

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

February 25, 2003
MINUTES

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

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by President Ryan.

(Note: Discipline Hearing for Student #67 scheduled for 6:30 p.m. was canceled at the request of the student's parents.)

Members present:

Barbara Ryan, President
Diane El-Hajj, Vice President
Cathy Abel, Clerk
Dustin Burns, Member
Julie McIntosh, Member

Staff present:

Marcia Johnson, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board
Carolyn Harness, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Lisbeth Johnson, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Sue Yakubik, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Bill Stumbaugh, Director, Pupil Services
Arletta Schaffer, Recording Secretary

D. BUDGET WORKSHOP

The purpose of the budget workshop is three-fold:

- I) Consideration of possible revenue enhancements,
- II) Review of recommendations for budget cuts proposed by staff and community members, and
- III) Establishment of a calendar for future budget decisions through June 30.

The Superintendent invited leaders of the employee associations to make comments. CSEA President Stan Molina distributed a list of ten budget reduction recommendations supported by CSEA members. The organization has also made other suggestions that have been added to the complete list of Budget Reduction Suggestions 2003-04. President Ryan thanked the association for their willingness to work with the Board.

I) Consideration of possible revenue enhancements

The Superintendent opened discussion on revenue enhancements. Ideas suggested included:

1. sell surplus property
2. obtain a loan
3. pursue a parcel tax
Carolyn Harness described the parcel tax process, which is similar to a G.O. bond. A 2/3-majority vote is required for passage. It is an assessment on real estate holdings in the community. Homeowners over age 65 years can be exempted. There are approximately 20,000 taxable parcels in Santee. The District sets the amount and term of tax. For example, a \$50 per parcel tax would generate \$1 million per year. Parcel taxes may not be used for salaries. Adoption of a Board resolution would place a parcel tax vote on the ballot. President Ryan supports further investigation of a parcel tax. The costs are relatively minimal if combined with a regular election. Member Burns would like to pursue other revenue enhancements first and doubts that we would be successful with passage of a parcel tax. Member McIntosh doesn't believe that the community will support a parcel tax. Member Abel would be willing to consider a parcel tax placed on the ballot during a regular election only. Member El-Hajj would be willing to explore options particularly with regards to a parcel tax for the purpose of funding a music program or other special needs. President Ryan suggested that the Budget Advisory Committee discuss the ideas. She asked that staff investigate timelines and costs.
4. seek waivers on state mandates such as purchase of instructional materials or use of funds from surplus property
5. advertise on school buses

6. install vending machines. Dianne El-Hajj will research the practice in La Mesa-Spring Valley School District
7. sell sign space on school property
8. establish an educational foundation

II) Review of recommendations for budget cuts proposed by staff and community members

The Board then continued reviewing the list of Budget Reduction Suggestions 2003-04. The review had begun at the February 18, 2003, regular Board meeting. President Ryan emphasized that this is an opportunity for questions and no program or personnel decisions will be made. The Board determined that certain suggestions were not feasible and removed them from the list.

Carolyn Harness will make the recommended revisions to the Budget Reduction Suggestions 2003-04 document. The Budget Advisory Committee will be asked to review and prioritize the list.

III) Establishment of a calendar for future budget decisions through June 30

- March 25: Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) meets to make recommendations
April 1: Board meeting – BAC presents recommendations
May 6: Board meeting
May 20: Board meeting – present Governor's May Revise
June 3: Board meeting – review budget reductions
June 17: Board meeting – adopt District budget

E. CLOSED SESSION

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

1. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release
2. Conference with Labor Negotiator
Agency Negotiator: Sue Yakubik, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Employee Organizations: Santee Teachers Association (STA)
California School Employees Association (CSEA)
3. Student Discipline Matters
4. Public Employee Performance Evaluation
Title: Superintendent
5. Conference with Real Property Negotiators
Location: Renzulli Site
Agency Negotiator: Carolyn Harness, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
6. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54956.9

The Board entered closed session at 9:40 p.m.

F. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION/ ADJOURNMENT

The Board reconvened to public session at 10:20 p.m. No action was reported. The February 25, 2003, special meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.