

Santa Ana Unified School District
1601 East Chestnut Avenue
Santa Ana, CA 92701

MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting
Santa Ana Board of Education

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

President Torres called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Other members in attendance were Dr. Alvarez, Mr. Bustos, Ms. Brazer Aceves, and Dr. Rodriguez.

Ms. Torres announced the closed session agenda items as follows: Conference with labor negotiator; personnel matters; existing litigation, anticipated litigation, and conference with real property negotiator.

CLOSED SESSION PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Torres asked if there was anyone wishing to address the Board related to closed session items.

There was no one wishing to address the Board related to closed session items.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

The Regular Board meeting recessed to closed session at 5:06 p.m.

RECONVENE TO REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Board meeting reconvened at 6:55 p.m.

Cabinet members in attendance were Superintendent Almendarez, Dr. Perez, Ms. Flores, Mr. Hacker, Ms. Barquin, and Dr. Olamendi.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Adrian Gurrola, senior at Century High School, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

By a vote of 5-0 the Board took action to appoint Javier Ayala to the position of Assistant Principal, Lowell Elementary School.

Motion by Mr. Bustos, second by Dr. Rodriguez

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ms. Torres, Dr. Alvarez, Mr. Bustos, Ms. Brazer Aceves, Dr. Rodriguez

By a vote of 5-0 the Board took action to appoint Tracey Roussel to the position of Nutrition Manager.

Motion by Dr. Rodriguez, second by Dr. Alvarez

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Ms. Torres, Dr. Alvarez, Mr. Bustos, Ms. Brazer Aceves, Dr. Rodriguez

By a vote of 5-0 the Board took action to appoint John Hill to the position of Police Lieutenant.

Motion by Dr. Rodriguez, second by Dr. Alvarez
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Ms. Torres, Dr. Alvarez, Mr. Bustos, Ms. Brazer Aceves, Dr. Rodriguez

RECOGNITIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

6.1 Certificated Employee of the Month for September 2023, David Villalobos

Associate Superintendent of Human Resources Jennifer Flores invited the Assistant Superintendent of Special Education/SELPA Gloria Olamendi, to join her as they recognized David Villalobos, Special Education Curriculum Specialist, as Certificated Employee of the Month for September 2023.

6.2 Classified Employee of the Month for September 2023, Ana Biedebach

Ms. Flores invited Payroll Manager Josephine Austin to join her as they recognized Ana Biedebach, Payroll Specialist, as the Classified Employee of the Month for September 2023.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Almendarez invited all community members to the first Budget Town Hall meeting of the school year on Thursday, October 5, 2023. He shared that we would have a morning session at McFadden Institute of Technology at 9:00 a.m. and an evening session at Century High School at 6:00 p.m. This will be an early opportunity to share our budget process for the 2024-25 fiscal year. The community can now submit questions about the budget process using the QR code on the room projector screen or by visiting www.sausd.us. SAUSD teams will review all questions and provide answers at the October 5th town hall meetings. Superintendent encouraged all our families and education partners to attend these town hall meetings to ensure their voice is heard. The Superintendent Almendarez also invited all community members to this year's College and Career Community Resource Fair, co-sponsored by SAUSD and the City of Santa Ana. This year's event will take place on Thursday, September 28, 2023, at the Santa Ana Zoo, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The free event will include information on 4-year schools, Community Colleges, Career Technical Education, and the military. The event will also include free entry to the zoo, raffles, other giveaways, and live entertainment. The Superintendent mentioned that it is never too early to begin planning for both college and careers, so this event is open to all students and families in grades PreK through twelve. Superintendent also wanted to acknowledge California lawmakers and the Governor for the recent passage bills aimed at supporting LGBTQ+ students in K-12 schools. These bills signed into law include AB 5 which mandates staff training in grades 7-12 to support LGBTQ+ students, SB 760 which requires all K-12 schools to offer all-gender restrooms, and SB 857 which establishes an LGBTQ+ Advisory Task Force to identify needs and recommend supportive policies for LGBTQ+ students. SAUSD will always stand with our LGBTQ+ community. Superintendent Almendarez also stated that at this evening's Board meeting, we will have a presentation about SAUSD's Community Schools Initiative. As a preview of that presentation, he shared a video of what the Community Schools Initiative looks like at two of our schools, Garfield Elementary and Pio Pico School.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Torres asked if there were any public presentations. Public speakers addressed dual enrollment, high school student assault, community schools, APEX, substitutes, police, nutrition, Transparency, AP classes, UCLA update, suicide awareness, and open door concept schools.

