

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

June 7, 2005
MINUTES

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

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Call to Order and Welcome
President Burns called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Members present:
Dustin Burns, President
Barbara Ryan, Vice President
Allen Carlisle, Clerk
Dan Bartholomew, Member
Dianne El-Hajj, Member
Administration present:
Dr. Lisbeth Johnson, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board
Bill Clark, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Dr. Patrick Shaw, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
John Tofflemire, Director, Human Resources
Linda Vail, Executive Assistant and Recording Secretary

2. President Burns invited Brad Martini, a fifth grade student at Rio Seco School, 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 with Consent Item E.2.4. pulled from the agenda.

Motion: Ryan

Second: El-Hajj

Vote: 5-0

B. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

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

Dr. Johnson shared a tentative date of August 16, 2005 for the Board to meet with principals. Board members asked the Superintendent to schedule the meeting with the principals for August 16, 2005 from 6:00-7:00 p.m., prior to the Board meeting.

Dr. Johnson introduced Lyndee Alton, the recipient of the Greater San Diego Reading Association Literacy Educator of the Year, and shared the outstanding job Ms. Alton does towards providing continued student excellence in reading and in working with second grade teachers on the new language arts program.

Board President Burns presented Dr. Lis Johnson, Dr. Pat Shaw, and Mr. John Tofflemire with a certificate of recognition from Assemblymember Jay LaSuer for their outstanding contributions to instructional achievement.

Dr. Pat Shaw introduced the students from Rio Seco who participated in the County Science Field Day, a countywide event where students compete in science skills events. The students were presented with certificates of participation from the San Diego County Office of Education.

Dr. Shaw introduced the eighth grade Academic Achievement participants and President Burns presented each student with a certificate of participation. Participating students were:

Garrett Cabral-Chet F. Harritt

Kristin Naour-Chet F. Harritt

Anna Bloemen-Carlton Hills
Heather Hocking-Carlton Hills
Kelsey Hall-Carlton-Oaks
Faith Heffernan-Carlton Oaks
Meg Oka-Carlton Oaks
Nathan Mueller-Cajon Park
Diana Stoianov-Cajon Park
Mitchel Baugh-Hill Creek

Alexandra Paris-Hill Creek
Eric Bowman-Prospect Ave
Patrick Lebedinski-Prospect Ave
Beau Davidson-Pepper Drive
Maddy Kutsch-Pepper Drive
Laura Schisler-Rio Seco
Kimberly Thoures-Rio Se

The 2004-05 Academic Achievement winners were announced. The Mathematics winner was Nathan Mueller from Cajon Park School. The Writing winner was Alexandra Paris from Hill Creek School. The overall academic winner for 2004-05 was Diana Stoianov from Cajon Park School. The winners were presented certificates and Diana was presented with the District perpetual trophy that will be displayed at Cajon Park School.

Mayor Voepel honored Diana Stoianov as the overall Academic Achievement winner with a proclamation from the city of Santee, proclaiming Tuesday, June 7, 2005 as Diana Stoianov Day in the City of Santee and presented her with a framed proclamation and roses.

Mr. Warren Savage, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce presented Diana with a \$200 savings bond.

President Burns invited the audience to join the Board in a reception, hosted by Tierra Del Sol PTA, in honor of the eighth grade Academic Achievement Participants.

C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

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

D. PUBLIC HEARINGS (None)

E. CONSENT ITEMS

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

Superintendent

1.1. Approval of Minutes

Business Services

2.1. Approval of Travel Requests

2.2. Approval/Ratification of Revolving Cash Reports

2.3. Acceptance of Donations

~~2.4. Adoption of Resolutions Authorizing Specific Designated Agents~~
(Pulled from agenda.)

2.5. Approval of Agreement for Student Transportation Services

2.6. Adoption of Resolution ~~#0405-54~~ #0405-56 Rescinding Resolution #0405-08, Terminating Prior Bidding for the Renzulli Site (See agenda title revision below.)

