

Santa Ana Unified School District
1601 E. Chestnut Avenue
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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
SANTA ANA BOARD OF EDUCATION

August 12, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:59 p.m. by Board President Hernández. Other members in attendance were Mrs. Avila and Mr. Palacio. Mr. Richardson and Dr. Yamagata-Noji arrived during Closed Session.

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

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, negotiations, legal matters, and personnel matters.

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

The Regular meeting reconvened at 6:40 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent stated that a CSEA tentative agreement has been reached and will come before the Board at the August 26, 2008, Board of Education meeting. She stated that in reference to certificated layoffs from the 573 notices sent out for teacher elimination, 571 were restored. She stated that anytime administration and Board can bring positive results through collaboration with employee associations.

Mr. Hernández added by saying that the classified and certificated approvals are part of an important educational system; he thanked both CSEA and District negotiation teams. He stated that there was a positive outcome from the CSEA negotiations and his hope would be to restore positions and return benefits. He vowed to say, "We are one team!"

Ms. Russo stated that Civic Center, in 2007, implemented Administrative Regulation (AR) 1330.1. The AR contained a fee proposal comparable to surrounding districts. This fee structure was put into place in the 2008-09 school year, and since the change and newness of fees, the SAUSD will use the same fee schedule as the City of Santa Ana until a formalized fee study can be conducted and revised if necessary.

Ms. Russo stated that as a result of the ongoing community dispute between the Boy Scouts and the California Youth Soccer League over field usage at Carr Intermediate, the District will be holding in abeyance the 12 assigned fields, six for Boy Scouts and six for California Youth Soccer League, until both organizations meet with the District and reach a fair agreement for all. Mr. Hernández and Mr. Palacio have requested that they be included in that meeting.

Ms. Russo stated that the meeting would take place in order to rectify the dispute of the two soccer leagues.

Mr. Hernández remarked that he is following the *Roberts Rules of Order* parliamentary procedures to conduct Board meetings. He asked Board members to request the floor when wishing to address an item. He stated that this order would enable a smooth and timely coordinated meeting.

RECOGNITIONS

Seegerstrom High School junior Candice Price was recently the first person to receive the Santa Ana Youth of the Year Award – an honor bestowed by the Santa Ana Youth Commission. Candice was recognized for her dedication in making a difference in lives of hospitalized children by creating "cards of inspiration" for them. She formed a club at her school, "Karlie's Angels," named after the child who inspired her to become involved, and dozens of Seegerstrom students have sent hundreds of hand-made cards to children at CHOC. She was congratulated by the Board and Superintendent.

Gayle McLean, SAUSD's Lead Nurse and program specialist for health services, received the Cal Optima Circle of Care Award. Ms. McLean was honored for her contributions in furthering services to Cal Optima members, many of whom represent underserved populations. Gayle heads SAUSD's cadre of school nurses who ensure that basic health needs of students are met at each school site. She also oversees home instruction, nutritional programs, and an array of collaborative community partnerships. In addition, she is the 2008 president-elect of the California School Nurses Organization – Southern Section. The Board and Superintendent paid tribute to her for time and service to the SAUSD.

CONTINUED SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS

Mendez Fundamental 7th-grade science teacher Lizette Cabrera recently received the Outstanding Middle School Educator of the Year Award from the acclaimed Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) program. Ms. Cabrera is Mendez Fundamental's 2008-09 Teacher of the Year. She was selected from among more than 100 middle school teachers in the statewide program for her outstanding work in assisting educationally underserved students to excel in math and science. She herself is a former MESA student and has served as a MESA advisor and teacher for 12 years.

Kennedy Elementary School's teacher Cristina Soto was one of seven countywide participants in the Discovery Educator Network National Institute held this summer in Silver Spring, MD. Discovery Education, a division of Discovery Communications, whose networks include Discovery Channel, Animal Planet, and the

Science Channel, hosted the multi-day session. The Discovery Educator Network (DEN) is a global community of over 88,000 educators passionate about integrating

media into classroom curriculum. Ms. Soto is one of only 3,000 STAR Discovery Educators nationwide who are recognized for their outstanding efforts in sharing their insight and expertise with peers through activities such as trainings, workshops, or presentations on the integration of digital media into the classroom.