Motion by Hector Bustos, second by Katelyn Brazer Aceves to approve the consent calendar.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5-0
Yes: Ms. Torres, Dr. Alvarez, Mr. Bustos, Ms. Brazer Aceves, Dr. Rodriguez

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

9.1 Approval of Special Board Meeting - Facilities Study Session Minutes - September 5, 2023; Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes - September 12, 2023

9.2 Authorization to Amend Renewal of Membership with Price Philanthropies Foundation/Urban Education Dialogue

9.3 Acceptance of Gifts in Accordance with Board Policy 3290 - Gifts, Grants, and Bequests

9.4 Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Orange County School Districts for 2023-24 School Year

9.5 Approval/Ratification of Listing of Agreements/Contracts with Santa Ana Unified School District for 2023-24 School Year

9.6 Approval/Ratification of Listing of No-Cost Community Partnership Agreements with Santa Ana Unified School District for 2023-24 School Year

9.7 Approval/Ratification of Listing of Grant Award Applications with Santa Ana Unified School District for 2023-2024 School Year

9.8 Approval/Ratification of Listing of Software License Agreements with Santa Ana Unified School District for 2023-24 School Year

9.9 Approval/Ratification of Listing of Disposal of Obsolete Unrepairable Computer Equipment and Miscellaneous Furniture

9.10 Ratification of Purchase Order Summary and Listing of all Purchase Orders for the Period of August 23, 2023, through September 12, 2023

9.11 Ratification of Expenditure Summary and Warrants Issued Over \$25,000 for the Period of August 23, 2023, through September 12, 2023

9.12 Approval of Personnel Calendar Including the Transition of Specific Staff Members with such Topics as: Hiring, Promotions, Transfers, Resignations, Retirements, and Leaves

PRESENTATION

10.1 Community Schools Presentation

Deputy Superintendent Lorraine Perez provided a brief overview of the presentation on behalf of Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Bianca Barquin. She acknowledged the team's hard work and introduced Executive Director PK-12 Teaching and Learning Diana Torres to start the presentation. Ms. Diana Torres together with FACE Director Lisa Solomon and Director of Expanded Learning Programs provided a presentation on Santa Ana Unified School District Community Schools Initiative. Board members asked questions regarding structure, roles, and responsibilities, provided individual input, and requested additional information. Dr. Rodriguez also recommended an ad hoc committee meeting to include 2 Board members.

11. PUBLIC HEARING

11.1 Review Statement of Assurance for Sufficiency of Pupil Textbooks and Instructional Materials for 2023-24 School Year, Per Education Code Sections 60119 and 60422

Ms. Torres opened up the meeting to conduct a public hearing for the Review Statement of Assurance for Sufficiency of Pupil Textbooks and Instructional Materials for 2023-24 School Year, Per Education Code Sections 60119 and 60422. She asked if there was anyone wishing to address the Board related to the topic. Hearing none, Ms. Torres declared the public hearing closed.

12. REGULAR AGENDA - ACTION ITEMS

12.1 Adoption of Resolution No. 23/24-3534 – Statement of Assurance for Sufficiency of Pupil Textbooks and Instructional Materials for 2023-24 School Year

Adopt Resolution No. 23/24-3534 – Statement of Assurance for Sufficiency of Pupil Textbooks and Instructional Materials for 2023-24 School Year.

Motion by Dr. Rodriguez, second by Ms. Brazer Aceves

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5-0

Yes: Ms. Torres, Dr. Alvarez, Mr. Bustos, Ms. Brazer Aceves, Dr. Rodriguez

12.2 Approval of New Job Description: School-Based Mental Health Specialist II

Dr. Alvarez requested a B2B regarding the direction of the social work department and Ms. Torres added that it would be beneficial to have a presentation.

Approve the new job description: School-Based Mental Health Specialist II.

Motion by Mr. Bustos, second by Ms. Brazer Aceves
Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5-0
Yes: Ms. Torres, Dr. Alvarez, Mr. Bustos, Ms. Brazer Aceves, Dr. Rodriguez

12.3 Approval of Instructional Materials for Grades 6-8 Science Courses

Approve instructional materials for grades 6-8 Science courses.

Motion by Ms. Brazer Aceves, second by Dr. Rodriguez
Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5-0
Yes: Ms. Torres, Dr. Alvarez, Mr. Bustos, Ms. Brazer Aceves, Dr. Rodriguez

12.4 Authorization to Enter Contracts for the Disposal or Auction of District Surplus Items

Authorize staff to enter contracts with TLC Auctions and Liquidity Services Operations, LLC dba GovDeals to dispose or auction District surplus items.

Motion by Mr. Bustos, second by Ms. Torres
Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5-0
Yes: Ms. Torres, Dr. Alvarez, Mr. Bustos, Ms. Brazer Aceves, Dr. Rodriguez

12.5 Approval of Change Order No. 1 for Bid Packages 1, 2, 6, 7, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, and 21 for the Reconstruction Project at Washington Elementary School

Approve Change Order No. 1 for Bid Packages 1, 2, 6, 7, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, and 21 for the Reconstruction Project at Washington Elementary School.

Motion by Mr. Bustos, second by Ms. Torres
Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5-0
Yes: Ms. Torres, Dr. Alvarez, Mr. Bustos, Ms. Brazer Aceves, Dr. Rodriguez

12.6 Approval of Deductive Change Order No. 1 for Bid Packages 5 and 12 for the Reconstruction Project at Washington Elementary School

Approve Deductive Change Order No. 1 for Bid Packages 5 and 12 for the Reconstruction Project at Washington Elementary School.

