

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

March 21, 2023
MINUTES

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

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Call to Order and Welcome

President El-Hajj called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members present:

Dianne El-Hajj, President
Ken Fox, Vice President
Dustin Burns, Clerk
Barbara Ryan, Member
Elana Levens-Craig, Member

Administration present:

Dr. Kristin Baranski, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board
Karl Christensen, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Dr. Marcia Hamilton, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Dr. Stephanie Pierce, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Dr. Lisa Paisley, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Tim Larson, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources/Pupil Services
Lisa Arreola, Executive Assistant and Recording Secretary

2. District Mission

President El-Hajj welcomed those present and invited the audience to recite the District Mission.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Jacob Garza, Computer Support Technician, led members, staff, and audience, in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Agenda

President El-Hajj presented the agenda for approval. Member Fox moved approval.

<i>Motion:</i>	<u>Fox</u>	<i>El-Hajj</i>	<u>Aye</u>	<i>Ryan</i>	<u>Aye</u>
<i>Second:</i>	<u>Ryan</u>	<i>Fox</i>	<u>Aye</u>	<i>Levens-Craig</i>	<u>Aye</u>
<i>Vote:</i>	<u>5-0</u>	<i>Burns</i>	<u>Aye</u>		

B. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Superintendent's Report

- 1.1. Developer Fees and Collection Report
- 1.2. Use of Facilities Report
- 1.3. Enrollment Report
- 1.4. Schedule of Upcoming Events
- 1.5. COVID Update
- 1.6. Routine Water Testing at Schools

Superintendent Baranski provided an update to the California Department of Public Health Guidance for COVID-19. She explained the updates were effective March 13, after the Executive Order expired in February.

For Staff:

- Close Contact Masking: Employees who are identified as close contacts should, rather than must, wear a mask through day 10 from the date of the last exposure;
- Close Contact Testing: Employees who are identified as close contacts should consider testing as soon as possible to determine infection status, and are recommended to test on day 3-5, and report positive test results.
- Notification: We will no longer be notifying teachers and/or families about positive cases or close contact exposures.

The following are portions of the updated guidance with critical impacts to schools:

- Individuals (staff or students) who have tested positive for COVID-19 should continue to isolate for five (5) days but may leave isolation after five (5) days, if the individual is well with no symptoms or symptoms are mild or improving and are fever free for 24 hours without use of fever reducing medications. No longer requires proof of a negative test to return to work/school.
- Individuals who tested positive should wear a well-fitting mask around others through day ten (10).

Superintendent Baranski explained the District had conducted a complete testing of the water at Carlton Hills, after lead was detected in a classroom faucet that had been unused since the summer; and noted those results were still pending and would be shared when the testing was complete. Superintendent Baranski shared Administration is working on best practices, from the Environment Protection Agency, and has been in contact with Padre Dam on developing a testing water cycle at all school campuses.

C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

President El-Hajj invited members of the audience to address the Board about any item not on the agenda. President El-Hajj noted there were requests to speak from the public and explained the protocols.

Mark Silver allotted his time to Monique Silver. Mrs. Silver noted the culture in Santee was changing and asked that the Board be more inclusive of all students; the implementation of more culturally-based curriculum; and inclusion of LGBTQ reading material in the school libraries. Mrs. Silver donated a copy of *I Am Jazz* books for each school library.

Christynne Lili Wrene Wood asked the Board to stand up to bigotry and acknowledged the donation of *the I Am Jazz* books to the school libraries.

Thomas Monroe allotted his time to Ashley Monroe. Mrs. Monroe shared concerns with Carlton Oaks School's new protocol of removing the junior high students' phones for the entire day because of an increase in physical aggression and students documenting and sharing.

Maria Schembri advocated for training to help the Board and staff understand the complexities of LGBTAI identity in elementary schools.

Shavon, Ryn Corbeil, Michael Knoll, Gloria Verdue, John Parker, Athena Mora, and Serafina Morales shared support of having the availability of the *I Am Jazz* book and other LGBTQ reading materials in the school libraries.

D. CONSENT ITEMS

President El-Hajj invited comments from the public on any item listed under Consent. There were no public comments.

