

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

July 18, 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
Dr. Marcia Hamilton, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Dr. Lisa Paisley, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Tim Larson, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources/Pupil Services
David MacLeod, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources/Pupil Services
Lisa Arreola, Executive Assistant and Recording Secretary

President El-Hajj explained it was the District's first live stream Board meeting and asked for everyone's patience through the transition. She shared regular Board meetings were held on the first- and third-Thursday, at 6:00 pm, and noted public comments were only in-person.

2. District Mission

President El-Hajj welcomed and invited everyone to recite the District Mission.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Bryce Storm, Director of Maintenance and Operations, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

Motion:	<u>Burns</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>		

President El-Hajj announced the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Mrs. Sandra Olson, and read the following in her honor. President El-Hajj acknowledged her son was in attendance and Member Burns shared knowing Mrs. Olson from Cajon Park throughout the years and noted she was fondly remembered for being a great lady with a contagious smile.

Tonight, the Board will be adjourning our meeting in memory of Mrs. Sandra Olson who passed away last summer.

Mrs. Olson joined Santee School District as a substitute campus aide in 1989 and was later hired to a full-time position until her retirement in 2001. Sandy, as she was known to the students, enjoyed her duties as a campus aide and

working at Project SAFE at Cajon Park School. Mrs. Olson made a huge impact and was loved by all.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Olson family.

B. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Superintendent's Report

- 1.1. Developer Fees and Collection Report
- 1.2. Use of Facilities Report
- 1.3. Claims Against the District
- 1.4. Schedule of Upcoming Events
- 1.5. Routine Water Testing at Schools

Superintendent Baranski explained that during routine water testing last school year, a faucet at Carlton Hills required corrective action. Based on those results, the Board authorized testing water sources throughout the District as a precautionary measure. Superintendent Baranski noted there was proposed legislation on water testing but was not currently required. She shared the District will be ahead of the mandate if legislation is passed.

Superintendent Baranski explained that out of the 120 faucets tested, only three (3) required corrective action and Administration was expecting very few requiring corrective action as the testing continued throughout the District. Superintendent Baranski shared the concrete water fountain by the field, at Carlton Oaks, was going to be replaced; and noted the repair of the water fountain in the Junior High building at Cajon Park had already been completed and awaiting test results. Superintendent Baranski suggested once the District receives the final test results that the Carlton Oaks and Cajon Park parents be notified of the findings and corrective actions.

C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

President El-Hajj invited members of the audience to address the Board about any item not on the agenda. She noted the placement of the table, in lieu of the podium, and placement of the cameras.

Michelle McNearney, teacher, shared her thoughts on class size for the upcoming school year. She noted students require more support and shared examples of student academic growth and success when the teacher to student ratio is lower.

Kevin McNearney allotted his time to Mrs. McNearney, if needed.

Andi Anderson, parent, expressed her support of lower teacher to student ratios. She noted students require more assistance after the pandemic and lower-class ratios would allow more teacher time per student.

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 Expenditure Warrants
- 2.2. Approval/Ratification of Purchase Orders
- 2.3. Approval/Ratification of Revolving Cash Report
- 2.4. Approval/Ratification of General Services Agreements
- 2.5. Authorization to Sell/Dispose of Surplus Items
- 2.6. Approval of Uniform Complaint Quarterly Report Required by the Williams Settlement
- 2.7. Approval/Ratification of Agreements for Mileage Reimbursement In Lieu of District Transportation

- 2.8. Adoption of Resolution No. 2223-23 to Designate Authorized Representatives for the Joint Powers Authority
- 3.1. Approval of Student Teaching Agreement with Grand Canyon University
- 3.2. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Apex Therapies, Inc. for Speech Therapy and Occupational Therapy
- 3.3. Approval of Nonpublic School Master Contract with Aseltine School for Nonpublic School Services
- 3.4. Ratification of Nonpublic School Master Contract with Stein School for Nonpublic School Services
- 3.5. Ratification of Nonpublic School Master Contract with Sierra School of San Diego Nonpublic School Services
- 3.6. Ratification of Nonpublic School Master Contract with The Winston School for Nonpublic School Services
- 4.1. Personnel, Regular
- 4.2. Approval of Short-Term Services Agreements
- 4.3. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with High Tech High to Host District Interns

Member Burns moved approval.

