

SANTEE SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 15, 2008
MINUTES

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Educational Resource Center
9619 Cuyamaca Street
Santee, California

The Board met with Principals from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. for a discussion about a variety of topics including Sheriff support for schools.

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Call to Order and Welcome
President Bartholomew called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and read the District Mission Statement.
Members present:
 Dan Bartholomew, President
 Dianne El-Hajj, Vice President
 Dustin Burns, Clerk
 Barbara Ryan, Member
 Allen Carlisle, Member
Administration present:
 Dr. Lisbeth Johnson, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board
 Bill Clark, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
 Emily Andrade, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
 John Tofflemire, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
 Linda Vail, Executive Assistant and Recording Secretary
2. President Bartholomew reported that Board members had met with Principals prior to the regular meeting. He invited Drake Vesco, a sixth grader from Cajon Park School, to lead the members, staff and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of Agenda
It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda with revised consent item E.5.1.

Motion: El-Hajj

Second: Carlisle

Vote: 5-0

B. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. **Superintendent's Report**
 - 1.1. Developer Fees Collection Report
 - 1.2. Use of Facilities Report
 - 1.3. Enrollment Report
 - 1.4. Claims Against the District
 - 1.5. Promotion Assignments
 - 1.6. Schedule of Upcoming Events
2. **Introduction of FCMAT Team**

Dr. Johnson introduced the members of the FCMAT team providing the study on special education. The FCMAT team consists of Bill Gillespie, who is employed by the State and is leading the study, Sarge Kennedy, who has extensive fiscal services background, and JoAnn Murphy, retired director of special education in Poway and currently works as a consultant for the State SELPA. Mr. Gillespie said the FCMAT team was proud and glad to be in Santee and were impressed with the honesty, openness, and willingness of those interviewed. They were especially impressed with the parent group.
3. **Spotlight on Learning: San Diego County History Day Winners**

Emily Andrade introduced the students from Hill Creek School who had award winning History projects at the San Diego County History Day. President Bartholomew presented Savannah Dubricka, Kristen Baugh, and Kristen Musson with certificates of recognition.
4. **Spotlight on Caring Schools: 6th Grade Camp Donation**

Emily Andrade introduced Drake Vesco, a sixth grade student from Cajon Park School, who recently demonstrated an exceptional example of caring toward another student at his school. Earlier in the year, Drake donated clothing to the student when he recognized the boy was in need. When it came time to raise funds for 6th grade camp, Drake worked hard and earned enough money fundraising to send both himself and the other student to sixth grade camp. President Bartholomew presented Drake

with a certificate of appreciation. Member Burns said he is so proud of Drake and the compassion he showed another student, a compassion that is not seen often enough in students today. The effects of his kindness will be felt forever. Board members echoed how proud they were of Drake.

5. Spotlight: Publications Department

Bill Clark introduced Mike Krysinski and Jennifer Hanson from Publications, and Nancy Stasch from Business Services, who worked together to create a plan for in-house replication of construction prints providing a savings of approximately \$60,000. Mrs. Stasch also found a billing error of over \$3,000 and discovered that using another vendor could save the District over \$30,000. The savings realized by these changes will be reinvested in our Capitol Improvement Program funds. President Bartholomew thanked the employees for their diligence and dedication, and presented them with certificates of appreciation.

6. Fifth Annual Santee School District Foundation and Chamber Golf Tournament

Emily Andrade provided an update on the fifth annual Foundation and Chamber Golf Tournament to be held on June 25, 2008. Planning is well underway. At this time there is one title sponsor and a number of other sponsors. Professional Leadership Team members will serve as volunteers once again. The Golf Tournament will be announced at the Business Breakfast in hopes of encouraging additional sponsors and participants.

C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

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

D. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Proposed Increase in Developer Fees

President Bartholomew opened the public hearing for a proposed increase in developer fees. There were no comments from the public. President Bartholomew closed the hearing.

E. CONSENT ITEMS

Items listed under Consent are considered to be routine and are all acted on by the Board with one single motion. President Bartholomew invited comments from the public on any item listed under Consent.

