

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

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING  
SANTA ANA BOARD OF EDUCATION

September 14, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Board President Yamagata-Noji. Other members in attendance were Mr. Richardson, Mr. Hernández, Mr. Palacio, and Mr. Reyna.

Cabinet members present were Ms. Russo, Dr. Olsky, Mr. Lopez, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Mendez, Ms. Miller, and Ms. Lohnes.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Board President Yamagata-Noji asked those wishing to address the Board in matters pertaining to Closed Session to step to the podium.

There were no individuals wishing to comment at this time.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

The Regular meeting recessed to Closed Session to consider negotiations, confidential issues, and personnel matters.

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

The Regular meeting reconvened at 6:25 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice President Richardson.

President Yamagata-Noji thanked Administration, teachers, and staffs for a great opening of school.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Ms. Russo introduced Mr. Bryan Galvan, 2010 graduate of Valley High School. Bryan excelled in musical theater while a student. Having earned top reviews in the MACY Awards for his performance in the Valley High production *Beauty and the Beast*, he qualified to participate in the nationally highly esteemed high school musical theater awards held during the summer in New York. Brian returned to share a little about the competition.

Superintendent Russo introduced Ms. Ana Rodriguez, a Godinez Fundamental High School senior. Ana had the opportunity to travel to the east coast during the summer by way of invitation to the U.S. Capitol. Ana was selected by Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives Page Program, which consisted of a three-week summer session of legislative duties. Ana was present to share her experiences in the nation's capitol, Washington, D.C.

On Thursday, August 19, the Management Team, including principals, assistant principals, and District managers gathered to prepare for the new year. Guest speaker Dr. Karl Kohn, former Superintendent of Long Beach Unified School District, addressed the team about helping students achieve their potential. His message was that it does not a matter where students come from; it is what the adults do to help them succeed, which was well received. Workshops were held throughout the day. Dr. Noji, Mr. Hernandez, and Mr. Richardson provided inspiration for the new year. Ms. Russo highlighted the opening presentation shown by video this evening.

Ms. Russo asked parents to mark their calendars for Back-to-School Nights at Santa Ana schools:

- Valley High - Wednesday, September 15
- Elementary schools - Thursday, September 16
- Middle College High School - Friday, September 17
- All other high schools will host their session on Wednesday, September 22

Parents were encouraged to check with school for specific start times.

On September 20, the kick-off of Childhood Obesity Prevention and Fitness Week begins. The passage of Senator Correa's Senate Resolution 77 declares the last full week of September as Childhood Obesity Prevention and Fitness week in California. Kennedy Elementary School will play host to the first in a weeklong series of events that promote physical fitness and healthy eating throughout the community. For more information, please call 714-558-5555.

CHANGE IN ORDER OF AGENDA

PRESENTATIONS

Persistently Low-Achieving Schools Update

Dawn Miller, Assistant Superintendent, Secondary Education, provided an update of Persistently Low-Achieving Schools (PLAS). Six schools were identified as PLAS schools in March 2010. Those schools are Century High, Santa Ana High, Saddleback High, Valley High, Willard Intermediate, and Sierra Intermediate. Due to the planning of the transformational model, there have been numerous staff, parent, and community forums held. With the help of SAEA, school site teams were created called Instructional Leadership Teams (ILT). Administration and certificated staff were asked to be part of committees using buy-back days. Plans were developed using staff and parent input. Site ILT's will meet throughout the year to ensure plans are being implemented. The development of a teacher compact which addresses commitments of all teachers was created. All sites voted on the transformational plans and teacher compacts. Ms. Miller stressed the importance of parent participation in the transformation.

Ms. Miller highlighted the commonalities of the all six site plans. She noted the following focus for each school:

- Sierra Intermediate (Sierra Preparatory Academy) - Visual and Performing Arts
- Willard Intermediate - STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics)
- Santa Ana High School -Visual and Performing Arts
- Century High School - Academic Academies and Technology

Ms. Miller provided a template of Century High School's plan, which lists changes to the previous year's plan. The Board has requested copies of all PLAS school plans as well as additional information that will be shared at a future Board meeting concerning PLAS schools.

A DVD was shown that illustrated the new Century High School which expressed commitment, success, and honor at Century.