<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>		

E. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

Business Services

1.1. Approval of Monthly Financial Report

Dr. Marcia Hamilton, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, presented the monthly financial report for cash and budget revision transactions posted through May 31, 2023. The District ended the month with a cash balance in the General Fund of approximately \$36,085,249; sufficient funds to pay all of the District's financial obligations with internal cash. Dr. Hamilton noted the \$6,281,766 change in fund balance for the restricted budget was a result of carryover funds from the Expanded Learning Programs, Expanded Learning Opportunity Grant, Educator Effectiveness Block Grant, Music Block Grant, and some lottery funds. She explained 2023-2024 projected reserve percentage, as discussed in the adopted budget, decreases to 9.11% because of the 10% CAP. Member Burns moved approval.

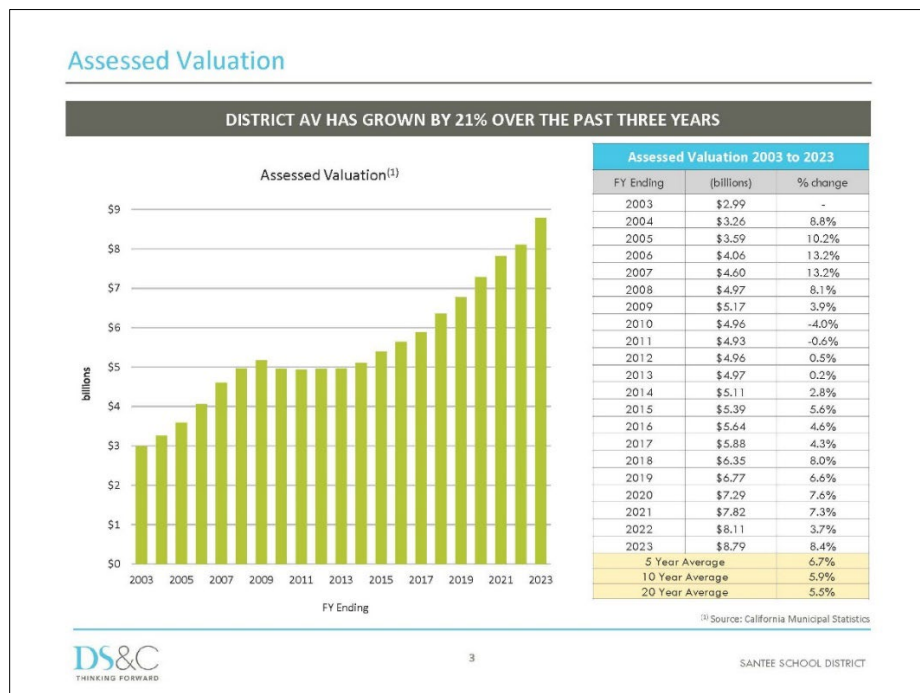
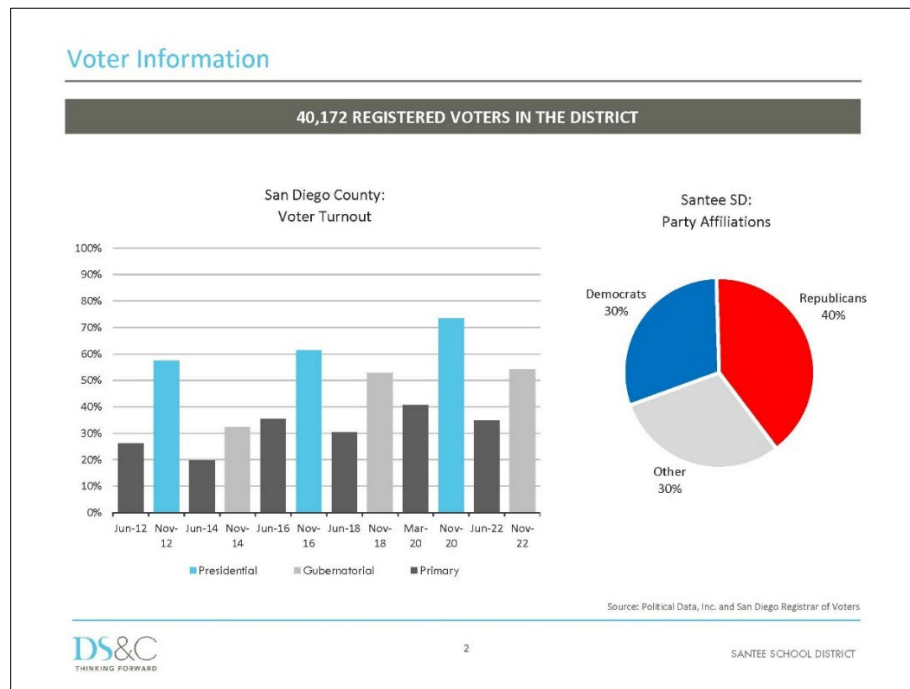
<i>Motion:</i>	<u>Ryan</u>	<i>El-Hajj</i>	<u>Aye</u>	<i>Ryan</i>	<u>Aye</u>
<i>Second:</i>	<u>Burns</u>	<i>Fox</i>	<u>Aye</u>	<i>Levens-Craig</i>	<u>Aye</u>
<i>Vote:</i>	<u>5-0</u>	<i>Burns</i>	<u>Aye</u>		

