

Santa Ana Unified School District
1601 E. Chestnut Avenue
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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
SANTA ANA BOARD OF EDUCATION

September 23, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Board President Hernández. Other members in attendance were Mr. Richardson, Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and Mr. Palacio. Mrs. Avila 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 6:20 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by student Ana Maldonado, Godinez High School.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

In recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month, Ms. Russo shared a video of the Fiestas Patrias. Included in the Sunday parade were the Santa Ana High Marching Saints and the Board of Education. Several thousand people gathered for the celebration.

The Superintendent introduced the winners of last school year's Scholar's Pledge Contest: third place winner Sebastian Kings, formerly MacArthur and now attending Orange County High School of the Arts; and first place winner Godinez freshman Ana Maldonado, who attended Lathrop when she entered the contest. Principal Greg Rankin shared that Ana has had A's throughout her middle school career. As they stepped to the podium with their parents, Ana and Sebastian were recognized for this achievement and congratulated by each member of the Board. President Hernandez further noted that Ana's teacher,

Mary Alice Madden, who was in the audience, was his language arts teacher and had been a driving force in his education.

Lathrop student Maldonado read her award-winning Scholar's Pledge: "We, the students of the Santa Ana Unified School District, pledge to be dedicated to scholarship. We will strive to succeed and build an honorable future. We will make our city proud by being respectful and responsible. We shall not only ensure success for ourselves, but we will also encourage success in others."

Ms. Russo announced that the legendary Harlem Globetrotter Michael Douglas' Youth Foundation and the Harlem Legends will challenge the Santa Ana High All Stars in a friendly game of hoops on Friday, September 26th at Santa Ana High School.

She commended Segerstrom High Coach Mike Maceranka for being chosen Coach of the Week by ABC7 Sports Zone/NFL. He has been invited to appear on the post-game show following the college football game of the week October 4th. Nominated by viewers for being a great coach, inspiring his players, and giving back to the community, Coach Maceranka will receive \$1,000 for his school's football program from the NFL Youth Football Fund and becomes eligible for the ABC7/NFL High School Coach of the Year Award to be announced in December.

Ms. Russo asked that Mr. Lopez introduce to all those present the following newly-appointed elementary school administrators:

Denise Bertrand	Principal - Diamond
Cynthia Spitzer	Asst. Principal/BRT - Washington
Herminio Bautista	Asst. Principal/BRT - Roosevelt
Jimmy Bruhl	Asst. Principal/BRT - King
Michael Baker	Asst. Principal/BRT - Lincoln
Steven Kotsubo	Asst. Principal/BRT - Muir
Virginia Morales	Asst. Principal/Literacy Coach - Wilson

Each of these expressed their appreciation for being appointed and pledged their dedication to the students of their schools. They received the congratulations of the Board and the audience.

The Superintendent announced an Arbor Day event hosted by the City of Santa Ana and the Washington Square Neighborhood Association to be held September 25th. Heroes Elementary students will be assisting in the planting of trees near the school as they experience a sense of pride in contributing to a better environment.

The Associated Student Body of Valley High School is holding a speaker's series this fall in honor of Women's History Month. Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez will be at the school on Tuesday, September 30, as part of the "Successful Women in our Community" series. Other speakers are planned throughout the month.

Ms. Russo announced the 15th Annual Parent Conference and Youth Expo to be held on Sunday, October 5th at Santa Ana College. This event is sponsored by the District, along with educational partners Santa Ana College and the City of Santa Ana. It will feature essential workshops on Family Literacy, Family Math, Financial Aid, College Opportunities, Parenting Skills, Healthy Eating, Financial Literacy, and more.

She announced that International Walk to School Day will be held on October 8th to help reinforce traffic safety skills, promote physical fitness, and create safer walking and biking routes to school. This event is made possible by the Healthy Eating Active Communities grant through the partnership of the District's Wellness Program with Orange County Health Care Agency and Latino Health Access.

The Superintendent drew to the attention of all those present the beautiful student artwork displayed in the Board Room provided by Mendez and Lathrop Intermediate artists. She commended the students and their teachers.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA

Ms. Russo stated that the Administration wished to remove the following items from the agenda of this meeting: Item 18.0 - Approval of New Job Description: General Counsel; Item 19.0 - Approval of New Job Description: Special Education Counsel; and Item 20.0 - Approval of New Job Description: Legal Secretary.

