

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

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
SANTA ANA BOARD OF EDUCATION

September 12, 2006

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:55 p.m. by Board President Yamagata-Noji. Other members in attendance were Mr. Richardson and Mrs. Avila. Mr. Tinajero and Mr. Palacio were not present at the meeting.

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

MEETING RECESSED AND RECONVENED

At 4:55 p.m., the Regular meeting recessed to Closed Session to consider legal matters, personnel matters, special education contracts, and student discipline issues.

The Regular meeting reconvened at 6:40 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by student Lorena Higbee-Velasquez from Pio Pico Elementary School. Dr. Yamagata-Noji then called for a moment of silence in honor of those effected by 9-11, yesterday being the fifth anniversary.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Russo welcomed all in attendance to the first Board meeting since the inception of the new traditional schedule districtwide. A video captured the excitement of students and staff on the first day of school. With the hard work of Administration, it was a smooth transition.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji and Board applauded all Administrators present for a great school opening.

Bernedette Medrano, Executive Director for the Santa Ana Education Foundation, assisted with an award for \$15,000 to Pio Pico's Researchers. The Ameriquest Mortgage Company presented a check on behalf of the *Create Your Legacy Program* to Pio Pico Elementary Researchers. Students submitted their *Finding Safe Places for Kids to Play* project and won!

Mr. Jon Voget, Executive Director of the Central Orange Coast YMCA, updated trustees on the YMCA's development at the Armstrong Ranch property, adjacent to Segerstrom High School. He stated that the initial phase for the YMCA facility will begin during the first quarter of 2007. That phase will consist of sidewalk and frontage landscaping, 87 parking spaces, speed soccer arena with lighting and bleachers, and temporary modular offices, classroom, and restrooms.

On Tuesday, August 29th, at the Delhi Community Center, the Achievement Institute of Scientific Studies commended 19 outstanding scholars from Santa Ana Unified. Mr. Richardson served as Keynote Speaker, with a heartfelt presentation entitled "The Community and Me," describing how caring community members imparted direction to help him get to where he is today. Mr. Richardson was recognized with a plaque for his contributions to the community. Ms. Russo congratulated student honorees, whose GPAs ranged from a "low" 3.9 to a high of 4.7.

Based on the *No Child Left Behind Act*, students who qualify may be eligible to receive free tutoring services through State-approved providers. A related item is on the Agenda of this meeting. Outreach efforts have been thorough, including on-site presentations to parents at eligible schools via a Supplemental Educational Services Video, produced by Channel 31. Board members have received a copy of the 13-minute presentation, which is both in English and in Spanish. A video news clip highlighted that production.

A Channel 31 video showed an additional benefit of having an entire school district on a single calendar. Being on a traditional cycle allowed school custodians, the often unsung heroes, to work in teams to perform deep-cleaning of schools. Thanks was expressed to the custodians for keeping the grounds clean and safe for all students and staff.

Ms. Russo called to the attention of those present the beautiful artwork posted in the Board Room contributed by artists from Valley High School.

CHANGE IN ORDER OF THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING - AUGUST 22, 2006
APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING - AUGUST 24, 2006

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mrs. Avila, and carried 3-0 to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 22 and Special Board Meeting Minutes of August 24, 2006.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

The following item was removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion and separate action: Approval of New/Renewal of Memberships in Organizations for 2006-07 Fiscal Year.

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried a 3-0 to approve the remaining items on the Consent Calendar as follows:

- 1.1 Approval of Change Order No. 1 for construction of Heroes Elementary School project in the amount of \$32,927 for a revised total construction cost of \$14,152,927.
- 1.2 Approval of Change Order No. 9 for construction of Mountain View High School (Lorin Griset Academy) project in the amount of (\$44,471) for a revised total construction cost of \$13,090,724.

