESSED AND RECONVENED

At 6:30 p.m., the Regular meeting was recessed for a tour of the Educational Technology & Media Service eVan. The meeting was reconvened at 6:50 p.m.

PRESENTATION

Update on Algebra Math Curriculum

Dr. Mijares introduced the item then called upon Dr. Lewis Bratcher, Area Administrator, who provided a brief overview on the subject of Algebra A/B and Algebra I.

Dr. Bratcher provided the mathematics sequence for the California State Math Standards in grades 7 through 12:

- Grade 7th Pre-Algebra
- Grade 8th Algebra I
- Grade 9th Geometry

- Grade 10th Algebra II
- Grade 11 and 12 Math Analysis or Calculus

The following sequence is currently required and offered by the SAUSD for Grades 7-12:

- Grade 7 Pre-Algebra (75% currently enrolled)
- Grade 8 Algebra 1 (Students meeting Standards)
- Grade 8 Algebra A (students not meeting Standards)

Dr. Bratcher stated that some students are not ready for Algebra I therefore, Grade 8 students take Algebra A (half of Algebra I), which is a full-year course, then would take Algebra B (second half of Algebra I), which is another full-year course. Valley and Saddleback high schools are phasing out the Algebra A/B mathematics sequence. Rather than taking Algebra B in grade 9, it was agreed that students would take Algebra I in grade 9. He said that the State Academic Audit Team mandated Century High to comply with the Algebra I Standards for grade 9 students and phase out A/B. He then provided information on current credits for high school students:

- Grade 9 Algebra I 10 credits
- Grade 10 Geometry 10 credits
- Grade 11 Algebra II 10 credits
- Grade 12 Math Analysis or Calculus 10 credits each

He then provided information on the A/B mathematics sequence, which totals 40 credits per year. He said that Algebra A/B was found to affect student's test scores when taking the STAR exam and/or other exams.

- Grade 9 Algebra A 10 credits (full year)
- Grade 10 Algebra B 10 credits (full year, second half of Algebra I)
- Grade 11 Geometry 10 credits
- Grade 12 Algebra II 10 credits

Dr. Bratcher identified similar school districts offering the Algebra A/B, such as Garden Grove USD, Anaheim Union USD, and Fullerton USD.

Dr. Bratcher said that all four SAUSD comprehensive high schools have math specialists supported by categorical funds.

He then presented the following:

- District and State results support the completion of Algebra I at grades 8 and 9 (students are more likely to pass the CAHSEE Standards by grade 10)
- Three out of the four Santa Ana comprehensive high schools are either Immediate Interventions for Underperforming Schools Program (IIUSP) or High Priority School Grant (HPSG) schools to encourage success
- Utilize funding resources to build-in interventions for students who perform under grade levels in mathematics
- Interventions include before and after school tutoring, incentive driven Saturday clinics, and pull-out clinics during the school day

Board discussion ensued. It was the consensus of the Board and Administration that resources and interventions be provided to students to assure that State Standards are met. The following were suggestions provided by the Board and/or Administration:

- Pull accountability on teachers as well as students
- Test and assess students to assure they are ready for Pre-Algebra
- Provide a statistical study (include failure rates and improvements)
- Contact CSUF for assistance to provide with assessing areas of weakness in all incoming 9th graders (evaluating tools)
- Utilize CSUF and/or other colleges or resources to assist in tutoring and/or classroom assistants
- Upon entering high school interventions would begin
- Encourage reading in order for students to understand word problems
- Look into (for some students) a year course offering elementary Algebra

- Encourage summer school for those students who require mathematics assistance
- Conduct student assessments to assure proper student placement

Ms. Chakmak, Assistant Principal, Lathrop, Intermediate former District Math Specialist, stated that there are several tests available to assess students, one is from CSUF, where teachers can provide a readiness test for the Algebra I test to students at the beginning of the year. At Santa Ana High School the Ed Vision program is being used to assess students in order to have adequate interventions.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji inquired about the mathematic requirements for Grade 6 students. Ms. Chakmak said that elementary teachers are being trained and learning about State standards. Ms. Chakmak described general math consisting of addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, decimals, percentages, ratios, beginning integers and solving equations with one variable. Ms. Chakmak said that there are three tiers of Algebra, which are Algebra I, Algebra A, and transitional Algebra. She said that grade 9 transitional Algebra is a course designed to assist students meet the Standards.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji asked what results the District has in cases of students who have taken Algebra A than Algebra I. She inquired of the number of students passing Algebra A & B in comparison to Algebra I. She asked if it is better for students to take A/B or take Algebra I twice. She asked for failure rates for Algebra I, not just in terms of grade, but mastering the concept to enable students to move on. Dr. Bratcher responded that that is the purpose of Ed Vision. Dr. Yamagata-Noji said that she realizes that the failure rate for Algebra I is high, but also understands the importance of mastering and making a student progress without having the concept. Dr. Yamagata-Noji stated that making a decision to approve the right program when one does not know which course works.