2.7. Approval of Response to Request for Agency Recommendation

2.8. Approval of Public Agency Retirement Services (PARS) Plan/Spousal Right for Registered Domestic Partners Amendment

Educational Services

3.1. Approval of Alternative Education Waiver Request

3.2. Approval of 2005-06 School Schedules

3.3. Approval of Agreement with Confident Care Health Services, Inc.

- 3.4. Approval of Agreement with Confident Care Health Services, Inc. for the Extended School Year Program
- 3.5. Approval of Single Plans for Student Achievement
- 3.6. Approval of 2005-2006 Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) Funding Application
- 3.7. Approval of Agreement for Training with the Foundation for Educational Administration
Human Resources
- 4.1. Personnel, Regular
- 4.2. Approval of Resolution No. 0405-54 to Layoff Identified Classified Employee
- 4.3. Approval of Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators
- 4.4. Approval to Utilize Save-A-Life Inc., for First-Aid, CPR & AED Training

Motion: Bartholomew

Second: Ryan

Vote: 5-0

F. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

Superintendent

1.1. Project SAFE Technology Camp

Dr. Johnson introduced to the Board a recommendation for a Project SAFE Technology Camp on a fee basis that would provide Project SAFE students and parents an enrichment opportunity, as they have been requesting, and would also generate revenue in the District. Lakeside will be offering a Karate Camp and La Mesa Spring Valley will be offering special field trips and learning opportunities for students this summer. A program such as this must be operated by a separate entity, such as Project SAFE and may not be included courses in the core instructional program. Legal opinion said Education Code guidelines indicate that fee-based programs have some restrictions. It is helpful to have an independent entity, such as Project SAFE or the Foundation, operate the program.

Administration investigated having the Foundation sponsor the camp but they are not yet established enough to address such a program, and the District would be unable to get an insurance rider.

Dr. Johnson recommended that the District provide a pilot program this summer and if enough interest in generated, transfer coordination to the Foundation or PTA. The program will generate a small amount of revenue and needy students would be provided scholarships through business donations.

Member Ryan is familiar with this type of program and believes that the Alpine School District offers enrichment programs after school in Fine Arts and Spanish. Member Carlisle believes it is a great idea, especially in the area of technology, and we should move forward. President Burns believes it is an outstanding opportunity and is something that Santee has needed for a long while.

Motion: El-Hajj

Second: Carlisle

Vote: 5-0

1.2. Attendance Improvement for 2005-006

Dr. Johnson shared the progress toward the attendance improvement goal of 1% improvement for the 2004-05 school year. All principals provided an action plan and implemented an improvement plan at their schools. Attendance was improved by .42% across the District. Although the District did not meet the 1% goal, seven schools had an increase in attendance and generated approximately \$113,243 in savings on ADA for the District. Dr. Johnson congratulated the schools that had an increase in attendance, Cajon Park, Carlton Oaks, Chet F. Harritt, Hill Creek, Pepper Drive, Rio Seco, and Sycamore Canyon. Dr. Johnson presented a proposal to the Board that these schools receive a monetary incentive totaling 15% of the generated revenue, on a pro-rated basis based on their percentage of improvement and an award of \$500 to the two schools not having improvement to use toward incentives for next year.

Member Bartholomew shared that all schools really made an effort to improve attendance and knows that some schools have specific issues that may impact student attendance. He would like to allocate \$18,000 to share evenly among all of the schools at \$2,000 each. President Burns believes that some schools worked much harder and should be rewarded for their efforts. Attendance improvement has been President Burns' passion and he is glad to see the schools working toward this goal. He believes that the prorated proposal is a fair distribution. Member Bartholomew feels that some schools, specifically Prospect Avenue, have language and communication challenges and other issues that have an effect on their efforts. Member El-Hajj approves of the way it is proposed but knows that some of the incentives can be time consuming and costly. She proposed that CFH, PA and CH each received \$1,000 and the other schools receive their pro-rated amount. Board members agreed with this suggestion. Member El-Hajj moved to approve the proposal to return money that has been generated in the prorated amount presented with the exception of CFH, CH, and PA, each receiving \$1,000, totaling \$18,013.40.

Motion: El-Hajj

Second: Ryan

Vote: 5-0

- 1.3. Consideration to Cancel July 5, 2005 Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Board of Education
Member Ryan asked about the timeline for the signed budget. Mr. Clark reported that the budget will be presented to the Board on June 21 and the District has 45 days to respond.

