

Santa Ana Unified School District
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SPECIAL
JOINT BOARD MEETING
SANTA ANA BOARD OF EDUCATION (SAUSD)
RANCHO SANTIAGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT (RSCCD)

April 19, 2011

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Santa Ana Unified School District President Hernández. Other members of the SAUSD in attendance were Mr. Richardson, Dr. Yamagata-Noji, Mr. Palacio, and Mr. Reyna.

Cabinet members present for SAUSD were Ms. Russo, Dr. Olsky, Mr. Lopez, Ms. Miller, Ms. Lohnes, and Mr. Dixon.

Rancho Santiago Community College District Trustee President Conley welcomed the group as well. Other members of the RSCCD Board in attendance were Mr. Yarbrough, Mr. McLoughlin, Mr. Hanna, Dr. Chapel, and Mr. Labrado. Ms. Woolery was not present at the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

President Hernández opened the meeting and welcomed the RSCCD Board, those in attendance, and thanked RSCCD for their many years of partnership with SAUSD. He then introduced RSCCD President Conley. Mr. Conley said that he was pleased to have this meeting, as it was long overdue.

RECOGNITION TO MS. JANE RUSSO FROM RSCCD BOARD

President Conley presented a resolution to Ms. Russo on behalf of the RSCCD Board. He stated that Ms. Russo would be retiring soon from the SAUSD and RSCCD trustees wished to take the opportunity to present her with a resolution. He stated that the RSCCD Board appreciates her years of service, dedication, and partnership with RSCCD.

Ms. Russo expressed appreciation to RSCCD Board and staff for the many years of dedication and partnership they have given to SAUSD and thanked them for the recognition.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Board President Hernández asked those members of the community who wished to address the SAUSD or RSCCD Board to step to the podium.

There were no individuals wishing to address the Board.

PRESENTATIONS

Santa Ana Unified School District and Santa Ana College Successes

Ms. Miller, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Secondary, introduced Dr. Lundquist, Vice President, Student Services. Together they provided a presentation of the Santa Ana Partnership between SAUSD and Santa Ana College (SAC). Ms. Miller began by reviewing Academic Performance Index results for SAUSD. She stated that a few years ago, SAUSD in collaboration with SAC, began working with Language Arts and Mathematics teachers to strengthen student's personal statements on entrance applications to assure student entrance into college. Ms. Miller spoke about Higher Education Center Specialists and their role in assisting students to qualify for their next steps as they prepare for college.

Dr. Lundquist reviewed the academic impact, results and comparative data as to where students were three years ago and where they are currently. She stated that SAUSD students began registering at SAC last month for the Early Decision program, which is a priority registration for SAUSD students. She shared that student enrollment achieved two years ago was 39% and increased to 42% last year. She then provided information on the Middle College High School located on SAC's campus. She stated that it opened in 1997 and enrollment today is at 310 students. Middle College's academic performance index is at 862 and 35% of the class of 2010 received both a high school diploma and an AA degree in 2010. She stated that 10-12th grade students and have a college educational plan and can take up to 11.5 units a semester provided they maintain a 2.0 high school grade-point average with the college educational plan.

Dr. Lundquist then highlighted the Career Academy Scholars Program, which includes digital media, welding, international business, and auto/diesel. Students concurrently enrolled in SAUSD high schools take specialty classes at SAC. She stated that the overall successful completion rate is a C or better.

Ms. Miller next presented the High School Inc. Academies at Valley High School (HSI), which is a unique educational collaboration between the SAUSD and the Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce. The program offers six academies: Global Business; Health Care; Culinary Arts and Hospitality; New Media; Manufacturing, Engineering and Construction; and Automotive, Transportation and logistics in State of the industry facilities. The goal of HSI Inc. is to increase school attendance and graduation rates, to prepare students for college and careers, and improve communication, critical thinking, problem solving, and interpersonal skills.

Dr. Lundquist provided information on university transfers and the support offered by SAC to SAUSD students. Freshman students are given priority in SAC's academic learning community with extra academic and counseling support. This program links students to the Center for Teacher Education, Puente, and MESA programs, and is a pipeline to UCI. She highlighted the Summer Scholars Transfer Institute and the Research Scholars programs, Student Promotores - mentoring support program, scholarships that follow students to university, and college-wide Transfer Task force reports to the SAC Student Success Committee.

Superintendent Russo provided the opportunity for discussion amongst members of the SAUSD and SAC Boards. There were suggestions and recommendations from both Boards to continue to focus on preparing SAUSD schools for higher education.

Santa Ana Adelante!

Superintendent Russo introduced *Santa Ana Adelante!* Santa Ana College and California State University, Fullerton (CSUF) has joined forces with SAUSD to create *Santa Ana Adelante!* The goal is to see a college diploma in every Santa Ana home in 2020. Ms. Russo provided information on the guarantee, requirements, and the commitment of SAC and CSUF to admit to CSUF those students who have fulfilled entry requirements.

