

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

MINUTES
September 1, 2009

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9619 Cuyamaca Street
Santee, California

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Call to Order and Welcome
President El-Hajj called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and read the District Mission Statement.
Members present:
Dianne ElHajj, President
Dustin Burns, Vice President
Barbara Ryan, Clerk
Allen Carlisle, Member
Dan Bartholomew, Member
Administration present:
Dr. Patrick Shaw, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board
Karl Christensen, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Emily Andrade, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Minnie Malin, Director, Human Resources
Kristin Baranski, Director, Educational Services
Linda Vail, Executive Assistant and Recording Secretary
2. President El-Hajj invited Kristin Baranski, Director of Educational Services, to lead the members, staff and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of Agenda
It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda.
Motion: Ryan Second: Carlisle Vote: 5-0

B. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Superintendent's Report
 - 1.1. Developer Fees Collection Report
 - 1.2. Schedule of Upcoming Events
 - 1.3. Schedule of Back to School Nights
2. Spotlight: Tammy Rees
Member Bartholomew said Ms. Rees is very busy in soccer and with her family and appreciates the time commitment she provided the school district.

C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

President El-Hajj invited members of the audience to address the Board about any item not on the agenda.

Chris Swanson, CSEA Labor Relations Representative said District Administration was making employee reductions, eliminating positions, scheduling layoffs, and making changes in working conditions without negotiating in good faith with CSEA. She believes these are serious violations of the bargaining unit's rights. Ms. Swanson said CSEA is demanding to negotiate all items within the scope of their representation.

D. CONSENT ITEMS

Items listed under Consent are considered to be routine and are all acted on by the Board with one single motion. President El-Hajj invited comments from the public on any item listed under Consent.

- 1.1. **Approval of Minutes**
 - 2.1. **Approval/Ratification of Travel Requests**
 - 2.2. **Approval/Ratification of Revolving Cash Report**
 - 2.3. **Adoption of Resolution #0910-11 to Certify 2008-09 Gann Limit Appropriations Recalculation and an Estimated Limit for 2009-10.**
 - 2.4. **Approval of Mandated Cost Contract with School Innovations and Advocacy**
 - 3.1. **Approval of 2010 Early Admittance to Kindergarten Program**
 - 3.2. **Adoption of Resolution #0910-09 Designating Personnel and Approval of 2009-10 Child Development Services Contract**
 - 4.1. **Personnel, Regular**
- It was moved and seconded to approve the Consent Items.

Motion: Burns Second: Carlisle Vote: 5-0

F. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

President El-Hajj invited comments from the public on any item listed under Discussion and/or Action. There were no comments.

1.1. Learning Resource Centers/Library Media Centers: Technology Hardware and Wireless Infrastructure

Dr. Pat Shaw discussed the proposal brought to the last Board meeting to seek resources to provide each school library or learning center with wireless infrastructure, 20 laptops, a projector, and a printer. Dr. Shaw presented the proposal for funding this project. Dr. Shaw would like to use \$150,000 from the BAN, \$20,000 Foundation, \$11,872 from Project SAFE's 21st century grant, and school contributions ranging from \$3,478-\$6,054, based on each school's needs. The school sites may use whatever funds they wish for their contribution toward the plan, including categorical dollars or PTA donations. Dr. Shaw emphasized that no cost for this purchase would come general fund dollars.

Member Carlisle said he appreciates that Dr. Shaw has found funding sources to make this happen. Member Bartholomew recognized the Foundation because this is their second infusion into technology in the past year. Member Burns said this project is exceptional because it helps every student at every school. He would like to continue to look for funding for the appropriate furniture for using this technology in the LRCs. Dr. Shaw will investigate furniture for the LRCs and return to the Board with a cost.

President El-Hajj said she had concerns about the battery life of the laptops because of problems her district has experienced. Bernard Yeo said the batteries being purchased would be 6-cell batteries which have a longer life and Dell provides an extended warranty for 3 years. President El-Hajj was pleased to know better batteries would be purchased. She asked what kind of printers would be purchased. Mr. Yeo said a Dell Laser jet printer would be purchased for each LRC/Library. President El-Hajj inquired about the ink usage of the laser jet printers. Mr. Yeo said TCS has been testing these printers for the past year and the ink usage is good. Ink cartridges are available from Dell and are cheaper than the HP cartridges.

