

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

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING  
SANTA ANA BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 28, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Board President Hernández. Other members in attendance were Mr. Richardson, Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and Mr. Palacio. Mrs. Avila arrived at 5:20 P.M.

Cabinet members present were Ms. Russo, Dr. Olsky, Mr. Murrey, Mr. Mendez, Ms. Lohnes, and Mr. Dixon. Mr. Hammitt was present for Mr. Lopez and Mr. Ayala was absent.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

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

There were no speakers to address the Board regarding Closed Session items.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

The Regular meeting was immediately recessed to Closed Session to consider student discipline issues, legal matters, and personnel matters.

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

The Regular meeting reconvened at 6:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by students Antony and Hector Espinoza from Esqueda Elementary School.

Mr. Hernandez announced that due to required documents not included on the agenda regarding the hearing to open bids for the proposed lease of surplus property for a communications site at Spurgeon Intermediate School, this item will be continued on the November 25<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Hernández reported that the Board had taken the following actions in Closed Session:

By a vote of 5-0, the Board took action to approve the Workers' Compensation Compromise and Release in the amount of \$125,000 to a former classified employee to resolve all issues.

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

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

Vote: Ayes 5 Noes 0 Abstain \_\_\_\_\_ Absent \_\_\_\_\_

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent began her comments by introducing a Channel 31 Video of news stories covered by the SAUSD news team. Ms. LePatner began with the announcement of the SAUSD's goal that includes a student pass-rate plan that is a support structure at every school site. The video clip revolved around State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell who visited Segerstrom High regarding student achievement and success on the California High School Exit Exam and King Elementary for exemplary student achievement at an elementary school in closing the achievement gap. In addition, it previewed a special tribute to Assemblyman Solorio for his diligence in obtaining passage of Assembly Bill 2589 that requires disclosure of Healthcare Insurance Commissions to public entity clients. Vice President Richardson was a spokesperson on behalf of the SAUSD and a leader that helped gain the victory.

## Recognition:

Above & Beyond the Call of Duty "A-B-C-D" Award! - Assemblyman Jose Solorio

Superintendent Russo called upon Assemblyman Solorio, who was present at the meeting. She presented Assemblyman Solorio with the *Above & Beyond the Call of Duty "A-B-C-D" Award!* This special award from the Superintendent of Schools was presented for his dedication to California schools and the Santa Ana Unified School District.

Ms. Russo stated that on October 13, 2008, Assemblyman Solorio partnered with State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell at King Elementary to announce Assembly Bill 2391 that would provide school districts with the ability and resources to offer teacher-development courses in data analysis. The bill was signed into law in August 2008 to take effect in January 2009. Assemblyman Solorio also recently authored AB 2589 requiring healthcare insurers to divulge commission information to public entity clients. The new law will protect public agencies from abuse by healthcare-insurance brokers. Additionally, he championed the passage of the QEIA settlement that repays \$2.7 billion owed to California school districts under Proposition 98. The funding benefits 14 SAUSD schools selected to participate.

Assemblyman Solorio received the *A-B-C-D Award!* He was commended by members of the Board and congratulated by all those present for his service to the students and staff of the Santa Ana Unified School District.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji advised staff to provide a press release on the bill signed into law where Health Insurance Commissions paid to brokers would disclose commission to public entity clients, authored by Assemblyman Jose Solorio. She thanked Mr. Richardson for his part in the passage of the Bill.

The Superintendent congratulated both Lowell Elementary and Spurgeon Intermediate for exiting the School Assistance and Intervention Teams (SAIT). They will be celebrating this accomplishment tomorrow at Spurgeon Intermediate. Ms. Sandy Lapham from the Orange County Department of Education will be attending a future Board meeting to recognize Lowell and Spurgeon for their great accomplishments.

The Superintendent thanked Santa Ana Education Foundation Board Member Julio Saenz, who is also the Editor and Publisher for Orange County's Excelsior Newspaper. Mr. Saenz spearheaded the creation of the first-ever college planning tool in Spanish. Excelsior's College Edition covers topics such as planning for college, taking the PSAT/SAT tests, and financial aid. The system also features a comparison between the California University and State

University system for the benefit of students and parents in Santa Ana. Ms. Bernedette Medrano, Executive Director, Santa Ana Education Foundation, was credited for her involvement in this collaboration.