PRESENTATIONS

Santa Ana Unified School District Budget Update

Mr. Ron Murrey stepped to the podium to present the update. He stated that the District is experiencing a slight growth in enrollment of approximately 372 students over the projected enrollment used for the adoption of the 2008-09 Budget. This is welcomed considering the loss of enrollment over the last several years. The increase will necessitate the addition of 22 certificated teaching staff; some paid through Class Size Reduction money, but most from the General Fund. It will bring an approximate \$522,950 in additional revenue.

Mr. Murrey stated that Governor Schwarzenegger signed the State of California Budget. A conference will be held this week to inform the business administrators of the terms of the budget. Concern has been expressed as to whether that budget is stable. There was a slight increase in the revenue limit per student, but only about a half percent. Categorical funds have not been cut or frozen, which had been a major concern. The apportionment will go up about a half percent, about \$2 million, which will result in a deficit of \$8 million for this school year.

Mr. Richardson requested that the Board be provided with a school-by-school chart showing projections versus actual enrollment and the increase or decrease of teachers.

Quality Education Investment Act Grant

Dr. Cathie Olsky stepped to the podium to provide a brief history of the Quality Education Investment Act (QEIA) grant. This grant came about when the Governor in 2004-05 negotiated a suspension of \$3.8 billion to Proposition 98 and was subsequently sued by the California Teachers Association and State Superintendent O'Connell. In 2006-07 the Governor and Legislature approved funding at the previous level according to a schedule to pay back one-time losses over a seven-year period. Goals were established calling for a reduction of class size; highly qualified teachers in all core subjects; 300:1 ratio pupil-to-counselor ratio in high school; and others dealing with Williams compliance, accountability, facilities, and staff development.

Dr. Olsky reported that Santa Ana Unified School District has until June 2009 for schools to begin to meet the requirement of exceeding their

API targets averaged over the first three years of the grant. Ten of the 14 schools have made API growth targets.

She reviewed the next steps to be taken: (1) Formalization of District QEIA Steering Committee; (2) Completion of mandated surveys by schools; (3) Continuation of collaborative meetings with SAEA; and (4) Continuation of staff development with focus on English learners.

As the Board reviewed the QEIA budgetary figures, Dr. Yamagata-Noji commented on the very high carryover amounts. She asked for an explanation of what is being planned for each of the participating schools to increase API.

Dr. Olsky stated that the money is to be spent on salaries for class size reduction and the carryover is to protect those salaries over the next seven years. There is no COLA, therefore the only way to provide sustainability is through the carryover.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji asked that staff provide information as to what is planned at each of the schools and how the money will be spent.

Ms. Russo stated that a report will be given at a future meeting to include the number of teachers reaching the goals of single school plans and what the expectations are for the increase of API utilizing QEIA funding.

Mrs. Avila stated that she was very pleased for the District to have this money to help reduce class size. It was her hope that some other funding could be made available to those schools not a part of the QEIA program.

Dr. Olsky pointed out that school districts across the State are looking for other categorical funds to help support and replicate some of the class size reductions made possible through QEIA.

PUBLIC HEARING: CHARTER RENEWAL PETITION FOR NOVA ACADEMY

Ms. Natalie Battersbee, founding Principal, Dr. Dennis Eastman, current Principal, and Ms. Joyce Arnstson, Vice President, Foundation of California Community Colleges, presented a recap of the first four years of the NOVA Academy. They highlighted the growth from 11 students in the 2005-06 school year to the 115 current student enrollment. Teaching staff has grown to five full time and three part time teachers, with two counselors. NOVA has moved to a new site to accommodate its growth. The first graduating class numbered 17.

Their review included data of increased test results. Ms. Arntson pledged continuing support stating that NOVA has been one of the standout programs in the Early College High School network that the Foundation for California Community Colleges oversees in partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

President Hernández opened the meeting for a Public Hearing regarding the charter renewal petition for NOVA Academy and asked if any member of the audience wished to address this item.

The following attendees spoke on behalf of NOVA (New Opportunities for Visionary Academics) and urged the Board of Education to renew its charter.