- 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 General Services Agreements
- 2.5. Approval/Ratification of Agreements for Mileage Reimbursement in Lieu of District Transportation
- 2.6. Acceptance of Donations, Grants and Bequests
- 2.7. Authorization to Sell/Dispose of Surplus Items
- 2.8. Approval/Ratification to Contract for Informal Bids through the CUPCCAC Process for Award of Bid #075-9538, Facia Replacement at Carlton Oaks School
- 2.9. Approval/Ratification to Contract for Informal Bids through the CUPCCAC Process for Award of Outdoor Learning Artificial Turf Projects at Carlton Hills, Hill Creek, and Rio Seco Schools (Bids #075-9539, #075-9540, and #075-9541)
- 2.10. Approval/Ratification to Contract for Informal Bids through the CUPCCAC Process for Award of Bid #075-9542, Retaining Wall at Pepper Drive School
- 3.1. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Between Santee School District's After School Education and Safety Program (ASES) and San Diego County Superintendent of Schools for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 – pulled for separate consideration
- 3.2. Approval for Recycling Retired iPads and MacBooks
- 4.1. Personnel, Regular
- 4.2. Approval of Recommendation of Classified Non-Management Reallocation Study
- 4.3. Ratification of Short-Term Services Agreement
- 4.4. Approval of Short-Term Positions
- 4.5. Ratification of Memorandum of Understanding between Santee School District and Classified School Employees Association and its Chapter #557
- 4.6. Ratification of Memorandum of Understanding between Santee School District and Santee Teachers Association

Member Burns asked to remove Item 3.1. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Between Santee School District's After School Education and Safety Program (ASES) and San Diego County Superintendent of Schools for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 from consent. Member Ryan moved approval, with the expectation of Item 3.1.

<i>Motion:</i>	<u>Ryan</u>	<i>El-Hajj</i>	<u>Aye</u>	<i>Ryan</i>	<u>Aye</u>
<i>Second:</i>	<u>Burns</u>	<i>Fox</i>	<u>Aye</u>	<i>Levens-Craig</i>	<u>Aye</u>
<i>Vote:</i>	<u>5-0</u>	<i>Burns</i>	<u>Aye</u>		

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Member Burns noted he was employed by the San Diego County Office of Education and abstained from this item. Member Ryan moved approval.

<i>Motion:</i>	<u>Ryan</u>	<i>El-Hajj</i>	<u>Aye</u>	<i>Ryan</i>	<u>Aye</u>
<i>Second:</i>	<u>Fox</u>	<i>Fox</i>	<u>Aye</u>	<i>Levens-Craig</i>	<u>Aye</u>
<i>Vote:</i>	<u>4-0</u>	<i>Burns</i>	<u>Abstained</u>		

E. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

Superintendent

- 1.1. Appointment of Coordinator, Special Education
 Superintendent Baranski presented Catherine Gaston, for appointment as Coordinator of Special Education retroactive to March 9, 2023. She noted Mrs. Gaston has been supporting the Special Education department as a Program Specialist since January. Mrs. Gaston holds a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential, an Education Specialist Instruction Credential, and recently received a preliminary Administrative Services Credential.

Member Burns moved approval. The Board welcomed Mrs. Gaston to the position. Ms. Gaston expressed her appreciation for the opportunity and introduced her spouse in attendance.

<i>Motion:</i>	<u><i>Burns</i></u>	<i>El-Hajj</i>	<u><i>Aye</i></u>	<i>Ryan</i>	<u><i>Aye</i></u>
<i>Second:</i>	<u><i>Fox</i></u>	<i>Fox</i>	<u><i>Aye</i></u>	<i>Levens-Craig</i>	<u><i>Aye</i></u>
<i>Vote:</i>	<u><i>5-0</i></u>	<i>Burns</i>	<u><i>Aye</i></u>		

Business Services

2.1. Adoption of Resolution No. 2223-11 Authorizing the Piggyback Procurement and Lease-Purchase of Computer Equipment from Apple, Inc. c/o Apple Financial Services

Dr. Marcia Hamilton, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, presented Resolution 2223-11 for the purchase of Apple services and products. She shared that in 2013-14, the District established its 1:1 Digital Learning program by providing iPad devices to teachers, administrators, initially 3rd – 5th grade students, and then expanded to K-8th grade students. In 2019-2020, the District entered into a second cycle of 1:1 Digital Learning program for Transitional Kindergarten through grade 8th students.

