

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

Tuesday, September 9, 2003

REGULAR MEETING
SANTA ANA BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:50 p.m. by Board President Avila. Mr. Richardson, Mr. Palacio, and Mr. Tinajero were also present. Dr. Yamagata-Noji arrived at 5:25 p.m.

Cabinet members present were Dr. Mijares, Dr. Bennett, Dr. Stabler, Mr. Best, Mr. Sharp, Dr. Bratcher, Dr. Stainer, and Ms. Araujo-Cook.

MEETING RECESSED AND RECONVENED

At 4:50 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 30 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

A moment of silence was observed in memory of those lost in the 911 attacks of terrorism on our nation. The SAUSD joins in grieving the loss of lives, for the many heroes both sung and unsung, and for those left behind to carry on their work. Following the tragic event, SAUSD students wrote letters of support and encouragement to students in Manhattan and these relationships continue today.

Dr. Mijares then called attention to student artwork displayed in the Board Room from Carr and Sierra Intermediate schools.

The Superintendent announced that yesterday was the first day of classes at traditional campuses. He welcomed the 1,195 kindergarteners starting at traditional calendar schools and their parents. He encouraged parental involvement, urged parents to join the PTA, and stressed the importance of reading to children.

The new Ed Cole Academy Charter School opened its doors. Channel 55 was there to capture the celebration. Principal Kitty Kortner and Board Member Sal Tinajero were among the excitement expressing their gratitude for former SAUSD Administrator Ed Cole, for whom the school was named after. Dr. Mijares honored the late Mr. Cole and his family. Ms. Cole currently teaches in the SAUSD.

Dr. Mijares announced that the PTSA at Mendez Fundamental Intermediate school will be hosting an Outdoor Street Fair on Saturday, September 27th. He urged the community to come out and enjoy the food, crafts, and gifts. Homemade items will be for sale, beginning at 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All proceeds will benefit Mendez Fundamental Intermediate School.

The ROP Special Population's Symposium, planned by Jack Oakes, Director of ROP, was held recently at the Double Tree Hotel. It brought ROP's career and technical educators together with special education instructors for the first time to discuss better ways to coordinate student placement, counseling, student monitoring and to provide the very best opportunities for student success. The special population consisted of special education, English Learners, and GATE students.

Recently, as part of a community news segment called "*Treinta y cuatro A Su Lado*" ("34 On Your Side") on Spanish-language Univision's KMEX Channel 34, SAUSD high school counselors received telethon-like phone calls and answered various questions from the community concerning college admissions. The segments aired during the 6:00 p.m. and 11 p.m. news broadcasts and intermittently between regular nightly programming. Dr. Mijares applauded Channel 34 for using network television in such a positive way. He reminded the community that Channel 55 regularly airs a "College Preparation" show, filmed at the District office, which provides parents and students the same kind of information. He also encouraged all students and parents to visit their school counselors regularly to obtain the latest information about available grants for higher education.

BOARD COMMENT:

Dr. Yamagata-Noji, who also holds the position of Vice President, Student Services, at Mt. San Antonio College, volunteered at the KMEX "*Treinta y cuatro A Su Lado*" segment. The phone lines were flooded with thousands of telephone calls with at least 50 telephones ringing at all times from parents, students, and community members. She said that the need for a simulation is evident. Many calls were personally handled by college staff, therefore receiving personal attention. She stated that it was a sensational event and would like to see the SAUSD provide something similar, locally or perhaps across the county.

PRESENTATIONS

"IT'S ALL ABOUT THE KIDS"

Ms. Bernadette Medrano, Executive Director, Santa Ana Education Foundation (SAEF), was called to the podium. She called upon Mr. Chad Hammit, Principal, Edison Elementary school, and presented him with teacher incentive bags for all K-3 teachers at Edison Elementary School. The donation was supplied by Staples Office Supply on Lyon Street in Santa Ana.

She then introduced Santa Ana Unified School District sponsors 3M ESPE Dental Products Division who unfortunately were not available, then presented Grant Elementary school a check in the amount of \$3,500 for their Learning Center.

She asked Mr. Scott Smith, with State Farm Insurance to step to the podium where he presented Davis Elementary school a check in the amount of \$5,000, for their Learning Center.