Catalina Martinez, member of first graduating class
Donald Verleur, Co-founder
Dana Zeigler, NOVA Board member
Denise Juarez, NOVA student
Emperatriz Duarte, NOVA parent
Elena Sanchez, NOVA parent

Cynthia Bustos, NOVA student
Rachel Finnigan, NOVA student
Alex Sanchez, member of first graduating class

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

Renewal of the charter petition will be brought to the Board for action at a future meeting.

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 District Safety Officers spoke to members of the Board regarding their safety concerns at the high school level: Vincent Gonzales, Alvin Alaman, and Salvador Hernandez.

Debbie Rose introduced a youth leadership program sponsored by Pioneer Circuits and asked that she be given the opportunity to present the program to the District.

Regina Aguirre, Maria Ocegueda, and parents, asked that the Board ask the Administration to postpone the transfer of a teacher and classroom at Sepulveda Elementary School until enrollment has stabilized.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mrs. Avila, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 5-0 to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 9, 2008.

1.0 APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

The following items were removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion and separate action: Approval of Request for Qualifications for Demographic Services; Authorization to Award Contract for Site Preparation and Installation of Playground Equipment at Carver, Davis, Harvey, Pio Pico, Roosevelt, Romero Cruz, Santiago, Sepulveda, and Wilson Elementary Schools; Acceptance of Completion of Contract for Site Preparation and Installation of Playground Equipment at Adams, Diamond, Franklin, Martin, and Taft Elementary Schools; Acceptance of Completion of Contract for Installation of Smartboard/LCD Projector Mounts and Electrical for Carr and Spurgeon Intermediate Schools; and 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 Mr. Palacio, and carried 5-0 to approve the remaining items on the Consent Calendar as presented:

1.1 Approval of Expenditure Summary listing all checks created and Warrant Listing of expenditures over \$25,000 for the period of August 27, 2008, through September 9, 2008.

1.2 Approval of Purchase Order Summary of orders \$25,000 and over for the period of August 27, 2008, through September 9, 2008.

- 1.3 Approval to dispose of obsolete unrepairable computer equipment, miscellaneous furniture, equipment, or textbooks
- 1.4 Approval of Membership in the Association of California School Administrators for 2008-09 school year.
- 1.5 Approval of Request for Qualifications for Demographic Services - removed for discussion and separate action
- 1.6 Authorization to award a contract for site preparation and installation of playground equipment at Carver, Davis, Harvey, Pio Pico, Roosevelt, Romero-Cruz, Santiago, Sepulveda, and Wilson elementary - removed for discussion and separate action
- 1.7 Authorization to enter into 36-month Volume Licensing Agreement with Microsoft Corporation for purchase of software to be used Districtwide.
- 1.8 Acceptance of Completion of Contract for Site Preparation and Installation of Playground Equipment at Adams, Diamond, Franklin, Martin, and Taft Elementary Schools - removed for discussion and separate action
- 1.9 Acceptance of Completion of Contract for Installation of Smartboard/LCD Projector Mounts and Electrical for Carr and Spurgeon Intermediate Schools - removed for discussion and separate action
- 1.10 Authorization to obtain bids for exterior painting at Garfield Elementary School.
- 1.11 Approval to renew contract with School Facility Consultants for State School Building Program Funding and Eligibility Services.
- 1.12 Approval to appoint Penco Engineering, Inc.; Towill Surveying, Mapping and GIS Services; Hall & Foreman, Inc.; Penfield & Smith Engineers, Surveyors, Planners; and VA Consulting, Inc. to a pre-approved list for land surveyor consulting services for future District projects.
- 1.13 Approval to appoint Chamber Environment Group, Inc.; Dudek Engineering & Environmental; PCR Services Corporation; Ultra-Systems Environmental Inc.; P&D Consultants; and The Planning Center to a pre-approved list for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) consulting services for future District projects.
- 1.14 Approval to appoint Converse Consultants; Associated Solis Engineering, Inc.; RMA Companies; Twining Laboratories of Southern California; Haley & Aldrich, Inc.; and Geo Environmental, Inc. to a pre-approved list for geotechnical consulting services for future District projects.
- 1.15 Approval of master contracts and/or individual service agreements with nonpublic schools/agencies for students with disabilities for the 2008-09 school year.
- 1.16 Approval of payment and reimbursement of costs incurred for designated instructional services for a student with disabilities.
- 1.17 Approval of the recommendation by the Administrative hearing panels to expel students for the recommended terms including the remediation conditions - removed for separate action

