

Santa Ana Unified School District
1601 E. Chestnut Avenue
Santa Ana, CA 92706

SANTA ANA BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Study Session

March 28, 2011

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. by Board President Hernández. Other members in attendance were Mr. Richardson, Dr. Yamagata-Noji, Mr. Palacio, and Mr. Reyna.

Cabinet members present were Ms. Russo, Dr. Olsky, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Mendez, Ms. Miller, Ms. Lohnes, and Mr. Dixon. Mr. Lopez was not in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Hernández.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Board President Hernandez asked those members of the community who wished to address the Board to step to the podium.

The following individuals addressed the Board to express their desired characteristics, strengths, and expectations in the next Superintendent of Santa Ana schools. They conveyed their appreciation to Ms. Russo for a remarkable work, as she has steered the District in the right direction. They spoke on behalf of parents, students, faculty, staff, stakeholders, SAEA, CSEA, KidsWorks, Latino Health Access, District Advisory Committee, District English Language Advisory Committee, and the Santa Ana Building Healthy Community:

Araceli Robles, SAUSD parent and student advocate
Ava Steaffens, CEO, KidWorks
Adela Montañez, Latino Health Access Advocacy Coordinator

PRESENTATION

Review of Leadership Profile Report and Finalize Criteria for Superintendent Search

Dr. Castruita and Dr. McKennan, from the search firm of Hazard, Young, Attea and Associates, were present to review a report which contained findings of the leadership profile assessment conducted by the search firm. The data collected was from community forums held on March 16 and 17 and results from online surveys completed by stakeholders in order to determine the primary characteristics desired in the new SAUSD superintendent. Dr. Castruita reported consistencies on the report and highlighted various characteristics of what the community expects in a superintendent and the expectations of what the next superintendent should bring to the SAUSD.

Board members reviewed another document from the 2010 Board Retreat, which showed the District moving forward and comparatively to what the community seeks as stated on the results from the surveys.

Dr. Castruita reviewed the executive search timelines and next steps for those in the audience. He stated that an advertisement will be placed in EdCal which is California's weekly education newspaper, read by more than 55,000 educators throughout California and will run the weeks of April 4, April 18, and April 25. He stated that it previously ran in EdWeek for approximately 30 days. He recommended posting the Executive Summary on the SAUSD website for those interested in viewing the SAUSD website.

ADJOURNED

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Special Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Jane A. Russo
Secretary
Santa Ana Board of Education