

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

September 20, 2005
MINUTES

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

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Call to Order and Welcome
President Burns called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. He welcomed the audience and reported that Member El-Hajj would be arriving late. President Burns shared that at 6:00 p.m. the Board met with Principals for dialogue and it was a very good meeting.
Members present:
Dustin Burns, President
Barbara Ryan, Vice President
Allen Carlisle, Clerk
Dan Bartholomew, Member
Dianne El-Hajj, Member (Arrived at 7:22 p.m.)
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, Director, Human Resources
Linda Vail, Executive Assistant and Recording Secretary
2. President Burns invited Katelynn Schultz, daughter of JoAnn Schultz, Cajon Park Junior High Vice Principal, to lead the members, staff and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of Agenda
President Burns asked for approval of the agenda with the Closed Session scheduled following Consent Items removed from the agenda. Member Ryan moved to approve the agenda with the change.

Motion: Ryan

Second: Carlisle

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

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. Donations to Santee School District Foundation
 - 1.5. Schedule of Upcoming Events

Dr. Johnson reported the Santee School District Foundation has received additional donations of \$250. She also reminded Board members of the Strategic Planning Orientation meeting on Thursday, September 22, 2005.

2. Superintendent's State of the District Address

Dr. Johnson delivered the State of the District Address, the first address presented since 1999. A copy is attached to these minutes. President Burns complimented Dr. Johnson for a great presentation.

3. Spotlight on Learning-Maintenance and Operations Department:
Recognition of Administration and Staff

Dr. Johnson introduced Mr. Ted Doughty, Director of Maintenance, Operations, and Facilities, and shared the outstanding job he and his staff performed over the summer to prepare the schools for students on August 29th. President Burns presented Mr. Doughty with a certificate of appreciation for his outstanding dedication in coordinating and implementing the maintenance and operations of

the schools. President Burns also presented the Maintenance Department staff with a certificate of appreciation for their outstanding efforts to prepare the sites for the beginning of school.

4. Introduction of New Vice Principal

Mr. John Tofflemire introduced Debra Simpson, the new Vice Principal at Pepper Drive School.

5. Board Committee Assignments

Dr. Johnson shared the notice for volunteers that would be going home with students the next week. She asked to include the Wellness Committee to seek out individuals that may be interested to serve in lieu of sending a separate notice if the Board establishes a committee.

C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

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

D. PUBLIC HEARINGS

President Burns opened the public hearing on the Financial Impact of Agreement with the California School Employees Association. No comments were received and the public hearing was closed.

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
- 1.2. Approval of Service Agreement between the San Diego County Office of Education and the Santee School District for Strategic Planning Leadership Services (Pulled by President Burns for separate consideration)

Business Services

- 2.1. Approval 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. Approval of Quarterly Financial Disclosure, SB 564
- 2.7. Approval of Response to Request for Agency Recommendation
- 2.8. Report on Summer Projects
- 2.9. Surplus Vehicle Report
- 2.10. Approval of Renewal Lease Agreement with Office of Public School Construction for Relocatable Buildings at Chet F. Harritt School

Educational Services

- 3.1. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Children's Hospital and Health Center (CHHC) for the Early, Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Program (Pulled by President Ryan for separate consideration)
- 3.2. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with San Diego Youth and Community Services (SDYCS) for the Early, Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Program
- 3.3. Approval of Appointment for Replacement Staff Member for the Community Advisory Committee, East County Special Education Region

Human Resources

- 4.1. Personnel, Regular
- 4.2. Ratification of Employer-Employee Collective Bargaining Agreement with California School Employees Association
- 4.3. Approval of Chapman University Teacher Education Fieldwork and Student Teaching Agreement

It was moved and seconded to approve Consent Items with the exception of Items E.1.2. and E.3.1. which were pulled for separate consideration.

Motion: Ryan

Second: Carlisle

Vote: 5-0

E.1.2. Approval of Service Agreement between the San Diego County Office of Education and the Santee School District for Strategic Planning Leadership Services (Pulled by President Burns for separate consideration)

President Burns asked if there was any fiscal impact to this agreement. Dr. Johnson said that there was no cost to the District for this service from SDCOE.

Motion: Ryan

Second: Bartholomew

Vote: 5-0

E.3.1. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Children's Hospital and Health Center (CHHC) for the Early, Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Program (Pulled by Member Ryan for separate consideration)

Motion: Carlisle

Second: El-Hajj

Vote: 4-0 (Ryan, abstain)

F. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

Superintendent

1.1. District Newsletter

Dr. Johnson shared that she was requested to return to the Board to discuss a District newsletter after the budget was confirmed. She presented a sample newsletter format and requested Board discussion and direction. She said that the Board may want to investigate having the Foundation fund the cost of a newsletter, as is being done in other districts. She also shared that there seems to be an interest from the business community in knowing what is happening at the schools. President Burns and Member Ryan are supportive of providing a newsletter. Member El-Hajj believes that we should move forward as it is not a great deal of cost. All Board members agreed.