Motion: Carlisle

Second: El-Hajj

Vote: 5-0

- 1.4. Adoption of Resolution # 0405-55 to Become a Member of the Joint Powers Authority San Diego County Special Education Legal Alliance and Approval of Joint Powers Agreement
Dr. Johnson shared the opportunity available to become a member of the Joint Powers Authority San Diego County Special Education Legal Alliance that would provide legal counsel on precedent setting cases affecting other school districts where requests for special accommodations for students are above and beyond the Free and Appropriate Public Education requirements. Adoption of the resolution and approval of the agreement are required to participate in the Alliance. A committee screens and determines the cases that this alliance would defend. Raydene Wolf, Director of Special Education and Pupil Services, recommends that although Santee has not had a case such as this in the past, more cases are occurring and this would be an insurance policy. She also shared that advocate activity is increasing in East County. The cost to participate in the Alliance is \$.50 per ADA, per year, which is about \$3,250 per year for our District with our current ADA.

Member Carlisle asked if all legal expenses would be covered if a case were assumed by this Alliance. Member Ryan said that she will not support joining this alliance at this time but would like to see it in the context of the budget. She believes that it is a risk. She shared that a North County district that has had a couple of very expensive cases initiated the Alliance. Member Ryan knows the governance structure and the approving committee, and would like to know who would be making the decisions on precedent setting cases. The CSBA legal alliance is similar and we need to investigate how they would assist the District to handle special education cases.

Member Bartholomew does not support joining the Alliance because he feels that parents of special education often feel alone in pursuing an appropriate education for their students and he believes that parents may perceive it as an additional piece of bureaucracy in fighting for their child.

Member El-Hajj asked if the District could join in at a later date. Member Bartholomew asked if recent legislation requiring mediation has lessened the lawsuits against Districts. Dr. Johnson said that mediation does not lessen cases. Dr. Johnson said that administration would investigate Board members' questions, including what assessments may occur to the District if the fund balance was too low to pursue a costly case.

President Burns would approve pulling this item and waiting for the budget review and adoption while administration continues to gather information. It was the consensus of the Board to return the item after the budget for next year is completed. No action was taken.

1.5. Authorization to Bid Student Absence Calling System

Dr. Johnson introduced the request to investigate a student absence calling system from Connect Ed and shared that she attended a demonstration this morning. This type of a system provides many communication opportunities. Dr. Johnson introduced Bev Blaylock, Director of Technology, who shared information about a piggy-back bid with Vista School District. Eight school districts in San Diego County are currently using the system, which began as the PACE system at the County Office. Connect Ed is the largest student calling system available. Mrs. Blaylock would like to seek a more thorough review of the system to see if it is a match for our needs and, if not, go out to bid to other vendors. Those who attended the Connect Ed presentation this morning were very impressed and, as an added feature, this system is fully maintained by the vendor and would not require District staff to maintain it.

Member Ryan asked about its use for attendance and how often it actually connects with a parent. She is concerned that if it does not connect with a parent, they would not know that their child is not at school until they arrive home in the afternoon. Mrs. Blaylock shared that optional numbers and email communication allow for a variety of venues to connect to the parents.

With the approval of the Board, Mrs. Blaylock will investigate a student calling system, seeking bids if needed, and will return to the Board with recommendations and to seek approval to purchase.

Motion: Ryan

Second: Carlisle

Vote: 5-0

Business Services

2.1. Adoption of Resolution #0405-47 to Utilize Federal Title II, Part A Funds for Class Size Reduction
Bill Clark presented the resolution to use Federal Title II, Part A funds to cover the unfunded program costs for Class Size Reduction.

Motion: Ryan

Second: El-Hajj

Vote: 5-0

2.2. Budget Advisory Committee Recommendations

Mr. Clark shared that the District Budget Advisory Committee, at the request of the Board, has provided recommendations to the Board for possible budget reductions totaling nearly \$500,000 for the 2005-06 fiscal year. Mr. Clark asked for Board acceptance of the recommendations. The recommendations will be included in the 2005-06 budget presentation.

Member El-Hajj moved to accept the recommendations and thanked the committee for their hard work.