President Martinez provided additional information on *Santa Ana Adelante!* She stated that CSUF would provide a letter of acceptance to each SAUSD senior enrolling at SAC with the intent to transfer to CSUF upon successful completion of required coursework. She said that CSUF staff will work with SAC faculty and Santa Ana Partnership colleagues to ensure students receive regular communications regarding opportunities and programs at CSUF. Dr. Martinez stated that students are secured a placement at CSUF and students achieving will be able to attend the four-year university if they meet the CSUF entry requirements. A celebration is scheduled for Friday, May 6, 2011, from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. at the Fullerton Marriott at California State University in Salon AB, in Fullerton. She added that this is a partnership celebration and County Superintendent Habermehl and the City of Santa Ana have endorsed this unique program to see Santa Ana students succeed.

Rancho Santiago Community College District Facilities Master Plan

Dr. Erlinda Martinez provided a brief overview of the Facilities Master Plan at SAC. She stated that in 2002, voters approved Measure E, a \$337 million General Obligation Bond to renovate existing campus buildings and construct new classrooms to alleviate overcrowding. She stated that every priority project earmarked for funding under Measure E has been or will be completed on schedule. She stated that new buildings include the Sheriff's Academy, which is located at the former Tustin Air Base, and the Digital Media Center located on Bristol Street in Santa Ana. She highlighted improvements which include exercise Science facilities and locker rooms, a new instructional building consisting of 16 classrooms, a new early childhood development center building, a new marquee, all-weather track, and many other improvements. She showed conceptual drawings of SAC and changes to the entrance. She stated that 17th and Bristol is the most traveled intersection in Orange County. She also noted that SAC would be 100 years old in year 2015.

Santa Ana Unified School District Facilities Master Plan

Mr. Joe Dixon reviewed facilities at SAUSD. In 2008, the SAUSD passed a \$200 million General Obligation Bond with 68.7% approval rate that received the highest voter approval and community support in Orange County since the inception of Proposition 39. He talked about the Board approved Bond Oversight Committee that oversees the expending of those funds. He next reviewed the various program projects throughout the District which include Critically Overcrowded Schools (COS), Immediate Results Projects (IRP), Overcrowded Relief Grant (ORG), Modernization (MODs), Emergency Repair Program (ERP), Joint Use, and Renewable Energy Funds (REF).

Mr. Dixon stated that total-matching funds identified to date is \$204 million, originally estimated at \$120 million and total matching funds received to date is \$148 million. He next reviewed multiple projects which include 156 new classrooms (COS); 170 new classrooms (ORG); and 32 various school site modernizations (MODs). He stated that Garfield Elementary is projected to have a City joint-use community center/multipurpose room; Willard Intermediate, a joint-use track, soccer, football field, exercise play area with restroom, and tennis courts with removable basketball posts; Segerstrom High School an aquatics Center (joint use). Saddleback High has a solar photovoltaic system (Measure G) installed and HVAC replacement. At Santa Ana High, a \$24 million modernization project currently under construction. In closing, Mr. Dixon noted that research shows there to be a 5-17% achievement increase between students in above-standard buildings versus students in poorly maintained buildings.

Closing the Latino Achievement Gap Summit, September 30, 2011

Ms. Russo announced that there would be a *Closing the Latino Achievement Gap Summit*, on September 30, 2011. This is the third annual summit and the SAUSD was invited to host the event. April 19th was the first steering committee meeting in partnership with SAC. They discussed English Language Learners (ELL). She stated when students reach the intermediate level of proficiency, they often times stagnate there, which becomes an academic challenge. Dr. Yamagata-Noji offered insights of the meeting and will continue to be an invaluable part of the process. Santa Ana Unified was asked to sponsor the summit that will bring positive awareness to the School District. The Latino Achievement Gap Summit will be held at the SAC campus.

Chancellor Rodriguez stated that he also attended the steering committee meeting today, and that he would greatly miss Ms. Russo, as she will be retiring soon. He stated that this is an important summit, as this is one of the greatest issues facing the State of California and schools today. He stated that collaboration is important. This will help students along the pipeline to attain their desired certifications. He added that we all must do a better job telling our story and all the opportunities offered by our schools.

Roundtable: Opportunities for Collaboration

Chancellor Rodriguez opened up the opportunity for collaboration amongst the Boards. There were numerous comments and suggestions which were addressed by others in the roundtable.

It was requested that there be other joint meetings, perhaps quarterly, and it was stated that the partnership between the SAUSD and SAC is important and appreciated.

ADJOURNED

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Special Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Santa Ana Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2011, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Jane A. Russo
Secretary
SAUSD Board of Education

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Rancho Santiago Community College District Trustees will be held on Thursday, May 5, 2011, at 4:30 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Dr. Raul Rodriguez
Secretary
RSCCD Board of Education