1.1. Approval of Minutes

2.1. Approval/Ratification of Travel Requests

2.2. Approval/Ratification of Expenditure Warrants

2.3. Approval/Ratification of Purchase Orders

2.4. Approval/Ratification of Revolving Cash Report

2.5. Acceptance of Donations

2.6. *Pulled for Separate Consideration*

3.1. Approval of Escondido Reprographics for Additional Reproduction Support

3.2. Adoption of Resolution #0708-24 for Compatibility, Uniformity, and Standardization for the Proprietary Building System Components

4.1. Approval of Request for Extended Field Trip for Rio Seco School ASB Students to Visit Knott's Berry Farm in Buena Park, California

4.2. Guidelines for Student Suspension

5.1. Personnel, Regular (*Revised*)

5.2. *Pulled for Separate Consideration*

5.3. Adoption of Resolution No. 0708-23, Declaring May 18-24, 2008 as Classified School Employees Week

It was moved and seconded to approve Consent Items with the revised Consent Item 5.1., and with the exception of Consent Items E.2.6. and E. 5.2., which were pulled for separate consideration.

Motion: Ryan

Second: Burns

Vote: 5-0

2.6. Memorandum of Understanding with San Diego County Superintendent of Schools for Release of CalWORKs Data to Provide Direct Certification for Free/Reduced Meals (Pulled by Member Burns for separate consideration.)

Member Burns will abstain from voting on this item because the MOU is with his employer.

Motion: El-Hajj

Second: Ryan

Vote: 4-0 (Burns, abstain)

5.2. Adoption of Resolution No. 0708-22, Declaring May 14, 2008 as the Day of the Teacher (Pulled by President Bartholomew for separate consideration.)

President Bartholomew said administration had discovered an error in this Board item and the recommendation on the item was amended to state: "declaring May 14, 2008 as Santee School District Day of the Teacher." Member Burns moved to adopt Resolution No. 0708-22.

Motion: Burns

Second: Ryan

Vote: 5-0

F. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

President Bartholomew invited comments from the public on any item listed under Discussion and/or Action. There were no public comments.

1.1. Intra-Mural Sports and After School Activities

This item was requested by President Bartholomew to be on the agenda. President Bartholomew shared that at the last student forum he felt a clear message from students about the desire for extra curricular activities and intra-mural sports. He would like to know what is already in place and options that may be available to implement. Emily Andrade shared a list of current after school opportunities available at schools. Educational Services will continue to seek additional opportunities that can be made available to students. There currently exists student basketball teams coordinated by the high schools, mostly organized by parents or high school coaches, to get elementary students interested in basketball for their high school years. The teams organized by their schools, interact as intra-mural teams, and are very competitive. Member Burns said high school coaches started these programs to get students involved at an earlier age.

Pam Brasher contacted the YMCA about organizing intra-mural sports next year. Emily Andrade, with support from vice principals Leighangela Brady and Ted Hooks, will be organizing a Math 24 district wide competition next year for grades 4, 5, and 6. We may send some of the 6th grade students to the County competition next year. Member Ryan said intra-mural sports do cost money and we must be careful not to compete with high school JV or freshman sports which are usually held on Friday afternoons. We could consider incorporating participation into PE class so practice would not always be after school because fields may be scarce after school. Member Burns suggested conferring with junior high PE teachers. Member Burns expressed concern about coed flag football. Pam Brasher said she has seen it be very successful in another district.

Member Carlisle asked if we could see how many students are currently involved in the programs offered at sites. Emily Andrade said most programs must have a minimum participation level or the classes are cancelled.

President Bartholomew would like to know more about specific costs. President Bartholomew and Member Ryan would prefer a program with no cost to students. Member Carlisle said a fee based program would work as long as we had scholarship opportunities. Pam Brasher said if we partner with the YMCA there would be a cost. The benefit is having their insurance cover the program because it is very costly. If we use their coaches there would be additional costs.

The Board directed staff to continue to investigate costs and possible funding mechanisms for after school programs. They would also like to know how our insurance would be impacted if after school programs are organized by the school district.