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION AND SEPARATE ACTION

1.5 APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR DEMOGRAPHIC SERVICES

In response to a question from Dr. Yamagata-Noji, Mr. Dixon stated that this is a request to develop a list of qualified demographers to be used as needed and as approved by the Board for future projects. He stated that the District will spend approximately \$25,000 this year out of developer's fees.

In response to a question from Mr. Palacio regarding doing this type of work in-house, Mr. Dixon stated that the Planners in the District are able to do some projects, but with a District this size, there will be many projects of a sufficient scope to require outside professionals to provide services in a timely manner.

Mr. Richardson reinforced that this is a good business practice.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji asked that future requests to hire demographers be brought as action items to the Board with an explanation of the necessity for outside professional services.

It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0 to approve the Request for Qualifications for demographic services.

1.6 AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR SITE PREPARATION AND INSTALLATION OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT CARVER, DAVIS, HARVEY, PIO PICO, ROOSEVELT, ROMERO CRUZ, SANTIAGO, SEPULVEDA, AND WILSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

AND

1.8 ACCEPTANCE OF COMPLETION OF CONTRACT FOR SITE PREPARATION AND INSTALLATION OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT ADAMS, DIAMOND, FRANKLIN, MARTIN, AND TAFT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Mr. Richardson highlighted the work done as a result of the passage of Measure G and complemented the staff and community for bringing to the District funding which will provide improvements to each school site.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji further commented about how colorful the playground equipment is and how great it looks!

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, and carried 5-0 to award contracts for site preparation and installation of playground equipment at Carver, Davis, Harvey, Pio Pico, Roosevelt, Romero-Cruz, Santiago, Sepulveda, and Wilson elementary schools, pursuant to Bid #5-09, in the total amount of \$156,206 to vendors as listed:

Carver	Ortco, Inc.	\$13,130
Davis	Creative Contractors	19,925
Harvey	Ortco, Inc.	13,030
Pio Pico	R.E. Schultz Construction Services	22,190
Romero-Cruz	Ortco, Inc.	15,560
Roosevelt	Ortco, Inc.	16,065
Santiago	Ortco, Inc.	14,760
Sepulveda	R.E. Schultz Construction Services	26,000
Wilson	Ortco, Inc.	15,546

Additionally, the Board accepted the September 23, 2008, completion of contract for site preparation and installation of playground equipment from Micon Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$25,155; R.E. Schultz Construction Services in the amount of \$42,005; Fleming Environmental, Inc. in the amount of \$14,750; and Creative Contractors in the amount of \$8,800, for a total amount of \$90,710.

1.9 ACCEPTANCE OF COMPLETION OF CONTRACT FOR INSTALLATION OF SMARTBOARD/LCD PROJECTOR MOUNTS AND ELECTRICAL FOR CARR AND SPURGEON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS

Dr. Yamagata-Noji removed this item from the Consent Calendar for clarification of the project.

In response, Ms. Karen Aepli, Director of Purchasing and Stores, stated that the schools already had the equipment and this action only covered installation costs.

It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 5-0 to accept the September 23, 2008, completion of contract with Pub Construction, Inc. for the installation of Smartboard/LCD projector mounts and electrical for Carr and Spurgeon Intermediate schools in the amount of \$94,300.

1.17 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 stated that one student had been removed from the Board's consideration of this action.

It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 5-0 to approve the remaining recommendations by the Administrative Hearing Panels to expel students for the recommended terms including the remediation conditions, as follows:

187179 - Carr 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 February 3, 2009.

171944 - Community Day 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 February 3, 2009.

198822 - Valley High School
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 February 3, 2009.