The SAUSD has received a Certificate of Appreciation from Neal Kelley, Registrar of Voters for the County of Orange, in recognition of our high school students' participation in the June 3, 2008, Statewide Direct Primary election. Over 600 students in Orange County applied to be poll workers, and they had an up-close and personal glimpse into the electoral process. The SAUSD high schools that participated were César Chávez, Century, Saddleback, Santa Ana, Segerstrom and Valley.

The Floral Park Neighborhood Association awarded \$1,000 scholarships to four deserving SAUSD high school seniors. Aileen Bui, from Saddleback High School, Josh Caballero, from Saddleback, Monserrat Garcia, from Santa Ana High School, Victoria Mendoza, from Valley High School. Students were selected based upon grade point average and community service. Congratulations to these students, and a special thank you to the Floral Park Neighborhood Association for recognizing them.

The Santa Ana High School Mariachi Band, Mariachi Los Santos, led by Mr. Victor De Los Santos, has been invited to perform at the 2008 Border Governors Conference to be hosted by California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger at Universal Studios in Hollywood from August 13-15. The band is scheduled to play as guests arrive for the event as well as with other groups during closing ceremonies on August 14. The conference is a gathering of the top executives of the states bordering the U.S. and Mexico to discuss issues of common interest. California last hosted the annual conference, which alternates between Mexico and the U.S., in 2000.

The Superintendent congratulated our very own Santa Ana High Saints Marching Band, led by Mr. Victor de Los Santos, as they make their debut during the August 14th Galaxy versus Chivas U.S.A. soccer game at the Home Depot Center in Carson beginning at 7:30 p.m. The Saints will open the game with the Star Spangled Banner and will perform throughout the game including the pre-game and half time. The game is scheduled to start at 8:00 p.m., and will be aired on ESPN2.

The Superintendent reminded viewers and the Santa Ana school community that the first day of school for the 2008-09 school year is Thursday, August 28th, which is the Thursday before Labor Day. This schedule, prepared in collaboration with our employee associations, allows a better response to our community and employee needs by providing a more flexible winter recess and an extended Thanksgiving break. School staff and faculty are ready to welcome our students on Thursday, August 28, in all our school sites, especially our brand-new school Heroes Elementary. Please note that Middle College High School follows Santa Ana College's schedule and their first day of school is August 25.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji noted that an ABC 7 Eyewitness News producer would be presenting a segment on "Cool Kids," students who go above and beyond. Dr. Yamagata-Noji suggested that Mr. Ayala begin with Segerstrom student Candice Price who was recognized earlier this evening.

PRESENTATIONS

2008-09 Budget Update

Mr. Murrey stated that the Board adopted the 2008-09 Budget on June 24, 2008, and as of today, the Legislature has not adopted a State Budget. He presented an update as it pertains to the SAUSD and elaborated on important issues and changes.

Mr. Murrey stated that the State deficit is at \$15.2 billion, with more than 30 states facing a deficit and California being the largest. The State is in a fiscal crisis due to spending more than what is received. He stated that the State pays SAUSD 89% of its funds and 90% of the District budget is allocated to salaries and benefits.

Mr. Palacio brought up the topic of staff pay periods relevant to funding. Board discussion ensued.

Mr. Tsunozumi stepped to the podium and stated that the State has deferred school district's apportionment for June 2008 until September 2008 as one-step in addressing the states cash flow problems. While this helps the state's cash flow, it hurts our District's cash flow. Another problem is that the State is out of General Fund cash and surviving on internal borrowing. By mid to late September, the State will be completely out of cash including the ability to borrow internally.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji asked if the District had to borrow money what might that amount be and at what interest rate. Mr. Murrey stated that at this time by using other district fund balances the projected cash flow was adequate. If the State further reduced or deferred school payments there may be a need to borrow for cash flow.

Mr. Murrey reiterated that per the May Revise there is no COLA increase to revenue limits or funding for mandated claims. He also said that the budget included 6.5% cuts to State categorical programs, except for Special Education. He reviewed the Governor's May Revise proposals and reiterated the District budget reductions totaling \$108.8 million from 2004-05 through 2008-09 school years.