Ms. Susan Mercer, SAEA President, addressed the Board. Ms. Mercer stated that the transformation has been an unbelievable journey, a process that has brought all teams together and it has been long and hard. She said compromise is key to enable academic success for all SAUSD students. She noted her enthusiasm with the outcome and all that was accomplished during the summer months.

Ms. Russo stated that there were weekly meetings with principals and Cabinet member during the summer. We are proud of the milestone, bringing the union president as a part of the PLAS meetings. Ms. Russo thanked the SAEA and SAUSD bargaining teams for their astonishing work and professionalism.

Ms. Miller recognized principals, ILT teams, SAEA union representatives, and all in attendance for their exceptional work.

On behalf of the Board, Dr. Yamagata-Noji thanked those who worked so hard and for rallying together for great work.

#### STAR Results: Academic Performance Index and Adequate Yearly Progress

Dr. Olsky, presented information on the 2010 STAR results that included Academic Performance Index (API) and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). She described the two accountability systems. The API is the State accountability and the AYP is the Federal accountability. She stated that API for districts began in 2002 and the current State's goal is 800. She showed comparisons from 2002 to 2010 showing growth of 247 points. Currently in SAUSD schools, all elementary schools have an API of 700 or higher. Forty-seven of 57 schools made growth in API (33 elementary, seven intermediate, and seven high schools). She highlighted Annual Measureable Objectives for ELA for elementary and intermediate schools from 2001-02 school year through 2013-14 school years. Also highlighted were California Standards Test comparisons for grades 2-5 for 2006 through 2010 in ELA, Algebra 1, and Geometry. Dr. Olsky reviewed AYP ELA and mathematics for 2010, indicating that AYP is based on the California High School Exit Exam. She stated that 33 schools made growth in both ELA and mathematics from the previous year, 45 schools increased the percent scoring proficient in ELA, and 40 schools increased the percent scoring proficient in mathematics. Other accomplishments are four SAUSD schools named most improved schools in Orange County and three SAUSD schools named the most improved on the California High School Exit Exam.

#### Budget Update

Mr. Bishop and Mr. Tsunozumi provided a budget update, which included 2009-10 Unaudited Actuals, cash-flow update, and next steps for the SAUSD. Mr. Bishop stated that the State Budget is pending with expectations of a possible November/December approval. He said the delay has caused additional State cash deferrals.

Mr. Bishop stated in reference to the Federal Jobs Bill, Legislature proposed allocation of funds based on a proportionate share of each District's Revenue Limit. The Bill is awaiting the Governor's signature for an award amount to SAUSD of approximately \$10.3 million. With regards to California's Race to the Top application, the State did not receive this funding. In addition, the School Improvement Grant (SIG) funding, due to the support of SAEA, SAUSD will receive \$35 million in funding for the six persistently low-performing schools.

Mr. Tsunozumi, Executive Director, Fiscal Services, reviewed 2009-10 Unaudited Actuals. He stated that unrestricted and restricted estimated fund balances closed at \$83.3 million for 2009-10 and the unaudited actual fund balance closed at \$95.3 million with a difference of \$12 million. This was due to less than anticipated spending by sites/departments. Salaries and stipends originally slated for payment using unrestricted funds were paid by ARRA stabilization. In addition, Restricted favorable variance is primarily attributable to less than anticipated spending from Title I, Title II, ELA, and ARRA Title I programs. He stated that funds would be carried over to 2010-11.

Mr. Tsunozumi described accounting adjustments related to the General Fund (Fund 01) due to incorrect State handling and direction for 2008-09 Revenue Limits and State Categorical program revenues. He said that adjustments to the beginning balance included Debt Service Fund (Fund 56) where an adjustment was made to rectify the auditor directed actions by the State.

Mr. Tsunozumi explained Special Education Maintenance of Effort (MOE) compliance stating that the MOE requires Special Education spending to be at the same level or more than prior year spending and the District could not charge \$5 million in costs to ARRA Stabilization due to MOE compliance issues. The District instead paid for expenditures utilizing unrestricted funds and found replacement unrestricted expenses to charge to ARRA Stabilization.