1.2. Real Property Advisory Committee – 7-11 Committee

Dr. Johnson reported that as the Board considers land development options for Santee School property, we will have to apply for a State Waiver. District legal counsel and our consultant recommend that we convene a 7-11 Committee to comply with the documented consultation process. Administration recommends that we establish

a Real Property Advisory Committee (7-11 Committee) from the current active members of the Facilities Committee, whose makeup meets the requirements regarding representation. Administration will also begin consultation with the collective bargaining representatives.

Member Carlisle asked if a waiver would obligate the District to lease the property. Bill Clark said the waiver would actually provide the District more flexibility. Member Ryan asked if there are any members on the proposed committee that are very knowledgeable about property. Bill Clark said member Phil Richardson has property expertise. Member Ryan suggested inviting some of the ICOC members who are very knowledgeable about property to serve on this committee. She would like to see a greater community representation rather than staff members and also have collecting bargaining representatives be part of the committee. Member El-Hajj said we need to be absolutely certain that we meet the representation requirements.

Member Ryan moved to approve the creation of a 7-11 committee, inviting current members of the Facilities committee, collecting bargaining representatives, and several members of the ICOC to be members, with the assurance the criteria for representation is met. Dr. Johnson said administration will provide the Board with the representation criteria.

Motion: Ryan

Second: El-Hajj

Vote: 5-0

Member El-Hajj asked if the 7-11 Committee meeting could occur following the Facilities Committee meeting. The Committee should also bring a stipulated recommendation for the first priority and moving to the next and best option if that does not work.

2.1. Monthly Financial Report

Bill Clark reported the District currently shows an estimated uncommitted ending balance of \$194,833 for Board designation. Student enrollment is holding. The fiscal staff continues to monitor the budget and make necessary adjustments to allow for changes in estimated costs. Member Burns moved to approve the monthly financial report for March 2008.

Motion: Burns

Second: Carlisle

Vote: 5-0

2.2. Adoption of Resolution #0708-25 to Issue a Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note (TRANS) for the 2008-09 Fiscal Year

Bill Clark reported that with the anticipated deferral of State revenues the District will need to apply for a TRANS for short term borrowing. This is not unusual, but we have not had the need for the past several years. Member Ryan moved approval.

Motion: Ryan

Second: Burns

Vote: 5-0

3.1. Independent Citizens Oversight Committee Reappointment of Members and Revision of Committee Size

Bill Clark brought forward the recommendation from the ICOC Committee to change to the bylaws to reflect a smaller membership in order to provide for a full quorum to their meetings to allow action to be taken. They would like to establish a minimum of 7 members meeting the representation criteria, and a quorum constituted by 5 members. Member Ryan believes the quorum should be a percentage of the membership rather than a certain number, preferably 50% plus 1.

Member El-Hajj moved to change the bylaws to reflect committee membership not to be less than 7 members, with a quorum established at 50% plus 1.

Motion: El-Hajj

Second: Ryan

Vote: 5-0

3.2. Approval/Acceptance of SFNA Report and Adoption of Resolution #0708-26 of Alternative Fees

Bill Clark requested Board approval to increase developer fees per the change in developer fee rates based on State law, recent State increases, and the facilities needs analysis from March 2008. The recommendation is to bring residential fees to level 2 effective April 16, 2008, and change commercial fees based on the State

increase. Re-adoption of alternative fees will be necessary on an annual basis. Member Ryan moved to adopt Resolution #07-08-26 to increase school facility fees in accordance with Government Code sections 65995.5, 65995.6, and 65995.7 for a one year term per SB 50.

Motion: Ryan

Second: Burns

Vote: 5-0

3.3. Authorization to Award Kindergarten Corner Bids at Cajon Park School

Member Ryan moved to authorize the award for the Kindergarten corner at Cajon Park School to the lowest responsive bidder.

Motion: Ryan

Second: El-Hajj

Vote: 5-0

3.4. Solar Options Update

Bill Clark provided an update on solar options for our modernization projects. He reported solar solutions have become very popular in California and due to many unknown factors, some school districts have been issued penalties after installing solar solutions. There have been new developments in the last 60-90 days. Santee has applied for, and been awarded, \$6.8 million in credits to support solar solutions in our modernization plans.