1.2. DS&C Presentation on Debt Management Strategies and Financing Options for Capital Improvement Projects

Dr. Marcia Hamilton, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, welcomed the District's financial advisor, Dale Scott to discuss debt management strategies and financing options for capital improvement projects.

Mr. Scott noted he would be discussing two options for a general obligation bond on the ballot for the November 2024 elections. He explained districts can only place a general obligation bond on the ballot during a regularly scheduled election. Mr. Scott provided an overview of voter information. He shared percentages of party affiliations and voter turnout for voters in the District. Mr. Scott provided an overview of the assessed valuation and noted the District's assessed valuation had grown by 21% over the past three years. He discussed the District's past general bond measures and current outstanding bonds. Mr. Scott explained the projected tax rates for all currently outstanding general obligation

bonds, based on the current outstanding bonds and shared four alternatives for the Board to consider and timeline if they decided to place a general obligation bond on the November 2024 ballot. The Board asked for an updated list of capital improvement projects that the District is unable to sustain and would require a general obligation bond. Administration noted the sewage system and recommended security measures were just some examples. The Board expressed their gratitude to Mr. Scott for the information.



Past Elections

PAST SANTEE SCHOOL DISTRICT GO BOND MEASURES

Santee School District GO Bond Elections ⁽¹⁾						
Election Date	Measure Letter	Authorization Amount	Type	% Yes	Pass/Fail	Amount Unissued
November 7, 2000	Z	\$28,000,000	Two-Thirds	62.75%	Fail	n/a
November 7, 2006	R	\$60,000,000 \$44,630,000	Prop 39	58.51%	Pass	\$0
November 6, 2018	S	\$15,370,000	Prop 39	58.20%	Pass	\$0