The reduced funding by the State has resulted in staff and administration reductions of workdays, hours per day, and elimination of jobs. Additional cuts in other budget areas included services provided by contractors, consultants, and materials. With the centralized support services (District office), special education, school site-based allocations, and reduction of class-size reduction program encroachment, the latest cuts of \$13.3 million have been made. Mr. Murrey noted that Class Size Reduction in K-3 and 9th grade was saved. From the 573-riffed teachers, 571 were rescinded and elementary music programs and teachers were maintained. Mr. Murrey stated that the District's total revenue is at \$482 million with a projected expenditure amount \$487 million equals a shortfall of \$5 million for the 2008-09 school year. The ending fund balance is \$14 million with a current reserve of 2.9%.

Mr. Murrey stated that the year-end financial records are not yet closed and that he anticipates a close by August 25. There is a possibility of mid-year cuts should there be continued economic weakness and possible deficit reductions. He stated that there is an increase in the expenditure budget for staffing

additional four accompanists and one administrative secretary. If approved, the District would be looking at an unrestricted impact of \$330,000 for 2008-09 and for 2009-10 and beyond for \$830,000. Additional Health and Welfare costs for two months for approximately 450 employees equals \$800,000, implementation of a shortened work year for 250-targeted employees unattainable for 2008-09 equals \$525,000. He stated that costs associated with late layoff notices are one-time costs and may be funded with Fund 17 dollars.

CHANGE IN ORDER OF AGENDA

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

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

By a vote of the Board took action to approve a settlement with Sage Electric vs. SAUSD, to include all issues.

Moved: Hernández ___ Richardson ___ Yamagata-Noji ___ Avila ___ Palacio X
Seconded: Hernández ___ Richardson X Yamagata-Noji ___ Avila ___ Palacio ___
Vote: Ayes 4-0 Noes _____ Abstain _____ Absent _____

By a vote of 4-0, the Board took action to appoint Dr. Amy Avina to the position of Principal at Segerstrom High School

Moved: Hernández ___ Richardson ___ Yamagata-Noji ___ Avila ___ Palacio X
Seconded: Hernández ___ Richardson ___ Yamagata-Noji X Avila ___ Palacio ___
Vote: Ayes 4-0 Noes _____ Abstain _____ Absent _____

By a vote of 4-0, the Board took action to appoint Katrina Callaway to the position of Assistant Principal at Segerstrom High School.

Moved: Hernández ___ Richardson X Yamagata-Noji ___ Avila ___ Palacio ___
Seconded: Hernández ___ Richardson ___ Yamagata-Noji X Avila ___ Palacio ___
Vote: Ayes 4-0 Noes _____ Abstain _____ Absent _____

By a vote of 4-0, the Board took action to appoint Erica Graves to the position of Assistant Principal at Villa Fundamental Intermediate School.

Moved: Hernández ___ Richardson X Yamagata-Noji ___ Avila ___ Palacio ___
Seconded: Hernández ___ Richardson ___ Yamagata-Noji ___ Avila ___ Palacio X
Vote: Ayes 4-0 Noes _____ Abstain _____ Absent _____

By a vote of 5-0, the Board took action to appoint Adrian J. Ayala to the position of Assistant Principal at Lathrop Intermediate School.

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

By a vote of 5-0, the Board took action to appoint Bianca R. Barquin to the position of Assistant Principal at MacArthur Fundamental Intermediate School.

Moved: Hernández ___ Richardson X Yamagata-Noji ___ Avila ___ Palacio ___
Seconded: Hernández ___ Richardson ___ Yamagata-Noji ___ Avila ___ Palacio X

Vote: Ayes 5-0 Noes _____ Abstain_____ Absent _____

By a vote of 5-0, the Board took action to appoint Mark Bello to the position of Principal at Mitchell Child Development Center.

Moved: Hernández ___ Richardson X Yamagata-Noji ___ Avila ___ Palacio ___
Seconded: Hernández ___ Richardson ___ Yamagata-Noji ___ Avila ___ Palacio X
Vote: Ayes 5-0 Noes _____ Abstain_____ Absent _____

By a vote of 4-1, the Board took action to appoint Dr. Peter Wold to the position of Director Program Quality Analysis.