She then called upon Ms. Julie Green with Wells Fargo Bank, who presented a check to Patricia Gomez, Parent Volunteer Coordinator; Stephanie Almeguar, SAUSD, After School Specialist; Ms. Lucy Santana, Executive Director, Girls,

Incorporated; Ms. Ann Cotter, UC Cooperation Extension Program; and Ms. Melanie Green, District Manager, Wells Fargo Bank in the amount of \$24,614, to pilot a program at Franklin Elementary and Sierra Intermediate schools to teach financial literacy and nutrition skills to parents and students. She also encouraged parents to participate in the annual parent conference at Century High in October to become *Ambassadors in Education* where parents learn to be teachers who then teach parents. Two kindergarten students were selected from Edison Elementary to present the corporate sponsors T-Shirts from the Santa Ana Education Foundation with their logo (small hands across the front of the t-shirt), as a token of SAEF's appreciation.

Ms. Medrano then provided information about a student who desperately needed a kidney transplant. The mother took her child to and from dialysis by bus weekly. Through the efforts of the SAEF a Hyundai automobile was donated to the family of the boy. The child is not present tonight because he was fortunate enough to receive a kidney transplant and was home recovering. The child's parents thanked the Santa Ana Education Foundation for everything they have done for their family.

OVERVIEW OF AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Dr. Stainer, introduced Mrs. Nydia Hernandez, Curriculum Specialist and Dr. Jenel Prenovost, Program Specialist, Pupil Support Services, who presented a summary of various after-school programs Districtwide.

Mrs. Hernandez stated that the programs are funded by Title I and serve Pre-Kindergarten and K-8 students. The Twilight Pre-Kindergarten After-School Program, currently serves 14 school sites and 24 sites projected by November 2003. There are approximately 440 students served four days per week for two hours and 15 minutes, at no cost to parents. The program focuses on early-academic intervention and preparation for success in a standards-based kindergarten. It also maintains a 10-1 ratio, with two instructional providers for every 20 students. Pre-K leadership staff develops the curriculum and meet with instructional providers weekly. Full and part-time certificated staff coordinate the program in collaboration with principals.

Dr. Prenovost highlighted the After-School Intervention Model for Success (AIMS). There are currently 38 schools funded through a combination of State funding sources that include the After-School Education and Safety Program (ASESP) and the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program. ACEE is located at 34 sites which includes 25 elementary and nine intermediate sites. There are four other independently-named programs at Diamond, Harvey, King, and Martin elementaries. There are approximately 6,100 students served daily, three hours per day, at no cost to parents. All programs provide homework assistance, academic enrichment, recreation and/or arts activities. AIMS site staffing varies by site depending on funding source and targeted ADA. The grant requires a 20-1 ratio. Programs are coordinated by full or part-time certificated staff under the direction of the site principal. She introduced Mr. Randy Barth, with THINK Together who is a partner focusing on community recruitment. Think Together will also ensure the long-term sustainability of the program. Direct services are provided by both certificated and classified staff members with community-based organizations providing enrichment services and volunteers. She said incentives are utilized to encourage daily attendance and schools are encouraged to design programs according to site-specific student needs and interests. Evaluations completed have proven results such as improved student achievement and positive attitudes toward school. 95% of 1,700 participants surveyed believed that the program has made a difference. Also provided was the SAUSD After-School Twilight Pre-Kindergarten and AIMS funding charts.

Mrs. Avila requested a list of all (contracted out) organizations that provide services to the District. She requested a copy of the Reading 180 and the Club Life Program agreements.

Dr. Prenovost stated that there are several inkind service providers. The major contracting partners are UCI, YMCA, THINK Together, Junior Achievement, and Orange County Department of Education.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji requested information on the number of students actively participating listed by school site. Dr. Yamagata-Noji inquired about tutoring. Dr. Prenovost responded that tutoring is provided by Instructional Aides and Certificated teachers. Dr. Yamagata-Noji said that 21st Century grant is structured dependent on funding. Dr. Prenovost responded that it is required to use structured State approved curriculum. Curriculum "Read 180" was selected as a scholastic based software program, which also tracks student progress.

Dr. Noji asked that all other after school programs not mentioned in the presentation be added to the matrix. Dr. Prenovost stated that all sites were asked to merge all after-school programs under ACEE.

