

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

May 20, 2014  
**MINUTES**

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

**A. OPENING PROCEDURES**

1. Call to Order and Welcome

President Fox called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present:

Ken Fox, President  
Dustin Burns, Vice President  
Barbara Ryan, Clerk  
Elana Levens-Craig, Member  
Dianne El-Hajj, Member

Administration present:

Dr. Cathy Pierce, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board  
Karl Christensen, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services  
Tim Larson, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources/Pupil Services  
Dr. Stephanie Pierce, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services  
Lisa Arreola, Recording Secretary

2. President Fox invited the audience to recite the District Mission and then invited Girl Scout Troop #6091 from Rio Seco School to present the colors and 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 Item D.2.10. amended.

<i>Motion:</i>	<i>Burns</i>	<i>Fox</i>	<u><i>Aye</i></u>	<i>Levens-Craig</i>	<u><i>Aye</i></u>
<i>Second:</i>	<i>Levens-Craig</i>	<i>Burns</i>	<u><i>Aye</i></u>	<i>El-Hajj</i>	<u><i>Aye</i></u>
<i>Vote:</i>	<i>5-0</i>	<i>Ryan</i>	<u><i>Aye</i></u>		

**B. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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

Superintendent Pierce introduced Michael Olander as a new Principal. Mr. Olander comes from Poway Unified School District where he was a principal for the last two years. Mr. Olander shared his excitement on being part of the Santee School District. Board members welcomed Michael as the newest member to the Santee School District family.

2. **Spotlight on Learning: Student Recognition**

Dr. Stephanie Pierce introduced students being recognized in County-level programs: 2014 Greater San Diego County Science and Engineering Fair, 2014 San Diego County Spelling Bee, Outdoor Education Essay Contest, and San Diego County Office of Education Excellence in Prevention. The Board also recognized Santee School District students who participated in the ExploraVision Science Competition, the National Geographic Bee, the Greater San Diego Regional Botball Tournament, and the Spring Sprint Triathlon.

### **2014 Greater San Diego Science and Engineering Fair**

#### 2nd Place Award:

Cole Evans	Cajon Park	Animal Sciences
Trevor Markwell	Cajon Park	Engineering – Electrical & Mechanical
Taylor Stout	Cajon Park	Biochemistry
Ethan Ross	Carlton Hills	Physics and Astronomy
Kacey Tran	Carlton Hills	Chemistry

#### 3rd Place Awards:

Samuel Odenkirk	Cajon Park	Biochemistry
Alina Leholm	Carlton Hills	Environmental Sciences & Management
Xitlalic Vargas	Carlton Hills	Chemistry
Kylee Rebelo	Carlton Hills	Physics and Astronomy

#### 4th Place Award:

Ciera Lochtenfeld	Carlton Hills	Biochemistry
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In addition, the Board of Education commended the following teachers in their support of student participation at the 2014 Greater San Diego County Science and Engineering Fair: Mrs. Allwyn Gazi, Mr. Larry Barbary, Mr. Bruce Jennings, and Ms. Kathryn Ducharme.

### **2014 San Diego County Spelling Bee**

Dylan Seyfarth	Chet F. Harritt
Gracyn Rohlfis	PRIDE Academy

The Board of Education also recognized Mr. Richard Mitchell and Ms. Cindi Schulze for their organization of the Chet F. Harritt and PRIDE Academy Spelling Bees.

### **Outdoor Education Scholarship Contest**

Audrey West, a 5th grade student in Mrs. Stephanie Pannasch's class at Hill Creek School, and Olivia Ley, a 5th grade student in Ms. Krista Rosen's class at Pepper Drive School were recognized for being two of only 15 students throughout the County named contest winners out of over 2,500 essay entries.

### **San Diego County Office of Education Excellence in Prevention Awards**

Lindsey Wagner and David Trulson, from PRIDE Academy, were recognized for having demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities in the Club Live program.

### **ExploraVision Science Competition**

Students in Mr. Jeff Lamb's 6th grade class at Chet F. Harritt School participated in the international ExploraVision science competition. This year, two Chet F. Harritt teams received Honorable Mention which placed them in the top ten percent of all participants. The Board of Education recognized Chloe Yeager, Annika Weaver, Aidan Delong and Jacob Abernathy for their achievement.

### **National Geographic Bee**

Each year thousands of schools in the United States participate in the National Geographic Bee using materials prepared by the National Geographic Society. The Board of Education recognized Trevor Smith, as the Chet F. Harritt winner.