Ms. Russo announced that the Orange County Hispanic Education Endowment Fund (HEEF) recently recognized two SAUSD educators who received the 2008 *Apple of Gold* Awards for excellence in teaching and educational leadership. Mr. Patrick Yrarrazaval-Correa, Principal of Carr Intermediate, received the award for Excellence in K-12 Educational Leadership; and Valley High Math Teacher Ms. Herminia Rodriguez, recognized for Excellence in K-12 Education - Most Promising Teacher. She expressed heartfelt sentiments and congratulated to them both for being two of SAUSD's shining stars in education.

Janet Kleinschmidt of Sierra Intermediate, and Karen Knecht, of Jefferson Elementary, were recognized as the 2008 Exemplary Science Educators by UCI's "FOCUS," which stands for Faculty Outreach Collaborations Uniting Students, Scientists and Schools. Of the three districts participating in the FOCUS science program (Santa Ana, Compton and Newport/Mesa), two of the educators recognized were from Santa Ana Unified! UCI FOCUS has been instrumental in providing professional development and developing leadership in the area of science at each school site in Santa Ana. The Superintendent and Trustees congratulated Ms. Kleinschmidt and Ms. Knecht.

Ms. Russo highlighted the quarterly District tournaments involving intermediate students recently held. The tournament was held at Godinez Fundamental High School with the following results:

**Flag Football Tournament**

Villa Eagles took 1st place  
Carr Astros 2nd place  
Mendez Mustangs won 3rd place

Girls Volleyball  
Carr Astros took 1st place  
Mendez Mustangs 2nd place and  
McFadden Scotties won 3rd place

**Cross Country Meet**

The Intermediate Cross Country Meet also held at Godinez Fundamental High School on Thursday, October 23 had the following results:

In the 6<sup>th</sup>-Grade boys Competition, the mile long was won by Lathrop's Erick Soliz with the fastest time of 5 minutes/53 seconds

Villa Intermediate's Marlin Valenzuela took first amongst the girls with a time of 6 minutes/52 seconds.

In the 7<sup>th</sup>-grade boys, Competition went to McFadden's Pedro Antunez with 8 minutes/40 seconds.

Mendez' Samantha Melendez took first place for 7<sup>th</sup>-grade girls with a time of 6 minutes/23 seconds.

In the 8<sup>th</sup>-grade boys Competition, a Mendez student, Ricardo Lopez finished first with a time of 8 minutes and 15 seconds.

MacArthur's Claudia Magana placed first among 8<sup>th</sup>-grade girls with a final time of 6 minutes and 14 seconds.

All girls and 6<sup>th</sup>-grade boys ran a mile-long course. 7th and 8th grade boys ran a course of a mile and a half.

The Superintendent announced that SAUSD School Police Sergeant Walter McIntyre applied for and recently was awarded a \$1,000 grant from Target Corp. The grant will be used for purchasing cameras for field officers and for use at schools sites, providing our officers with additional tools to do their jobs and assist with investigations. Target is proud to partner with organizations like SAUSD to inspire education, make the arts affordable and accessible, and foster safe families and communities nationwide. The Superintendent and Trustees congratulated Sergeant Walter McIntyre.

Superintendent Russo invited Mr. Hammitt, Director of Human Resources to the podium who introduced the latest additions to the SAUSD Administration.

Christeen Badolian, Assistant Director of Fiscal Services  
Dawn Miller, Director of Secondary Student Achievement/Charter Schools  
Nancy Diaz-Miller, Senior Director, Pupil Support Services  
Nuria Solis, Director of ELD & Bilingual Programs  
Patricia Carter, Director, Regional Occupational Program/Voc Ed. Program  
Janneth P. Linnell, Head Start Coordinator of Education/Disability  
Marianne Bola, Coordinator of Student Achievement Programs  
Matthew Cruz, Assistant Principal/Resource Teacher, Carr Intermediate

Ms. Russo announced that the next Board meeting would have been scheduled for Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, which falls on Veteran's Day, a National Holiday. Therefore, it was cancelled, and the next regularly scheduled Board meeting is Tuesday, November 25, 2008.

The Superintendent drew to the attention of all those present the beautiful student artwork displayed in the Board Room provided by Jefferson Elementary and Sierra Intermediate Schools. She commended the students and their teachers.