Motion by Mr. Bustos, second by Ms. Torres
Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5-0
Yes: Ms. Torres, Dr. Alvarez, Mr. Bustos, Ms. Brazer Aceves, Dr. Rodriguez

12.7 Adoption of Resolution No. 23/24-3540 - Proclaiming October 2023 as National Farm to School Month

Board members thanked and acknowledged the Nutrition Services team.

Adopt Resolution No. 23/24-3540 - Proclaiming October 2023 as National Farm to School Month.

Motion by Dr. Rodriguez, second by Dr. Alvarez
Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5-0
Yes: Ms. Torres, Dr. Alvarez, Mr. Bustos, Ms. Brazer Aceves, Dr. Rodriguez

12.8 Adoption of Resolution No. 23/24-3541 - Proclaiming October 9-13, 2023, as National School Lunch Week

Adopt Resolution No. 23/24-3541 - Proclaiming October 9-13, 2023, National School Lunch Week.

Motion by Dr. Alvarez, second by Ms. Brazer Aceves
Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5-0
Yes: Ms. Torres, Dr. Alvarez, Mr. Bustos, Ms. Brazer Aceves, Dr. Rodriguez

12.9 Adoption of Resolution No. 23/24-3542 - Proclaiming October 2023 as LGBTQ+ History Month

Mr. Bustos highlighted the different recognitions listed in the resolution which includes LGBTQ+ History Month, October 11 as National Coming Out Day, November 20 as Transgender Day of Remembrance, April 12, 2024 as National Day of Silence, and June 2024 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month. He added that he is hoping to take the resolution further by raising the pride flag in June including a ceremony and a resource fair.

Adopt Resolution No. 23/24-3542 - proclaiming October 2023 as LGBTQ+ History Month.

Motion by Mr. Bustos, second by Ms. Torres

Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5-0

Yes: Ms. Torres, Dr. Alvarez, Mr. Bustos, Ms. Brazer Aceves, Dr. Rodriguez

BOARD REPORTS

Dr. Rodriguez thanked the parent who came to advocate for her child and thanked the staff who met up with her. He also requested follow up. He shared that last Saturday he was here for a Project RISE training and thanked Director of Early Childhood Education Keely Orlando, Coordinator of Early Childhood Education Charlotte Ervin for such a powerful moment to learn how to make sure we are co-constructing curriculum. Dr. Rodriguez also thanked Professor Bustamante from UCI and is looking forward to a future presentation on Fraction Ball and other programs.

Ms. Brazer Aceves thanked public speakers for coming out to speak, congratulated the employees of the month, and thanked all district employees for their hard work. She also thanked the staff members who presented on Community Schools and shared that she is excited to continue learning more. Ms. Brazer Aceves congratulated Saddleback High School on their new sports complex and media labs. In addition, she thanked Vicente Sarmiento for inviting SAUSD to Fiestas Patrias and shared that she joined the El Grito de Independencia Ceremony, where she got to hear the Carr Astros mariachi play. Ms. Brazer also shared that she had the opportunity to join alumni athletes at the Wall of Fame recognition. She thanked the team for putting it together and added that we had an athlete who comes from a family that has lived in Santa Ana for over one hundred years and added that many honorees are still living in Santa Ana or have come back to the community. Lastly, she congratulated SAUSD students attending Sunburst Academy who are working towards getting back on track with their credits and who were recognized at the Santa Ana City Council meeting.

Mr. Bustos announced the College and Career Fair this Thursday and invited all children from PK – 12 to attend and be exposed to higher education. He thanked the PEER Assistance Leadership at MacArthur Fundamental Intermediate School for inviting him to speak to students giving them an opportunity to bridge connection with the school Board. He shared that he attended the Saddleback High School Sports Complex and CTE Media Lab where he was able to speak to parents and students. He shared a parent's story of how she learned about all the great things happening at Saddleback by taking a campus tour. He encouraged everyone to visit our schools. Mr. Bustos also shared that he continues to be part of the Associated Student Body (ASB) round table and that they are reimagining what those meetings look like.

Dr. Alvarez thanked the public speakers who came to the meeting. He reminded everyone about the College and Career Fair at Santa Ana Zoo this Thursday and also announced the upcoming District Budget Town Hall meetings. The first one will be held on October 5th as well as additional ones in the future.

Ms. Torres requested a bulletin to the Board (B2B) on the dual enrollment numbers including subject and location. She inquired about the teacher whose students have been attending the Board meetings recently. Director of CTE Don Isbell shared that the students are from a Government teacher's class at Century High School. Ms. Torres shared that the City is contemplating non-citizen voting and requested an update. She asked Board members for consensus on having a statement of support for the City on their decision with no opposition. Ms. Torres announced a history tour on Saturday, October 7 in Little Saigon. She also announced another tour on November 4 in Santa Ana at the Alta Baja Market. She thanked public speakers for their comments and thanked staff for spending time with the parent and also requested follow up with parent. Ms. Torres shared that she had fun riding in the Fiestas Patrias Parade and is hoping for low rider cars next year. Lastly, she asked all school sites to consider inviting the Board to their Dia de los Muertos events and festivities.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to come before the Board, President Torres adjourned the meeting at 10:09 p.m.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Superintendent