### **Greater San Diego Regional Botball Tournament**

On March 29, 2014, Cajon Park students participated in the Greater San Diego Regional Botball Tournament for the very first time and placed fourth. The Board of Education recognized the following students for their outstanding achievement: Derek Cantor, Rafael Casana, Brandon Harris, Shane Kirk, Cade Marchand, Zackary Stark, William Swanson, and Osiris Taylor.

### **Spring Sprint Triathlon**

Carlton Oaks 3rd and 4th grade students trained with Ms. Angela Panfili since February to participate in a triathlon. Bowen Sanford, Brendan Yost, Caleb Zimmerman, Matthew MacKenzie, Hayden McGregor and Avery Bacon practiced swimming, biking and running on the weekends. The Board recognized Ms. Panfili and the students for completing the Spring Sprint Triathlon.

**3. Spotlight: Community Helping Hands Day**

Karl Christensen recognized the Santee-Lakeside Rotary Club, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Pathways Community Church, and Rise City Church for providing over 200 volunteers to work on various projects at PRIDE Academy, Cajon Park, Carlton Hills, and Hill Creek schools on Community Helping Hands Day - April 26.

**C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION**

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

**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 Fox 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 Expenditure Warrants
- 2.3 Approval/Ratification of Purchase Orders
- 2.4 Approval/Ratification of Revolving Cash Report
- 2.5 Acceptance of Donations
- 2.6 Approval of Consultants and General Service Providers
- 2.7 Renewal of Memorandum of Understanding with Reinterpret for Long-Term Use of Facilities at Cajon Park Annex
- 2.8 Renew Agreement with Rise City Church for Long-Term Use of Facilities at Hill Creek School for the 2014-15 Fiscal Year
- 2.9 Renew Agreement with Victory Baptist Church for Long-Term Use of Facilities at Chet F. Harritt School for the 2014-15
- 2.10 Authorization to Purchase Technology Equipment and Supplies from the CALSAVE Purchasing Cooperative Contract Through the Piggyback Process
- 3.1 Approval of State Preschool Program Annual Report to California Department of Education
- 3.2 Ratification of Nonpublic Agency Master Contract with Maxim Healthcare for Nursing Services
- 3.3 Approval of Nonpublic Agency Master Contract with Excel Home Health for Nursing Services
- 3.4 Approval of Nonpublic School Master Contract with Aseltine School for Nonpublic School Services
- 3.5 Approval of Nonpublic School Master Contract with Excelsior Academy for Nonpublic School Services
- 3.6 Approval of Nonpublic Agency Master Contract with Kaliko Yandall Therapy for Occupational Therapy
- 3.7 Approval of Nonpublic Agency Master Contract with LC Barnes Therapy for Occupational Therapy
- 4.1 Personnel, Regular
- 4.2 Approval of Shared Classroom Teaching Assignments for 2014-15
- 4.3 Approval of Agreement with Kontraband Interdiction and Detection Services, Inc. (K.I.D.S.) for the 2014-2015 School Year
- 4.4 Adoption of Resolution No. 1314-36 Endorsing World No Tobacco Day, May 31, 2014
- 4.5 Approval of Short Term Positions for Year-End and Summer Support
- 4.6 Approval of Title Change for Director of Language Arts and Social Studies

It was moved and seconded to approve Consent Items.

<i>Motion:</i>	<i>Ryan</i>	<i>Fox</i>	<u><i>Aye</i></u>	<i>Levens-Craig</i>	<u><i>Aye</i></u>
<i>Second:</i>	<i>Burns</i>	<i>Burns</i>	<u><i>Aye</i></u>	<i>EI-Hajj</i>	<u><i>Aye</i></u>
<i>Vote:</i>	<i>5-0</i>	<i>Ryan</i>	<u><i>Aye</i></u>		

**E. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS**

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

**2.1 Opening of Bids for the Sale of the Renzulli Property**

President Fox opened the bidding process for the Renzulli Property. Karl Christensen explained he would be opening sealed bids. Upon opening sealed bids, he would ask for oral bids. He clarified an oral bid would only be accepted if it is at least 5% above the highest written bid, the bidder agrees to all terms and conditions set forth in Resolution 13/14-15 and the Purchase and Sale Contract, and the oral bid is reduced to writing and signed by the bidder. Mr. Christensen asked that each person wishing to make an oral bid, step to the podium one at a time and state their name, name of entity for whom they are making bid, and the amount of their bid. He explained each bidder can make more than one oral bid but each time a bid is made, he asked that they step to the podium and restate their name, bidding entity, and bid amount. All bids would be recorded and projected on a screen. Upon completion of the process, he explained the Board would then have the opportunity to 1) accept the highest bid, 2) reject all bids, or 3) postpone action to a reconvened meeting of this meeting to occur within 10 days; where the Board could then accept the highest bid or reject all bids.

