

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

August 17, 2004
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 7:22 p.m.

Members present:

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

Staff present:

Dr. Lisbeth Johnson, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board
Dr. Patrick Shaw, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
John Tofflemire, Director, Human Resources
Linda Vail, Executive Secretary and Recording Secretary

2. President El-Hajj invited Katie Schultz, daughter of new vice principal JoAnn Schultz, to lead the members, staff and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President El-Hajj adjourned the meeting in memory of Joann Brynjestad, a long term board member in Alpine, who recently passed away. Member Ryan shared some of Ms. Brynjestad's life and accomplishments. The Board and the audience shared a moment of silence in her memory.

3. Approval of Agenda
It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda.

Motion: Abel

Second: McIntosh

Vote: 5-0

B. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Superintendent's Report
 - 1.1. Requests for Use of Facilities
 - 1.2. Developer Fees Collection Report
 - 1.3. Schedule of Upcoming Events

Superintendent Johnson shared printed information for the flyers and signs that the members of Santee School historical society have prepared to advertise their "Santee School Reunion" on September 25, 2004.

2. Introduction of New Vice Principals
Dr. Johnson introduced the new vice principals; Kim Lytle, assigned to Chet F. Harritt; JoAnn Schultz assigned to Pepper Drive School; and Terry Heck who will be assigned to a school next week.
3. Spotlight on Learning-Project SAFE
Dr. Johnson introduced Pam Brasher, director of Project SAFE, who presented the Project SAFE Leads and shared some photos from their summer program. President El-Hajj awarded a certificate of recognition to each Lead for their contribution to the learning in Santee School District. Hailey Erwin, a student from Project SAFE, shared all of the things she likes about Project SAFE.
4. State Testing and Reporting (STAR) Results

Dr. Patrick Shaw shared the STAR tests results in percentages for 2003-04. Member Ryan asked about a particular GATE school where 76% of students took the general math test instead of the algebra test. Dr. Shaw explained the regulations from the State for taking the algebra or general math tests and reported that changes are in process, an expectation will be set, and progress will be closely monitored. Member Ryan feels that generally speaking, the scores are low.

C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

President El-Hajj invited members of the audience to address the Board about any item not on the agenda. There were no public comments.

D. PUBLIC HEARINGS

President El-Hajj opened the public hearing for the California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter 557 Initial Proposal to Modify Articles of the Current Collective Bargaining Agreement Between Santee School District and CSEA.

No comments were received and the public hearing was closed.

E. CONSENT ITEMS

Items listed under Consent are considered to be routine and are all acted on by the Board with one single motion. It was moved and seconded to approve Consent Items.

Motion: Abel

Second: Burns

Vote: 5-0

Superintendent

1.1. Approval of Minutes

Business Services

2.1. Approval/Ratification of Expenditure Warrants

2.2. Approval/Ratification of Purchase Orders

2.3. Approval/Ratification of Revolving Cash Reports

Educational Services

3.1. Approval of Alternative Schools Accountability Report for the Santee Success Program, 2003-04

3.2. Approval of State Preschool Program Annual Report to California Department of Education

Human Resources

4.1. Personnel, Regular (a copy to be included as part of the minutes)

F. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

Superintendent

1.1. District Wide 1% Attendance Improvement Goal and Incentives for Schools, 2004-05

Dr. Johnson reported that the Attendance Improvement Goal was underway and will be shared with Principals before school begins. She recommended that, as provided by the MAT study in March 2004, that school sites be provided monetary incentives for increasing attendance to meet the District goal.

Member McIntosh asked if there would be any restrictions placed on spending the incentive dollars and if the funds would carry over at the end of the school year.

Member Burns does support returning dollars to schools if the attendance goals are reached and feels that the money should be spent on the students through the general fund. Member Burns suggested that if incentives were offered, schools should work together to achieve a district goal rather than individual site goals.

Member Ryan has a concern about monetary incentives being offered because schools may achieve different goals even though they are doing the same things to improve attendance. She would prefer if incentives were based on a district goal instead of a school goal, as suggested by Member Burns.

The Board agreed that if the district realizes the goal of a 1% increase in attendance in the 2004-05 school year, all schools would divide the monetary incentive, a portion of the savings received in the next school year, with no restrictions placed on the expenditure of the awarded incentives.

- 1.2. Adoption of Resolution No. 0405-07 Opposing Proposition 72
Member Ryan reported on CSBA's recommendation to adopt a resolution to oppose Proposition 72. Member Ryan moved to adopt Resolution 0405-07 to oppose Proposition 72 on the November ballot.