#### Classified Employee of the Month for October 2008 - Alma "Leticia" Garcia

Mr. Jimenez, Principal of Esqueda, presented Ms. Leticia Garcia, as Classified Employee of the Month for October. Ms. Garcia serves as a School Office Assistant at Esqueda Elementary School. Leticia performs her duties with expertise, efficiency, and with a consistent positive attitude. Ms. Garcia was thanked by members of the Board and congratulated by all those present for her service to the students of the Santa Ana Unified School District. She was presented with a commemorative plaque, a gift certificate to her favorite restaurant, and flowers in recognition of this award.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

##### Special Education Spotlight Report

Ms. Lohnes began her presentation stating that the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) recently acknowledged the Santa Ana Unified School District's Adult Transition Program (ATP). She stated that this is a successful program with 147 students currently in the program, all in job training or with direct hires. Ms. Lohnes called upon Mr. Mendenhall, Adult Transition Program (ATP) Director, who provided a brief overview of the program. He then called upon student Ulisses Rivas who was recognized at the meeting. Mr. Mendenhall stated that Ulisses came to the ATP program in the fall of 2006 from Santa Ana High School. Ulisses participated in job skills training, mobility training and is currently enrolled at Santa Ana College through ATP. He works in a direct hire job, 20 hours a week at Albertson's and is independent on the city bus from home to work and to Santa Ana College where he is currently taking classes. He was recently selected as Employee of the Month at Albertson's Stores in Santa Ana. Mr. Mendenhall stated that there are

22 students in individual direct hire jobs so far this year and 86 students currently enrolled in classes at SAC through ATP. He introduced his staff in attendance at the meeting: Kathy Dauber, Jeff Adams, Gail Eidenmuller, Robyn Strauss-Rodriguez, and Vicky Glass, job developer.

Ms. Doreen Lohnes presented the first of four progress reports for the 2008-09 school year. She reviewed a stoplight report describing status for each light. Yellow indicated items in development, blue are in active progress, and green are on target.

#### Facilities Update

Mr. Joe Dixon stepped to the podium to present a Districtwide construction and Measure G update. He reviewed Measure G activities highlighting the following: O.C. School Bonds and activity since 2002, the June 3 and November 4 General Obligation Bonds, State funding available, the transparency and accountability of funds, and described how the SAUSD is exceeding expectations of the Measure G Bond. He also reviewed Critically Overcrowded Schools, Overcrowded Relief Grant, and Modernization funds available. He stated that the passage of Measure G has allowed SAUSD access state funds. There are \$138 million in State matching funds, originally set at \$120 million. The additional \$18 million in funding eligibility for school facilities includes 42 major projects which are currently underway. Critically Overcrowded Schools and Overcrowded Relief Grant projects equivalent to constructing four new elementary schools and one new intermediate school. He then provided an overview of all construction projects.

Mr. Dixon stated that the Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) was appointed on July 8, 2008, by the Board of Education. Nine representatives are community volunteers meeting quarterly to ensure funds are spent appropriately. He stated that there would be an annual public report to the Board of Education, and reminded the community that BOC meetings are open meetings. And that the Bond Oversight Committee will meet monthly during the first phase of construction.

#### Summarized Data of Williams Settlement

Dr. Olsky stated in order to meet the Williams Settlement Uniform Complaint reporting requirements staff is required to report summarized data on the nature and resolution of all complaints on a quarterly basis to the County Superintendent and Governing Board of the District. There were no complaints for the first quarter.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

#### Santa Ana Unified School District Initial Bargaining Proposal to Santa Ana Educators' Association and Successor Agreement for 2008-09 School Year

President Hernández opened the meeting for a Public Hearing regarding the Santa Ana Unified School District Initial Bargaining Proposal to Santa Ana Educators' Association and Successor Agreement for the 2008-09 School Year and asked if any member of the audience wished to address this item.

Hearing no further response, Mr. Hernández declared the Public Hearing closed.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Board President Hernández asked that those wishing to address the Board on other matters under its jurisdiction step to the podium.

The following individuals addressed the Board regarding a Memorandum of Understanding signed in July 2008, with the Santa Ana Educators' Association

providing modified days and instructional Minutes. They urged the Board to restore the instructional minutes and return to the previous years' schedule.

