

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

September 5, 2006

MINUTES

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

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Call to Order and Welcome

President Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Members present:

Barbara Ryan, President
Allen Carlisle, Vice President
Dan Bartholomew, Clerk
Dustin Burns, Member

Board Member Dianne El-Hajj was excused due to illness.

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 Ryan invited Jessica Board, daughter of Merry Board, curriculum resource teacher, to lead the members, staff and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Ryan introduced a group of students from Valhalla High School who attended the Board meeting for a class community assignment.

3. Approval of Agenda

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda with Reports and Presentations Item B.5. to follow the Consent Items.

Motion: Burns

Second: Carlisle

Vote: 4-0 (El-Hajj, absent)

President Ryan introduced the two candidates for Board seat # 3, Dustin Burns and James Towle.

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
- 1.5. Open House Schedule

2. **Academic Performance Index (API) and Academic Yearly Progress (AYP) Scores for 2006**

Dr. Johnson shared the California Department of Education API and AYP scores. Eight of our nine schools have an API score over 800 published on the CDE website. She said it is significant that all schools met the AYP goals. Dr. Johnson shared the recalculated school data to compare with last years API scores, without special education non-resident students, because they were not included in the scores last year. Current reports show that Santee special education students scored higher than many other districts. Dr. Johnson shared a chart of proficiency goals and said increasing proficiency goals to more students at the advanced level will work toward increasing API scores to meet out API targets by 2010.

Dr. Johnson asked Board members to discuss how they would like to celebrate achievement growth and API scores. It was decided that Board members and Executive Council members will visit staff meetings at sites to express their appreciation for the hard work of teachers and classified employees. These visits will be arranged by Dr. Johnson's office.

3. Spotlight on Learning – John Journey's Art Projects and Fair Entries

Dr. Johnson introduced John Journey, industrial arts teacher at Hill Creek School, and the only woodshop instructor in the District. Mr. Journey displayed some of the project accomplishments of his students. He reported that 107 projects were entered in competition at the San Diego County Fair in June 2006. These items included an electric guitar, rocking horses, clocks, cabinets, and tables. Students received 54 first place awards, 50 second place awards and 5 third place awards. Five students were awarded "Best in Class." He said students work very hard on their projects and he is always proud of them. Each May, Mr. Journey presents an open house for families and friends to see the students' projects before they go to the Fair. President Ryan said she has attended the open house before and seen many of the projects and they are excellent. President Ryan presented Mr. Journey a certificate of recognition for his commitment to his woodshop students.

4. Introduction of New Curriculum Resource Teachers

Dr. Johnson introduced two new curriculum resource teachers, Merry Board and Bonner Montler. Mrs. Board will be providing professional development and assisting in the social studies pilot, implementation of Arts Attack, and writing curriculum. Mr. Montler will be working with the new assessment system and providing support and guidance to sites using the assessment data and reports.

5. Introduction of New Half-Time Vice Principal

Following approval of the Consent Items, Dr. Johnson introduced LaDreda Lewis, the new half-time vice principal at Cajon Park School. Ms. Lewis comes to Santee from La Mesa-Spring Valley. Board members welcomed her.

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. 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
- 1.2. Board Advisory Committees

Business Services

- 2.1. Approval of Travel Requests
- 2.2. Acceptance of Donations
- 2.3. Approval of Response to Request for Agency Recommendation
- 2.4. Adoption of Resolution #0607-06 to Certify 2005-06 Gann Limit Appropriations Recalculation and an Estimated Limit for 2006-07

Educational Services

- 3.1. Approval of Readmission of Expelled Student

Human Resources

- 4.1. Personnel, Regular
- 4.2. Approval of Appointment of Half-Time Vice Principal
- 4.3. Granting Tenure to Eligible Certificated Employees
- 4.4. Approval to Increase Work Hours of Identified Classified Employee

It was moved and seconded to approve the Consent Items.

Motion: Bartholomew

Second: Carlisle

Vote: 4-0 (El-Hajj, absent)

F. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

Business Services

1.1. Approval of the 2005-06 Unaudited Actuals Report

Mr. Bill Clark presented the 2005-06 Unaudited Actuals Report. Member Bartholomew moved to approve the report.

