

Santa Ana Unified School District  
1601 E. Chestnut Avenue  
Santa Ana, CA 92706

SANTA ANA BOARD OF EDUCATION  
**Special Study Session**  
February 1, 2011

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.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. Lopez, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Mendez, Ms. Miller, Ms. Lohnes, and Mr. Dixon.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Richardson asked those members of the community who wished to address the Board to step forward.

There were no individuals wishing to speak.

Superintendent Russo opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance to the Special Board Meeting.

PRESENTATION

Ms. Russo, Superintendent, highlighted topics for tonight's meeting. She stated that the first item is to authorize staff to seek Request for Proposals from qualified executive search firms to apply for the search of a superintendent for SAUSD schools. The second item will provide the Board options for the SAUSD as a result of the Governor's proposed budget and in preparation of the Second interim.

ACTION ITEM

**1.0 AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR EXECUTIVE SEARCH FIRM FOR POSITION OF SUPERINTENDENT**

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, second by Mr. Hernandez, and carried 5-0, to authorize administration to obtain Request for Proposals for executive search firms for the position of superintendent.

PRESENTATION

**2.0 REVIEW OF DISTRICT BUDGET OPTIONS AS A RESULT OF GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR PREPARATION FO SECOND ITNERIM CERTIFICATION**

Ms. Russo highlighted the District's budget. She said that SAUSD has made significant reductions to the budget from 2004 to the 2009 school year totaling \$120.6 million. And most recent cuts, from 2009 through 2011 totaling \$42.6 million of which \$20 million were solutions of one-time uses pushing ongoing cuts to following year.

Reductions required for the 2011-12 school year are \$31.5 million which includes \$20 million in one-time solutions from 2010-11. And in 2012-13 the SAUSD requires an additional cut in the amount of \$30.5 million. She said from 2004 to current year, SAUSD has been required to identify and implement over \$225.2 million in reductions.

Mr. Bishop, CBO, Associate Superintendent, Business Services, provided details for proposed Plans A, B, and C and the affects to SAUSD should either one goes into effect. He also provided information on fund 17, Board priorities, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (AARA) funds, (Jobs Bill), Board achievements, and costs of priorities and the exhaustion of one-time reserve funds. He stated that approximately 90% of SAUSD's budget is used for staffing.

Mr. Bishop stated that Plan B is the working assumption required by the Orange County Department of Education to use to address budgetary issues for 2011-12. The plan would require SAUSD to make reductions of \$31.5 plus additional base revenue limit reductions of \$4 million, totaling \$35.5 million.

In terms of preliminary 2010-11 second interim recommendations, the Governor's January budget proposal is predicated on three components:

- \$12.5 billion expenditure reductions
- \$12 billion in revenue (tax extensions)
- Realignment of services by redirecting revenues from State to counties
- Budget for the  $-.369\%$  reduction and additional  $-\$330/\text{ADA}$  cut for 2011-12

In closing, Mr. Bishop stated that the temporary tax extensions expire at the end of 2010-11. Because of the uncertainty of whether the voters will approve the tax extensions, the Orange County Department of Education advises districts to budget with  $-.369\%$  and the additional \$330 per student reduction for 2011-12.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

The Regular meeting recessed to Closed Session at 7:05 p.m. to consider negotiations.

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

The Regular meeting reconvened at 7:48 p.m.

ADJOURNED

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Special Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Jane A. Russo  
Secretary  
Santa Ana Board of Education