Moved: Hernández ___ Richardson ___ Yamagata-Noji X Avila ___ Palacio ___
Seconded: Hernández ___ Richardson X Yamagata-Noji ___ Avila ___ Palacio ___
Vote: Ayes 4-1 Noes Palacio Abstain_____ Absent _____

By a vote of 5-0, the Board took action to approve the Settlement of Release agreement regarding a certificated employee to include all issues.

Moved: Hernández ___ Richardson ___ Yamagata-Noji X Avila ___ Palacio ___
Seconded: Hernández ___ Richardson X Yamagata-Noji ___ Avila ___ Palacio ___
Vote: Ayes 4-1 Noes Palacio Abstain_____ Absent _____

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Board President Hernández asked that those wishing to address the Board step to the podium.

With respect to the soccer fields use issue at Carr Intermediate School, Mr. Hernández asked that there not be more than ten representatives speaking within the subject. An CYSL representative provided him a list of names.

The following members of the audience addressed the Board regarding soccer field use at Carr Intermediate and related Civic Center issues:

- Zeke Hernandez, Community resident
- Rosa Lua, SAUSD parent
- Santiago Lua, CYSL Coach
- Juliana Arroyo, SAUSD parent
- Omar Salcedo, SAUSD parent
- Jesus Palacios, SAUSD parent
- Martin Martinez, CYSL Coach
- Alejandro Mora, SAUSD parent
- Juan Garcia, SAUSD parent
- Christian Aguilar, SAUSD student

MEETING RECESSED AND RECONVENED

At 8:35 p.m., President Hernández recessed the Regular meeting for a brief intermission. The meeting was reconvened at 8:47 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS CONTINUED

Dr. Yamagata-Noji commented that there is good strong parent support and the Board is caught in the middle of this difficult situation. She stated that this is a process and the Board has not made decisions for this excellent cause. It was determined that a meeting would be scheduled for Friday, August 15, at 3:30 p.m. at the District office where Superintendent Russo and Board members Hernández and Palacio would be present. Public comments regarding the Boy Scouts use of fields included:

Frank Alaniz, Boy Scouts Representative
Jesus Rodriguez, SAUSD parent
David Torres, SAUSD parent

The following members of the audience addressed the Board regarding the classified layoffs and related budget issues:

Zeke Hernandez, Community Resident
Gladys Carlos, SAUSD employee
Isabel Salcedo, SAUSD employee
Liliana Palacios, Former SAUSD student
Viengkham Phonethibsavads, SAUSD employee
Kelli Beckwith, SAUSD employee
Marla Miller, SAUSD employee
Kenny Wilson, SAUSD employee
Ramon Quintanilla, SAUSD employee
Pilar Sanchez, SAUSD employee
Robert Chavez, CSEA President
Sal Hernandez, SAUSD employee
Maria Cristina Garcia, SAUSD employee
Irma Mateos, SAUSD parent
Alejandro Moreno, SAUSD resident

CHANGE IN AGENDA ORDER

5.0 APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR HENRY T. NICHOLAS ACADEMIC CENTER AT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Judge Mandel, Executive Director of the Henry T. Nicholas Academic Center, presented information on the proposed Henry T. Nicolas Academic Center DBA Nicholas Academic Center at Valley High School. An academic center was opened near Santa Ana High in January, where students voluntarily extended their school schedules to 7:00 p.m. He stated that student's grades showed improvement as well as their writing and vocabulary.

Judge Mandel stated that there were no adequate facilities available near Valley High School, should the Board approve the request, an after-school academic center that will promote higher education for students will be located at Valley High School. Exclusively Valley High staff and students would use it during the regular school day. Judge Mandel stated that the Academic Center would be situated in a faculty lounge and other rooms that would be upgraded to include a kitchenette for students to eat after school, math, and calculus classes, and a computer lab. The cost of that modernization and purchase of capital assets, as well as utility and custodial costs, will be paid by the Henry T. Nicholas Academic Center.

He then shared the floor plan and introduced his staff, Juan Bonilla, Director of Mentoring Services and Norma Hernández, Director of Academic Services. Architects were present for review of the floor plan. Each Board member voiced their gratitude to Judge Mandel and staff.