REGULAR AGENDA - ACTION ITEMS

2.0 AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN BIDS FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AT CARR INTERMEDIATE, DIAMOND, GREENVILLE FUNDAMENTAL, KENNEDY, LOWELL, MADISON, MARTIN, AND SANTIAGO ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS FOR CRITICALLY OVERCROWDED PROJECTS

It was moved by Mr. Richardson and seconded by Mr. Palacio to authorize the Administration to obtain bids for new construction projects under the Critically Overcrowded (COS) program at Carr Intermediate, Diamond, Greenville Fundamental, Kennedy, Lowell, Madison, Martin, and Santiago.

The Board previously approved the appointment of architects at the March 25, 2008, Board meeting. Two architectural firms made presentations to the Board for the schools listed as follows:

gkkworks	Diamond, Greenville, Kennedy, Lowell
LPA	Madison, Martin, Santiago, Carr

Their presentations depicted each site with two-story buildings replacing portables. Animation gave the members of the Board a realistic look at how the various schools will be modified. Questions were asked and answered regarding each campus.

Following review of the architectural plans, and upon call for the question, the motion carried 4-0, Mr. Palacio absent from the Board Room.

3.0 APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY PLAN ADDENDUM TO STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Per action by the State Board of Education in March 2008, each Local Education Agency is required to revise its plan to include objectives and action steps to implement Corrective Action F and to submit those revised plans by September 30, 2008.

Dr. Olsky reviewed with the Board the five sections of the addendum, as follows: Sections One and Two - Instructional Materials: Mathematics and Reading/Language Arts; Section Three - Professional Development Needs of Teachers and Administrators; Section Four - Focus on High Priority Students; and Section Five - Parent Involvement.

The SAUSD addendum was being reviewed and revised as part of the March 2008 mandate by the State. The District was aware of the need to give primary attention to English learners and students with disabilities. The goals for District improvement were established as follows: (1) define a K-12 English Language Development (ELD) program; (2) identify every student by name and place correctly in strong ELD, Reading/Language Arts and Mathematics programs; and (3) assess, implement, and monitor professional development focused on foundational knowledge, instructional delivery, and high expectations.

Ms. Nuria Solis, Director of ELD/Bilingual Programs, responded to questions throughout the presentation.

Ms. Sandy Lapham, Director, Division of Instructional Services, Orange County Department of Education, stepped to the podium to inform the Board that this document will go to the California Department of Education for final approval. She stated that the County Department of Education has been working with Santa Ana Unified School District on a regular basis and that she is confident this plan will be approved. She complimented members of the staff on their efforts to improve AYP scores in the District.

It was moved by Mrs. Avila, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 5-0 to approve submission of the Local Education Agency Plan Addendum to State Board of Education by September 30, 2008.

Ms. Russo commended staff, particularly Ms. Cochran, for diligence in compiling the addendum to this plan.

4.0 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 08/09-2750 - RATIFICATION OF CONTRACT FOR STATE PRESCHOOL FUNDING FOR 2008-09

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 4-0, Mrs. Avila not present, to adopt Resolution No. 08/09-2750 for ratification of the Contract for State Preschool funding in the amount of \$697,338 for the 2008-09 school year. A copy of the Resolution is attached.

5.0 APPROVAL OF CONSULTANT AGREEMENTS WITH STATE-APPROVED SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES PROVIDERS FOR 2008-09 SCHOOL YEAR

The District, under the No Child Left Behind Act, is required to offer Supplemental Educational Services to eligible low-income students at 38 schools and must use State-approved providers. The District is not a provider, but is required to use outside consultants for this purpose. Parents of eligible students select from this list providers to assist their children in English language arts or math.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji stated her lack of confidence with the accountability of this component of the program. She asked that staff raise an issue with this matter to Congresswoman Sanchez in a scheduled meeting next week.

Mr. Mendez stated that last year approximately 3,000 of the 4,000 eligible students accessed services through this program. He stated that the District does make some phone calls to parents and some visitations to the providers to determine the successfulness of the services.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji expressed her strong desire that staff prepare a letter to elected officials stating the District's concerns with the Supplemental Educational Services Providers component of the No Child Left Behind Act.

It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0 to approve the consultant agreements with the State-approved Supplemental Educational Services providers for the 2008-09 school year.

6.0 APPROVAL OF CONTINUATION OF NETWORK FOR HEALTHY CALIFORNIA GRANT FOR 2008-11 SCHOOL YEARS

It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 5-0 approve the continuation of Network for a Healthy California grant through the California Department of Public Health for the 2008-11 school years.