Motion: Bartholomew

Second: Carlisle

Vote: 4-0 (El-Hajj, absent)

1.2. Update on Sports League Field Use

Dr. Johnson reported that a letter has been sent to the City Council acknowledging their allocation of funds to improved District fields. She reported that administration met with John Coates, Director of Community Services for the City of Santee. As an outcome of the meeting, administration provided ten recommendations for a joint use agreement with the City of Santee that would include more specific duties and responsibilities in the agreement with the City. Administration also met with Keith Till, City Manager, and discussed the possible relocation of Santana National and Santee Pioneer Little Leagues. Dr. Johnson reported that the meeting was positive. Dr. Johnson asked for the Board to have a discussion about the District's \$5 per player fee to clear up confusion by the public as to what the \$5 fee was to be used for.

Bill Clark reported on meeting with John Coates where he reviewed all site designs and plans, and discussed recommended criteria and the need for home fields. The City's improvements and the aspects of the proposed amendment of the earlier joint use agreement were discussed. Mr. Clark said the designs were viewed favorably and that our attorney would draft changes in the agreement that would address the City's requirements. Mr. Clark asked for direction from the Board to proceed with a more detailed cost analyses to participate with the City in the field improvements. Dr. Johnson also shared the criteria used to evaluate and recommend field relocations.

Member Carlisle asked if there was discussion about the specific four sites the City intended using the funding for. Mr. Clark said Mr. Coates suggested that two sites may not be easy and quickly to resolve. Therefore, he put forward that the City may wish to proceed with the other two sites. Member Carlisle asked if alternate sites may be looked at. Dr. Johnson said Mr. Coates is checking with his supervisor at the City to discuss two alternate sites.

Member Burns asked if there were two alternate fields beings suggested. Dr. Johnson said there is a total of four which is equivalent to their current facility with lighting. Member Burns also asked if the City had concerns about lighting going in at Cajon Park. Mr. Clark said there was discussion that there would be an impact wherever lighting was installed. Member Burns asked how the community would feel about lights.

President Ryan summarized that administration is requesting Board direction to:

1. Move forward for detailed analyses and refine costs, timelines, etc.
2. Work with the City for approved alternate sites for field improvement, and address lighting.
3. Request legal council review of proposed administrative requirements for a joint use agreement to bring to the Board for approval.

Dr. Johnson also requested discussion from the Board defining how the \$5 league contribution would be used. Board members agreed to take each item separately for discussion and action.

Member Carlisle asked if an in-depth discussion with the City has taken place about creating home fields at Cajon Park and at Rio Seco. He asked if there was space dedicated for fields as we move forward with the property disposition. President Ryan shared that this discussion would be on the next Board agenda. Member Carlisle asked if the City made any recommendations. Mr. Clark said that they have shared the most beneficial outcomes and all options must meet their criteria. Member Carlisle asked if lighting would

be an issue at Renzulli or at least be less of an issue than at Cajon Park. Mr. Clark said that lighting at either location would impact neighborhoods.

Member Bartholomew asked if the fiscal impact was \$1.5 million for each league's fields move. Mr. Clark said yes. Member Bartholomew asked how many fields were needed at Cajon Park. Mr. Clark reported the leagues said that they could use three large fields with lights or 4 without lights, which would give them the capacity they need.

Member Carlisle was concerned that community buy-in was needed before dollars were spent to fine tune the plans. He hesitates spending resources if the fields were not moved. President Ryan believes that the Superintendents committee is designed for this purpose. This is where the leagues have shared their specific needs and desires. Member Burns is concerned that the Little Leagues are not in session right now, so the decisions are being made by a small group, the board members. He believes that the community at large needs to have an opportunity for input.

Member Ryan said that the league leadership, who are elected to their board positions, speak for the organization in making those decisions and the Board must use their communication venue to communicate to their families. Member Bartholomew is concerned about communicating with the City. President Ryan said a joint meeting could be requested. President Ryan said administration is asking the Board to allow them to work out more of the details. This would require having experts brought in. Dr. Johnson reported that the City is also bringing in an expert "project manager" to assist them with their proposed field improvement projects.