Mr. Tsunozumi stated that a Workers' Compensation Actuarial study as of June 30, 2010, would be presented at the next Board meeting. He said that anticipated claim loss has increased by \$8 million, which reflects an increase in the Unaudited Actuals for 2009-10.

Mr. Tsunozumi stated there would be required Budget Reductions for 2011-12. He then reviewed the 2010-11 adopted multi-year projections. He briefly reviewed ending balances of all other District funds. In regards to projected SAUSD Cash Flow, the State deferrals totaling \$170 million for SAUSD results in projected cash shortfalls in 2010-11 and 2011-12 and a probable need to borrow funds to meet payroll and other District obligations.

Mr. Bishop described the District's next steps, which included negotiations with SAEA and CSEA. He stated that the next three Board meetings would include Budget revisions and adjustments. He stated in November, a presentation of the proposed 2011-12 budget reductions would begin and perhaps one or two special study sessions to iron those out. Additionally, on December 14, the 2010 First Interim Report would come to the Board, 2011-12 Budget reductions, and a decision on Class Size Reduction for 2011-12 and determination for future years.

PUBLIC HEARING

Reopen California School Employees Association Initial Bargaining Proposal and Entire Collective Bargaining Agreement to Santa Ana Unified School District for 2010-13 School Years

President Yamagata-Noji declared the meeting open to conduct a Public Hearing to receive comments regarding the reopening of California School Employees Association Initial Bargaining Proposal and entire collective bargaining agreement to SAUSD for 2010-13 School Years.

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

Hearing no comments, the Public Hearing was closed.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Board President Yamagata-Noji asked those wishing to address the Board in matters pertaining to items on the Agenda to step to the podium.

Maria Saldana, SAUSD parent, addressed the Board regarding a public records request.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 4-0, Mr. Reyna abstaining, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 24, 2010. And it was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 5-0, to approve the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of August 26, 2010.

**1.0 APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

It was moved by Mr. Reyna, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0, to approve the Consent Calendar as follows:

- 1.1 Approval of the master contracts and/or individual service agreements with nonpublic schools and agencies for students with disabilities for 2010-11 school year.
- 1.2 Approval of clinical affiliation agreement with Concordia University Irvine Division of Nursing.
- 1.3 Approval of participation in the College Board Greenhouse grant for the 2010-11 school Year.
- 1.4 Approval of listing of agreements/contracts between the Santa Ana Unified School District and various consultants submitted for the period of August 12, 2010 through August 24, 2010.
- 1.5 Approval of purchase order summary and listing of orders \$25,000 and over, for the period of August 20, 2010, through September 9, 2010.
- 1.6 Ratification of expenditure summary listing all checks created and warrant listing of expenditures over \$25,000 for the period of August 21, 2010 through September 10, 2010.

- 1.7 Authorization to obtain Bids for Coach bus transportation services for field trips and athletic trips for various school sites.
- 1.8 Authorization to award contracts for the purchase of school paper supplies for warehouse stock, in the amount of \$203,678 renewable annually for a period of up to three years, pursuant to Bid No. 16-10.
- 1.9 Approval of Districtwide master contract for Schoolwires web hosting.
- 1.10 Authorization to obtain bids for homerun safety fence at Godinez Fundamental High School.
- 1.11 Ratification of substitute subcontractor for structural steel at Santa Ana High School under the Overcrowding Relief grant.

**REGULAR AGENDA - ACTION ITEMS**

**2.0 ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH BOARD POLICY (BP) 3290 - GIFTS, GRANTS, AND BEQUESTS**

*It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, and carried 4-0, Mr. Reyna not present, to accept the gifts in accordance with Board Policy 3290 - Gifts, Grants, and Bequests. A list is attached to the Minutes.*

**3.0 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 10/11-2850 - TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM SPECIAL RESERVE FUND FOR CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECT TO GENERAL FUND**

*It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 4-0, Mr. Reyna not present, to adopt Resolution No. 10/11-2850 to transfer of funds from Special Reserve Fund (Fund 40) to the General Fund. A copy of the resolution is attached.*

**4.0 APPROVAL OF DISTRICT'S UNAUDITED ACTUALS FOR 2009-10 SCHOOL YEAR**

*It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 4-0, Mr. Reyna not present, to approve the District's unaudited actual for 2009-10 school year.*

