

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

MINUTES
June 22, 2009

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 7:28 p.m.
Members present:
Dianne El-Hajj, President
Dustin Burns, Vice President
Barbara Ryan, Clerk
Dan Bartholomew, Member
Members absent:
Allen Carlisle, Member
Staff present:
Dr. Pat Shaw, Incoming Superintendent
Karl Christensen, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Emily Andrade, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Linda Vail, Executive Assistant and Recording Secretary

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Ryan moved to approve the agenda.

Motion: Ryan

Second: Burns

Vote: 4-0

C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

There was no public communication.

D. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

1. Capital Improvement Program

a. Adoption of Resolution #0809-57 to Suspend Construction

Karl Christensen reported that the District is eligible for over \$30M in State school construction funds and is awaiting the unfreezing of the appropriations. The State funding freeze has impeded the District's ability to move forward with Phase II construction. It is the intent of the District to continue with Phase II and III modernization work as planned as soon the State fulfills their obligation to us. The resolution being presented for adoption will authorize suspending the work until that time. The work is being temporarily suspended, not stopped.

The District anticipates receiving \$11M through Bond Anticipation Notes (BAN) and with those dollars will be able to complete Phase I. The remaining \$2M to \$2.5M could be used to begin infrastructure work at Phase II schools. Administration requested the Board adopt Resolution #0809-57 to suspend construction and requested the Board provide direction on priority order of Phase II schools for the infrastructure upgrades as funding comes available.

Member Burns said it is important to try to take full advantage of the summer window to upgrade infrastructure as dollars come available. Missing the window could create a longer delay in modernizing the schools. Member Burns asked Mr. Christensen when the District would receive the BAN funds. Mr. Christensen said once the BAN closes, the funding should arrive by the middle of July. When the dollars arrive, Barnhart is geared to begin the infrastructure right away.

President El-Hajj asked why the resolution refers to Phase 4 construction. Mr. Christensen said the work is referred to by phases in the lease lease-back document, but their references are different than the phases we have designated for our construction schedule.

Member Ryan moved to adopt Resolution #0809-57 to suspend construction and authorize the Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, to negotiate with Barnhart and modify Amendments to redefine the scope of work, guaranteed maximum price, and develop a plan to continue the project as funds become available. An addendum to this motion is that the Board is committed to complete modernization.

Motion: Ryan

Second: Burns

Vote: 4-0 (Carlisle, absent)

The Board discussed the priority of the infrastructure projects if funds become available during the construction window and asked if administration had a recommendation. Mr. Christensen said materials have already been purchased for Prospect Avenue so it may be a consideration for first priority. Board members also mentioned that the infrastructure must be installed prior to developing the ball fields at Chet F. Harritt. Board members also wish to show the City committed progress on the ball fields to assure the grant funding will not be lost.

Member Ryan asked administration to check with the developer of the Santee School site and where we are in line for State money. Mr. Christensen said applications that are in the queue have not been approved yet. Eric Hall recently reported our applications have been moved from the July SAB hearing and will be heard at a later date. Member Ryan believes we may be able to get assistance from Assemblymember Anderson and/or Senator Hollingsworth. The District may wish to request letters from the legislators.

Member Bartholomew asked if the requirements from the City for the ball fields were clear. Installing the infrastructure could fulfill a part or all of the requirements. President El-Hajj said if we complete the infrastructure upgrade at Chet F. Harritt it would show progress. Mr. Christensen said administration recently met with the City Manager to discuss this issue and he was very concerned not to be able to show the project was completed so progress may not be enough. The Board would like administration to check with the City Manager to see if the infrastructure would show enough progress toward completing the project to keep the funding. Dr. Shaw will contact Keith Till to ask about the progress requirements and the funding.

Member Bartholomew asked if there are storage costs involved for materials while construction is suspended. Mr. Christensen is not certain and will inform the Board after investigating.

Member Burns said he would like to see the priority order be Prospect Avenue, Chet F. Harritt, and Hill Creek in that order. If the City wants the grant dollars returned, he would move Hill Creek up to the second position.

Member Bartholomew moved to set the priority order for Phase II schools to receive infrastructure upgrades as 1) Prospect Avenue and 2) Chet F. Harritt (to preserve the grant funds) as funding becomes available. Should Chet F. Harritt not be feasible to retain the City grant funds, administration must return to the Board for further direction.

Motion: Bartholomew

Second: Ryan

Vote: 4-0 (Carlisle, absent)

E. CLOSED SESSION

Closes session was cancelled.

1. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Govt. Code § 54957)

F. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION

G. ADJOURNMENT

The June 22, 2009 special meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.