

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

SPECIAL STUDY SESSION/BOARD MEETING
SANTA ANA BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 9, 2009

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting was called to order at 4:38 p.m. by President Hernández. Also in attendance were Dr. Yamagata-Noji, Mr. Palacio, and Mr. Reyna. Mr. Richardson was not present at the meeting.

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

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting was immediately recessed to Closed Session to consider a personnel matter on the closed session agenda.

RECONVENED SPECIAL MEETING

The Special Study Session was reconvened at 4:45 p.m. The President stated that there was no action to report out from Closed Session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Ms. Russo welcomed staff and the community in the audience to the special meeting. She stated that she would be leaving the meeting at 6:00 p.m. to attend an important meeting regarding funding for the district.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

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

The following individuals addressed the Board with respect to the proposed budget reductions and in support of assistant principals, counselors, library media techs, music program, office staff, and student achievement.

Sal Hernandez, SAUSD employee
Jimmy Bravo, SAUSD employee
Kerri Moreno, SAUSD parent

ACTION ITEMS

2.0 APPROVAL OF JOINT MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION AGREEMENT WITH YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION (YMCA) OF ORANGE COUNTY

Mr. Dixon responded to questions from the Board regarding the joint-use maintenance and operation agreement. It was the desire of the Board that language in the agreement be revised to include on page 3, 3.1, second to

the last sentence: "...for the duration of the endowment and at which time each party will assume responsibility. It was noted that each party would accept its own costs for utilities. The agreement also states that the YMCA would pay SAUSD's share when the endowment ends and the SAUSD would begin receiving funds by the YMCA. It was further noted that the Aquatic Facility agreement is managed by the YMCA.

It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 3-0, Mr. Reyna abstaining, to approve the joint use maintenance and operation agreement with Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) of Orange County.

3.0 APPROVAL OF AQUATIC FACILITIES SCHEDULE AGREEMENT WITH YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION (YMCA) OF ORANGE COUNTY

The aquatic facilities lighting schedule was reviewed and is consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act. It was also noted that the agreement is subject to annual renewals.

It was moved by Dr. Yamagata-Noji, seconded by Mr. Palacio, and carried 3-0, Mr. Reyna abstaining, to approve the aquatic facilities schedule between the Young Men's Association of Orange County, Inc. and Santa Ana Unified School District for future use.

PRESENTATION

SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET UPDATE

Mr. Murrey, Associate Superintendent Business Services and Dr. Cathie Olsky, Deputy Superintendent, provided updated information of State funds and its effects to the SAUSD. They defined budget and expenditure priorities for the 2009-10 school year; discussed the site standardized staffing model and priorities; outlined options for Class Size Reduction (CSR) funding; staffing reductions, and he discussed the importance of contacting the Governor and legislators to promote appropriate education funding to mitigate the possibility of additional cuts.

Dr. Olsky detailed CSR and costs to reconfigure the program. She then clarified QEIA and CSR in grades 4-8. She stated that QEIA funds at the elementary schools were reduced by five students in 4th and 5th grades in accordance with QEIA regulations. She noted that next year, QEIA funds could be used K-5, if needed.

Mr. Murrey stated that there is some conflicting information about the Federal Stimulus Package, but some good news was that the State was able to sell its general obligation bond offerings. He stated that funds (Federal Stimulus) provided to school districts may be used to offset State funding reductions. The Governor has some flexibility in the timing of the release of funds and funds must be obligated by September 30, 2011.

Mr. Murrey provided budget scenarios (after feedback from principals), but is still uncertain what direction the State will go, therefore budget reductions range from \$36 million to \$94 million depending on funding. He then discussed the 2% reserve requirement and the recommended corrective action.

Mr. Murrey stated that the May Revision deadline has moved to June 8, 2009, due to the May 19 special election and would likely include budget reductions for the current year and next year. He then identified program and staffing reductions and stated that most likely the need for additional reductions as the economic situation worsens is likely.

Staff responded to questions as Board members gave significant input throughout the presentation. The Board has asked that staff address questions such as additional budget scenarios, summer school, CSR, Propositions 1A-1F resolution, standardized staffing, layoffs, and the District's communication and action plan.

ADJOURNED

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2009, at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Jane A. Russo
Secretary
Santa Ana Board of Education