Dr. Hamilton noted Administration was recommending the purchase of the District's third cycle to replace all staff and student iPad devices, and shared the District's options for procuring the devices included the opportunity to use a piggyback clause from the Glendale Unified School District's agreement with Apple to purchase both products and services. She explained this included the 10th generation iPad, durable cases for Transitional Kindergarten through grade 3 students, integrated keyboard cases for grades 4 – 8, and a four (4) year AppleCare contract.

Dr. Hamilton noted Administration was recommending that the District enter into a Master Lease Purchase Agreement with Apple, which requires the adoption of a resolution to initiate this transition and explained this will allow the District to make four equal payments over a four-year period of time at zero percentage financing rather than a one lump sum amount.

Bernard Yeo, Director of Technology, shared sample devices and provided an overview of the new iPad capabilities, durability, and protective cases with keyboards. Input and recommendations were received from teachers and students.

Member Ryan moved to adopt Resolution No. 2223-11.

<i>Motion:</i>	<u><i>Ryan</i></u>	<i>El-Hajj</i>	<u><i>Aye</i></u>	<i>Ryan</i>	<u><i>Aye</i></u>
<i>Second:</i>	<u><i>Burns</i></u>	<i>Fox</i>	<u><i>Aye</i></u>	<i>Levens-Craig</i>	<u><i>Aye</i></u>
<i>Vote:</i>	<u><i>5-0</i></u>	<i>Burns</i>	<u><i>Aye</i></u>		

2.2. Approval of 2023-24 Transportation Plan

Dr. Marcia Hamilton, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, explained that in 2013-14 when the Local Control Funding Formula was enacted, the Home to School Transportation (HTS) funding was frozen at a fixed rate; and noted the District has received approximately \$360,000 per year since then. To provide some perspective on the cost of district transportation, Dr. Hamilton shared the cost of general education and special education transportation was approximately \$1.6 million, in the 2021-22 school year.

Dr. Hamilton explained that in June 2022, Assembly Bill 181 was enacted and provided additional transportation funding for school districts. She shared the District would receive approximately \$626,000. Dr. Hamilton noted that even with the additional \$626,000, and the fixed rate of \$360,000 per year, the District would not be able to fully cover the cost of transportation for our students.

Dr. Hamilton noted that in order to receive this additional funding, school districts are required to develop a Home to School Transportation plan that includes the following five requirements.

1. Prioritize services for TK-6 grade students and Low-Income students,
2. Describe accessibility of transportation or student with disabilities and homeless students,
3. Describe accessibility of transportation for unduplicated students at no cost,
4. Consult with educational partners, and
5. Adopt the plan on or before April 1st each year.

Dr. Hamilton noted the District gathered input and provided opportunities for the educational partners (i.e., certificated/classified staff, administrators, regional local transit authority, parents, students, and community partners) to offer comments and/or ask questions through an online survey and in-person meetings. She shared students completed a paper survey and shared some of the students' comments; there were 83 electronic surveys were completed.

Dr. Hamilton explained that as part of the approval of the transportation plan, the Board can make exceptions to the Non-Service Zones. She noted Administration recommended the approval of the 2023-24 Home to School Transportation plan, with the exception to the Non-Service Zones for Chet F. Harritt, Hill Creek and Pepper Drive schools, so that these schools maintain the current services.

Member Burns suggested using the additional funds to subsidize a field trip for each school. Upon Board discussion on how the funds would be distributed equally amongst all schools, Administration recommended establishing a budget item targeted for the additional field trip and establishing criteria on the distribution of funds.

Member Burns moved approval of the 2023-24 Transportation Plan.