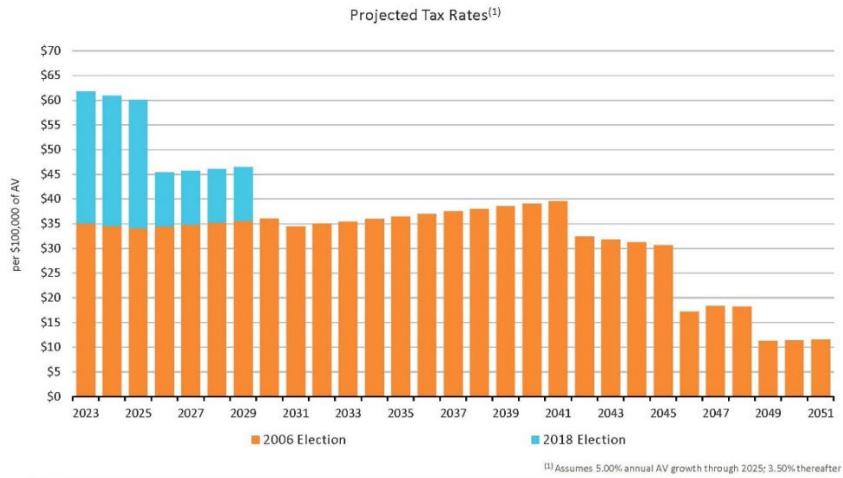
⁽¹⁾ Source: DS&C Internal Data

Currently Outstanding Bonds

Santee School District Outstanding GO Bonds					
Series	Issuance Date	Original Principal	Outstanding Principal	Final Maturity	First Optional Prepayment Date
2006 Election, Series C	9/11/2008	\$2,869,039	\$1,693,668	8/1/2033	non-callable
2006 Election, Series D	9/11/2018	\$7,840,155	\$3,710,217	8/1/2048	non-callable
2006 Election, Series E	5/12/2011	\$3,534,307	\$1,551,714	8/1/2051	non-callable
2015 Refunding	12/30/2015	\$26,715,104	\$20,659,376	8/1/2040	8/1/2025
2016 Refunding	2/3/2016	\$9,025,022	\$8,582,333	8/1/2045	2/1/2026
2017 Refunding	7/25/2017	\$10,750,000	\$9,490,000	8/1/2048	8/1/2027
2018 Election, Series A	11/7/2019	\$15,370,000	\$10,455,000	8/1/2029	non-callable
TOTAL		\$76,103,627	\$56,142,308		

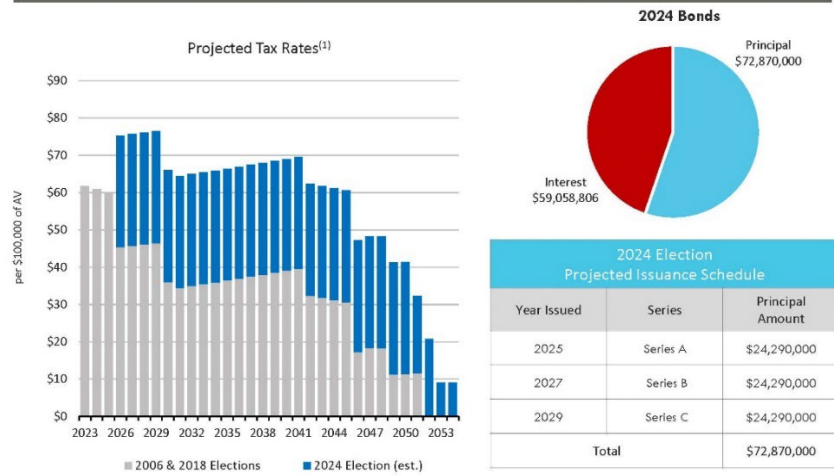
Debt Review

PROJECTED TAX RATES FOR ALL CURRENTLY OUTSTANDING GO BONDS



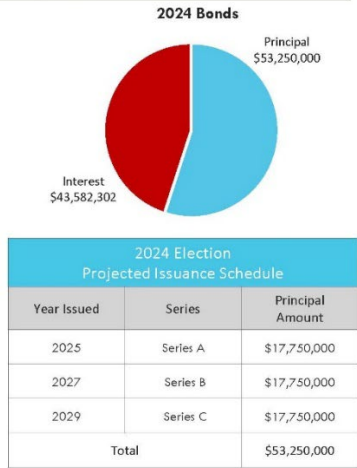
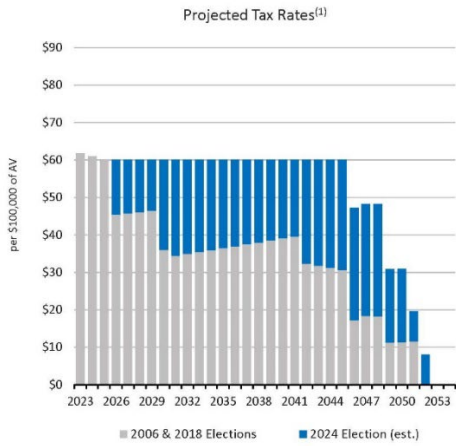
Alt. #1: New Election with \$30 per \$100,000 Tax Rate