Jennifer Charles, SAUSD teacher  
Victoria Holland, SAUSD teacher  
Hector Espinoza, SAUSD parent  
Patricia O'Neil, SAUSD teacher

Eleanor Rodriguez, SAUSD principal, addressed the Board in favor of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Teacher's Association and the positive input that teacher collaboration has had on student achievement. She provided information that proved that modified days are essential to the plan that has garnered student academic growth.

Salvador Hernandez, SAUSD employee, addressed the Board regarding athletic grounds and District Safety Officers' (DSO) broken carts at Saddleback High, jeopardizing safety. He discussed DSO's overtime, the District's K-9 unit and congratulated the Classified Employee of the Month.

Michael Murphy, retired SAUSD teacher, addressed the Board to speak about integrity, armed forces, and the importance of voting, graduation requirements, his hopes of returning Algebra A and B.

Victoria Zaragoza, SAUSD employee, thanked Board of Education Candidates for their attendance at the Candidate Forum on behalf of the District Advisory Committee and District English Language Advisory Committee on October 6 and October 20, 2008. She urged the community to go out and vote on November 4<sup>th</sup>. She expressed her disappointment that some candidates failed to attend.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 5-0 to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 14, 2008.

#### **1.0 APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

The following items were removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion and separate action: Approval of Disposal of Obsolete Unrepairable Computer Equipment, Miscellaneous Unrepairable Furniture, Equipment, or Textbooks.

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0 to approve the remaining items on the Consent Calendar as presented:

- 1.1 Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with the Learning for Life program at Carver, Edison, Franklin, Fremont, Garfield, Jefferson, King, Lowell, Madison, Monte Vista, Romero-Cruz, Sepulveda, Walker, Washington, Wilson, and Taft elementary schools for the 2008-09 school years.
- 1.2 Approval of extended field trips in accordance with Board Policy (BP) 6153 - School-Sponsored Trips and Administrative Regulation (AR) 6153.1 - Extended School-Sponsored Trips.
- 1.3 Approval of master contracts and/or individual service agreements with nonpublic schools/agencies for students with disabilities for the 2008-09 school year.

- 1.4 Approval of recommendations by administrative hearing panels to expel the following students for the recommended terms and with the recommended remediation conditions:

180993 - Carr Intermediate

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph a, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District that the expulsion order be suspended for only the spring semester of the 2008-09 school year; however, that the expulsion order be suspended until June 18, 2009, and that the student be permitted to return to a District school/program on a probationary status.

302580 - Spurgeon Intermediate

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph c, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District, and that the student may apply for readmission on or after June 19, 2009.

190672 - Spurgeon Intermediate

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraphs a & b, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District, and that the student may apply for readmission on or after October 28, 2009.

183103 - Spurgeon Intermediate

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph b, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District, for the balance of the fall semester, 2008-09 school year, and that the expulsion order be suspended until February 3, 2009, and that the student be permitted to return to a District school/program on a probationary status.

300398 - Willard Intermediate

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph a, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District, and that the date eligible to reapply be on or after June 19, 2009.

- 1.5 Approval of Expenditure Summary listing all checks created and Warrant Listing of expenditures over \$25,000 for the period of September 24, 2008, through October 14, 2008.
- 1.6 Approval of Purchase Order Summary of orders \$25,000 and over for the period of September 24, 2008, through October 14, 2008.
- 1.7 Approval of listing agreements/contracts between the Santa Ana Unified School District and various consultants submitted for the period of September 24, 2008, through October 14, 2008.
- 1.8 Approval to dispose of obsolete unrepairable computer equipment, miscellaneous furniture, equipment, or textbooks.
- This item was removed for discussion and separate action.
- 1.9 Approval of renewal of membership with Telecommunications of Orange County for 2008-09 fiscal year, and authorize Administration to present purchase orders for a renewal of membership.
- 1.10 Authorization to modify contract for the procurement of Telecommunications equipment and services with Federal Communications Commission E-Rate funding at school sites, to AT&T Datacomm, in accordance with the State of California Multiple Award Schedule, Contract

No. 3-05-0027F, pursuant to the provisions of Public Contract Code Section 20118.

