

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

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
SANTA ANA BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 24, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:50 p.m. by Board President Hernández. Other members in attendance were Mr. Richardson and Dr. Yamagata-Noji. Mr. Palacio and Mr. Reyna arrived during Closed Session.

Cabinet members present were Ms. Russo, Dr. Olsky, Mr. Murrey, Mr. Lopez, Mr. Mendez, Mr. Ayala, and Ms. Lohnes. Mr. Dixon was not present.

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 7:25 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Marilyn Aguilar, 11th grade student at Valley High School.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Russo began her report by acknowledging Valley High School league champion girls water polo team and girls soccer team members in the audience. Valley High's Girls Water Polo Team won the Orange League Championship on February 12 by defeating 4-time defending league champs Western High School. Although they lost second round of the CIF Southern Section playoffs on Saturday, the players had a remarkable season. In addition, team member Mayra Sarinana was featured as the Orange County Register's Player of the week on February 16. The senior, who plays center, scored six goals including the one which moved them into overtime to help capture their first league title. Mr. Lammers was asked to the podium where he introduced team members and shared a few remarks about their success.

The second part-recognition is for girls' soccer team. The Valley High Girls Soccer Team also won the Orange League Championship by going 10-0 in league. In the game held at Centennial Park earlier, the team unfortunately lost in penalty kicks, which means Valley High will not move on to the playoffs but finished the season undefeated 24-0-2. We congratulate co-head coaches Jennifer York and Shane York as well as athletic director Terry

Orabona for an outstanding season. The Trustees, Superintendent, and audience congratulated the two teams and coaches. Also congratulated was student Mar Rodriguez, who signed a letter of intent to play on a full scholarship to University of California at Irvine.

A video clip of the SAUSD's Senior Transition Resource Day for special education students held last Friday on the campus of Santa Ana College, highlights from a kinder readiness Dental Fair held at Lincoln Elementary School recently, Track and Field Day events for intermediate students at Segerstrom High also held recently, and video highlights of league champion Valley High School girls water polo team and girls soccer team members.

The Superintendent announced that Santa Ana High School's wrestling team recently finished in 2nd place in the CIF Division IV Dual Meet Championship game who unfortunately lost in the finals. Santa Ana High finished 4th in the CIF Coastal Division Championship game on Saturday Feb 21. The following wrestlers qualified for the Master's Meet in Temecula this weekend.

<u>Weight</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Placed</u>
103	Sammy Cano	10	3rd
112	Richard Vargas	10	4th
125	Danny Sanchez	12	4th
130	Saul Davalos	12	5th
135	Steve Martinez	12	5th
160	Jonathan Rivera	12	Pinned all his opponents 1st
285	Luis Hernandez	12	2nd

The top nine wrestlers from the masters meet will qualify for the State tournament in Bakersfield March 6-7. Santa Ana High junior Lizette Tenario won the Girls Wrestling State Championship at 237 pounds on January 31, defeating the defending State champion in double overtime. She is the first State champion female wrestler in the history of Santa Ana High School.

Top results from the intermediate track and field games: Sixth grade high point athlete for girls was Marlin Valenzuela from Villa, for boys it was Adrian Hernandez from MacArthur. The seventh grade high point athlete for girls was Melissa Mazariegos from MacArthur and for boys it was Javier Briceño from Carr. The eighth grade top girl athlete was Lupe Medina from Mendez and the top boy athlete was Ross Marquiz from MacArthur. MacArthur Intermediate won first place for girls overall champions with 268 points, Villa Intermediate won second place with 200 points and Mendez Intermediate took third place with 134 points.

Open lottery registration for Kindergarteners and sixth-grade students to attend a school of choice closed on Friday, February 20th. The elementary fundamental schools are Greenville, John Muir and Jim Thorpe Elementary. Intermediate fundamental schools are MacArthur, Mendez and Villa. Results from the random computerized lottery will be posted at each school site on Friday, February 27. Parents will need to pick up a registration packet at the school and return it by March 13, 4:00 p.m.