- 1.3 Approval of Change Order No. 20 for bid package No. 1 for the construction of Godinez Fundamental High School project in the amount of \$247,065 for a revised total construction cost of \$65,177,372.
- 1.4 Approval of amendment to Agreement with Petra Geotechnical, Inc., for additional required contaminated soils removal.
- 1.5 Approval of appointment of The Planning Center to provide California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) services for the Facilities Relocation Plan.
- 1.6 Approval of purchase order summary and detailed listing of orders \$25,000 and over for the period of August 9, 2006 through August 22, 2006.
- 1.7 Approval of expenditure summary and warrant listing of expenditures over \$25,000 for the period of August 9, 2006 through August 22, 2006.
- 1.8 Approval of listing of agreements/contracts between the Santa Ana Unified School District and various consultants for the period of August 9, 2006 through August 22, 2006. A listing of consultants is attached to the Minutes.
- 1.9 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.
- 1.10 Approval of new/renewal of memberships in organizations for 2006-07 fiscal year, and authorize Administration to present purchase orders for new/renewals of memberships. *This item was removed from the Agenda and will return to a future Board meeting.*
- 1.11 Approval of conversion of Adams, Jackson, Diamond, Fremont, Martin, and Walker Comprehensive School Reform Schools (CSR) to High Priority Schools Grant Program (HPSGP).
- 1.12 Approval of contract agreement with Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce for the 2006-07 school year.
- 1.13 High School English literature textbook for Advanced Placement (AP) for 28-day review.
- 1.14 Adoption of High School Music Appreciation course.
- 1.15 Adoption of High School English Language and Composition Textbook "The Bedford Reader" for Advanced Placement.
- 1.16 Acceptance of gifts in accordance with Board Policy 3290 - Gifts, Grants, and Bequests. A list is attached to the Minutes.
- 1.17 Approval of readmission of expelled former students #'s 136693, 165996, 138885, 149918, 121097, 318812, 144737, 159366, and 173249 for the fall semester of the 2006-07 school year.

- 1.18 Authorization of receipt of continuing grant funds from the Santa Ana Workforce Investment Board/Youth Council for an In-School Multi-Service Youth Program.
- 1.19 Approval of request to hire certificated teachers on a Provisional Internship Permit in the areas of Science, Mathematics, and Special Education for the 2006-07 school year.
- 1.20 Adoption of Resolution No. 06/07-2664 - Certification of John Palacio's absence from a Board meeting. A copy of the resolution is attached to the Minutes.

REGULAR ACTION ITEMS

- 2.0 ACCEPTANCE OF COMPLETION OF CONTRACT FOR BID PACKAGES NO. 5 AND 14 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SEGERSTROM HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT

It was moved by Mrs. Avila, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 3-0 to accept the September 12, 2006, completion of contract with USSCal Builders for bid packages No. 5 and 14 for the construction of Segerstrom High School project for a total amount of \$4,370,036.49.

- 3.0 ACCEPTANCE OF BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE'S 2004-05 ANNUAL REPORT

Action was delayed pending the Public Comments portion of the meeting.

- 4.0 APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBERS TO SERVE ON BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

This item was removed from the Agenda and will be placed on the agenda of a future Board meeting.

- 5.0 AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD CONTRACTS FOR PURCHASE OF CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES FOR WAREHOUSE STOCK

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mrs. Avila, and carried 3-0 to authorize contracts for the purchase of custodial supplies for warehouse stock for a period of up to three years.

- 6.0 APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF BEST BUY TE@CH AWARD GRANT APPLICATIONS TO BEST BUY FOR TECHNOLOGY VOUCHERS

It was moved by Mrs. Avila, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 3-0 to approve the submission of Best Buy Te@ch Award grant applications to Best Buy for technology vouchers.

- 7.0 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 06/07-2663 - DISTRICT APPROPRIATIONS LIMITS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2005-06 AND 2006-07

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mrs. Avila, and carried 3-0 to adopt Resolution No. 06/07-2663 - District appropriations limits for fiscal years 2005-06 and 2006-07 at \$300,995,643 and \$300,554,925 respectively. A copy of the resolution is attached to the Minutes.