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 5-0, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding as drafted pending further negotiations between the parties that result in a definitive and binding agreement.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) 45 Actuarial Report

Mr. Murrey provided information on the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) 45. He stated that there are new accounting requirements and financial reporting by employers for post employment benefits other than pensions that addresses how State and local governments should account for and report their costs and obligations related to post employment healthcare and other non-pension benefits. The other post employment benefits (OPEB) obligation measured with an actuarial study must be disclosed in the annual financial report footnotes along with any funds specifically reserved to offset this OPEB obligation.

SAUSD currently employs a "pay-as-you-go" financing strategy with benefit premiums paid and accrued as they become due. Under the new GASB 45 accounting standard, OPEB obligations represent a potentially significant increased expense shown on financial statements for school districts.

Mr. Murrey identified differences between actuarial valuation results as of July 1, 2007, and those as of July 1 2005. A representative from ASCIP provided details to a 25-year OPEB payout projection.

Mr. Murrey stated that in reference to being a true OPEB asset (GASB compliant) and reduces the District's OPEB liability; funds must be restricted from District access. Funds earmarked in the District's General funds are not considered true OPEB assets since the District can still access these funds, which is not GASB compliant. He stated that this is a force savings and the State should pay, but does not. He stated that the Orange County Department of Education has advised the SAUSD not to use Fund 17 and confirmed that no money has been used.

Mr. Murrey stated that the District would eventually have to consider reviewing health plan designs in terms of changing deductibles, co-pays, and out of pocket maximums. The District must study the impact of removing retirees from the same experience rating pool as active employees, modify District and employee contributions towards premiums, and increase the retirement health plan-vesting requirement.

Ms. Avila stated that the responsible thing to do is to begin putting funds aside and allow accumulation over time.

Board discussion ensued. The Board stated that as difficult as it is, a decision must be made.

Mr. Richardson asked for a corrected OPEB payout projection chart and a complete copy of the actuarial report.

The Board has asked that Mr. Murrey return to a Board meeting with an outlined plan.

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 on June 10, and July 8, 2008.

1.0 APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

The following items were removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion and separate action:

Approval of Listing of Agreement/Contracts Between Santa Ana Unified School District and Various Consultant Submitted for Period of June 25, 2008 through June 31, 2009 and Approval of new/Renewal of Membership in Organizations for 2008-09 Fiscal Year.

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

1.1 Approval of expenditure summary and warrant listing of checks for the period of June 25, 2008 through July 8, 2008.

1.2 Approval of purchase order summary of orders \$25,000 and over for period of June 25, 2008 through July 8, 2008.

1.3 Approval of listing of agreement/contracts between Santa Ana Unified School District and various consultants submitted for period of June 25, 2008 through July 8, 2008.

This item was removed for discussion and separate action.

1.4 Approval of disposal of obsolete unrepairable computer equipment, miscellaneous unrepairable furniture, equipment, or textbooks.

1.5 Approval of new/renewal of membership in organizations for 2008-09 fiscal year. This item was removed for discussion and separate action.

1.6 Authorization to obtain bids for site preparation and installation of playground equipment at Carver, Davis, Harvey, Pio Pico, Roosevelt, Romero-Cruz, Santiago, Sepulveda, and Wilson elementary schools.

1.7 Ratification of Resolution No. 08/09-2743 authorization of contract for Pre-Kindergarten and Family Literacy Program support for the 2008-09 program year.

1.8 Approval of first amendment to the Local School Readiness Initiative contract with Children and Families Commission of Orange County for 2009-10 school year.

1.9 Approval of first amendment to the School Nurse Expansion contract with Children and Families Commission of Orange County for the 2010-11 school year.

1.10 Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with the University of California, Orange County Cooperative Extension to participate in Expanded Food and Nutrition Education for the 2008-09 school year.

1.11 Approval of contract agreement with the Orange County Department of Education to participate in the Inside the Outdoors School Program and Inside the Outdoors Field Program for the 2008-09 school year.

1.12 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.