This week is CyberSafety Week at Santa Ana Unified. It is being recognized to educate student and teachers on the appropriate and ethical use of information technology in the classroom, provide internet safety, and inform students about the implications of illegal peer-to-peer network file sharing. As part of the recognition, students will be involved in various fun educational activities during the rest of the week while learning about basic internet safety tips to follow for the entire school year.

Congratulations to Saddleback High School for placing fifth in Division 3 in the Orange County Academic Decathlon held recently. The Academic Decathlon includes nine-person teams made up of a combination of three "A" students,

three "B" students and three "C" students, who compete in 10 timed events in various subjects.

The Superintendent announced that the Santa Ana NJROTC is hosting the State Field Meet Championship on Saturday, March 7 beginning at 8:00 a.m. Seventeen NJROTC Units from across California and Arizona are expected to compete, contributing to the more than 800 high school navy junior cadets who will be on campus. The top two qualifiers will be invited to the National Championships in Pensacola, Florida, in April. Our units from Santa Ana High School and Valley High School unfortunately did not qualify for the competition, but they will be assisting in the event.

Santa Ana High's Mariachi Los Santos Group will perform at the California Association of Bilingual Education (CABE) conference on February 25 at the Long Beach Convention Center.

The Superintendent drew attention to the creative student artwork displayed by Martin, Harvey, and King elementary school students.

Classified Employee of the Month for January - Manuel Guerrero

Mr. Matthew Cruz, Assistant Principal, Carr Intermediate, presented Mr. Manuel Guerrero, Carr Intermediate Plant Custodian, as Classified Employee of the Month for January. He said that Manuel is very patient, friendly, and trustworthy. He completes any task or unique situation with excellence. In attendance were his wife, daughter, son and parents. On behalf of the District and the Board, a plaque and gift certificate were presented for his contributions to Santa Ana Unified School District.

PRESENTATION

Budget Update

Mr. Ron Murrey, Associate Superintendent Business Services, introduced the item. He then introduced Mr. Kelvin Tsunezumi, Executive Director, Fiscal Services, who provided a presentation of the State Budget Update; Federal economic stimulus package update, and the District's next steps.

Mr. Tsunezumi stated that the legislature passed the State Budget on February 19, the governor signed it on February 20 although details are still vague and short on specifics. There is over \$41 billion in State deficit which included budget cuts, tax increases, and state borrowings and transfers which requires voter approval. He stated that preliminary estimates and budget cuts to the SAUSD are close to what was projected previously, but the extent of cuts cannot be accurately determined at this time, given limited information.

Mr. Tsunezumi stated that the approved State Budget calls for cuts from both the Revenue Limit and State Categorical programs. There is categorical budget flexibility but not to the extent originally proposed by the governor.

The cuts and flexibility for categorical programs have been selectively applied by the legislators and are categorized into three groupings/tiers:

Tier I - Programs not subject to cuts and no budget flexibility

- Affected programs include Special Education, QEIA, EIA, K-3 CSR, etc.

Tier II - Programs subject to cuts and no budget flexibility

- 15.4 % in mid-year 2008-09 cuts & 4.5 in additional 2009-10 cuts
- Affected programs include English Language Acquisition Program, Academy programs, etc.

Tier III - Programs subject to cuts and with budget flexibility

- 15.4 in mid-year cuts & 4.5 in additional 2009-10 cuts
- Other state categorical programs not listed under Tier I or II
- Flexibility granted through Fiscal Year 2012-13 and can be used for any other educational purpose

Mr. Tsunozumi stated that specific details on budget cuts and flexibility are still unclear or have not been fully communicated and this may affect extended budget cuts. Meanwhile, budget cuts must be identified by March 15. He said that the governor is scheduled to release his May Revise in late May 2009 and this could lead to additional budget reductions for the current year and next year.