Motion: El-Hajj

Second: Bartholomew

Vote: 5-0

2.3. AB 825 Designation

Mr. Clark shared that AB 825 places 26 categorical programs into six Block Grants, which provide for a 15% transfer of funds from Block Grant programs which then can be used for any purpose authorized by the program, with certain limitations. This flexibility would allow for the transfer of approximately \$250,000 from Block Grant Funds to other educational programs. It supports the Phase III plan to avoid reductions. Member Carlisle asked if the approval is time sensitive. Mr. Clark said that it is, in order to determine how we plan to use funds for 2005-06 and to provide the budget to the State by the deadline. Member Carlisle asked if we tell the State we are transferring funds, are we obligated if the budget does not require it. Mr. Clark reported that this approval provides for the transfer but if it is not needed it would not have to be done. Member El-Hajj believes that we would want to have the maximum flexibility of funds. Member Ryan asked for clarification on how the transfer dollars would be spent and indicated that the Board needed discussion time regarding all budgetary designations. The expenditures to the general fund will be decided by the Board at a later date when they approve the 2005-06 budget.

Motion: El-Hajj

Second: Bartholomew

Vote: 5-0

- 2.4. Adoption of Resolution #0405-57 Declaring the Santee School District's Intention to Sell the Santee School Site and Establish a Date and Time in Which to Receive and Consider Proposals for the Purchase of the Site. Member Bartholomew would like to discuss in closed session and then discuss and vote in open session. President Burns shared that it could be discussed under Real Property negotiations in closed session. However, later in the meeting, Member Bartholomew shared that he was prepared to vote on this item prior to going into closed session.

Motion: Carlisle

Second: El-Hajj

Vote: 5-0

- 2.5. Authorization for Additional Legal Services with Bowie, Arneson, Wiles & Giannone for the Disposition of Surplus Real Property, Financing, and Facility Issues

Motion: Carlisle

Second: Ryan

Vote: 5-0

Educational Services

- 3.1. Advisory Council for Instruction Junior High/Middle School Consolidation Criteria
Dr. Shaw reported on the recommendations from ACI for junior high/middle school consolidation criteria. Board members shared that the committee did a great job putting the information together.
Member El-Hajj moved to accept the ACI recommendations and extended the gratitude of the Board for their efforts.

Motion: El-Hajj

Second: Carlisle

Vote: 5-0

Human Resources

- 4.1. Approval to Contract with Manpower Temporary Services for Project SAFE Movers
Administration recommends approval to contract with a temporary services vendor for Project SAFE movers because not enough employees applied for the positions and the movers are needed for the Project SAFE summer program.

Motion: El-Hajj

Second: Ryan

Vote: 5-0

President Burns presented a typographical error on the Board agenda, Consent Item E.2.6. should read "Resolution to Approve Resolution #0405-56." Members Bartholomew and Ryan restated the motion and second. The motion stands with the revision of Consent Item E.2.6. to read, "Resolution to Approve Resolution #0405-56."

Motion: Bartholomew

Second: Ryan

Vote: 5-0

G. BOARD POLICIES AND BYLAWS (None)

H. BOARD COMMUNICATION

Member Bartholomew shared that he has been a member of the Board for six months and is thankful for the fantastic staff and for his colleagues, who are all wonderful people.

Member Burns asked Dr. Johnson for an update on the Santee Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament. Dr. Johnson shared current information on the planning and the communication to students and parents about the upcoming event. A flyer is going home with students next week and departments and PTA are working on volunteers and baskets for the golf tournament.

Member Burns shared that he attended the spring festival at Pepper Drive and it was awesome and the number of parents attending this event was unbelievable. The event only lasted for 1 hour and 20 minutes and every student had a part in it. He thanked the Pepper Drive staff for making him feel so welcome.

I. CLOSED SESSION

President Burns 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
Agency Negotiator: Bill Clark, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
5. Public Employee Performance Evaluation
Superintendent

The Board entered closed session at 9:20 p.m.

J. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION/ ADJOURNMENT

The Board reconvened to public session at 11:00 p.m. No action was reported. The June 7, 2005, regular meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Allen Carlisle, Clerk

Lisbeth A. Johnson, Ed.D., Secretary