

Santa Ana Unified School District
Meeting Location: Segerstrom High School
Santa Ana, CA 92705

SPECIAL MEETING/BOARD RETREAT
SANTA ANA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Saturday, January 31, 2009

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 a.m. by President Hernández. Also in attendance were Mr. Richardson, Dr. Yamagata-Noji, Mr. Palacio, and Mr. Reyna.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

There were no individuals wishing to address the Board at the meeting.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

The President recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 8:12 a.m. to discuss employee negotiations.

SPECIAL MEETING RECONVENED

The Special Study Session was reconvened at 10:25 a.m. The President stated that there were no actions taken in Closed Session.

PURPOSE OF RETREAT

Ms. Russo welcomed Board members, Superintendent's Cabinet, and support staff in attendance. She provided an outline of the meeting.

1.0 EFFICIENCY OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

Each Board member offered suggestions for the efficiency of Board meetings. A discussion took place regarding guidelines for presentations.

2.0 PLANNING FOR THE STATE OF THE DISTRICT PRESENTATION

Ms. Russo led a discussion of the annual State of the District Presentation. She asked for Board input regarding the most effective way to make this annual event meaningful to staff, parents, and the business community. After receiving comments from all present, it was the direction of the Board to continue the presentation in a morning event honoring the District's business partners. At the next Regular Board Meeting following that event, key points will be summarized and broadcast to schools so that

each site can make the presentation available to its parents/staff at a time selected by the principal, i.e. School Site Council/PTA meeting.

The State of the District has tentatively been scheduled for Thursday, March 19, 2009, at 7:30 a.m. at Godinez Fundamental High School with a follow-up presentation at the Regular Meeting on March 24, 2009.

3.0 SUPERINTENDENT AND CABINET YEAR-END PRIORITIES

The Superintendent asked for Board input regarding the following topics:

- Student Information System - Board asked that a presentation be made at a future Study Session
- 2009 High School Graduation Ceremonies - Board agreed to hold all ceremonies at the Stadium over a two-day period.
- Budget communication to attain community involvement - Press conference to be held February 2nd at 6:00 p.m.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

President Hernandez recessed the meeting to Closed Session to discuss Personnel Matters at 12:05 p.m.

ADJOURNED

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING

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

ATTEST:

Jane A. Russo
Secretary
Santa Ana Board of Education