- 8.0 APPROVAL TO CONVERT THE DISTRICT'S BUDGET ADOPTION PROCESS FROM A "DUAL ADOPTED" TO A "SINGLE ADOPTED" BUDGET

Mr. Trigg explained that the only material difference is that the budget previously has been approved and submitted for State review/acceptance on

two occasions versus once for Single Adoption. He said that this would streamline the labor-intensive efforts of the Budget and Accounting staff who are managing the massive paper flow of closing the year-end books at the same time they are preparing for the second budget adoption process.

Dr. Noji asked that, when presenting the final budget for adoption, budget balances be identified.

It was moved by Mrs. Avila, and seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 3-0 to approve the conversion of District's choice of budget adoption process from dual to single.

9.0 AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR ANNUAL PURCHASE OF SERVERS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT DISTRICTWIDE

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 3-0 to authorize the awarding of a contract to Dell Marketing LP for purchase of servers and related equipment districtwide in the amount of \$500,000 annually, utilizing the State of California, Department of General Services Participating Addendum, Contract No. A63307.

10.0 APPROVAL OF CONSULTANT AGREEMENTS BETWEEN SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND STATE-APPROVED SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES PROVIDERS

It was moved by Mrs. Avila, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 3-0 to approve consultant agreements between the Santa Ana Unified School District and State-approved Supplemental Educational Service providers.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji asked that, when returning with a presentation on this topic, a list of various agencies, schools involved, and services rendered be identified.

11.0 APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR PREPARATORY ACADEMY AT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 3-0 to approve the appointment of John Acuna and Miguel Hernandez to serve as members of the Board of Directors for the Preparatory Academy at Valley High School.

12.0 APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF CALIFORNIA MATH AND SCIENCE PARTNERSHIP GRANT TO ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 3-0 to approve the participation of Willard Intermediate in the California Math and Science Partnership grant.

13.0 PERSONNEL ACTION

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 3-0 to approve the Personnel Calendar in its entirety.

CHANGE IN ORDER OF THE AGENDA

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.

Albar and Isaak Velasco, father and son, addressed the Board with concerns regarding the lack of instructional assistants for special education programs at Santa Ana High School. The Administration was asked to look into the matter and report the findings to the Board.

Victor Madrigal, former PTA Council President, introduced new PTA Council President Rosa Aldaz to the Board.

Yolanda Ochoa, parent of three children at Edison, voiced her concerns regarding staff assignments.

Lance Tayco, SAUSD teacher, on behalf of the Science Department at Santa Ana High School, thanked Board members, site Administration, and District Administration for a great opening of the new school year with virtually no class size problems, which greatly benefits students.

CHANGE IN ORDER OF THE AGENDA

PRESENTATIONS

Update and Status of School Building Program

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

Enrollment Update

Dr. Bratcher and Mr. Lopez updated the Board concerning the comprehensive high school program verification. They reviewed PowerPoint slides that included K-12 breakdown of class sizes, student enrollment, staffing adjustments, Morgan-Hart class size reduction, and the new supplemental counseling program. Dr. Bratcher credited the SchoolMax program that was most helpful with a new printout package that was developed to decrease confusion. He further highlighted the XTEND phone system which was beneficial with outreach staff making phone calls to students who did not register on their specifically assigned day. He stated that all schools opened successfully with minimal enrollment issues. Educational Services will continue to make site visits and return to the Board with updates.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji asked that staff encourage student attendance and develop an attendance incentive program. She further asked that, when schools meet their targets, staff be rewarded.

STAR Data Update

Ms. Russo introduced the item. She stated that Santa Ana Unified has so much for which to be proud, highlighting just a few areas: re-establishing the traditional schedule Districtwide; Saddleback recently receiving a 6-year WASC accreditation; and MacArthur Fundamental Intermediate, Harvey Elementary, and Thorpe Fundamental Elementary schools receiving the California Distinguished Schools honor. She stated that every year the District continues to make progress on State test scores. The SAUSD's mission remains to focus all efforts on instruction so that all students master the curriculum and succeed in life. She then introduced Ms. LePatner, Director for Research and Evaluation.