- 1.11 Authorization to modify contract to enhance Data Communication services with Federal Communication Commission E-Rate funding for 49 school sites, to IBM Global Services, in accordance with the State of California Multiple Award Schedule, Contract No. 3-94-70-0032, pursuant to the provisions of Public Contract Code Section 20118.
- 1.12 Authorization to obtain bids for site preparation and installation of playground equipment and fall matting at Jefferson, King, Monroe, Monte Vista, Thorpe Fundamental, and Washington Elementary Schools.
- 1.13 Authorization to award contract for purchase of playground equipment and fall matting at Jefferson, King, Monroe, Monte Vista, Thorpe Fundamental, and Washington Elementary Schools to Sun Country Systems, in the amount of \$221,200 utilizing the State of California Multiple Award Schedule Contract Number 4-04-00-0094A, pursuant to Public Contract Code Sections 10298 and 10299.
- 1.14 Approval to Request for Qualifications for Construction Legal Services.
- 1.15 Acceptance of October 28, 2008, completion of contracts with the above-listed contractors for Bid Packages No. 07-10A, 07-12, 07-12F, and 07-13 for the construction of Facilities Relocation Project for a total amount of \$2,171,285.

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION AND SEPARATE ACTION**

**1.2 APPROVAL OF OBSOLETE UNREPAIRABLE COMPUTER EQUIPMENT, MISCELLANEOUS UNREPAIRABLE FURNITURE, EQUIPMENT, OR TEXTBOOKS**

In response to a question from Mr. Palacio regarding District procedures for surplus of textbooks, equipment, and furniture, it was determined, that the Board Policy and Administrative Regulation be reviewed and enforced at all school sites.

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0 to approve the disposal of obsolete unrepairable computer equipment, miscellaneous furniture, equipment, or textbooks.

**REGULAR AGENDA - ACTION ITEMS**

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

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 5-0 to accept the gifts in accordance with Board Policy 3290 - Gifts, Grants, and Bequests.

**3.0 APPROVAL OF AFTER SCHOOL EARLY RELEASE FORM FOR SAUSD/THINK TOGETHER AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 5-0 to approve the After School Early Release form for SAUSD/THINK Together After School Program.

**4.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION 6183 - HOME AND HOSPITAL INSTRUCTION (REVISED: FOR IMPLEMENTATION)**

Presented for implementation; no action required.

**5.0 APPROVAL OF CARL D. PERKINS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2006 GRANT APPLICATION**

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0 to approve the continued participation of the Career Technical Education of the reauthorized Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006 grant application.

**6.0 APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH CALIFORNIA PARTNERSHIP FOR ACHIEVING STUDENT SUCCESS**

Dr. Yamagata-Noji and Mrs. Avila have requested additional information and they have asked that questions addressed when the item returns.

This item was removed from the Agenda and will be returned to a future Board meeting.

**7.0 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 08/09-2753 - TRANSFER OF BUDGETED FUNDS FROM DISTRICT'S UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUND TO DISTRICT'S DEFERRED MAINTENANCE FUND**

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution No. 08/09-2753 transferring budgeted funds from the District's unrestricted general fund to the District's deferred maintenance fund. A copy of the resolution is attached to the Minutes.

**8.0 AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND REVIEW PERIOD FOR ORANGE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL OF THE ARTS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REVISION**

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 5-0 to extend the review period of the proposed revisions to the Orange County High School of the Arts Memorandum of Understanding.

**9.0 AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN BIDS FOR PLUMBING REPAIRS DISTRICTWIDE**

Mr. Palacio opposed the item. He stated that the repair work violates the current California School Employees Association's (CSEA) bargaining agreement. Mr. Dixon stated that he reviewed the items with legal counsel just for that reason before bringing before the Board for action and there is no violation.

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mrs. Avila, and carried 4-1, Mr. Palacio dissenting, to authorize administration to obtain bids for plumbing repairs Districtwide.

**10.0 AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN BIDS FOR ELECTRICAL REPAIRS DISTRICTWIDE**

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 4-1, Mr. Palacio dissenting, to authorize administration to obtain bids for electrical repairs Districtwide.

**11.0 AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN BIDS FOR GENERAL CONTRACTOR REPAIRS DISTRICTWIDE**

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 4-1, Mr. Palacio dissenting, to authorize administration to obtain bids for general maintenance repairs Districtwide.

**12.0 AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ENERGY SAVING SERVICES INCLUDING DESIGN, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC ELECTRIC GENERATING SYSTEM(S) FOR FUTURE DISTRICT PROJECTS**

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 5-0, to authorize administration to issue a Request for Proposal to provide energy saving services including design, installation and commissioning of solar photovoltaic electric generating systems for future District projects.