<i>Motion:</i>	<u>Burns</u>	<i>El-Hajj</i>	<u>Aye</u>	<i>Ryan</i>	<u>Aye</u>
<i>Second:</i>	<u>Fox</u>	<i>Fox</i>	<u>Aye</u>	<i>Levens-Craig</i>	<u>Aye</u>
<i>Vote:</i>	<u>5-0</u>	<i>Burns</i>	<u>Aye</u>		

Human Resource/Pupil Services

4.1. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Santee School District and Fred Finch Youth & Family Services

Tim Larson, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources/Pupil Services, presented the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Fred Finch Youth Services and noted Appendix B had been received after the publication of the agenda, but was available for public viewing. Mr. Larson expressed his gratitude towards the Board for their years of commitment and involvement in providing counseling and mental health services for the students and community; and especially Member Ryan for her work and guidance on the Screening to Care Initiative (STCI).

Mr. Larson shared the STCI is a program through the San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and noted the MOU provides the District with Screening to Care services provided by Fred Finch Youth & Family Services.

He explained the overall program goal of Screening to Care is to improve mental health and social emotional well-being by:

1. Improving access to prevention and early intervention
2. Reducing disparities in behavioral health access
3. Reducing incident of internalizing and externalizing behaviors
4. Increasing accuracy in resource planning and future program development.

To accomplish these goals *Screening to Care* will provide screening grade 6-8 students to determine social-emotional needs and provide prevention and early intervention utilizing the Multi-Tiered System of Supports Framework.

Grade 6 - 8 students will be screened using the Social, Academic, and Emotional Behavioral Risk Screener (referred to as mySAEBRS) to identify school, class, and individual level social-emotional needs. Identification of school, community, and student needs through this screening tool will then be used to connect students to the appropriate level of care. Mr. Larson explained the levels of care include the following three tiers.

Tier 1 – *Universal or Primary* reflects most students (75-90%)

As the largest tier, Tier 1 encompasses the entire school with core instructions and basic interventions. This structure, managed through the school, helps to build positive relationships between staff and students. It includes proactive classroom management strategies aimed at creating a supportive atmosphere. The mySAEBRS screening results will guide recommended areas of focus to the school. Students who do not respond to these interventions may require Tier 2 support.

Tier 2 – *Secondary* is reflects a smaller group of students (10-25%)

These interventions and support are delivered in small group settings focused on skill building. This targeted support, offered through the *Fred Finch Youth & Family Services* on school grounds, allows students to work toward developing a stronger social-emotional skillset.

Tier 3 – *Tertiary* is projected to consist of a small subset of students and offers Intensive Individual Support which may include assistance from outside agencies such as behavioral or family therapists. *Fred Finch Youth & Family Services* will connect identified students to Tier 3 behavioral health treatment available through the student's managed care provider (private or Medi-Cal).

Mr. Larson explained it is the District's intent to begin as soon as possible and start students on the continuum of tiered services and complete the screening of all grade 6-8 students before the end of the year. He shared Santee School District is fortunate to be the only district in East County involved in this initiative and looking forward to creating a model of social emotional support for other districts to follow.

Mr. Larson noted the District is looking forward to working with Fred Finch Youth & Family Services to provide more comprehensive behavioral health and social emotional support. Member Ryan moved approval.

Motion:	<u>Ryan</u>	El-Hajj	<u>Aye</u>	Ryan	<u>Aye</u>
Second:	<u>Fox</u>	Fox	<u>Aye</u>	Levens-Craig	<u>Aye</u>
Vote:	<u>5-0</u>	Burns	<u>Aye</u>		

4.2. Adoption of Resolution 2223-9, Declaring May 10, 2023 as Santee School District's Day of the Teacher

Tim Larson, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources/Pupil Services, presented Resolution No. 2023-9, declaring May 10, as the District's Day of the Teacher. Member Levens-Craig moved to adopt item Resolutions No. 2023-9.

Motion:	<u>Levens-Craig</u>	El-Hajj	<u>Aye</u>	Ryan	<u>Aye</u>
Second:	<u>Ryan</u>	Fox	<u>Aye</u>	Levens-Craig	<u>Aye</u>
Vote:	<u>5-0</u>	Burns	<u>Aye</u>		

4.3. Adoption of Resolution No. 2223-10, Declaring May 21 – 27, 2023 as Santee School District’s Classified School Employees Week

Tim Larson, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources/Pupil Services, presented Resolution No. 2023-9, declaring May 21-27, as Classified School Employees Week. Member Burns moved to adopt item Resolutions No. 2023-9 and 2023-10.