If the District installed and utilized all available incentives (apprx. \$6.8 million), the estimated total project cost is \$16.9 million. The estimated life span of these systems is 30 years. Based on this assumption, a well designed solar system would pay for itself in about 15 years and energy costs savings for the next 15 years could be over \$10 million. The installation cost could be paid for through debt financing and electrical cost savings.

Member Carlisle shared he has learned more about solar solutions recently and asked about maintenance costs factored into the ROI versus a managed system. He said size matters, based on each site meter. It is important to have an electrical engineer provide an analysis of our sites instead of using a vendor. We want to be certain that we would cover 80% or 90 % of our energy costs.

Mr. Clark requested the Board to authorize administration to identify a qualified contract/design team to develop a district wide solar project plan, investigate and consider submitting applications for solar incentives for remaining schools, and return to the Board with a plan and cost analysis before the expiration of approved credits. The Board authorized administration to move forward as requested.

3.5. Authorization to Seek Phase One Modernization Schools Moving/Packing Bids

Bill Clark reported administration worked hard to get a maximum guaranteed price through the bidding process for the moving of classrooms for Modernization. He requested approval to issue a RFP.

Motion: Ryan

Second: Burns

Vote: 5-0

3.6. Legacy Pavers and Mascot Approval

Christina Becker shared the exterior colors and the architect recommended brick "Legacy Paver" layout. Board members selected "Sunset Red" for the field tiles and "Royal Satillo" for the accent bricks.

Motion: Ryan

Second: El-Hajj

Vote: 5-0

Member Burns asked to have the item regarding Mascot Murals return if there was flexibility to use the dollars for other items. He voted "aye" in the previous vote without the understanding that the funds could be used for other educational provisions and he would prefer dollars spent for items in classrooms. Board members asked administration to bring an accurate cost on the murals and return to the Board for further discussion.

4.1. Trimester II Results Using Instructional Data Management System (IDMS)

Kristin Baranski, assisted by Bonner Montler, shared student assessment data from Trimester 2. She thanked the Board for funding the IDMS software and the support staff. Mrs. Baranski shared the CST scores in Math and English/Language Arts. She showed the performance correlation between the CST and proficiency levels, and shared how we can now make predictions based on the data. IDMS has allowed administration to analyze

the data very quickly and administration will use the 2008 CST scores to help schools gain even more reliable correlation data.

Member El-Hajj asked if teachers have this data for each of their students. Mrs. Baranski said teachers receive detailed reports and can access the reports to see individual student data. Member El-Hajj asked if we are using the textbook for assessment. Mrs. Baranski said that some lower grades use the textbook and upper grades are now using more District created assessments. Member El-Hajj asked when our English/Language Arts adoption will occur. Mrs. Baranski said the pilot would occur in 2009-10 and come to the Board for an adoption in 2010-11. Member El-Hajj asked how the algebra test changes will impact our students. Mrs. Baranski said we do not anticipate much impact because 90% of our students take algebra.

Member Carlisle asked what percentages of teachers are electronically accessing the information instead of waiting for the printed reports. Mrs. Baranski is not certain but said it has been an impressive program. Dr. Johnson said the focus of the first year of implementation was to train the principals and this year is the year to train the teachers. The goal is by year three, most teachers should be able to access the data individually.

Member Burns asked if the 10% difference from the 2007 results is typical. Mrs. Baranski said you would not wish to see a great difference. Principals are continuing to analyze data and hope to not see such significant differences. When there is an increase, it is exciting to analyze to see what we are doing different that is working. Bonner Montler explained how the analysis provides predictions of CST proficiency levels. President Bartholomew asked if we can get the data to principals sooner so they will have adequate time to make changes in preparation for the CST.

Cheryl Bowen shared that while it takes District staff a little longer to put together a neat District package, the principals can electronically access their school data earlier to begin analysis and take action. Member El-Hajj said this tool will evolve with time and familiarity. It also provides data that students can see and understand the comparisons. Dr. Johnson asked if the graphs correlated between percent correct on a subtest. Mrs. Baranski said yes, the proficiency points related to cut points. The percent of accuracy translates to proficiency bands.