Ms. Chakmak commented on the importance of striving to meet the Standards. She said that Geometry is the most failed math class and if failed, students would have to re-take that class and would not be able to complete three years of high school mathematics.

Mr. Tinajero recalled a time when teachers and others believed that students couldn't pass Pre-Algebra in Grade 8. When Standards changed in or about 1999, teachers were astonishing to see a great number of students passing the class. He said that it is about intervention, belief, and wanting to make a difference.

Mr. Richardson stated that identification and intervention begins earlier than grade 6. He said that there are probably other things going on in a student's life if they continue failing mathematics.

Dr. Bratcher stated that the Gear up grant is in its fourth year and those are the things that are being looked into. He said that there is a dramatic difference in teaching methodologies when comparing intermediate and high school teachers.

Mr. Palacio recommended that the District look at the first year Pre-Algebra began in grade 6 and follow students progress to give the District a gauge in terms of growth. He posed the question, how does the District deal with the bigger picture and prepare students at a younger age.

Mr. Tinajero asked if mathematic classes were being offered in summer session and if it encroaches on the budget. Dr. Bratcher responded that intercession is taking place and classes are overcrowded, the District must look at its effectiveness and how students are attending in reference to ADA funding.

Dr. Mijares stated that the Board previously approved policies and those standards are aligned with the State Standards and to make any changes now would suggest amending current policies and or standards. Relative to the Century High School audit, what the District does not want to indicate is that the District has lowered its Standards.

It was the consensus of the Board that a statistical study, to include failure and improvement rates be conducted and reported to the Board as soon as possible. The Board has requested that an updated math presentation be provided in six months.

Mr. Michael Murphy, math teacher Valley High School, was asked to step to the podium to address the Board. He said that he began reading the State Standards the first time he heard the Algebra A/B versus the Algebra I argument. He said that the State

Standards indicate that Algebra I could begin in Grade 8, not "must" begin. He provided facts and statistics concerning Algebra I versus Algebra A/B. He said that when the State granted Valley High School with their six-year WASC accreditation, the State applauded Valley for having the Algebra A/B program. He said that Algebra A/B is not the solution, but part of the answer then recommended that math classes be increased to 90 minutes per class. He said that every adjacent school district offers Algebra A/B including Saddleback USD and Mater Dei High. He discussed his views on intervention and pros and cons of both programs. He said that not only do other school districts offer the program, they meet the State Standards.

Dr. Noji thanked Mr. Murphy for his diligence and patience. She said that the District tries to follow the State Standard, but is also cognizant of the issues that have been raised as to how best to educate students. She said that his expression of concern has not gone unnoticed.

Dr. Mijares said there is no question of Mr. Murphy's high expectations and effectiveness as a teacher and his concern is evident. He said that the District will continue the research and come back in six months.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing on the Board of Education Reopening Bargaining Proposal to California School Employees' Association for the 2003-04 School Year

The President declared the meeting open to receive public comments on the reopening bargaining proposal to California School Employees' Association for the 2003-04 school year.

Hearing no comments, the Public Hearing was declared closed.

Public Hearing on the Board of Education Reopening Bargaining Proposal to Santa Ana Educators' Association for the 2003-04 School Year.

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Public Hearing on the California School Employees' Association reopening bargaining proposal for 2003-04 School Year

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Public Hearing on the Santa Ana Educators' Association Reopening Bargaining Proposal to the Board of Education for the 2003-04 School Year

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PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

The following members of the audience expressed their support for the Algebra I mathematics program:

Cristina Barba, PTA President, Santa Ana High School
Emil Barham, Math Department Chair, Santa Ana High School
Kim Gerda, parent

The following member of the audience stated that she believes there is a consensus that the Algebra I mathematics program is working in the SAUSD. Most specifically, the concern is bilingual education and the elementary Language Arts program. She believes that the community is not aware of the importance. She asked that the Board and District reevaluate how the issue is being handled.