Dr. Noji requested copies of student achievement evaluations by school and course of measurement used.

Mr. Richardson stated that the evaluation is a point of interest to all Board members then asked how one measures success and knows when it has been achieved. He inquired about the 20-1 ratio and the rule about the number of certificated versus the number of classified employees at the school site. Dr. Prenovost stated that certificated teachers are given 10 hours per week dependent of ADA and the appropriate number of classified to maintain the 20-1 ratio. Mr. Richardson asked what the rate of pay is for certificated staff. Dr. Prenovost stated that certificated staff members are paid their specific hourly rate. Classified staff are paid \$12.54 per hour. He asked how staffing is determined. Dr. Prenovost stated that staffing is determined by the school sites. Mr. Richardson stated that he had not heard any mention of the Delhi Community Center or the Cambodian Family or other organizations based in the community. Dr. Prenovost stated that there is limited funding of \$5.00 per student. She said that all organizations are welcome, and because of the limited funding it would have to come as inkind funding or a grant. Mr. Richardson inquired about volunteers. Dr. Prenovost stated that in the past volunteers have come from OCDE and UCI. This year Think Together will provide volunteers and training. There is an application on the Website from Think Together.

Mr. Richardson inquired about the number of students surveyed. She said that many students are serviced, more than the number listed on the chart.

Mr. Richardson inquired about the snacks. Dr. Prenovost stated that the snacks meet the requirement of the federal government. Food 4 Thought provides snacks for .55 cents per student. She said that Food 4 Thought purchased freezers for each after school program, which has increased the variety of snacks.

Mr. Richardson stated that he hopes that the students are offered the opportunity to play and be kids because that is also very important. She said that the schools provide programs according to site-specific student needs and interests.

Mr. Richardson requested a list of all after school opportunities specifically provided at each site.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji inquired about student eligibility to the programs. The school site determines by low test scores. She asked the number of schools without programs. Dr. Prenovost responded Santiago, Sepulveda, Thorpe, Greenville, Muir, and Taft schools. Another criteria is that the school must service 50% free and reduced lunch schools.

Mrs. Avila stated that some grants require that certificated staff are utilized. Dr. Prenovost stated that the State requirement for the grant is that a staff member must have a minimum qualification of an instructional aide, the direction given when writing the grant was to include certificated staff. The hourly rates are determined by the contract rate.

Mrs. Avila echoed Mr. Richardson regarding allowance for students to play. She inquired about programs being reduced 15 minutes from two (2) hours and 15 minutes to two hours of program to allow more students to participate. Dr. Prenovost stated that the Twilight Pre-K program is two (2) hours and 15 minutes, the K-8 program is required to maintain the full three hour program, ending at 6:00 p.m., except for the 21st Century program, which ends at 5:30 p.m.

Mrs. Avila asked Dr. Prenovost to provide her with the number of volunteers at each school site.

Following the presentation, Dr. Mijares thanked Mr. Barth with THINK Together, for making a difference in the lives of the students.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ADOPTION OF THE REVISED 2003-04 BUDGET

The President declared the meeting open to receive comments on the adoption of the revised 2003-04 Budget.

Hearing no comments, the Public Hearing was declared closed.

CONVEYANCE OF AN EASEMENT TO THE CITY OF SANTA ANA OVER A 25X25 FOOT PORTION OF MOUNTAIN VIEW CONTINUATION HIGH OWNED BY THE DISTRICT

The President declared the meeting open to receive comments on the conveyance of an easement to the City of Santa Ana over a 25X25 foot portion of Mountain View Continuation High owned by the District.

Hearing no comments, the Public Hearing was declared closed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. Avila asked that members of the audience wishing to address the Board to submit a card and step to the podium as called.

Maria Arias, parent, spoke in support of bilingual education and urged the Board to stop with the implementation of the waiver process.

Deborah Ferber, Lathrop teacher, spoke in support of Valley High School Department chairs that were recently released from their extra-curricular assignments and urged the Board to reinstate them as Department Chairs.