Ms. LePatner was called to the podium to provide test data. She stated that, under the No Child Left Behind Act, all schools are required to make

adequate yearly progress in student achievement with the goal of 100% of students scoring at proficient or advanced levels on the California Standards Tests by the 2013-14 school year. She stated that this is one of three presentations to come before the Board at three consecutive Board meetings.

Ms. LePatner reviewed the 2006 STAR program and accountability results of the California Standards Test (CST); California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA); California Achievement Test 6th Edition (CAT/6 Survey), and Aprenda 3 for Spanish speakers. She described the State and Federal Accountability System, which includes Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), Program Improvement (PI), and the Academic Performance Index (API). She reviewed the California Standards Test (CST) Results, CST Achievement results, progress towards graduation requirements, and overall progress of the SAUSD.

Ms. LePatner addressed questions from the Board and stated that she would return to the next Board meeting to continue the three-part presentation.

Dr. Bratcher concluded with a comprehensive listing of the steps being taken by staff to improve student achievement.

14.0 ACCEPTANCE OF BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE'S 2004-05 ANNUAL REPORT

Mr. Joseph Gerda, member of the Bond Oversight Committee, presented the Independent Citizens Bond Oversight Committee Annual report. He stated that, based on the information provided by the District for the reporting period of July 2004 through June 2005, the Committee finds that the SAUSD is in compliance with the requirements of the California Constitution.

Mr. Gerda further stated that, during the fiscal year, no funds were used for any teacher or administrative salaries or other operating expenses prohibited by the California Constitution. Proceeds from the sale of bond funds in the reporting period were used only for the permitted purposes of construction, rehabilitation, and replacement of school facilities. He pointed out that bond revenue was spent only as specified in the voters' ballot and Board resolution of Measure C. During the fiscal year, bond revenue was expended only on new construction and modernization projects. Ms. Russo acknowledged Ms. Ellen Koldeway, Mr. Oscar Garza, and Ms. Irma Macias, former and current members of the Board of Directors of the Bond Oversight Committee in attendance at this meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 3-0 to accept the Bond Oversight Committee's 2004-05 Annual Report.

15.0 BOARD REPORTS/ACTIVITIES

The Board recognized Mr. Richard Erhard, Special Education Director, for his years of service in the Santa Ana Unified School District. He has accepted a position as the Assistant Superintendent/Executive Director of the West Orange County Consortium for Special Education.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION:

By a vote of 3-0, the Board took action to approve a workers' compensation compromise and release for an individual named in Closed Session in the amount of \$46,000.

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

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

Vote: Ayes 3 Noes 0 Abstain _____ Absent Mr. Tinajero and Mr. Palacio

By a vote of 3-0, the Board took action to terminate a SAUSD employee named in Closed Session.

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

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

Vote: Ayes 3 Noes 0 Abstain _____ Absent Mr. Tinajero and Mr. Palacio

By a vote of 3-0, the Board took action to appoint Noemi Avila to the position of Assistant Facilities Planner.

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

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

Vote: Ayes 3 Noes 0 Abstain _____ Absent Mr. Tinajero and Mr. Palacio

By a vote of 3-0, the Board took action to appoint Gregory J. Paradis, Assistant Principal at Wilson Elementary for the 2006-07 school year.

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

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

Vote: Ayes 3 Noes 0 Abstain _____ Absent Mr. Tinajero and Mr. Palacio

By a vote of 3-0, the Board took action to appoint Carmen A. Westberg, Assistant Principal at Lowell Elementary for the 2006-07 school year.

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

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

Vote: Ayes 3 Noes 0 Abstain _____ Absent Mr. Tinajero and Mr. Palacio

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, September 26, 2006, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Jane Russo
Secretary
Santa Ana Board of Education