**5.0 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 10/11-2849 - DISTRICT APPROPRIATIONS LIMITS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2009-10 AND 2010-11**

*It was moved by Mr. Hernández, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 4-0, Mr. Reyna not present, to adopt Resolution No. 10/11-2849 for the Districts' appropriations limits for fiscal years 2009-10 and 2010-11 at \$321,999,178 and \$308,265,778 respectively.*

**6.0 AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF MAJOR NETWORK EQUIPMENT AND INSTALLATION OF STRUCTURED CABLING SYSTEM AT VARIOUS E-RATE QUALIFIED SITES AT 90% WITH FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (E-RATE) FUNDING**

**AND**

**7.0 AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF WIRELESS NETWORK EQUIPMENT AND INSTALLATION OF STRUCTURED CABLING SYSTEM AT VARIOUS E-RATE QUALIFIED SITES AT 88% WITH FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (E-RATE) FUNDING**

Items were moved by Mr. Hernández, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 4-0, Mr. Reyna not present, to authorize the extension of contracts for purchase and installation of:

- Major network equipment and installation of structured cabling system at various E-Rate qualified sites at 90% with Federal Communications Commission (E-Rate) funding with AT&T, pursuant to Bid #9-09, and the provisions of Public Contract Code Section 20118.
- Wireless network equipment and installation of structured cabling system at various E-Rate qualified sites at 88% with Federal Communications Commission (E-Rate) funding with AT&T, pursuant to Bid #11-09, and the provisions of Public Contract Code Section 20118.

**8.0 AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN BIDS FOR BID PACKAGE NO. 502 FOR SADDLEBACK HIGH SCHOOL UNDER EMERGENCY REPAIR PROGRAM**

It was moved by Mr. Hernández, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 4-0, Mr. Reyna not present, to authorize the obtaining of bids for Bid Package No. 502 for Saddleback High School under Emergency Repair Program utilizing Measure G funds with an anticipated reimbursement from the State at a later date.

**9.0 AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR INSTALLATION OF ASPHALT PAVING SEAL COATING AND REPAIRS DISTRICTWIDE**

It was moved by Mr. Hernández, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 4-0, Mr. Reyna not present, to authorize the awarding of contract to Hardy and Harper, for Bid No. 08-11, in the amount not to exceed \$500,000 for a period of one year. The District can utilize pricing for up to five years.

**10.0 APPROVAL TO CALL FOR PUBLIC HEARING TO OPEN COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA INITIAL BARGAINING PROPOSAL TO SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

It was moved by Mr. Hernández, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0, to approve the call for a public hearing to open Communications Workers of America's initial bargaining proposal to Santa Ana Unified School District.

**11.0 APPROVAL OF NEW JOB DESCRIPTION: RISK MANAGEMENT BENEFITS SPECIALIST**

This item was removed from the agenda.

**12.0 APPROVAL OF NEW JOB DESCRIPTION: ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY - SUPERINTENDENT/DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT**

It was moved by Mr. Hernández, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0, to approve the new job description of Administrative Secretary - Superintendent/Deputy Superintendent. A copy of the job description is attached.

**13.0 APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND SANTA ANA EDUCATORS' ASSOCIATION FOR PERSISTENTLY LOW-ACHIEVING SCHOOLS**

It was moved by Mr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mr. Hernández, and carried 5-0, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between SAUSD and Santa Ana Educators' Association for the Persistently Low-Achieving Schools.

**14.0 PERSONNEL ACTION**

It was moved by Mr. Hernández, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 5-0, to approve the Personnel Calendar in its entirety. A copy of the calendar is attached.

**15.0 BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS/ACTIVITIES**Mr. Palacio:

- He complimented staff and administration on the smooth opening of school. And had not heard of any issues.
- He thanked staff for working so hard to get it off to a great start!