Kim Gerda, parent

The following member of the audience asked that the District review the percentage of limited English students who graduated this year. She said that a high number of students have registered into ELD classes at the local college and was surprised to see the number.

Beatriz Salas, parent

The following member of the audience believes that the District should not regress, but progress in mathematics. She stated that parents are not notified when students are failing courses. She suggested that it is the teaching methodology that will enable students to succeed and urged the Board to make teachers accountable.

Therese Mims, former PTA Council President

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Tinajero, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 24, 2003.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

The following items were removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion and separate action: Cellular telephones and service Districtwide, Vendor Cingular Wireless for the amount of \$70,860; Approval of Amendment of Contract for Construction Management Firms to Provide Services for Construction Projects; Approval to Renew Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) Between the Santa Ana Unified School District and the Cambodian Family, University of California Irvine (UCI), Chelwood, L.P., and Mexican American Opportunity Foundation (MAOF) to Implement Pre-Kindergarten (Pre-K Program); and Adoption of Resolution No. 03/04-2525 - Approval of Contract for State Preschool Funding for 2003-04 Program Year.

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0 to approve the remainder of the Consent Calendar as presented.

The following gifts were accepted subject to the condition that the District does not guarantee maintenance of the items or expenditure of District funds for their continued use.

Gifts

Muir Fundamental
\$496 for Recorders

Thorpe Fundamental
\$1273 for Library Books

Greenville Fundamental
Vinyl Archway

Garfield Elementary
\$3,000 for Student Body

Madison Elementary
\$360 for Student incentives,
awards, and special programs

Madison Elementary
\$2,000 for Staff, Student and
Parent appreciations, incentives
and rewards

Donors

Muir PTA
Mrs. Camille Kittridge, President

Thorpe PTA
Ms. Denise Sanders, President

Saddleback Vinyl Co.
Mr. Mike Martin

PTO
Ms. Mayela Hernandez, President

Mr. Bob Acosta
Palm Desert

RICOH Electronics
Mrs. Kim Kline
Irvine

Valley High School \$3,500 for Summer Internships	Mr. Larry Maurer, C.P.A. Irvine
Muir Fundamental \$2,391 for purchase of Yearbooks	Muir PTA Mrs. Camille Kittridge President
Taft Elementary \$3,000 for buses for Outdoor Science School	PTA Mrs. Earlean Smith, President
Martin Elementary \$500 for classroom supplies	Wal-Mart Foundation Mr. George Sabacto
Jefferson Elementary \$300 for awards for Writing Contest	Mr. James Spernak Los Angeles
Santa Ana High School \$2,500 for Snow Valley Basketball Camp	Elmore Toyota Mr. David McHowell Westminster
Santa Ana High School \$1,000 for Lake Arrowhead Camp	Beach Hyundai Mr. Steve Sauders Huntington Beach
Santa Ana High School \$5,000 for Student Body Activities	Beach Hyundai Mr. Steve Sauders Huntington Beach
Valley High School \$900 for Scholarship Fund	Emerson Electric Co. Corporate Division/Leibert Corp. St. Louis, MO
Hoover Elementary \$600 for After School Program	Park Santiago Neighborhood Ass. Larry Johnson, President
Edison Elementary 14 Framed Prints	Ms. Mary Marquez Huntington Beach
Adams Elementary \$200 for Instruction Supplies	RAND Hilary Darilek Santa Monica
Century High School \$1,280.65 for Foreign Language Textbooks	Allergan Mr. Robert Keith Irvine
District Public Information Office \$250 for Partner in Education	Anna's Linens Mr. Alan Gladstone Costa Mesa
District Public Information Office \$250 for Partners in Education	Law Offices of Alfredo Amezcua Mr. Alfredo Amezcua
District Public Information Office \$500 for Partners in Education	Don Crevier BMW Mr. Don Crevier
Hoover Elementary \$272.43 for After School Program	Target, Mr. Steve Gaylord Minneapolis, MN.

Approval of purchase orders issued June 13 through June 25, 2003, to purchase materials, supplies, etc., with funds previously approved.

Approval of warrant listings prepared June 19 through June 30, 2003, to pay budgeted District financial obligations.