- 1.13 Approval of California High School Exit Exam waivers for students with disabilities.
- 1.14 Approval of consultant agreement with a nonpublic agency for students with disabilities for the 2008-09 school year.
- 1.15 Approval of payment and reimbursement of costs incurred for designated instructional services for students with disabilities.
- 1.16 Approval of readmission of previously expelled students for fall semester of 2008-09 school year. This item was removed from the Agenda and will return to a future Board meeting.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION AND SEPARATE ACTION

1.3 APPROVAL OF LISTING OF AGREEMENT/CONTRACTS BETWEEN SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND VARIOUS CONSULTANTS SUBMITTED FOR PERIOD OF JUNE 25, 2008 THROUGH JULY 8, 2008.

Mr. Palacio asked that financial consultants Margaret Rosales and West Consulting be removed from the consultant listing for discussion of the necessity of these expenditures.

Mr. Murrey stated that the consultants have provided year-end closing services for the past several years.

Mr. Hernández stated that what the District has done in the past might not be best the solution right now, due to the budget crisis. He asked that Margaret Rosales be removed from the listing at this time and that staff research costs of training to eventually eliminate such consultants.

Mrs. Avila and Mr. Richardson inquired whether it would be more cost effective to hire a consultant for a few months or to hire an employee.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji asked staff to make certain that service descriptions are identified on the listing.

Mr. Palacio inquired about Eric Bathen and suggested that this item come to the Board for action when services rendered reaches the mid-way point to better track legal costs to the District.

The Board has requested additional information concerning consultant Margaret Rosales.

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 5-0, to approve the consultant listing of agreements/contracts between Santa Ana Unified School District And various consultants submitted for the period of June 25, 2008 through July 8, 2008, with the exclusion of Margaret Rosales.

A copy of the listing is included in the Minutes.

1.5 APPROVAL OF NEW/RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP IN ORGANIZATIONS FOR 2008-09 SCHOOL YEAR

Mr. Murrey stated that this item was reduced by 50 percent. He stated that many memberships were removed including the California School Boards Association due to the fiscal crisis the District is currently experiencing.

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0, to approve new/renewal of memberships in organizations for the 2008-09 school year.

REGULAR ACTION ITEMS

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

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0, to accept the gifts in accordance with Board Policy (BP) 3290 - Gifts, Grants, and Bequests. A copy is attached to the Minutes.

3.0 AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT CARVER, DAVIS, HARVEY, PIO PICO, ROOSEVELT, ROMERO-CRUZ, SANTIAGO, SEPULVEDA, AND WILSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 5-0, to authorize the awarding of a contract for the purchase of playground equipment at Carver, Davis, Harvey, Pio Pico, Roosevelt, Romero-Cruz, Santiago, Sepulveda, and Wilson elementary schools to Sun Country Systems, in the amount of \$336,559 utilizing the State of California Multiple Award Schedule Contract Number 4-04-00-0094A.

4.0 ACCEPTANCE OF REVISED GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD 45 VALUATION REPORT OF OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Refer to action taken earlier in the meeting.

5.0 APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR HENRY T. NICHOLAS ACADEMIC CENTER AT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Refer to action taken earlier in the meeting.

6.0 APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND COMMITTEE BYLAWS AND CODE OF ETHICS

Mr. Dixon stated that community outreach efforts for Bond Oversight Committee membership were advertised through school sites, parent/teacher organizations, the media, and the O.C. Taxpayers Association. He stated that Education Code Section 15282 specifies a minimum of seven members and a maximum of ten members may be on the committee. Administration recommends nine applications for Board approval to the Bond Oversight Committee.

It was moved by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0, to appoint Desi Reyes, Narinder Mahal, Juan Laguna, Rosa Aldaz, Mark McLoughlin, Glen Stroud, Alex Flores, Robert Miranda, and Kristofer Pitman to the Bond Oversight Committee and approve Committee Bylaws and Code of Ethics as incorporated.

7.0 CALL FOR PUBLIC HEARING: AUTHORIZATION OF ONE JOINT SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL TO FUNCTION FOR LYDIA ROMERO-CRUZ AND GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0, to approve the call for a Public Hearing to obtain public input on the waiver for a joint school site council for Lydia Romero-Cruz and George Washington Carver Elementary Schools.

8.0 APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH INTEL-ASSESS INC., FOR DEVELOPMENT AND CREATION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR 2008-09 SCHOOL YEAR

Mr. Mendez introduced the item. He explained that the utilization of an assessment vendor addresses the challenge for District staff of needing to regularly adjust, modify, and create standards-based questions and assessments in a manner that ensures their reliability, efficacy, and instructional value to teachers.

