

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

SPECIAL MEETING/BOARD RETREAT
SANTA ANA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Saturday, August 16, 2008

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m., by President Hernández. Also in attendance were Mr. Richardson and Mr. Palacio. Dr. Yamagata-Noji arrived at 8:30 a.m. Mrs. Avila was not in attendance.

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 at this time.

PURPOSE OF RETREAT

Ms. Russo welcomed Board members, Superintendent's Cabinet, and classified staff in attendance. She provided an outline of the meeting. She then called upon each Cabinet member to present a brief report of the SAUSD's 2007-08 accomplishments and achievements regarding their respective divisions as they press forward in anticipation of the new school year.

Each Board member offered various suggestions for the 2008-09 school year while keeping focus on student achievement. Board members also voiced suggestions for the efficiency of Board meetings.

At 9:35 a.m., the Meeting was recessed to Closed Session to consider legal issues, negotiations, and personnel matters. The regular meeting reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

Board discussion ensued as they continued to discuss operational procedures regarding Board meetings.

A few classified staff members were provided an opportunity to speak. They spoke about layoffs, eliminated positions, and health benefits.

Board members thanked the superintendent and Cabinet for the gains in test scores and the commitment to the needs of every student. The Board requested information on several items that will be discussed at future Board meetings. It was also decided that in December or January a Board Retreat would be scheduled with topics developed by the Board and Superintendent, including those identified during this meeting.

ADJOURNED

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

FUTURE MEETING

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