Acceptance of June 25, 2003, completion of contract with Engineered Storage Systems, Inc., for the removal and replacement of lockers at Century High in the amount of \$48,797.

Approval of renewal of contract for environmental consulting services consultant with The Bainbridge Group, Inc., in the amount of \$50,000 for the 2003-04 fiscal year.

Approval Change Order No. 5 for the construction of Sierra Intermediate Expansion Project at no cost to the District for an extension of time of twenty days with a new completion date of July 20, 2003.

Approval of appointment of Twining Laboratories as the soil testing and construction material testing consultants for the construction of Segerstrom High School in the estimated amount of \$475,000.

Authorization of Administration to obtain bids for inspector services for all construction projects at various school sites.

Authorization of Administration to obtain bids for construction of Godinez Fundamental High School project.

Acceptance of May 14, 2003, completion of contract with American Electric Company in the amount of \$220,977 for the replacement of the public address system and fire alarm system at Wilson Elementary.

Approval of renewal of lease agreement between the Santa Ana Unified School District and the First United Methodist Church to lease space for the purpose of operating the District's Community Day Intermediate School for 2003-04 school year.

Approval of collection agency services agreement with Executive Financial Enterprises (EFE) for the collection of checks returned for non-sufficient funds, outstanding book fines, and payroll issues.

Ratification to lease office space at 1601 East Chestnut Avenue to the State Department of Education for the 2003-04 fiscal year.

Ratification of 2003-04 Consolidated application for funding categorical aid programs, Part I.

Approval of subcontract agreement between the Public Health Foundation Enterprises, Inc., WIC (PHFE-WIC) and the Santa Ana Unified School District to implement the Pre-Kindergarten (Pre-K) Program.

Adoption of secondary supplementary instructional materials.

A list of the supplementary instructional materials is attached to the Minutes.

Approval of agreement with the Santa Ana Police Department and the City of Santa Ana for continuation of participation in the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program at District elementary schools.

Approval of Extended Field Trips:

Visual and Performing Arts
Pacific Symphony Orchestra "Arts X Press- Summer Camp
University of California, Irvine
July 21-25, 2003 (Monday-Friday)
July 28-August 1, 2003 (Monday-Friday)
August 4-8, 2003 (Monday-Friday)

Adams Elementary
Outdoor Science Camp
Alpine Meadows
Angelus Oaks, Ca.
March 22-27, 2004 (Monday-Friday)

Valley High School
Leadership Camp
Pali Mountain Institute
Running Springs, CA
August 24-26, 2003 (Sunday-Tuesday)

Approve the recommendation of the expulsion Readmission panel to readmit the former students to District schools for the fall semester of the 2003-04 school year.

Approve the recommendations for the administrative hearing panels to expel the students for the recommended terms and with the recommended remediation conditions.

198235 - Santa Ana High

For violation of Paragraph b, that the Board expel him from the schools of the District and that he may apply for readmission on or after January 15, 2004.

106546 - Valley High

For violation of Paragraph g, that the Board expel him from the schools of the District and that he may apply for readmission on or after January 15, 2004.

<u>AWARDS</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
CELLULAR TELEPHONES AND SERVICE DISTRICTWIDE	CINGULAR WIRELESS	\$70,860

Mr. Tinajero asked for clarification concerning new contract options such as minutes, credits, long distance and roaming minutes. Dr. Stabler and Ms. Karen Aepli addressed those questions.

It was moved by Mr. Tinajero, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0 to approve the award to Cellular Wireless for telephones and service Districtwide in the amount of \$70,860.

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT OF CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT FIRMS TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR CONSTRUCTIONPROJECTS

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

APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING (MOUS) BETWEEN SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE CAMBODIAN FAMILY, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA IRVINE (UCI), CHELWOOD, L.P., AND MEXICAN AMERICAN OPPORTUNITY FOUNDATION (MAOF) TO IMPLEMENT PRE-KINDERGARTEN (PRE-K) PROGRAM

Dr. Yamagata-Noji asked for information on the fiscal analysis. She asked if this item tied into the subsequent item on the Agenda. Ms. Nydia Hernandez stated that funding was supported by Proposition 10 (Funding with Collaborative Partnerships.) Dr. Yamagata-Noji then inquired about the expectations of the program. Ms. Hernandez responded that the funds would be used to hire pre-kindergarten teachers, instructional assistants, purchase materials, and provide staff development training. Dr. Yamagata-Noji asked about facility needs. Ms. Hernandez responded that various locations would be utilized. The program collaborates with partners such as The Cambodian Family, UCI, Mexican American Opportunity Foundation (MAOF), and Warwick Square Apartments. She said that bungalows at the school sites are also utilized. Dr. Yamagata-Noji requested a listing of all Pre-Kindergarten programs locations.