Sealed and oral bids were as follows:

<b>Minimum Bid:</b>		<b>3,200,000.00</b>		<b>3,780,000.00</b>		
<b>High Bid:</b>		<b>3,600,000.00</b>		<b>5,275,000.00</b>		
<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Sealed Written Bid</b>	<b>Acceptable?</b>	<b>Highest</b>	<b>Oral Bid</b>	<b>Acceptable?</b>	<b>Highest</b>
Sterk Properties	3,600,000.00	Y	x			
Alegria Capital LLC	3,225,000.00	Y				
Integral Communities	3,200,000.00	Y				
M Grant Real Estate Inc	3,360,000.00	Y				
Quail Investment Group LLC	3,200,000.00	Y				
Alegria Capital LLC				3,780,000.00	Y	
Integral Communities				3,969,000.00	Y	
M Grant Real Estate Inc				4,158,000.00	Y	
Sterk Properties				4,365,900.00	Y	
Integral Communities				4,584,195.00	Y	
Sterk Properties				4,813,405.00	Y	
M Grant Real Estate Inc				5,054,075.25	Y	
Alegria Capital LLC				5,100,000.00	Y	
M Grant Real Estate Inc				5,150,000.00	Y	
Sterk Properties				5,175,000.00	Y	
M Grant Real Estate Inc				5,200,000.00	Y	
Alegria Capital LLC				5,259,000.00	Y	
M Grant Real Estate Inc				5,275,000.00	Y	x

Upon discussion, Member El-Hajj made a motion to accept the highest bid for the Sale of the Renzulli Property from M Grant Real Estate Inc., in the amount of \$5,275,000. Mr. Christensen asked for the highest oral bidder to complete a written bid form and sign off on his bid. The bidder completed and signed the form.

**Motion:** El-Hajj  
**Second:** Ryan  
**Vote:** 5-0

**Fox** Aye  
**Burns** Aye  
**Ryan** Aye

**Levens-Craig** Aye  
**El-Hajj** Aye

## 2.2 Update on Child Nutrition Services Fund and Meal Pricing

Karl Christensen provided the Board with an update of the child nutrition services fund and shared a budget analysis for 2012-13, 2013-14, and 2014-15. He explained the 2012-13 budget is currently being audited and the auditor found that for many years the program operated with a structural surplus resulting in an accumulated fund balance in excess of the USDA's established threshold. USDA requirements stipulate that net cash resources be no more than three months of expenditures. The Child Nutrition Department has been working with the California Department of Education to obtain approval for capital expenditures over \$5,000 in order to spend down the excess. For 2013-14, in response to another USDA requirement for Paid Lunch Entity, the District raised the paid lunch price. In addition, several one-time expenditures were planned to reduce the fund balance below the USDA threshold. Due to the convergence of several factors (salaries/benefits, increase in food costs, etc.), a structural deficit is developing in the Child Nutrition Fund. Current projections indicate an operating deficit of \$270,000 for 2013-14, portending a possible structural deficit of \$70,000. For 2014-15, the operating deficit is projected to be approximately \$188,000. If these projections materialize, the fund balance would be reduced to \$343,000 by the end of 2014-15. However, it is possible that total revenue for 2013-14 and 2014-15 could be higher than projected and total expenditures could be lower. Nonetheless, it is apparent that a structural deficit is imminent absent any corrective action.

Karl Christensen is working with Cathy Abel, Director of Child Nutrition, on a tentative plan to curtail expenditures by analyzing staffing and looking at other areas of the budget. However, a plan is needed to increase revenue. Mr. Christensen mentioned bringing an item to the next meeting asking for an increase in the price of breakfast to \$1.25. He explained the current cost of breakfast is \$1.00. The cost of food is approximately 90 cents; and labor costs are estimated to be about 23 cents per meal.

Member Ryan mentioned there is a proposal in Congress to remove some of the restrictions they placed on school lunches. If the proposal passes, there should be some savings. She shared increasing the price by 25 cents was reasonable. Member Burns expressed preferring to wait a year to analyze and re-evaluate the situation. Member Levens-Craig inquired if the price increase would cover the deficit. Mr. Christensen explained it would not and the revenue would be used in conjunction with other reductions. Member El-Hajj asked for the possibility of reviewing the idea of an increase again in three months. Member Ryan reminded the Board that if the increase was delayed it was possible a higher increase would be needed to cover the deficit. Cathy Abel shared the breakfast prices for neighboring districts.