Dr. Johnson explained that Board direction to move forward will allow administration to bring back exact costs for field developments, to work with the City, and to bring recommendations to the Board. Member Bartholomew said that some of this is being done as part of modernization and asked what would be needed above that. Member Carlisle said it is different because administration is asking to spend money. He is not convinced that Rio Seco and Cajon Park may be the best relocation sites. He has heard from league leadership that they do not wish to move to Rio Seco. Member Burns is worried we do not have enough information from stakeholders and the City, and he is not ready to move forward. Board members would like this discussion to return to the next meeting. Board members would also like information on what lighting options are available.

Member Ryan believes that administration was already given the direction to move forward to work with the leagues and the City and bring recommendations to the Board. Administration needs to know if their direction is going to be different. At least two Board members did not wish to take action to direct administration to spend additional dollars to develop more detailed plans and costs analyses at this time. Board members believed that administration had already received direction to work with the leagues and the City on field development and improvements plans, and would like administration to continue meeting with the leagues and the City. Board members directed administration not to engage in a detailed cost analysis of the field dimensions because of the cost of this process. The Board also gave administration direction to bring back the relocation recommendation of Pioneer Little League to the next board meeting with out spending additional dollars on specific details.

Member Carlisle moved to direct administration to move forward to seek legal advice on developing a joint use agreement.

Motion: Carlisle

Second: Burns

Vote: 4-0 (El-Hajj, absent)

President Ryan said there is a misunderstanding about the District's use of the \$5 per player fee. In reviewing the Board discussion from June 21, 2006, the fees were to help cover the cost to the District to maintain the fields. The District could have recovered up to \$89,000 for this purpose but chose to only ask for a portion during the time the Board was reducing instructional programs due to declining enrollment and the revenue impact. However, the leagues felt the money was to be used to improve the fields.

Member Burns shared that although he was absent when the \$5 per player fee was imposed, he did not support the fee.

Member Bartholomew asked how the leagues feel about the \$5 fee issue. Dr. Johnson said that some of the reps shared their anger. Member Bartholomew recalls that there was an opportunity to capture a larger amount of money but there was a lot of discussion about the impact to the kids. Member Carlisle recollected that the fee was implemented because we were trying to recoup some of our maintenance costs. He said although there was a threshold of \$86,000 that could have been collected; the District chose to collect less than \$30,000. He asked if the leagues were asking for more to be done to the fields. Dr. Johnson said that some of the fields are not being used by the leagues because they need to be improved. Member Carlisle said the District is spending more than \$30,000 just on annual maintenance and asked if maintenance costs have increased. Mr. Clark said that maintenance costs have increased as the cost for water, staff, and fuel has increased. President Ryan said that she did not support the fee and Member Burns does not support the fee, but two other Board members do, and the third Board member who is absent also supported the fee. Therefore, the decision from June 21, 2005 will stand.

Dr. Johnson said that not all league presidents believed that the \$5 fee would provide for new fields to be developed or improved. She believed that the information was clearly communicated although maybe not clearly understood by all.

G. BOARD POLICIES AND BYLAWS

1. First Readings:
 - 1.1. Board Policy No. 4000, Revised, Concepts and Roles in Personnel.
 - 1.2. Board Policy No. 4019, Revised, Responsibilities and Duties of Personnel
 - 1.3. Board Policy No. 5141, New, Emergency Information and AED Use

Board members reviewed the Board Policies. No action was taken and the policies will return for a second reading.

H. BOARD COMMUNICATION

Member Bartholomew reported that the Foundation held officer elections last week and a new slate of officers was elected. Maria Lenhoff is the new president. He shared that this is the first significant change in leadership since the beginning of the Foundation.

Member Bartholomew asked Board members to bring their self-evaluation tools to the next Board meeting for discussion. This will be placed on the agenda for September 19, 2006.

Member Burns congratulated students and staff for the outstanding growth in API scores. He offered congratulations to all on a great start of a new school year. He said it is amazing to see how smoothly the schools run on the first day with all of the new students and parents at the site.

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)
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
Negotiating Party: City of Santee
Agency Negotiator: Bill Clark, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Purpose: Price and Terms
5. Public Employee Performance Evaluation
Superintendent

The Board entered closed session at 8:05 p.m.

J. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION/ ADJOURNMENT

The Board reconvened to public session at 10:30 p.m. No action was reported. The September 5, 2006, regular meeting adjourned at 10:31 p.m.

Dan Bartholomew, Clerk

Lisbeth A. Johnson, Ed.D., Secretary