

SANTEE SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

November 16, 2004
MINUTES

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

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

1. President El-Hajj called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Members present:

Dianne El-Hajj, President
Dustin Burns, Clerk
Barbara Ryan, Member
Allen Carlisle, Member

Staff present:

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

2. President El-Hajj invited Curtis Northum, son of a district staff member, to lead the members, staff and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of Agenda
President El-Hajj requested that Consent Item E.4.4. be moved to the first item following the agenda approval. It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda with the change.

Motion: Carlisle

Second: Ryan

Vote: 4-0

Consent Item 4.4. Approval of Appointment of Director of Food Services

Member Ryan moved approval of Consent Item E.4.4. Approval of Appointment of Director of Food Services.

Motion: Ryan

Second: Carlisle

Vote: 3-1 (Burns, no)

B. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Reception to Welcome New Assistant Superintendent, Business Services and Director of Food Services
President El-Hajj introduced Cathy Abel, the new Director of Food Services, and Bill Clark, the new Assistant Superintendent of Business Services. Mrs. Abel introduced her family and shared how excited she was to be serving the District in Child Nutrition Services and that she has spent the last two days visiting schools. Mr. Clark introduced his family. A reception was held in their honor to welcome them to the management team.

President El-Hajj, on behalf of the members of the Board, bid farewell to Cathy Abel as a departing member of the Board of Education and presented Mrs. Abel with an engraved apple. Mrs. Abel expressed how wonderful her years on the Board had been.

President El-Hajj introduced Dan Bartholomew as the incoming Board member who will be sworn in at the December 7, 2004 meeting.

2. Superintendent's Report
- 1.1. Requests for Use of Facilities
 - 1.2. Enrollment Report
 - 1.3. Developer Fees Collection Report
 - 1.4. Claim Against the District
 - 1.5. Schedule of Upcoming Events

John Tofflemire introduced five new probationary teachers. Tammy Rees, Angie Shinsky, Tracy Keys, Cathy Tolnay, and Lorri Meaux.

3. Spotlight on Learning-Presentations of Student Achievement
Hill Creek and Pepper Drive

Dr. Johnson introduced Jerelyn Lindsay, principal of Hill Creek, and Ernie Nevares, principal of Pepper Drive, who presented information about their schools and student achievement goals for their students.

4. Teacher of the Year Selection Process

John Tofflemire presented the proposed Teacher of the Year selection process that was developed in conjunction with STA.

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 on Compliance of Education Code Section 60119: K-12 Textbook and Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program (IMFRP). There were no public comments. President El-Hajj closed the Public Hearing.

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 with item 2.6. pulled for separate consideration.

Superintendent

- 1.1. Approval of Minutes
- 1.2. Set Date and Time of Board's Annual Organizational Meeting

Business Services

- 2.1. Approval of Travel Requests
- 2.2. Approval/Ratification of Expenditure Warrants
- 2.3. Approval/Ratification of Purchase Orders
- 2.4. Approval of Financial Reports
- 2.5. Approval/Ratification of Revolving Cash Reports
- 2.6. Acceptance of Donations (Pulled for separate consideration by Member Carlisle)
- 2.7. Approval of Response to Request for Agency Recommendation
- 2.8. Approval of Response to Request for Comments
- 2.9. Approval of Student Teaching Agreement with Chapman University
- 2.10. Approval of Quarterly Financial Disclosure, SB 564
- 2.11. Approval of Contract between Santee School District and Bowie, Arneson, Wiles & Giannone for Legal Services
- 2.12. Adoption of Resolutions Authorizing Specific Designated Agents

Educational Services

- 3.1. Certification and Adoption of Resolution for Assurance of Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program (IMFRP) 2004-05
- 3.2. Approval of 2004-05 State Preschool Instructional Materials and Supplies Contract and Resolution

Human Resources

- 4.1. Personnel, Regular
- 4.2. Approval of Revised Job Descriptions, District Nurse; Health Clerk; Licensed Vocational Nurse; Project SAFE Leader, Project SAFE Assistant; Director of Project SAFE
- 4.3. Adoption of Resolutions Authorizing Teacher Services-Education Code Sections 44256(b), 44258.2 and 44263

Member Burns moved to approve the Consent Items with Item 2.6. pulled for separate consideration.

Motion: Burns

Second: Ryan

Vote: 4-0

Consent Item E.2.6 Acceptance of Donations (Pulled for separate consideration.) Member Ryan moved to approve Item E.2.6.

Motion: Ryan

Second: Burns

Vote: 3-0 (Carlisle, abstain)

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

Superintendent

1.1. Riverwalk Development

Dr. Ronald Schisler, a community resident, presented information to the Board about the proposed development by Hoffman Lane and the concern of the "Citizens for Family Friendly Neighborhoods" of the density of the project and incompatibility with the City of Santee. He requested the school board take a position of opposition to this project as currently designed. The development by Darrel Priest is the same as in El Cajon. Member Carlisle asked if this presentation has been made to the City Council. Dr. Schisler said that they spoke but did not present their opposition in this same manner. The builder will be breaking ground in approximately six months. Member Ryan asked if this land was the land owned by the County. Dr. Schisler said that the County sold the land to the builder and part of the agreement was a higher density. Member Ryan feels that it is out of the realm of the Board to take a position on zoning matters. President El-Hajj agrees that is the City Council and City Planner's job to make these decisions. Both feel that as private citizens they could have a greater impact. Member Burns supports opposition as a private decision but does not feel it is appropriate or wise to take any Board position without talking to the City. Member Carlisle also is concerned about the project as a citizen but would not want to take action on an item without consulting the City. President El-Hajj suggested that Dr. Schisler attend the next City/School Board joint meeting, as it would be a good time to present this information. The Board took no action.