The following parents asked the District to step in and assist Lathrop to bring quality education back into the school. They also urged that security measures be looked into:

Elisa Medina, Lathrop parent
Alfredo Martinez, Lathrop and parent
Pedro Castillo, Lathrop parent
Pat Morales, Lathrop teacher
Amalia Tepas, Lathrop parent
Gelacia Dominguez, Lathrop parent
Aima Loza, Lathrop parent

The following parents spoke in support of the Principal and urged the Board to reinstate the principal at Lathrop and look into security measures at the school:

Ana Chinchilla, Lathrop parent
Alba Vargas, Lathrop parent

Yolanda Galdamez, Lathrop grandparent requested a quality education and requested the following:

- a written response regarding the education of her granddaughter
- a copy of the District's policy regarding the evaluation of teachers
- a current report providing information on permanent and probationary teachers who were evaluated including dates of the last evaluation and next evaluation due
- inquired if the District had adopted the State mandated teachers Standards into their policy
- a report that aligns test results for students and teachers particularly in Language Arts

Florence Ball-Freeman, Lowell teacher, supports Open Court. She said that some teachers have not received their materials. She urged the purchase of Spanish Open Court materials that have not been received. She stated that those teachers have not attended Open Court training as of yet. She also suggested that supplemental Open Court materials be purchased which would provide computer lab compatibility with the Reading California Standards.

Abie Garcia, community member, concerned of issues going on at the schools, asked the District to listen to all concerns, address them, and provide the best quality education for all students.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded Mr. Tinajero, and carried 5-0 to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of August 12, 2003, with an exclusion of minute book page 93, which will be reviewed to determine whether the word "technical" compliance will be included.

It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded Mr. Tinajero, and carried 5-0 to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of August 26, 2003,

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

The following item was removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion and separate action: Approval of Submission of Improving Teacher Quality (ITQ) History and Science Grant.

It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mr. Palacio, 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.

Garfield Elementary \$630 for student materials and field trips	Life Touch National School Studios Ms. Lanette Jones Eden Prairie, MN
King Elementary Hot dogs for school carnival	7-Eleven Mrs. Kamal Sandhu Santa Ana
Madison Elementary \$1,146 for student incentives, awards and special program	Mr. Bob Acosta Palm Desert
Migrant Education Program. \$500 for two binational teachers' trip to Santa Ana	Mexican Consulate Ms. Socorro Sarmiento Santa Ana

Approval of purchase order listing prepared July 25 through August 28, 2003, to pay budgeted District financial obligations.

Approval of warrant listings prepared August 12 through August 14, 2003, to pay budgeted District financial obligations.

<u>Awards</u>	<u>Vendors</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Construction of Manuel Esqueda Elementary School	Air Management	\$ 14,500
	Best Roofing	555,900
	Raymond Interiors	638,881
	Raymond Interiors	448,064
	Finch Enterprises	419,000
	S & H Cabinets	339,700
	ISEC	163,333
	Continental Marble	81,777
	Pierre Sprinkler	463,000
Computer Equipment - Villa Fundamental Intermediate	Arey-Jones Educational Solutions	324,000
Computer Equipment - Thorpe Fundamental Elementary	Arey-Jones Educational Solutions	62,000

Food Services Statement of Operations - February 28 - June 30, 2003

Approve Change Order No. 4 for the construction of buildings at Jackson, Lincoln, Roosevelt, and Washington Elementary Schools at a cost of \$91,458,59 for a revised total construction cost of \$24,670,032.65.

Approve the appointment of Overland, Pacific & Cutler, Inc., as the consultant to provide acquisition, relocation and related services for the proposed Heroes Elementary School site located at 826 Westwood Avenue.

Approve the agreement with School Services of California, Inc., (SSC) as a District consultant for special services related to E-Rate.

Approval to readmit expelled former students for the fall semester of the 2003-04 school year.

Approval of expulsion of students for violation of California Education Code -
The Board took action to approve the recommendation of the Administrative Hearing Panel to expel students for the recommended term and with recommended remediation conditions:

097072 - Community Day High

for violation of Section f, that the Board expel him from the schools of the District and that he may apply for readmission on or after June 15, 2004.

131216 - Spurgeon Intermediate

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

APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF IMPROVING TEACHER QUALITY (ITQ) HISTORY AND SCIENCE GRANT.

Mrs. Avila requested that this item be removed from the Agenda to investigate the \$950,000 cost to train teachers in the subjects of history and science.