It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mr. Tinajero, and carried 5-0 to approve the Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) between Santa Ana Unified School District and the Cambodian Family, University of California Irvine (UCI), Chelwood, L.P., and Mexican American Opportunity Foundation (MAOF) to implement Pre-Kindergarten (Pre-K) Program.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 03/04-2525 FOR APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT FOR STATE PRESCHOOL FUNDING FOR THE 2003-04 PROGRAM YEAR.

Mrs. Avila said that it is her philosophy that the focus should be on the SAUSD's K-12 system and would be voting no on the item.

A copy of the resolution is attached to the Minutes.

It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 4-1, Mrs. Avila dissenting, to adopt Resolution No. 03/04-2525 for approval of the contract for State Preschool funding for the 2003-04 program year.

ADOPTION OF THE DISTRICT'S MULTI-YEAR BUDGET PROJECTION WITH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Dr. Stabler stated that at the previous Board meeting the preliminary budget was brought forward and the final budget will be brought to Board at the August 26, 2003, Board meeting. He said the crisis continues at the State level which reflects on school districts. He said that the purpose of this item returning is due to some questions the Board called attention to at the previous meeting. He said that issues were addressed and were provided to the Board in Week In Review. The information provided today is to readopt certain parts of the budget. He then provided the information. He said that based on 2002-03 budget, the 3rd interim financial assumptions year-end actuals would show additional savings (\$5-10 million) and would be used primarily for partial Tustin repayment. He said that it includes a 1% reserve and categorical flexibility and transfer.

Dr. Stabler stated that the following is in reference to the 2003-04 budget as follows:

- there is a very small ADA increase (100 students)
- no cost of living increase
- the recommended revenue limit deficit is at 1.2%.
- in expenditures there is a reduction of certificated by 132 FTEs
- classified reduction of 72 FTE's unrestricted
- step and column increases of \$3,246,794
- Health and Welfare at 9% increase in unemployment insurance and worker's compensation
- books and supplies, services and capital outlay reductions at sites of 10%, at District office 25%
- increase indirect cost rate of 10%
- increase in worker's compensation transfer to \$7 million
- reduction in deferred maintenance transfer to \$650,000
- multi-year projections - will require additional expenditure reductions

Dr. Stabler said what must occur is the State must adopt its budget which would provide reserve flexibility and some categorical flexibility. The District must implement the negotiable expenditure reduction proposals, or consider the Education Code exemption for additional employee layoffs.

Dr. Stabler stated that the District must:

- wait for a State budget, but is unsure when and if there will be one
- wait for classes to begin (year-round began this day)
- wait for yearend to see what our actual savings were

Mr. Palacio inquired about the estimated actuals costs and the new actuals. Dr. Stabler stated that the transition from the CAST system to ORACLE system caused a misalignment of numbers that were approved in the third interim.

Mr. Palacio inquired about the previously approved budget which is different than the current. Mr. Palacio inquired about a specific figure and asked if it was correct.

Ms. Cecile Nunley, District Controller, stated that the numbers shifted and the amount inadvertently went to the wrong line. She said that the number in question should have been on the line indicating other financing sources and uses.

Mr. Tinajero inquired about the increase of 11% for Health and Welfare on the 2005-06 proposed budget. Dr. Stabler responded that it is the figure that is being recommended by the Health and Welfare industry. Dr. Stabler stated that because of savings in the Blue Cross PPO program, the District was able to save and reuse the savings and rather than an 11% increase, the figure came in at 9.3%. Dr. Stabler stated that it is a fully

insured program. Mr. Tinajero inquired about Workers Compensation. Dr. Stabler stated that as he previously stated, it was increased by \$4 million to take care of the actuals. Mr. Tinajero inquired about the District being self insured. Dr. Stabler stated that the District is not self insured in benefits. Mr. Tinajero suggested that the District look into a third party insurance company for workers compensation that could save the District monies.