Mr. Murrey stated that the Federal stimulus package is good news, however there are concerns as follows: The stimulus package provides funding for just two years; funding comes with restrictions including those mirroring No Child Left Behind guidelines, and any funds provided may be offset or used by the State.

Staff responded to questions as Board members gave significant input throughout the presentation.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

President Hernández asked those members of the community who wished to address the Board to step forward as he called their names.

There were no speakers to address the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 5-0 to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 10, 2009.

1.0 APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

The following item was removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion and separate action: Approval of Expulsion of Students for Violation of California Education Code 48900, 48900.2, 48900.3, 48900.4, 48900.7, and/or 48915 (c) according to Board Policy 5144.1.

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 5-0, to approve the remainder of the Consent Calendar as follows:

- 1.1 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 (copy attached).
- 1.2 Ratification of Agreement with Rancho Santiago Community College District for GEAR UP III Grant for 2008-09 school year.
- 1.3 Approval of Master Contracts and and/or Individual Service Agreements with Nonpublic Schools and Agencies for students with disabilities for 2008-09 school year.
- 1.4 Approval of payment and reimbursement of costs incurred for designated instructional services for student with disabilities.

- 1.5 Approval of Expulsion of Students for Violation of California Education Code 48900, 48900.2, 48900.3, 48900.4, 48900.7, and/or 48915 c According to Board Policy 5144.1. This item was removed for discussion and separate action.
- 1.6 Ratification of readmission of previously expelled students for spring semester of the 2008-09 school year.
- 1.7 Approval of expenditure summary listing all checks created and Warrant Listing of expenditures over \$25,000 for the period of January 27 through February 10, 2009.
- 1.8 Approval of purchase order summary of orders \$25,000 and over for the period of January 27 through February 10, 2009.
- 1.9 Approval of Disposal of Obsolete Unrepairable Computer Equipment, Miscellaneous Unrepairable Furniture, Equipment, or Textbooks
- 1.10 Approval of listing of agreements/contracts between the Santa Ana Unified School District and various consultants submitted for the period of January 27 through February 10, 2009.
- 1.11 Acceptance of Treasury Report - December 31, 2008.

ITEM REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION AND SEPARATE ACTION:

- 1.5 Approval of Expulsion of Students for Violation of California Education Code 48900, 48900.2, 48900.3, 48900.4, 48900.7, and/or 48915 c According to Board Policy 5144.1.

Ms. Russo removed this item from the Consent Calendar to revise the recommended options for two students on the list. It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 5-0 to Approve the recommendations by administrative hearing panels to expel the following students for the recommended terms and with the recommended remediation conditions and revise the recommended options for student #'s 361325 and 181209.

179409 - Carr

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph c, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District, and that the date eligible to reapply be on or after February 24, 2010.

179061 - Carr

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraphs c, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District, and that the date eligible to reapply be on or after February 24, 2010.

361325 - Century

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraphs a & c, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District, for the fall semester of the 2008-09 school year and the spring semester of the 2008-09 school year and that the student be eligible to reapply on or after June 19, 2009.

172581 - Lathrop

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraphs f & g and 48915, paragraphs c (3), 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.

181209 - McFadden

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph a, that the Board expel the student from the schools of the District, to expel for the balance of the spring semester of the 2008-09 school year and the fall semester of the 2009-10 school year and the date eligible to reapply for readmission is January 2010.

190358 - Spurgeon

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 date eligible to reapply be on or after February 3, 2009.

181675- Willard

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 date eligible to reapply be on or after February 24, 2010.

182397 - Willard

For violation of Education Code Section 48900, paragraph b, 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.

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 and seconded by Mr. Reyna to accept gifts in accordance with Board Policy 3290 - Gifts, Grants, and Bequests.

Dr. Olsky stepped to the podium to review the gifts valued at \$36,970, bringing the total for the 2009 calendar year to \$421,405.