7.0 APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION TO CALIFORNIA COLLEGE AND CAREER FOR 2008-09 SCHOOL YEAR

In response to a question from Dr. Yamagata-Noji, Mr. Ayala stated that this grant represents a continuation of the career tech educational effort. It will look at existing academies and provide students with a selection process to pathway options such as arts, media and entertainment, biomedical and health science, building and environmental

design, engineering, finance and business, information technology, law and justice.

Ms. Avila expressed her stating that tailoring education to a specific pathway may not be the best approach.

Mr. Hernández emphasized that teaching to the A-G requirements is always the first priority. He further stated that this somewhat resembles the High School, Inc. program.

Ms. Russo stated that statewide, high school educators are looking at ways to provide greater opportunity for all students at the high school level. This grant would allow a variety of offerings throughout the District. She further stated that meeting the A-G requirements leaves little time during the normal instructional day for exposure to other offerings. This would provide extra time to incorporate some of these pathways.

Ms. Pat Carter, Director of ROP, stepped to the podium to assure the Board that this will not replicate High School, Inc. but will give the students options.

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 5-0 to approve the submission of the California Center for College and Career planning grant application to the ConnectEd California.

8.0 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 08/09-2744 - TEMPORARY CASH BORROWING FROM ORANGE COUNTY TREASURER

It was moved by Mrs. Avila, and seconded by Mr. Richardson, to adopt Resolution No. 08/09-2744 to permit temporary borrowing from the Orange County Treasurer.

Mr. Palacio asked if the District still needs to borrow money since the Governor has now signed the State Budget.

Mr. Murrey stated that it is not known what the Governor has signed, therefore it is recommended that this measure be approved. The District may not receive its normal apportionments well into next year, possibly until May. He stated that funds borrowed must be repaid by the end of the fiscal year.

Mr. Richardson requested that staff report back on any borrowing that takes place in order to keep the Board fully informed.

There being no further discussion, the motion carried 5-0. A copy of the Resolution is attached.

9.0 AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND CONTRACT FOR ASPHALT, PAVING, AND SEAL COATING DISTRICTWIDE

It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0 to authorize the Administration to amend Ben's Asphalt, Inc. contract for asphalt, paving, and seal coating repairs Districtwide in the amount of \$200,000 for a total of \$500,000.

10.0 AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND CONTRACT FOR FLOORING SERVICES TO INCLUDE SUB FLOOR TESTING DISTRICTWIDE

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 5-0 to authorize the Administration to amend JJJ Floor Covering, Inc. contract for flooring services to include sub floor testing Districtwide, in the amount of \$225,000 for a total of \$450,000.

11.0 AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN BIDS FOR MAINTENANCE ON AVAYA TELECOMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT AT QUALIFIED E-RATE SITES

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0 to authorize the Administration to obtain bids for maintenance on Avaya telecommunication equipment at qualified sites.

12.0 AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN BIDS FOR CISCO NETWORK EQUIPMENT AT QUALIFIED E-RATE SITES

It was moved by Mrs. Avila, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 5-0 to authorize the Administration to obtain bids for Cisco network equipment at qualified E-Rate sites that are below the anticipated 90% School & Libraries Division (SLD) funding level.

13.0 AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN BIDS FOR INSTALLATION OF STRUCTURED CABLING SYSTEMS AT QUALIFIED E-RATE SITES

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0 to authorize the Administration to obtain bids for installation of structured cabling systems at qualified E-Rate sites below the anticipated 90% School & Libraries Division (SLD) funding level.

14.0 AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CARR INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL UNDER EMERGENCY REPAIR PROGRAM

Mr. Richardson commended staff on garnering nearly \$1 million dollars to upgrade campuses through the Emergency Repair Grant Program.

In response to a question from Dr. Yamagata-Noji, Mr. Dixon stated that projects applied for through the Emergency Repair Grant Program are submitted separately to the Office of Public School Construction for funding. The District has submitted numerous requests, some of which may not be funded for several years, but District staff is tracking and pursuing all projects and coordinating the allocations with money to be received from Critically Overcrowded Schools (COS) and Modernization dollars.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji requested that the community be made aware of these projects. Ms. Russo stated that staff will share with our citizens information regarding the large sums of dollars the District has been awarded through the different State funding sources and how that money is being leveraged to maximum its benefit to Santa Ana schools.