Member Ryan moved to approve the Superintendent's proposal to provide wireless infrastructure, 20 mobile (laptop) computers, a printer and a projection device, if necessary, for each school's "learning center" (LRC or Library Media Center) with the funding plan presented.

Motion: Ryan **Second:** Burns **Vote:** 5-0

2.1. Santee Site Update

Karl Christensen reported that he and the Superintendent met with representatives from Haagan Co. regarding the ground lease agreement from August 2008. They reported the retail market has plummeted. They have continued to talk to retailers but companies are not opening new stores at this time. Their prognosis is that in 2011 the retail market will begin to pick up. They have requested a 12-month extension of the agreement to continue to work to develop the Santee site.

This property transaction requires a waiver that administration has been working on. The State is recommending that the District go through the competitive bid process. We are currently drafting a letter to them with the chronology to show that the District has already undertaken the process. Administration may need to go to Sacramento to meet with State staff to explain the process more clearly. Mr. Christensen said he looked at SB177 and it does not appear that the bill would invoke the waiver.

Member Burns asked why Haagan Co. was seeking a 12-month extension instead of another 6-month extension. Mr. Christensen said it was because they do not believe there will be a change in the forecast in less than 6 months. Member Ryan believes we need to be aggressive and recommended going to Sacramento if needed. She also said not to rule out seeking our local elected officials to weigh in if it cannot be handled at the staff level.

Member Carlisle asked if the State staff was aware the property has legislation connected to it. Mr. Christensen is not sure but believes they do not know about the legislation or that we have already gone through the competitive process. Member Carlisle said it may be good to also share SB177 with the State staff.

Member Bartholomew moved to approve the extension to the Exclusive Negotiation Agreement by an additional 12 months and authorize administration to proceed with the State Board of Education waiver process.

Motion: Bartholomew **Second:** Carlisle **Vote:** 5-0

3.1. Approval of Expulsion and Rehabilitation Plan for Student # 11-08

Mrs. Andrade reported on August 25th the Board voted to expel student #11-08. Following that decision, the Board must take action to expel the student, determine the student's placement, and provide a rehabilitation plan. Part of the rehabilitation plan provides a readmission date of June 24, 2010.

Member Burns asked if Santee or the County School would set up the plan for drug testing and determine how often that would occur. Mrs. Andrade said she is uncertain who will handle this but will investigate. Member Burns asked when the expulsion would become effective. Mrs. Andrade said the expulsion would be effective as of this evening, September 1, 2009.

Member Carlisle moved to approve the expulsion, placement, and rehabilitation plan for Student #11-08.

Motion: Carlisle **Second:** Burns **Vote:** 3-2 (Burns, Ryan, no)

G. BOARD POLICIES AND BYLAWS

1.1. Second Reading: Board Policy 3511, Energy And Water Management

Board Policy 3511, Energy and Water Management was presented to the Board of Education for a second reading. Member Burns moved to adopt Board Policy 3511, Energy and Water Management.

Motion: Burns **Second:** Ryan **Vote:** 5-0

H. BOARD COMMUNICATION

President El-Hajj announced Julie Juaire, a former board member, recently and suddenly lost her husband. A sympathy basket has been sent and Linda is collecting donations toward the basket. Information on the service was provided.

President El-Hajj reminded Board members of the dates for the dedications of the three new junior high buildings.

Member Ryan reported she met with the Children's Initiative and received their "report card." She shared some of the charts she received and asked if the Board representatives would share the information with the City when they meet. President El-Hajj said she would share it and, at Member Burns suggestion, the information will be forwarded to the City to review prior to the meeting. Linda will schedule a City/Board meeting and begin scheduling quarterly meetings.

Member Burns said the Welcome Back event was very nice and complimented staff. He believed there was a nice turnout.

I. CLOSED SESSION

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

1. **Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation**
(Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Gov't Code §54956.9)
Two cases
2. **Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Govt. Code § 54957)**
3. **Conference with Labor Negotiator (Govt. Code § 54956.8)**
Purpose: Negotiations
Agency Negotiator: Minnie Malin, Director of Human Resources
Employee Organizations: Santee Administrators Association
Santee Teachers Association
California School Employees Association

The Board entered closed session at 7:43 p.m.

J. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board reconvened to public session at 10:25 p.m. No action was reported.

K. ADJOURNMENT

The September 1, 2009 regular meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.