NEW ELECTION WITH \$30 TAX RATE COULD GENERATE OVER \$72 MILLION OF BONDS



Alt. #2: Tax Rate Extension Election w/ 3 Series

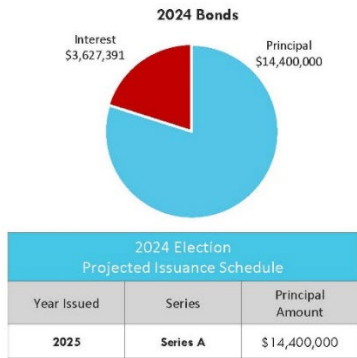
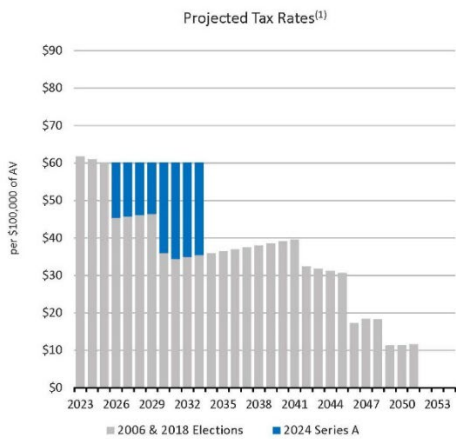
TAX RATE EXTENSION COULD GENERATE OVER \$53 MILLION OF BONDS



⁽¹⁾ Assumes 5.00% annual AV growth through 2025; 3.50% thereafter

Alt. #3: Short-Term Bond

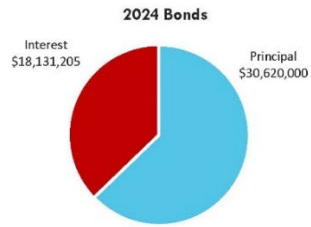
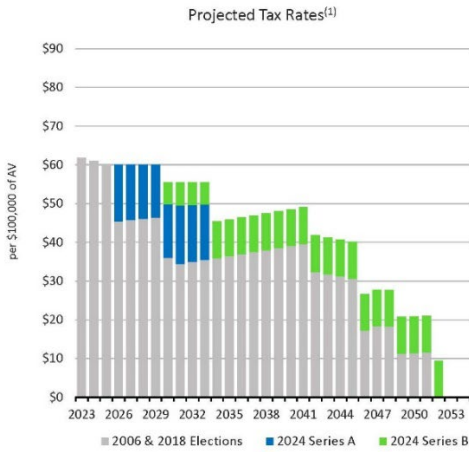
SHORT-TERM BOND COULD GENERATE OVER \$14 MILLION OF BONDS



⁽¹⁾ Assumes 5.00% annual AV growth through 2025; 3.50% thereafter

Alt. #4: Tax Rate Extension Election w/ 2 Series

TAX RATE EXTENSION COULD GENERATE OVER \$30 MILLION OF BONDS



2024 Election
 Projected Issuance Schedule

Year Issued	Series	Principal Amount
2025	Series A	\$10,620,000
2027	Series B	\$20,000,000
Total		\$30,620,000

⁽¹⁾ Assumes 5.00% annual AV growth through 2025; 3.50% thereafter

Election Timeline

PREPARING FOR 2024



1.3. Balances in Excess of Minimum Reserve Requirements

Dr. Marcia Hamilton, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, explained that in accordance with regulations imposed by Senate Bill 858, the District must report on certain elements pertaining to its projected reserves as follows:

- The District's calculated minimum required Reserve for 2023-24 is \$2,890,548.69.
- The amount of the assigned and unassigned fund balances that exceed the minimum required reserve amount is \$5,888,942.87
- The reasons for the District maintaining an assigned and unassigned fund balance in excess of the minimum required reserve amount are:
 - To provide an economic uncertainty reserve that ensures adequate cash flow and cushions against state revenue declines
 - To provide a reserve for projected and potential cost increases
 - To set-aside funds for technology replenishment and replacement
 - To set-aside funds for future instructional materials adoptions and purchase

Dr. Hamilton noted a listing of the specific amounts set-aside for each of the aforementioned items is posted on the District's website.