Mr. Richardson:

- Santa Ana High School Teacher Gary Reynolds informed Mr. Richardson how proud he was that student Irvin Menendez has transformed his life. He participated in a chemistry lab class at University of California, Irvine, over summer. The UCI newsletter talked about urban situations in Santa Ana and how Irvin's life transitioned and how he see life and education differently. This is a tribute to the student and Mr. Reynolds for his success.
- His nephew Vinze Villapando graduated from Santa Ana High two years ago. He is a brilliant math student who recently received a scholarship for \$10,000 from the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics for students moving toward teaching. He thanked Professor David Pagni who helped and noted that SAUSD has had a long-standing partnership with CSUF.
- He announced the Celebration and Mexican Independence Day Bicentennial Anniversary on September 16. The Board of Education will be participating in the upcoming Fiestas Patrias Parade on Sunday, September 19 at 4 p.m. in downtown Santa Ana. He invited the community to take part in the festivities to mark this special occasion and to support school bands from Saddleback High, Santa Ana High, NJROTC units, and Valley High Schools.

Mr. Reyna:

- He wished all a happy new school year! He asked parents to get involved in their child's education. Another way to help students in their education is to make certain they are at school every day.
- He attended a Saddleback football game at Santa Ana Bowl recently and he left when they were down. The next day he discovered they came back and won! He congratulated them for not giving up.
- The City of Santa Ana recognized Le Tran from Saddleback High for being awarded a Bill Gates Millennium scholarship. Congratulations to her!
- He wanted to recognize AYSO had their opening Soccer Ceremony. They have been active partners for over 25 years and have impacted Santa Ana students.



- He announced on Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup> Senator Lou Correa will host the Childhood Obesity Prevention and Fitness Week Kickoff at Kennedy Elementary School.

Mr. Hernández:

- He thanked Ana Rodriguez, Godinez Fundamental High School student, who participated in the U.S. House of Representatives Page Program, for being at the Board meeting. He noted that her eloquence and delivery was amazing. He is proud of Santa Ana students.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji:

- She had the opportunity to visit some schools on the Opening Day. Schools are very welcoming! Saddleback High quad is different, the school looks very good and in addition, the Solar panels and the savings implications it will bring to the school. She also went by Century and complimented the staff for a great beginning as well as Heninger Elementary School. The level of engagement of students was remarkable.
- She had the opportunity to attend the Santa Ana Chambers/High School Inc. at Valley High School's Culinary Arts fundraiser. She thanked community partners for their supporting efforts.
- She thanked Judy Barden and staff for an outstanding BTSA (Beginning Teachers Support and Assessment) program -new teacher orientation.

DISCUSSION

Presentation Schedule for 2010-11 School Year

The Board reviewed presentation topics from the 2009-10 school year and a calendar of required presentations for 2010-11. Upon their review, selections were made adding several topics to the 2010-11 presentation calendar. Ms. Russo noted that additional presentations would be added should the Board request or the Superintendent believe it necessary to add others for the benefit of the District.

At the Board Retreat, Mr. Reyna asked that an after-school committee be created. Mr. Reyna stated that the committee would work with staff to strengthen and support the after-school program. Mr. Reyna then asked that an after-school presentation be added to the 2010-11 schedule. Mr. Richardson agreed to be a part of the committee with Mr. Reyna.

Additional suggestions for presentations included: Key Point Indicators from the Board Retreat, Charter School updates, High School Inc. Memorandum of Understanding and 501c3 nonprofit updates, Segerstrom High School aquatic center, Fundamental school updates for intermediate and high schools, grade-6 pilot, and an Attention2Attendance update. It was suggested that there be no more than three (3) presentations in one meeting.

Attached is a copy of the 2010-11 presentation calendar.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION

BY A VOTE OF 5-0, THE BOARD TOOK ACTION TO APPOINT EDWARD WINCHESTER TO THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF SECONDARY ACHIEVEMENT/CHARTER SCHOOLS

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

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

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

BY A VOTE OF 4-0, THE BOARD TOOK ACTION TO APPOINT OSIEL MADRIGAL TO THE POSITION OF SOCIAL SERVICES MANAGER - HEAD START

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

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

Vote: Ayes 4 Noes \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain 1 Absent \_\_\_\_\_

BY A VOTE OF 5-0, THE BOARD TOOK ACTION TO APPOINT CHRISTOPHER STAMPS TO THE POSITION OF FACILITIES PLANNER

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

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, September 28, 2010, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jane A. Russo  
Secretary  
Santa Ana Board of Education