He stated that the implementation of a well-executed benchmark assessment system would address DAIT student monitoring requirements and assist schools to increase teacher efficacy through an assessment benchmark that informs their instructional practice/s toward an improved student achievement outcome, as measured by California Standards Tests.

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0, to approve the agreement with Intel-Assess, Inc., for the development and creation of assessments for the 2008-09 school year.

9.0 RATIFICATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 08/09-2742 - AUTHORIZATION OF CONTRACT FOR PRE-KINDERGARTEN AND FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAM FUNDING FOR 2008-09 PROGRAM YEAR

This item was removed from the agenda and will return to a future Board meeting. The Board has requested that the contract be included with the item.

10.0 BOARD POLICY AND ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION 6020 - PARENT/GUARDIAN INVOLVEMENT (REVISED: FOR FIRST READING)

Presented for first reading; no action required.

11.0 APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH ORANGE COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREAS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS REGARDING CHILD FIND ACTIVITIES FOR PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENTS

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Orange County SELPAs and School Districts on Child Find Activities for private school students.

12.0 APPROVAL OF DECLARATION OF NEED FOR FULLY QUALIFIED EDUCATORS FOR THE 2008-09 SCHOOL YEAR

It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0, to approve the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for the 2008-09 school year as requested by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

13.0 APPROVAL OF REVISED JOB DESCRIPTION: TEACHER'S AIDE - HEAD START

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

14.0 APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL ACTION

Mr. Lopez called to the attention of the trustees the retirement of Michael Murphy following 19 years of service to the District. His last assignment was with Valley High School.

He stated that there is a possibility that employees may rescind their retirement due to change of language and conditions on the CSEA tentative agreement.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji inquired whether additional teachers were going to be hired due to the number of resignations or retirees. Mr. Lopez answered affirmatively.

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

15.0 BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS/ACTIVITIES

Dr. Yamagata-Noji:

- She noted the excitement of the opening of the Nicolas Academic Center at Valley High School and thanked Judge Mandel for his efforts.
- She stated that as schools anticipate their opening, she wants to ensure at all costs, that all schools open appropriately; and with the correct number of teachers. She is asking that all District Administrators be deployed to secondary schools for a week to trouble shoot. She stated that if staff needs to be trained, then, train staff.
- She noted that Heroes has a waiting list. She is excited about the new school opening this year.
- She stated that there are dates to post of the many upcoming activities within the District and schools.

Ms. Avila:

- She said that it is amazing that school is starting in a couple of weeks.
- She commented about the soccer situation. She said that there is the same number of students using the same amount of fields as last year and it worked out, and it should not be seen as a group being favored. It is a matter of scheduling, and how all teams fit on the fields. She said to keep the politics out of it.

Mr. Richardson:

- He echoed Dr. Yamagata-Noji's comment regarding the opening of the school year on August 28.
- At the next Board meeting, he would like staff to provide a report, an early dashboard view as to where we expect to be during that week. In addition, provide an update when Board arrives on August 28 in light of the many changes and new administration at schools.
- He looks forward to the City/School District liaison committee meeting and is excited about the opportunities in light of the new Bond and the new accessible facilities to the public.
- Regarding the school grounds for soccer, he feels as though the District is getting shorted and communication is needed with the City to better work out a community-wide solution.
- He is pleased that staff did a good job with allocating the fields and adhered to Board's direction to give priority to youth activities. We stated that the District is a school system not a park system. He noted that permits are nontransferable He looks forward to the results of Friday's meeting and is confident that there will be resolve in a favorable fashion.

Mr. Hernández:

- In reference to soccer, both organizations are trying to benefit our children and if we have that as a starting point, we will have a positive outcome. We need to make some clarifications at the meeting and believes there will be resolve.
- He thanked the District staff for the negotiations with CSEA. He looks forward in getting the agreement ratified. He noted that it is important to reach a solution before school begins, in the best interest of the children.
- He looks forward to the Heroes School opening; it is a very exciting time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:07 p.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, August 26, 2008, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Jane A. Russo
Secretary
Santa Ana Board of Education