<i>Motion:</i>	<u>Burns</u>	<i>El-Hajj</i>	<u>Aye</u>	<i>Ryan</i>	<u>Aye</u>
<i>Second:</i>	<u>Fox</u>	<i>Fox</i>	<u>Aye</u>	<i>Levens-Craig</i>	<u>Aye</u>
<i>Vote:</i>	<u>5-0</u>	<i>Burns</i>	<u>Aye</u>		

F. BOARD POLICIES AND BYLAWS

President El-Hajj noted items F.1.1. and F.1.2. were first readings and asked the Board to contact Administration for questions. Member Levens-Craig asked for clarification on BB 9250 – Renumeration, Reimbursement and other Benefits, and the ability to miss two (2) annual meetings.

1.1. First Reading: Revised Board Bylaw (BB):

- BB 9250 – Renumeration, Reimbursement and other Benefits

1.2. First Reading: Revised Board Policies (BP)/Administrative Regulation (AR):

- BP 6120 – Response to Instruction and Intervention
- BP 6142.5 – Environmental Education

H. EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION COMMUNICATION

Melanie Hirahara, Santee Teachers Association (STA) President, was present but did not have a report.

I. BOARD COMMUNICATION AND ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

Superintendent Baranski reported President El-Hajj and Member Ryan joined her on a visit with Giulia DiGuglielmo, of Congressman Issa's Office, to Chet F. Harritt. She shared Ms. DiGuglielmo was impressed with the facilities. Superintendent Baranski noted attending a meet and greet with Congressman Issa, hosted by the City Council.

Superintendent Baranski shared participation in the California School Boards Association (CSBA) 2023 Legislative Action Week, in sessions with staffers representing Assemblywoman Marie Waldon and Senator Brian Jones.

Superintendent Baranski noted the District was the recipient of the 2022 Chairman’s Circle Champion award presented by the Chamber of Commerce at their annual business awards night.

Member Burns shared Cajon Park and Hill Creek students were currently attending 6th grade camp. He noted it was great for staff to be able to share pictures of the students on social media for the families to see. Member Burns noted students are not allowed use of their cell phones while at camp.

Member Fox shared visiting schools and noted seeing a student at the Santee Success Program that had been brought forth for an expulsion hearing. He noted the student was very happy because he had earned an “A”. Member Fox validated the Board’s effort and time to make a difference during the student hearings.

Member Ryan expressed appreciation to Assistant Superintendents Dr. Hamilton and Dr. Paisley, for joining her at the Chamber of Commerce Business Awards. She noted the event was very well organized.

President El-Hajj shared visiting Cajon Park, Santee Success Program, and Rio Seco schools. She noted having a great visit and conversation with the principal at Carlton Oaks about holding high standards for good citizenship.

J. CLOSED SESSION

President El-Hajj announced that the Board would meet in closed session for:

1. **Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release** (Gov't Code § 54957)
2. **Conference with Labor Negotiator** (Gov't. Code § 54957.6)
Purpose: Negotiations
Agency Negotiators: Tim Larson, Assistant Superintendent
Employee Organizations: Santee Teachers Association (STA); and
Classified School Employees Association (CSEA)
3. **Public Employee Performance Evaluation** (Gov't. Code § 54957)
Superintendent

The Board entered closed session at 7:37 p.m.


K. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened to public session at 9:13 p.m. and reported it was moved by Member Levens-Craig to Adopt Resolution No. 2223-12, releasing and non-reelecting temporary certificated employee #459528.

<i>Motion:</i>	<u>Levens-Craig</u>	<i>El-Hajj</i>	<u>Aye</u>	<i>Ryan</i>	<u>Aye</u>
<i>Second:</i>	<u>Fox</u>	<i>Fox</i>	<u>Aye</u>	<i>Levens-Craig</i>	<u>Aye</u>
<i>Vote:</i>	<u>5-0</u>	<i>Burns</i>	<u>Aye</u>		

L. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the regular meeting of March 21, 2023, was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.



Dustin Burns, Clerk



Dr. Kristin Baranski, Secretary