ADOPTION OF THE REVISED 2003-04 ANNUAL BUDGET

Dr. Mijares introduced the item and provided comments. The revised budget contains assumptions based upon the adopted State Budget. The District is doing all that can be done to keep quality education at the schools. He said that the District has watched the deficit climb from \$20 billion to \$37 billion during the 2002-03 fiscal year and it continues to be very difficult in terms of finances. The District froze employment, provided an early retirement incentive, and eliminated 7th period, which saved \$6.2 million. He said that further savings consisted of the reduction of 132 teaching positions, 72 classified positions, and adjustments in athletic programs, material and supplies. The District has also been faced with declining enrollment, which generates revenue that drives the fiscal program. Unfortunately the District must continue further reductions. He said that the budget presented tonight contains the assistance of Ms. Michelle McLawrey with the Finance Crisis Management Team (FCMAT). Dr. Mijares said that FCMAT is a management tool being utilized to assist the District in providing the best possible program for fiscal solvency to the SAUSD. He then called upon Dr. Stabler.

Dr. Stabler said that Santa Ana Unified School District is a dual adoption District with adoptions taking place in June and September. The advantage of the dual adoption is that it provides the SAUSD the opportunity to adopt the budget based on the budget the State adopts which contains the revenue and program reductions. He said that in 2002-03, the State implemented reductions mid-year reflecting the \$37 billion deficit, therefore affecting the restricted and non-restricted amounts. The District utilized SB18X 2001-02 categorical carryover monies, which were provided by the State last year in the amount of \$4.6 million into unrestricted funds with the total savings of \$6.2 million. Last year, the ending unrestricted balance was \$11.3 million which enabled the District to end the year with a 2% reserve. He then moved on to the current year, which includes the mandated reductions of last year which provides an adoptable budget for 2003-04. He reiterated what Dr. Mijares stated regarding reductions and said that the problem the District is facing is that there is a very small ADA increase. In 2002-03 the amount of ADA increase was 110 and no COLA. He said that the revenue limit deficit is at 1.2%, with losses of over \$170 per student. Other cuts consisted of 25% reductions at the District Office, 132 teacher reductions, 72 classified reductions, and \$660,000 athletic program/site supply reductions. The current reserve is currently at 1%, even though the Board's direction was to have

a 2% reserve by year-end. Other areas affected are employee benefits, workers compensation, and deferred maintenance. He provided information on the repayment of the Tustin settlement and said that the District will soon finalize a plan to process repayment during the current fiscal year and next year. Traditional school began yesterday and kindergarten enrollment came in above the projected numbers. He said that the District would continue working with FCMAT, watching closely for the possibility of reduced State revenues and continue with mid-year cuts.

The Board provided suggestions to Administration in an effort to reduce spending and supported the reductions presented by Dr. Stabler.

Dr. Noji voiced her concern about the 1% reserve and asked that the District work to achieve 2%. It was suggested that Lucy Araujo-Cook, Public Information Officer, and Patricia Gomez, Parent Volunteer Coordinator, work jointly to provide parent awareness concerning student absences.

Mr. Tinajero suggested the establishment of a Saturday Academic class to make up for the student's weekly absences and loss of ADA.

Mr. Richardson cautioned the use of one-time monies and suggested that those dollars not be utilized for permanent use because of not receiving monies in return. Also he asked the District to look into grant terms and questioned the sustainability of the programs once they have ended.

Dr. Noji requested an update on facilities to include funds and constructions costs.

Mrs. Avila suggested that the District plan for the worse case scenario and create scenario plans a, b, and c in order to be prepared.

Mr. Palacio stated that he will not support the adoption of the budget because of facilities expenditures impacting the budget.

It was moved by Mr. Tinajero, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 4-1, Mr. Palacio dissenting, to adopt the revised 2003-04 annual budget.

Mr. Tinajero removed himself from the Board Meeting at 9:15 p.m.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 03/04-2533 - CONVEYING AN EASEMENT TO THE CITY OF SANTA ANA ("CITY") OVER A 25X25 FOOT PORTION OF MOUNTAIN VIEW CONTINUATION HIGH OWNED BY THE DISTRICT

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 4-0, Mr. Tinajero not present, to adopt Resolution No. 03/04-2533 - Conveying an easement to the City of Santa Ana ("City") over a 25X25 foot portion of Mountain View Continuation High owned by the District.

