

**SANTEE SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

January 3, 2006
MINUTES

Douglas E. Giles
Educational Resource Center
9619 Cuyamaca Street
Santee, California

Board members assembled between 6:30-7:00 p.m. to prepare for this first Board meeting in which they would be using electronic medium as the Board packet.

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Call to Order and Welcome

President Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Members present:

Barbara Ryan, President
Allen Carlisle, Vice President
Dan Bartholomew, Clerk
Dianne El-Hajj, Member
Dustin Burns, Member

Administration present:

Dr. Lisbeth Johnson, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board
Bill Clark, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Dr. Patrick Shaw, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
John Tofflemire, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Linda Vail, Executive Assistant and Recording Secretary

2. President Ryan invited Lauren Williams, daughter of Jennifer Williams, and Brandon Powell, to lead the members, staff and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Brandon is the son of Julie Powell, a kindergarten teacher at Cajon Park.

3. Approval of Agenda

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda with Item G.1.1. being addressed prior to Discussion and/or Action items.

Motion: Burns

Second: El-Hajj

Vote: 5-0

4. President Ryan shared that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Jennifer Williams, a kindergarten teacher at Cajon Park, who was tragically killed in an auto accident in December. Marcia Ginn-May shared some memories about Jennifer, her dedication to her career, and her strong family values. Member Burns also shared a few of his memories about Jennifer. President Ryan presented Jennifer's family with a certificate in her memory.

B. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Superintendent's Report

- 1.1. Requests for Use of Facilities
1.2. Developer Fees Collection Report
1.3. Enrollment Report
1.4. Schedule of Upcoming Events

C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

President Ryan invited members of the audience to address the Board about any item not on the agenda. There were no public comments.

D. PUBLIC HEARINGS (None)

E. CONSENT ITEMS

Items listed under Consent are considered to be routine and are all acted on by the Board with one single motion.

Superintendent

- 1.1. Approval of Minutes (Pulled for separate consideration.)

Business Services

- 2.1. Approval of Travel Requests

Educational Services

- 3.1. Approval to Submit Application for First 5 Commission Innovative Grant

Human Resources

- 4.1. Personnel, Regular
- 4.2. Approval to Rescind Layoff of Identified Classified Employee
- 4.3. Approval to Increase Hours for a Current Social Worker to Support the Early Mental Health Initiative Grant

It was moved and seconded to approve Consent Items.

Motion: Burns

Second: Bartholomew

Vote: 5-0

E.1.1. Approval of Minutes (Pulled for separate consideration by Member Bartholomew) Member Bartholomew reported that the minutes should reflect Barbara Ryan as one of Board representatives for ACI and should be changed to correct the error. Member Bartholomew moved to approve the minutes with the correction.

Motion: Burns

Second: Bartholomew

Vote: 5-0

F. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

Superintendent

- 1.1. Business Forum

Dr. Johnson shared the proposed logistical information for the upcoming business forum breakfast and requested Board discussion and direction. It was proposed that the event be held on March 29th with the theme of "The Arts for our Students." Arrangements could be made for students to present some of the art programs currently at the schools, such as the performing arts program vignettes, band student musical selections, and Reflections winners. Board members asked that Al Treadwell from Al's Sports shop, Richard Barner from Barner Electric, and Elana Levens-Craig from Packaging Solutions be included on the guest list. Member Bartholomew suggested that the list be cross-referenced with the Foundation list. Board members approved the logistics as presented and expenditures up to \$400.

Motion: Burns

Second: El-Hajj

Vote: 5-0

- 1.2. Electronic Board Agenda Training

Dr. Johnson shared that this is the first Board meeting the Board is using electronic medium for the Board agenda. Bev Blaylock and Matt Marsman, from the technology department, were in attendance to provide technological and electronic support, and answer questions. Bev Blaylock provided a short demonstration to Board members about using the software application to make written notes on documents. No action was taken.

G. BOARD POLICIES AND BYLAWS (None)

1. First Reading: New Board Policy #7122 School Closure Criteria

Dr. Johnson presented the draft new Board Policy 7122 which included criteria for consideration if school closure were to become a necessity. Member Burns said he thinks the committee did a great job and President Ryan agreed. President Ryan said that she believes that the committee, which was formed during a non-emotional time when school closure is not being considered, developed thorough criteria and therefore, does not feel that the policy should provide for another committee to be developed for the same purpose if school closure became a consideration. She believes that a committee could be formed to assist with plans for the logistics if a school were to be closed. Member El-Hajj asked if the language would be acceptable to say, "the Board MAY convene a committee." Member Bartholomew believes that there needs to be a platform provided for the community to share their concerns and ideas if a school needed to be closed. President Ryan believes that the option for community input would be made available but it should not be in a policy as a required committee. She said that the criteria has been developed, and it does not need to be redeveloped in an emotional situation. Members Burns agreed that the School

Closure Committee worked very hard in a non-emotional state to develop the criteria. Member Carlisle suggested language to provide for a committee to advise in the facilitation or implementation of a closure, if it became necessary. Member Bartholomew believes that if, or when, the time comes that a school needs to be closed, the people affected need to have a voice about the closing of their school. President Ryan said that the Board does have a responsibility to go to the schools and have community forums if school closure were to occur but does not believe that another committee needed to be formed to make school closure recommendations. Board members provided suggested language for the second paragraph: "The Board shall apply the following criteria:" The paragraph following the criteria can be deleted but a paragraph in the policy should include the statement, "If one or more of these conditions exist the Board will work with the community to develop a transition plan." Dr. Johnson will revise the policy to reflect these changes and return the revised policy to the Board for a second reading.

H. BOARD COMMUNICATION

Member Carlisle shared that he was impressed with the way District staff handled the tragedy at Cajon Park. Member Burns agreed and said that it is amazing how the entire District stepped up and went to the school to help cover so Cajon Park staff could attend the funeral for Jennifer Williams.

President Ryan shared an opinion column from the Union Tribune about school district property and replacing ball fields.

President Ryan said that a Budget Workshop needed to be scheduled and suggested January 31st. The Board agreed to meet on January 31, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

President Ryan shared a concern regarding information she heard presented that Santee is a blue-collar community with a median income of \$40,000. She believes that the median income is much higher and that this erroneous information influences expectations of Santee students. She asked Dr. Johnson to check with SANDAG for the current median household income for Santee because the information presented seems very low. Dr. Johnson will verify the information and provide current data to Board members.

I. CLOSED SESSION

President Ryan announced that the Board would meet in closed session for:

1. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Govt. Code § 54957)
2. Conference with Labor Negotiator (Govt. Code § 54956.8)
Agency Negotiator: John Tofflemire, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Employee Organizations: Santee Teachers Association (STA)
California School Employees Association (CSEA)
Purpose: Negotiations update
3. Student Discipline Matters (Education Code § 48918)
4. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Govt. Code §54956.8)
Location: Santee School Site, 10445 Mission Gorge Rd., Santee 92071
Renzulli Site, Prospect Avenue-east of Marrokal Lane, Santee 92071
Carlton Oaks School, 9353 Wethersfield, Santee 92071
Agency Negotiator: Bill Clark, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

The Board entered closed session at 8:25 p.m.

J. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION/ ADJOURNMENT

The Board reconvened to public session at 10:45 p.m. No action was reported. The January 3, 2006, regular meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Dan Bartholomew, Clerk

Lisbeth A. Johnson, Ed.D., Secretary