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, and carried 5-0 to authorize the Administration to obtain bids for construction at Carr Intermediate School under the Emergency Repair Program.

15.0 AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW CLASSROOMS AT SADDLEBACK HIGH SCHOOL UNDER EMERGENCY REPAIR PROGRAM

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Richardson, and carried 5-0 to authorize the Administration to obtain bids for construction of eight new classrooms and faculty/student restrooms at Saddleback High School under the Emergency Repair Program.

16.0 CALL FOR PUBLIC HEARING: REVIEW STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE FOR PUPIL TEXTBOOK AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS FOR 2008-09 SCHOOL YEAR

It was moved by Mr. Palacio, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and carried 5-0 to call for a Public Hearing on October 14, 2008, to review the Statement of Assurance for Pupil Textbook and Instructional Materials for 2008-09 school year.

17.0 APPROVAL OF DAILY PAY RATE INCREASE FOR SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS FOR HEAD START

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 5-0 to approve a daily pay rate increase for substitute teachers for Head Start.

18.0 APPROVAL OF NEW JOB DESCRIPTION: GENERAL COUNSEL

This item was removed from the Agenda at the beginning of the meeting by Superintendent Russo.

19.0 APPROVAL OF NEW JOB DESCRIPTION: SPECIAL EDUCATION COUNSEL

This item was removed from the Agenda at the beginning of the meeting by Superintendent Russo.

20.0 APPROVAL OF NEW JOB DESCRIPTION: LEGAL SECRETARY

This item was removed from the Agenda at the beginning of the meeting by Superintendent Russo.

21.0 APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL ACTION

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

23.0 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 gifts as per attached list in accordance with Board Policy 3290 - Gifts, Grants, and Bequests.

DISCUSSION ITEM

22.0 DISCUSSION: HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT DATES FOR 2008-09 SCHOOL YEAR

Mr. Ayala pointed out the need to consider alternatives to the current graduation ceremony format due to the addition of Godinez Fundamental High School and led a discussion with members of the Board. This past school year the District had five comprehensive high school ceremonies during two days. With the addition of one more high school, consideration was given to three days of ceremonies.

During discussion, members asked that 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. be avoided whenever possible because of the difficulties those times present to working parents.

It was the recommendation of the Board that the Administration pursue a two-day schedule, using both the Santa Ana Bowl and Segerstrom High School facilities to be reviewed again at a future meeting. It was further recommended that school schedules be adjusted at the beginning of the year so that seniors will not be required to come back after their graduation event to fulfill instructional minutes.

Ms. Russo stated that the Administration will bring this item to a future Board meeting for further input and will have dollar figures for installing temporary bleachers at Segerstrom.

24.0 BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS/ACTIVITIES

Mrs. Avila:

- She expressed delight with the parade honoring Hispanic Heritage Month and noted the excellence of the Santa Ana High Marching Saints band!
- She attended Open House at Spurgeon and was happy to see a good response by parents.

Dr. Yamagata-Noji:

- She further congratulated the Santa Ana High School band and Mr. Cesar Vargas who emceed the event.
- She attended the Joint Meeting with the Santa Ana City Council and asked that the Superintendent prepare a report of that meeting.

Mr. Richardson:

- Expressed appreciation to Assemblyman Jose Solorio for introducing Assembly Bill 2589 to prohibit unreported commission income from being earned by insurance brokers for public agencies. That legislation, prepared on behalf of SAUSD, is on the Governor's desk for signature.

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 Stipulated Award in the amount of \$27,160 for a former teacher as named in Closed Session.

Moved: Hernández ___ Richardson __ Yamagata-Noji ___ Avila _X_
Palacio ___

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

Vote: Ayes 5 Noes 0 Abstain _____ Absent 0

By a vote of 4-0 the Board took action to approve the settlement and release agreement in the amount of \$33,912 with a classified employee as named in Closed Session.

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

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

Vote: Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstain _____ Absent 1

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, October 14, 2008, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Jane A. Russo
Secretary
Santa Ana Board of Education