Member El-Hajj moved to develop and publish a newsletter for one year as presented in this Board item and then review its effectiveness and outcomes in meeting the desired goals. Board members desired to have the District pay for the cost of publishing the newsletter at this time and not have it be a Foundation newsletter.

Motion: El-Hajj

Second: Ryan

Vote: 5-0

Business Services

2.1. Transportation Fee Report

Mr. Clark presented the transportation fee report, which included the program impact during the 2004-05 and 2005-06 school years. He reported that the implementation of student rider fees during the 2004-05 school year has resulted in a decline in the number of bus riders, which has resulted in a significant decrease in State aid funding and increased the program's encroachment on the District's unrestricted resources.

Member Ryan asked if the \$48,000 that was taken from categorical flexibility could have been used in other areas had the Board chosen. Mr. Clark said that the funds could have been used for other items. She believes that if charging fees has caused a decline in usage and in revenue, and it has cost the District \$48,000 then the Board may want to think about this further. Member Bartholomew agreed. Board members asked Carlos Estrella, Fiscal Analyst for the District, to explain the flexibility of the \$48,000. Mr. Estrella explained that the transfer has to be made within transportation because there are only certain funds that the money could be used for. Mr. Estrella will provide a report to the Board on the transferability of these funds.

Member Carlisle asked about the expenditure of over one-half million dollars on "contacted and other services." Mr. Estrella shared that the State looks at transportation differently than it is presented in budgetary reports. There are two transportation programs funded by the State, regular education and special education students. The State sees special education transportation only serving SH and OH children, not the other special students that are transported by the District. At the end of each year these students need to be recalculated into the Special Education funding and the dollars are transferred. Board members asked to have a written report and explanation about this expenditure. Mr. Estrella will provide a report for the Board's review.

Member Carlisle asked if the bottom line is that the transportation encroachment on the general fund is \$104,000. Mr. Clark said that it is correct but there is a need to look at the impact of the categorical flexibility. Member Bartholomew would like to consider for the future the feasibility of reducing or removing the fees because it has discouraged members of the community from sending their children on our transportation system. Member Ryan said that she agreed and that is why she asked about the general fund impact.

Educational Services (None)

Human Resources (None)

G. BOARD POLICIES AND BYLAWS

1.1. First Reading: New Board Policy #5131.2 Possession of Cellular Phones and Other Personal Electronic Signaling Devices

Member Ryan believes the wording at the beginning of the policy that states, "students may possess or use personal electronic signaling devices," and later in the policy stating, "students may not operate these devices while on school grounds." She believes that it may appear that students are allowed to use the devices. Dr. Shaw explained that students may use the devices to and from school and under the direction of staff during certain situations. Board members agreed that the word "use" in the first sentence is deceptive. It will be reworded to not appear contradictory and return for a second reading.

H. BOARD COMMUNICATION

Member El-Hajj-reported that she attended the QZAB committee meeting. It is a wonderful group of people and they are off to a great start.

Member Bartholomew shared that he enjoyed meeting with the principals prior to the Board meeting. He believes that the Board received good information from them.

President Burns reported on the City Council/School Board meeting last evening. Member Ryan and Dr. Johnson also attended the meeting. He said that the City would work in partnership monitoring the park situation. The Sheriff's Department feels that students exaggerate some of the situations at the parks. They also discussed School Resource Officers. They were pleased that five principals had already met with school beat officers. It is suggested that the beat officers be permitted to visit unannounced during school hours as time permits. They also discussed property. President Burns reported that the Santee School Site has not yet been sold and is still going through due diligence with the City. It is important for the community to know that the property is not in escrow and no money has been received.

President Burns reported that he attended a Board meeting in Poway and really enjoyed it. He would like to incorporate character education concepts into the Board meetings and also suggested that Board members rotate welcoming the audience.

I. CLOSED SESSION

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

1. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Govt. Code § 54957)
Conference with Labor Negotiator (Govt. Code § 54956.8)
Agency Negotiator: John Tofflemire, Director, Human Resources
Employee Organizations: Santee Teachers Association (STA)
California School Employees Association (CSEA)
Purpose: Negotiations update
Conference with Real Property Negotiators
Locations:
 - *Renzulli Site, Prospect Avenue-east of Marrokal Lane, Santee 92071*
 - *Santee School Site. 10445 Mission Gorge Rd., Santee 92071**Agency Negotiator: Bill Clark, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services*
Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of
Government Code Section 54956.9 One potential case.

The Board entered closed session at 8:04 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 20, 2005, regular meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Allen Carlisle, Clerk

Lisbeth A. Johnson, Ed.D., Secretary