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Reyna, and carried 5-0 to accept gifts in accordance with Board Policy 3290 - Gifts, Grants, and Bequests. A listing of the gifts is attached.

3.0 APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR HEAD START FUNDING FOR 2009-10 PROGRAM YEAR

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 4-0, Mr. Richardson not present to approve the submission of renewal application for head Start funding for the 2009-10 program year.

4.0 APPROVAL TO CALL FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS STATUS OF CENTURY HIGH SCHOOL AS STATE-MONITORED SCHOOL

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 4-0, Mr. Richardson not present to approve the call for public hearing to be held on March 10, 2009, to obtain public input regarding Century High School's status as a State-monitored school.

5.0 APPROVAL TO CALL FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR ASSEMBLY BILL 602 ANNUAL BUDGET AND SERVICE PLANS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2008-09

It was moved by Mr. Richardson and seconded by Mr. Palacio and carried 4-0, Mr. Richardson not present to approve the call for a public hearing to be held on March 10, 2009, to obtain public input regarding compliance with Assembly Bill 602 requirements for the annual service and budget plans.

6.0 AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN BIDS FOR MAIN CONTROL SYSTEM FOR VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL INC.'S ACADEMIES

It was moved by Mr. Reyna and seconded by Mr. Palacio and carried 5-0 to authorize administration to obtain bids for the purchase and installation of the main control systems for Valley High School Inc.'s Academies.

7.0 AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATION TO OBTAIN BIDS FOR DENTAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT FOR VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL'S HEALTH CARE ACADEMY.

AND

8.0 AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATION TO OBTAIN BIDS FOR MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT FOR VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL'S HEALTH CARE ACADEMY.

It was moved by Mr. Palacio and seconded by Mr. Richardson and carried 5-0 to authorize administration to obtain bids for dental and medical supplies and equipment for Valley High School's health Care Academy.

9.0 AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR PURCHASE OF NEW STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM

It was moved by Mr. Palacio and seconded by Mr. Richardson and carried 5-0 to authorize administration to obtain request for proposal for the purchase of new student information system.

10.0 APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION FOR SAFE SCHOOLS-HEALTHY STUDENTS INITIATIVE

It was moved by Mr. Richardson and seconded by Mr. Palacio and carried 5-0 to approve submission of grant application for Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative.

11.0 APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION FOR SCHOOLS SECURITY FUNDING COMPETITION

It was moved by Mr. Richardson and seconded by Mr. Palacio and carried 5-0 to approve the submission of a grant application for School Security Funding Competition.

12.0 AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR ELECTRICAL REPAIRS AND INSTALLATION DISTRICTWIDE

It was moved by Mr. Richardson and seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji and carried 4-1, Mr. Palacio dissenting to authorize administration to award a contract to Gilbert & Stearns, Inc., pursuant to Bid No. 23-09, for an amount not to exceed \$300,000 for the period of one year, renewable annually for an additional four years.

13.0 AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPAIRS AND INSTALLATION DISTRICTWIDE

It was moved by Mr. Richardson and seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji and carried 4-1, Mr. Palacio dissenting to authorize administration to award a contract to Rhino Construction Associates, Inc. dba Rhino Property Service & Construction, pursuant to Bid No. 22-09, for an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for the period of one year, renewable annually for an additional four years.

14.0 AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR PLUMBING REPAIRS AND INSTALLATION DISTRICTWIDE

It was moved by Mr. Richardson and seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji and carried 4-1, Mr. Palacio dissenting to authorize administration to award contract to Minako America Corporation dba Minco Construction, pursuant to Bid No. 24-09, for an amount not to exceed \$300,000 for the period of one year, renewable annually for an additional four years.

15.0 AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR ROOF REPAIRS AND INSTALLATION DISTRICTWIDE

It was moved by Mr. Richardson and seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 5-0 to authorize administration to award contract to DRI Commercial, pursuant to Bid No. 17-09, for an amount not to exceed \$225,000 for the period of one year, renewable annually for an additional four years.