Mr. Richardson said that anything that the District administration believes would achieve savings should be looked into.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji inquired about the expenditures exceeding the revenues for year 2002-03, relative to the estimated actuals. Dr. Stabler stated that as previously recalled there were issues with the general funds in the unrestricted funds in the amount of \$15 million. Dr. Stabler said that due to the large restricted carryover balances in 2001-02, it was thought best to spend the majority in 2002-03, which was an advantage because legislature allowed districts to utilize some of the categorical balances to help balance the budget in 2002-03. He anticipates the same flexibility in 2003-04. Dr. Yamagata-Noji asked if a more detailed narrative could be provided at the next budget update.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji inquired about District's communication with legislators. Dr. Stabler responded that letters were sent to Assemblyman Lou Correa and Senator Joe Dunn. Dr. Yamagata-Noji suggested that the District communicate more effectively with legislators.

Mrs. Avila stated that time to time District transfers and borrows funds when necessary and asked if that was an option. Dr. Stabler stated that the only fund that is available is the special reserve fund which allows for cash flow problems. Dr. Stabler stated that the only way the District would run out of money is if the State would run out.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji stated that she has heard comments about the possibility of not receiving pay checks. Dr. Stabler stated that a letter was received from the State of California, which was sent to all school sites, stating that salaries would continue.

Ms. Cecile Nunley stated that regular State apportionments are scheduled to continue even if State does not have a budget however, categorical payments are not scheduled if the State does not have a budget.

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 4-1, Mr. Palacio dissenting, to adopt the District's multi-year budget projection with supplemental information.

BOARD POLICY (BP) 5116.1 - INTRADISTRICT OPEN ENROLLMENT (REVISED: FOR FIRST READING)

Mrs. Avila requested information on the No Child Left Behind (NCLL) Act concerning compliance and the allowance for a child to transfer.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji suggested a full presentation on the matter of Intradistrict open enrollment of students.

Presented for first reading; no action necessary.

APPROVAL OF DECLARATION OF NEED FOR FULLY QUALIFIED EDUCATORS FOR THE 2003-04 SCHOOL YEAR

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Tinajero, and carried 4-0, Mrs. Avila not present, to approve the declaration of need for fully qualified educators for the 2003-04 school year.

APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL ACTION

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mrs. Avila, and carried 4-0, Mr. Richardson not present, to approve the Personnel Calendar as presented.

A copy of the Personnel Calendar is attached to and becomes a part of the Official Minutes of this meeting.

BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS/ACTIVITIES
REPORTS ON VISITS TO SCHOOLS, CONFERENCES ATTENDED, OR MEETINGS SCHEDULED

Mr. Tinajero reminded the community about Pop Warner signups taking place at Memorial Park on Saturday for three weeks and that football practice begins first week of August.

Mr. Richardson said that he and Dr. Yamagata-Noji had a great time at Sierra Intermediate promotion ceremony and commended the school for their Hawaiian theme. He also asked that tonight's meeting be adjourned in memory of Mr. Fred Schrock who passed away last week. Mr. Schrock's daughter Carolyn Aday was a long time teachers at Saddleback high school and Ms. Aday's husband Lee who was also a teacher. He asked that a note of condolence be sent to Mrs. Frances Schrock and the family.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji said that recently at one of the graduations an announcement was made that cars were being towed away at the owners' expense. She said that she realizes that it is difficult for administration to cover all the basis and to be aware of everything, but that it is important that the community work with the District. She then requested that a construction report be communicated at the next Board meeting as items listed on the consent portion of the Agenda and information provided in WIR could have possibly been mentioned.

Mrs. Avila announced that the Rally for Life event for cancer survivors is taking place this weekend. She encouraged the community's support, from 10 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., at the Santa Ana Stadium. The event is sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Fred Schrock.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

At 9:07 p.m., the Regular Meeting was recessed to Closed Session to consider personnel matters and negotiations.

MEETING RECONVENED

The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 11:08 p.m.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

By a vote of 4-0 the Board approved the administrative appointment of Sheila Green to the position of Assistant Principal, effective July 9, 2003.

By a vote of 4-0 the Board approved the administrative appointment of Jesus Luna to the position of Assistant Principal, effective July 9, 2003.

By a vote of 5-0 the Board took action to approve the Workers Compensation settlement agreement as proposed in Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, July 22, 2003, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

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