Motion: Ryan

Second: Abel

Vote: 5-0

- 1.3. Adoption of Resolution No. 0405-10 for Special Education Mental Health Services
Dr. Johnson reported on the San Diego County Board of Supervisors meeting held today where decisions were made to continue to provide mental health services until November 30, 2004 with certain contingencies. Discussion is continuing on the future of the County offering mental health services. With this new information, the Board did not to take action on Resolution 0405-01.

Member Ryan asked how many of our students on AB 2726 are Medi-Cal eligible. It was shared that at least 5 students are Medi-Cal eligible but that this information is not readily accessible to districts. Member Ryan said that the District should be able to get more accurate counts from the County. The largest financial impact to the district is the two residential students. It is hoped that the County Mental Health Department will continue to support residential treatment services.

Dr. Johnson suggested that a Board member and staff meet together to develop a District transitions plan to support mental health services and the fiscal impact if the County Mental Health Department does not play a role in providing these services after November 30, 2004. Members Ryan and Burns will serve as the Board representatives.

Business Services

- 2.1. Adoption of Resolution No. 0405-08 of the Santee School District Board of Education Declaring Its Intention To Sell Surplus Real Property Commonly Known as the Renzulli Site

Motion: McIntosh

Second: Abel

Vote: 5-0

- 2.2. Adoption of Resolution No. 0405-09 of the Santee School District Board of Education Declaring Its Intention To Sell Surplus Real Property Commonly Known as the Santee School Site

Motion: McIntosh

Second: Burns

Vote: 5-0

- 2.3. Use of New Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA) Funds

It was moved to place additional MAA funds received totaling \$54,000 into the general fund. Member Ryan would like to address MAA funds as a personnel issue during closed session.

Motion: McIntosh

Second: Burns

Vote: 5-0

Educational Services (None)

Human Resources (None)

G. BOARD POLICIES AND BYLAWS (none)

1. First Reading: Revised Board Bylaws and Board Bylaws for Review

BB 9001	Powers, Purposes and Duties of the Board of Education
BB 9110	Number of Members and Terms of Office
BB 9121	President
BB 9124	Attorney/County Counsel
BB 9220	Board of Education Elections
BB 9400	Board Self-Evaluation
BB 9323	Meeting Conduct (Review only)
BB 9270	Conflict of Interest (Mandatory Review)

Member McIntosh and Burns presented their recommended revisions after reviewing the Board Bylaws and also brought forward BB 9323 for discussion review. Board members discussed BB 9323 items 2 & 3. Member Burns feels that there is a need to be consistent with the public speaking at the meetings. It was noted that the Request to Speak Card should state that speaker cards must be turned in prior to the beginning of discussion of the item. The Board requested that this information be added to the Request to Speak Card at the next printing. Member Ryan feels that the President should ask if there are any public comments prior to Board discussion of an item. It was clarified by the Board members that once the Board has started deliberations, no request to speak cards would be accepted.

Board members discussed changing the speaking time from 5 minutes to 3 minutes. Linda will check with CSBA policy to compare with policy language before a determination is made.

2. Second Readings (None)

H. BOARD COMMUNICATION

Member Ryan reported on the legislation that Senator Hollingsworth has submitted on behalf of the District. The Governor's office is not supporting our legislation at this time and may consider signing only if the bill applied to sites that were purchased with no state dollars. Senator Ross Johnson has joined in the bill as a co-author and Capistrano School District has joined the bill.

President El-Hajj reported on the joint City/School Board meeting. There was good discussion about illegal activity in our community and the Sheriff's department will have the new SRO meet with our principals. The City/Sheriff's department have asked to begin receiving crime reports again from pupil services and to be notified as quickly as possible when student issues involving law enforcement arise. The City is still looking for Library support. They would like the Board to write a letter and would like teachers, principals, and parents to write letters in support of the library.

Member McIntosh asked President El-Hajj to attend the Library Committee meeting on September 1, 2004. President El-Hajj will try to attend.

Member McIntosh announced that due to her upcoming move out of the District she is resigning from the Board effective Sept 8. She shared her appreciation for all of the opportunities she has had as a Board member.

I. CLOSED SESSION

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

1. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release
2. Conference with Labor Negotiator
Agency Negotiator: John Tofflemire, Director, Human Resources
Employee Organizations: Santee Teachers Association (STA)
California School Employees Association (CSEA)
3. Student Discipline Matters
4. Conference with Real Property Negotiators
Location: Renzulli Site and Santee School Site
Agency Negotiator: Lisbeth Johnson, Superintendent

The Board entered closed session at 9:17 p.m.

J. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION/ ADJOURNMENT

The Board reconvened to public session at 11:00 p.m. No action was reported. The August 17, 2004, regular meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Dustin Burns, Clerk

Lisbeth A. Johnson, Ed.D., Secretary