1.2. California School Boards Association 2005 Delegate Assembly Nominations

Member Ryan would like to be considered for nomination if the Board is willing to nominate her. Member Burns moved to nominate Barbara Ryan to the Delegate Assembly. President El-Hajj will begin the process to formally nominate Barbara as a delegate.

Motion: Burns

Second: El-Hajj

Vote: 4-0

Business Services

2.1. Approval of 2004-05 Budget Revisions Through October

Bill Clark, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, presented the budget revisions through the month of October. Member Ryan asked if the current uncommitted ending balance was on track. Mr. Clark responded that the ending balance was right on track.

Motion: Ryan

Second: Burns

Vote: 4-0

2.2. CLOSED SESSION

The Board met in closed session to discuss the following:

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 Site

Agency Negotiator: Lisbeth Johnson, Superintendent

The Board reconvened to public session at 11:25 p.m. No action was reported.

2.3. Approval and Adoption of Resolution #0405-21 to Continue the Date to Receive Sealed Bids for the Disposition of Surplus Real Property Commonly Known as the Renzulli Site

Member Ryan moved to adopt Resolution #0405-21 with a change in items #1 and # 2 from January 18 to January 24th.

Motion: Ryan

Second: Burns

Vote: 4-0

Educational Services

3.1. Student Suspension Guidelines for Santee School District

Dr. Shaw introduced the proposed suspension guidelines which would provide more consistent consequences for students for similar infractions. Member Ryan asked why the same level of punishment was not used for possession of drug paraphernalia that is used for possession of drugs. Dr. Stumbaugh said it was a judgment call that paraphernalia possession was not quite as serious as drug possession. Member Ryan believes that possessing drug paraphernalia should be at least a 5-day suspension and is somewhat equal to possessing drugs. Member Carlisle suggested that an administrator provide a written explanation if they were to suspend a student for more or less days than the guidelines allow. Dr. Shaw shared that there is a form being developed to allow for administrator explanation if they believe circumstance warrant a different consequence than the guidelines instruct. Member Burns supports that possession of drug paraphernalia be as serious of an offence as possession of drugs and should be a 5-day suspension. Member Burns also asked for clarification on the imitation firearms infraction and what exactly would be considered an imitation firearm. Dr. Shaw said that consequences could be dictated by the age of the student and the circumstances, as well as the type of imitation, i.e., small pink plastic squirt gun versus replica of a real firearm. The Board feels that 3-5 days of suspension is more appropriate for possessing an imitation firearm. Member Burns believes that terrorist threats against school officials should be taken very seriously and that the Board should be notified immediately. Dr. Stumbaugh explained that a serious threat would initiate an administrative review. The Board would like terrorist threats to be five days and initiate an administrative review. Dr. Shaw understands the intent of the Board and understands the flexibility needed under special circumstances. Member Ryan moved to approve the Student Suspension Guidelines with the stated changes reflected.

Motion: Ryan

Second: Burns

Vote: 4-0

G. BOARD POLICIES AND BYLAWS (None)

H. BOARD COMMUNICATION

President El-Hajj did not plan to attend the CSBA Conference because several members were not going to be there the entire time. Because all members will be attending, she will plan to attend Thursday evening and return on Friday. The Board may have dinner on Thursday and Breakfast on Friday.

President El-Hajj shared that the Board workshop on Saturday, November 20, 2004, will start at 8:00 a.m. She also asked the Board members for dates in January 2005 to schedule visioning and Goal setting workshops. The Board members agreed to meet on January 8th and 29th. These dates are tentative and it was noted that Mr. Bartholomew will need to have this date available on his calendar.

Dr. Johnson provided a draft of a thank you for staff for helping with Prop Y. Board members requested a change in the font and the template will be brought to members for signatures.

Board members asked that a Thank you note be sent to Wal Mart for the generous check presented to the District at the Business Breakfast.

President El-Hajj heard that Wal Mart had a program to donate money to schools for volunteer hours that were submitted. Members asked Linda Vail to check on this program.

Member Burns would like the Superintendent and Executive Assistant to move to the other side of the Boardroom beginning next meeting. There were no objections.

Member Burns would like to send out a picture greeting card with a picture of students. He will provide Linda with the information.

John Tofflemire reported that STA held a ratification meeting and the contract for 03-04 was accepted.

I. CLOSED SESSION (None)

J. ADJOURNMENT

The November 16, 2004, regular meeting adjourned at 11:59 p.m.

Allen Carlisle, Clerk

Lisbeth A. Johnson, Ed.D., Secretary