

SAUSD Board Highlights Page – August 23, 2011

Superintendent's Report

"I truly feel that I'm a part of Santa Ana and it feels like coming home. Joining the Santa Ana Unified School District and being a part of a community that is so committed to educating our youth is a dream fulfilled," Dr. Thelma Meléndez de Santa Ana remarked as she opened her first Board of Education meeting as the new Superintendent of the Santa Ana Unified School District (SAUSD). The previous U.S. Department of Education assistant secretary for elementary and secondary education assumed her duties on August 8, 2011. A public welcoming reception was held in her honor prior to the Board meeting.

During her remarks, Superintendent Meléndez shared some key dates for students and parents to calendar for the new school year including:

- ◆ **Thursday, September 8** – intermediate Back-to-School night
- ◆ **Thursday, September 15** – elementary Back-to-School night
- ◆ **Wednesday, September 21** – high school Back-to-School night

In addition, she reminded parents of students entering grades 7-12 of the Whooping Cough Tdap booster vaccine required for enrollment this year. Parents needing information may call the school district's Tdap hotline at 714-433-3426.

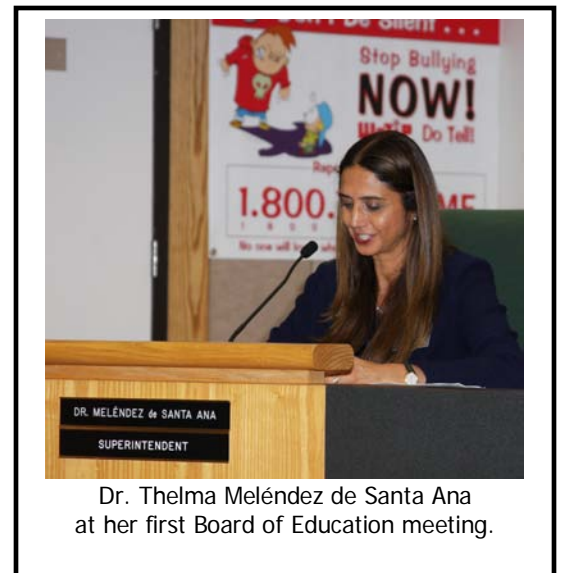
Board Presentations

Staff gave the following presentations.

- ◆ **Opening of Schools – Elementary/Secondary Education 2011-12 School Year.** To view a copy, visit the Board of Education webpage at www.sausd.us.

Here are some highlights from the presentation:

- Staff shared enrollment figures as being near projected levels. Educational Services collaborated with HR to ensure teacher staffing levels would be able to accommodate any fluctuations in student enrollment on the first day of school
 - Grades 7-12 have a combined 93% compliance rate for students being immunized with a Whooping Cough Tdap booster. The goal is 100% compliance in the coming weeks.
 - Elementary Services assisted the Registration and Testing Center by hosting an early kindergarten registration period during the previous spring in March. Approximately 3,000 incoming kindergarteners were tested prior to the start of school and placed appropriately as a result.
- ◆ **OCDE Fourth Quarterly Report on Williams Settlement Legislation for School Accountability Report Cards for Fiscal Year 2010-11.** All data on materials and facilities has been accurately reflected to the Orange County Department of Education during the past year.



Dr. Thelma Meléndez de Santa Ana at her first Board of Education meeting.

Public Hearing

Authorizing a school facility needs analysis and alternative school facilities fees in compliance with Government Code Sections 65995.5, 65995.6, and 65995.7 and making related findings and determinations.

Presented for First Reading

- Board Policy (BP) 7400 and Administrative Regulation (AR) 7400 – Parking (New: First Reading) **(Agenda Item 8.0)** The Board policy was created to establish a school districtwide policy in an effort to provide a safer environment for students and staff. The item will be brought back before the Board for review and approval.

Board Approvals

- In connection with the public hearing held during the meeting, the Board adopted resolution no. 11/12-2893 authorizing the analysis and Alternative School Facilities Fees (fees assessed to developers to offset the impact of planned new residential development). **(Agenda item 7.0)**
- Approval of Call for Public Hearing to Reopen Santa Ana Unified School District Initial Bargaining Proposal for 2011-12 School Year to California School Employees Association **(Agenda Item 10.0)**

For all Board meeting results refer to the Meeting Agendas and Minutes section of the Board webpage at www.sausd.us. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 13 at 6 p.m.**