16.0 APPROVAL OF PARTICIPATION WITH ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, ACCESS SAFE SCHOOLS AND SUPPORT SERVICES IN A GANG PREVENTION COORDINATION ASSISTANCE GRANT

It was moved by Mr. Reyna and seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0 to approve participation with the Orange County Department of education, ACCESS Safe Schools & Support Services Office in the OJJDP Gang Prevention Coordination Assistance Grant.

17.0 APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CITY OF SANTA ANA AND SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

It was moved by Mr. Richardson and seconded by Mr. Hernandez, and carried 5-0 to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Santa Ana and the Santa Ana Unified School District.

18.0 APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL CALENDAR

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Reyna, and carried 5-0 to approve the Personnel Calendar in its entirety.

It was the consensus of the Board that a second vote take place to re-vote and remove an item from Page 1 of the Classified portion of the item. It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Mr. Richardson to approve a re-vote.

Upon call for the vote to approve the Personnel Calendar, the motion carried 5-0. A copy is attached to the Minutes.

19.0 BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS/ACTIVITIESMr. Palacio:

- He requested information regarding fundraising for SAUSD athletic program by way of carnivals on school grounds.
- He inquired about Cobra insurance and how employees were informed of Federal changes to the plan. He also asked about probationary employees having the option to resign, but unable to collect unemployment.

Mr. Reyna:

- He visited various schools last week. He shared the 'Beat the Bell' attendance incentive program and encouraged parents and students to attend school every day in an effort to increase ADA funding and their education.
- He suggested having high school Associate Student Body (ASB) presidents come to Board meetings to share their school's activities.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji:

- She thanked all coaches, assistants, principals, and volunteers for their assistance at the Intermediate Track Meet. She commended the Armstrong Foundation for their support at the event.

- She announced that schools will soon perform spring musicals that are fabulous. She asked that performing arts calendars be sent to business partners and the community to garner support of students' great work.
- She complimented Mr. Reyna and the YMCA for the outstanding Youth and Government Day held recently. There were outstanding Santa Ana teams that participated that won high honors and awards.

Mr. Richardson:

- He visited several classes at Willard Intermediate School last week. He thanked teachers and students.
- He thanked Ms. Russo for her work in providing school newspapers/newsletters to the Board to keep them apprised and connected to schools.

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 suspension and termination of a classified employee as named in Closed Session.

Moved: Hernández ___ Richardson x Yamagata-Noji ___ Palacio ___ Reyna ___
Seconded: Hernández ___ Richardson ___ Yamagata-Noji ___ Palacio X Reyna ___
Vote: Ayes 5 Noes 0 Abstain _____ Absent _____

As part of the reduction in managerial positions previously approved on June 10, 2008, the Board approved a reduction from four custodial supervisory positions to two custodial managerial positions for a savings of over \$130,000 to the General Fund. As a result of this action, by a vote of 3-2, the Board approved the appointment of Alejandro Malfavon to the position of Manager of Custodial Services.

Moved: Hernández ___ Richardson x Yamagata-Noji ___ Palacio ___ Reyna ___
Seconded: Hernández X Richardson ___ Yamagata-Noji ___ Palacio ___ Reyna ___
Vote: Ayes 3 Noes 2 Abstain _____ Absent _____

By a vote of 3-2, the Board took action to approve a decision terminating the employment of a classified employee, as identified in closed session effective immediately.

Moved: Hernández X Richardson ___ Yamagata-Noji ___ Palacio ___ Reyna ___
Seconded: Hernández ___ Richardson X Yamagata-Noji ___ Palacio ___ Reyna ___
Vote: Ayes 3 Noes 2 Abstain _____ Absent _____

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2009, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Jane A. Russo

Secretary
Santa Ana Board of Education