

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

SPECIAL STUDY SESSION/BOARD MEETING
SANTA ANA BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 6, 2009

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:25 p.m. by Vice President Richardson. Also in attendance were Dr. Yamagata-Noji, Mr. Palacio, and Mr. Reyna. Mr. Hernández arrived at 5:00 p.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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 4:25 p.m. to discuss employee negotiations and an anticipated litigation as indicated in the closed session agenda.

SPECIAL MEETING RECONVENED

The Special Study Session was reconvened at 5:09 p.m. The President stated that there was no action to report out from Closed Session.

Ms. Russo introduced the item and called upon Mr. Murrey for the presentation. He stated that the State's budget includes the 2008-09 and the 2009-10 budget. The 2009-10 budget was adopted historically early this year and prior to June 30, 2009. Mr. Murrey stated that the adopted budget will have significant revisions as the economy continues to worsen. He stated that the budget changes from week-to-week has many uncertainties. He stated that what the District thought to bring in 10-days ago is less today.

Mr. Murrey reviewed a timeline of budget actions beginning June 30, 2008 through June 30, 2009. The 2008-09 and 2009-10 budget passed. The budget is set in place for 17 months. He reviewed a revised legislative calendar showing changes within 10 days and legislators canceling three meetings. He stated that the Board of Education will continue to offer the following:

- K-3 Class Size Reduction
- Preserve counselor and library services
- Maintain athletics and music programs
- Safety
- Minimize the impact of cuts to our students' instructional program
- Maintain fiscal solvency.

Mr. Murrey then provided a listing of program reductions and defined Tier I, Tier II, and Tier III programs.

Tier I programs are not subject to cuts and no budget flexibility, Tier II programs are subject to cuts and no budget flexibility, and Tier III programs are subject to cuts and with budget flexibility. He then identified specifics in those tiers. He reviewed recommended budget reductions and transfers totaling \$23.7 million. He reminded the Board that these figures are based on what is known at this time and revisions could happen at any time. Mr. Murrey then discussed economic uncertainties and the May Revision. He stated that the OCDE will not allow districts to include funds in the second interim report. The concern is that the funds will be used for State Budget purposes. He stated that details of the Governor's plan for distribution of funds and applications are not yet available. Mr. Murrey reviewed the May Revision and State budget concerns. He stated that the May Revision deadline has moved to June 8, 2009, and would likely to include budget reductions for the current year and next year. Meanwhile, certificated layoff notices need to be approved at the March 10th Board meeting and finalized by May 15, 2009. 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.

ADJOURNED

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING

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

ATTEST:

Jane A. Russo
Secretary
Santa Ana Board of Education