**13.0 RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT WITH UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE FOR PROFESSIONAL LEARNING SUPPORT SPECIALIST PROGRAM**

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 5-0, to ratify the agreement between the University of California, Irvine and SAUSD to participate in the Professional Learning Support Specialist Program.

**14.0 APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL CALENDAR**

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

**15.0 APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MEXICAN AMERICAN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FOR STUDENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAM AT SANTA ANA HIGH SCHOOL**

Dr. Yamagata-Noji asked that the staff amend the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in an effort to protect student's confidentiality, therefore suggesting a revision to the MOU.

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0 to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Southern California Mexican American Alumni Association for a student leadership program at Santa Ana High School with the amendment as suggested.

**16.0 BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS/ACTIVITIES**

Mrs. Avila:

- She attended the Chancellor's Ball recently and stated that it was a great event. She congratulated Ms. Russo for the recognition she received at the event. She stated that the college was raising funds for textbooks at the event.
- She asked that sometime in the future for the Board to address issue of heavy and expensive textbooks. She recommended that publishers print half textbooks to alleviate heaviness and costs. She recommended writing a letter to the State Board of Education and publishers. She recommended follow up on this issue.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji:

- She said that Assemblyman Solorio had carried as legislation to address the textbook problem and it is a problem with the publishers.

Mr. Hernandez:

- He stated that recently in the Weekend Information to the Board of Education (WBBE) information regarding a program which would enable most textbooks to be available through a computer program, which might be cost effective in the future.

Mr. Palacio:

- He heard good things about the Chancellor's Ball. He was unable to attend, he was out of state.
- He requested a presentation of the Therapeutic Education Center. They have a short video. He stated that they have a good collaborative program with the District.
- He requested an updated District Directory.
- He asked that staff follow up with the K-9 unit and the expenses that came with the training.
- He asked that staff look into issues with the golf carts that need maintenance.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji:

- She congratulated Ms. Russo for her recognition at the RSCCD Chancellor's Ball.
- She congratulated the two educators who received the 2008 Apple of Gold Awards for excellence in teaching and educational leadership. Mr. Patrick Yrarrazaval-Correa, Principal of Carr Intermediate, received the award for Excellence in K-12 Educational Leadership; and Valley High Math Teacher Ms. Herminia Rodriguez who was recognized for Excellence in K-12 Education - Most Promising Teacher.
- She shared information regarding the Governor's Budget. She stated that Governor Schwarzenegger was proposing significant cuts. The current budget has grown between \$5 billion and \$8 billion and Proposition 98 would most likely face cuts of \$2-4 billion. There may be a proposed sales tax, and the governor plans to declare a fiscal emergency. She said that he intends to call a special session regarding mid-year cuts and plans to meet immediately after Nov. 4. She encouraged Administration to keep a close contact with Assemblyman Solorio, Senator Correa, and other legislators to help them understand SAUSD's budget.

Mr. Richardson:

- He echoed Dr. Yamagata-Noji's comments with respect to the State budget.
- The HEEF, Apple of Gold event was very nice. And, enjoyed Mr. Yrarrazaval-Correa's recognition.
- Last week he attended the grand opening and dedication of Heroes elementary school. He commended the principal and the music teacher.
- Hoover Elementary school new playground dedication was nice. The funding was part of an allocation of funds from supervisor Janet Nguyen.
- He stated that the efforts we put forth with legislators and council members is important. The reminded the community that the SAUSD is fortunate that the mayor and entire City Council came forward to support Measure G, unlike others in surrounding Districts.

Mr. Hernandez:

- He congratulated staffs at Heroes Elementary for a great grand opening and Hoover for a well-planned playground dedication.
- He also attended Segerstrom High School where State Superintendent O'Connell visited regarding student achievement and success on the California High School Exit Exam and King Elementary for exemplary student achievement at an elementary school.
- He said that it is a wonderful time to be a part of this great District with many positive things going on such as student successes, construction projects, graduation grades being up, bringing in additional funds for construction, and more coming in. He is very proud to be a part and as a taxpayer and residence of this City, it is exciting to know that this District is being heard for all the right reasons.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, November 25, 2008, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Jane A. Russo  
Secretary  
Santa Ana Board of Education