4.2. Approval of Modified California Healthy Kids Survey for Project PEACE Implementation Plan

Emily Andrade requested an additional module be added to the California Healthy Kids Survey this year. The data retrieved from this additional module would be used to help Santee Solutions address substance abuse issues. The Survey will be administered June 2-6, 2008. She requested Board approval of the implementation plan for the California Healthy Kids Survey. Member Ryan moved approval.

Motion: Ryan

Second: Carlisle

Vote: 5-0

Member Burns asked if we are keeping the question added last year about Internet Safety. The Board would like to see it kept in and tracked for consistency. Mrs. Andrade said that question would stay.

Member Burns would like to see parents be able to access the survey questions on the District website. Mrs. Andrade said parents can see the questions at the school site or at the ERC if desired. Meredith Riffel suggested providing a link to the California Healthy Kids Survey website on our District website rather than supplying the survey directly. Board members approved this solution.

G. BOARD POLICIES AND BYLAWS

1.1. First Reading: New Board Policy #5136, Student Gangs

New Board Policy 5136, Student Gangs, was presented for a first reading. There were no questions or comments. The Policy will return for a second reading and approval.

2.1. Second Reading: New Board Policy #5137, Positive School Climate

2.2. Second Reading: Revised Board Policy #5131, Student Conduct

New Board Policy 5137, Positive School Climate, and revised Board Policy 5131, Student Conduct, were presented to the Board for second readings and approval. Member El-Hajj asked Administration to review the policies because she found a typographical error when reading. Member Burns moved to approve the policies presented, with the error corrected.

Motion: Burns

Second: Ryan

Vote: 5-0

H. BOARD COMMUNICATION

Member Ryan complimented Dr. Johnson and Linda Vail on the Groundbreaking Ceremony. Member Ryan reported that we have pulled AB 2113 and will work through other channels to seek the funding. Dr. Johnson shared that OPSC walked through Pepper Drive today. It appears that all grant access was used in 1998 for 1992 grant funding. She received the regulations today showing that we may be able to get reimbursed in 2017.

Member Burns said he has heard a lot of positive input from the community about the Groundbreaking Ceremony. It was a great day and he would like to see the District do more things like that.

President Bartholomew enjoyed the Tierra del Sol Founder's Day dinner. There are some really talented people in PTA and it is nice to see two men involved in PTA.

President Bartholomew reported the Distinguished Schools Awards Ceremony will be held on May 16th. Those attending would need to leave about 10:30 a.m. Pictures with Jack O'Connell are scheduled for 12:30 p.m. The program ends at 9:00 p.m. Dr. Johnson recommended that three people represent each school and four District representatives attend. She said they are looking at carpooling options. Member Burns will attend to represent the Board.

Town Hall Forum dates were provided for Board sign up. President Bartholomew suggested Board members hold meetings at phase 1 schools this year and Executive Council can provide updates to parents of phase 2 schools if needed. Chet F. Harritt should be included with phase 1 schools because of the relocation of the ball fields. Prospect might also be considered because of questions about junior high. Pepper Drive has concerns about funding for their school.

The Board would like to be well prepared to answer questions for these meetings. Board members asked Dr. Johnson to try to find the common questions from the last meetings and provide information for the Board to be prepared with answers. Dr. Johnson said maybe Christina Becker could put together a fact sheet. It was suggested to have the modernization displays available at schools during their open house events. Dr. Johnson shared there is a Technology conference out of state with no cost to the District. It will be held prior to the next board meeting. Dr. Johnson will approve and the travel will come to the next Board meeting for ratification.

I. CLOSED SESSION

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

1. **Conference with Labor Negotiator (Govt. Code § 54956.8)**
Agency Negotiator: John Tofflemire, Assistant Superintendent
Employee Organizations: Santee Teachers Association
Purpose: Negotiations
2. **Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation** (Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Govt. Code § 54956.9)
(One potential case.)

The Board entered closed session at 9:45 p.m.

J. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION/ ADJOURNMENT

The Board reconvened to public session at 10:42 p.m. No action was reported. The April 15, 2008 regular meeting adjourned at 10:42 p.m.