F. BOARD POLICIES AND BYLAWS

Superintendent Baranski presented Item F.1.1. and noted there were three first readings; and explained Board Policy 6154 – Homework/Makeup Work was being pulled as a first reading pending discussion with the Santee Teachers Association on some language concerns. Member Burns suggested parent input on BP 6154. Member Levens-Craig suggested input from the District Advisory Council (DAC) and the District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC). President El-Hajj asked the Board to contact Administration if they had any questions on the remaining first readings.

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

- BP 6152 - Class Assignment
- BP 6154 - Homework/Makeup Work
- BP 6179 - Supplemental Instruction

G. EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION COMMUNICATION

Melanie Hirahara, Santee Teachers Association (STA) President, shared there were three days of left of summer school and noted seeing some of the Board members visiting the campus. She shared Summer School Administrator, Dr. Nona Richard has been very active and sent a survey asking for ideas that could be incorporated into next year's summer school. Mrs. Hirahara shared appreciation for taking her input into consideration on matters. She explained contacting Dr. Lisa Paisley, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, regarding concerns with BP 6154.

H. BOARD COMMUNICATION AND ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

Member Levens-Craig noted meeting some Santee residents while camping at the beach.

Member Ryan shared receiving a membership application to join a PTA. She asked Administration to inquire about joining all PTA units collectively.

Member Burns noted he would be joining the August 15 meeting online, while attending the Threat Assessment Conference; and suggested proclaiming September as Grandparent Appreciation month. He shared observing the vital and instrumental roles grandparents play in students' lives and explained observing numerous grandparents dropping off and/or picking up their grandchildren from summer, as he dropped-off/picked-up his son. He shared it being a challenge for some, but noted the excitement as they picked up their student(s). Member Burns noted Grandparent Day is celebrated the first Sunday after Labor Day but suggested the District honor them the entire month. He noted this would also be a good lesson for students to show appreciation for their assistance in their education. Member Burns noted supporting funding for the schools and suggested certificates, cards, etc. Member Levens-Craig shared belonging to an organization that records grandparents reading books for their grandchildren and supporting Member Burns' idea. President

El-Hall noted supporting the idea and noted it would be a great way to start off the school year. Superintendent Baranski shared she would be speaking to the Principals about executing the idea.

Member Fox noted enjoying the visit to summer school and Dr. Richard's enthusiasm and energy.

President El-Hajj shared enjoying the visit to summer school and seeing students having fun while learning.

Superintendent Baranski welcomed and introduced David MacLeod, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources/Pupil Services. She shared Mr. MacLeod has been busy getting to know his staff and being a great asset to the District. Mr. MacLeod expressed his appreciation for the opportunity and noted everyone was very welcoming.

Superintendent Baranski noted the upcoming events. She explained the Staff Welcome Back event was being held at Cajon Park; and dates for Beautification Day, Buddy's Backpacks, etc.

President El-Hajj noted dispersing mulch was the most tedious task on Beautification Day and shared observing someone use a mulch dispenser at La Mesa/Spring Valley School District and suggested borrowing and/or looking into investing in one.

Member Levens-Craig shared that although it is usually hotter than usual during Beautification Day, the parents and volunteers work hard to make sure our schools are ready for our students. She noted appreciation to everyone for their hard work and dedication.

I. CLOSED SESSION

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

1. **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)
2. **Public Employee Performance Evaluation** (Gov't. Code § 54957)
Superintendent

The Board entered closed session at 7:06 p.m.

J. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened to public session at 8:30 p.m. and reported no action was taken.

K. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the regular meeting of July 18, 2023, was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



Dustin Burns, Clerk



Dr. Kristin Baranski, Secretary