A copy of the Resolution is attached to the Minutes of this meeting.

ADOPTION OF BOARD POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS - 4000 SERIES - PERSONNEL (NEW AND REVISED: FOR ADOPTION OR IMPLEMENTATION)

AR 4032	<u>Reasonable Accommodation</u>
AR 4112.5/4312.5	<u>Criminal Record Check</u>
BP 4112.8/4212.8/4312.8	<u>Employment of Relatives and Immediate Family</u>
AR 4112.8/4212.8/4312.8	<u>Employment of Relatives and Immediate Family</u>
AR 4161.5	<u>Military Leave</u>
AR 4257.1	<u>Work-Related Injuries</u>

Mr. Best addressed questions concerning the fingerprinting of volunteers, preclusion of family members working with family members, and the supervision of family members.

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Palacio and carried 4-0, Mr. Tinajero not present, to adopt Board Policy and implementation of Administrative Regulations - 4000 Series - Personnel (New and Revised)

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AR 4257.1	<u>Work-Related Injuries</u>

APPROVAL OF NEW JOB DESCRIPTION: READING FIRST DISTRICT LITERACY COACH

It was the consensus of the Board that action take place tonight and Administration consider recommendations as described.

Mrs. Avila suggested that the job description be revised to include that candidates must either have experience in the District approved reading program or would be available to attend training.

Mr. Palacio stated that he would not support the suggestions recommended by Mrs. Avila due to the number of persons opposing the program.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji suggested that Board move forward with the job description as is, and take note of discussion.

Mr. Richardson stated to make certain the candidate is capable of handling curricular assignments adopted by the Board.

Administration was asked to consider Board's comments and apply to job description where applicable. These comments will also be considered for all other subsequent job descriptions for the Reading First program

It was moved by Mr. Avila, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 3-0, Mrs. Avila opposing and Mr. Tinajero absent, to approve new job description: Reading First District Literacy Coach.

A copy of the approved job description incorporating Board comments where applicable will be attached to the Minutes of the September 23, 2003 Board meeting minutes.

APPROVAL OF NEW JOB DESCRIPTION: READING FIRST PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji and carried 3-0, Mrs. Avila opposing and Mr. Tinajero absent to approve new job description: Reading First Program Administrator.

A copy of the approved job description incorporating Board comments where applicable will be attached to the Minutes of the September 23, 2003 Board meeting minutes.

APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL ACTION

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 4-0, Mr. Tinajero 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 the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY BOARD AND STAFF

Mr. Palacio announced that former Santa Ana High School wrestler, Hugo Guzman, received a full-paid college scholarship.

Mr. Richardson offered congratulatory remarks to Trustee Al Amezcua. He attended Mr. Amezcua's installation to the Rancho Santiago Community College Board of Trustees event and conveyed the message that Mr. Amezcua would not only stay involved with the District, but would work jointly.

Mrs. Avila welcomed back traditional calendar students and expressed gratitude to staff and teachers for all their efforts.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji attended the Century High School Football Bar-B-Q event at Memorial Park. She thanked Therese Mims and all who participated.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji thanked the facilities and Construction department for paving the ground adjacent to the Segerstrom project. She said that it is exciting to see the earth moving, knowing that school construction is moving forward.

She commented that she is pleased to know that the Bond Oversight Committee is providing a tour of all project sites. She said that it would be beneficial to communicate these types of opportunities to advisory groups, parent groups, City officials, etc., and to inform those groups of the District's projects.

She also thought that it might be a good idea to stop by school sites to observe the after-school programs already in place.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Mrs. Avila reported the following actions taken in Closed Session:

By a vote of 4-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to approve the Liability Compromise and Release in an amount as indicated in Closed Session.

By a vote of 4-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to authorize school contracts with nonpublic schools for the education of disabled pupils as indicated in Closed Session.

By a vote of 4-0, the Board took action in Closed Session to approve the ratification of a Master Contract and Individual Service Agreement for a student named in Closed Session.

By a vote of 4-0, the Board authorized legal counsel to file action against Construction and Planning Concepts on the New School Addition projects as indicated in Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Regular meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, September 23, 2003, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

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