Member Levens-Craig motioned for a 25 cent increase in the price for breakfast in 2014-15.

<i>Motion:</i>	<i>Levens-Craig</i>	<i>Fox</i>	<u><i>Aye</i></u>	<i>Levens-Craig</i>	<u><i>Aye</i></u>
<i>Second:</i>	<i>Ryan</i>	<i>Burns</i>	<u><i>No</i></u>	<i>El-Hajj</i>	<u><i>No</i></u>
<i>Vote:</i>	<i>3-2</i>	<i>Ryan</i>	<u><i>Aye</i></u>		

## 2.3 Governor's May Revise and State Budget Update

Karl Christensen mentioned the Governor's May Revise had very little change for K-12 education except for the funding of the unfunded liability for CalSTRS, known as shared responsibility. Mr. Christensen made reference to a publication by the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) depicting their forecast for the budget. He stressed this article might be a point of contention and create discussion within Legislature. Mr. Christensen explained the LAO is projecting \$2.2 billion more in revenue than what is in the Governor's budget, most of it coming through Prop 98.

Mr. Christensen shared a STRS Unfunded Liability table showing the Governor's proposed percent increases for the next eight years. Currently, the state contributes 3.04% and would increase to 6.33% in 2016-17. Employees currently pay 8%; it would increase to 8.15% in 2014-15; and continue increasing until reaching a high of 10.20% in 2016-17. Employers currently pay 8.25%. The proposal currently shows an increase in 2014-15 of 1.25%; and increases every year thereafter until reaching 19.10% in 2020-21.

Under the Governor's plan, that would be an increase of \$335,289 to the district. Dropping the reserve to 16.07%. Mr. Christensen explained these projections would be included in the adopted budget. In 2015-16, when the contribution is at 11.10%, the reserve decreases to 10.70%. In 2016-17, the reserve decreases to 5.25%. He noted that if there were no changes, in 2016-17, the reserve would be 9.61%. Mr. Christensen noted this was informational purposes only, and required no action from the Board.

**2.4 Authorization to Utilize the CUPCAAC Informal Bidding Process Deferred Maintenance Projects**

Karl Christensen explained that part of the 2014-15 Adopted Budget included a transfer of \$535,000 to the Deferred Maintenance fund and planned for each subsequent year. A tentative five-year Deferred Maintenance Plan was shared. Mr. Christensen shared the CUPCAAC information bid process was for various sites for fiscal year 2014-15.

Member Levens-Craig moved to motion.

<i>Motion:</i>	<i>Levens-Craig</i>	<i>Fox</i>	<u><i>Aye</i></u>	<i>Levens-Craig</i>	<u><i>Aye</i></u>
<i>Second:</i>	<i>Burns</i>	<i>Burns</i>	<u><i>Aye</i></u>	<i>El-Hajj</i>	<u><i>Aye</i></u>
<i>Vote:</i>	<i>5-0</i>	<i>Ryan</i>	<u><i>Aye</i></u>		

**F. BOARD POLICIES AND BYLAWS**

**1.1 Second Reading: New Board Policy 7214, “General Obligation Bond Financing”**

New Board Policy 7214 General Obligation Bond Financing was presented for a second reading. Member Burns motioned to adopt Board Policy 7214.

<i>Motion:</i>	<i>Burns</i>	<i>Fox</i>	<u><i>Aye</i></u>	<i>Levens-Craig</i>	<u><i>Aye</i></u>
<i>Second:</i>	<i>Ryan</i>	<i>Burns</i>	<u><i>Aye</i></u>	<i>El-Hajj</i>	<u><i>Aye</i></u>
<i>Vote:</i>	<i>5-0</i>	<i>Ryan</i>	<u><i>Aye</i></u>		

**G. BOARD COMMUNICATION AND ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS**

Superintendent Pierce reported another case of whooping cough at Pepper Drive and mentioned proper notification has been provided to parents and staff. Superintendent Pierce shared a copy of the program for the Pepper Drive dedication; and Salute to Excellence for the Board’s review.

The Board was provided a copy of AR 1350 and a discussion was held on draft language for a promotion declaration. Member El-Hajj stressed the promotion declaration be specific to 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotions only.

Member Ryan shared information from the Delegate Assembly. She shared CSBA opposes the change to the Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act (MICRA) Act of 1975. The change would increase medical malpractice awards from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000 and impose costs on school districts. Member Ryan mentioned Delegate Assembly was held on the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Brown vs the Board of Education and one of the students from Little Rock Central High School was present as a guest speaker. Member Ryan shared information on CSBA’s agenda online.

Member Levens-Craig shared she would participating in a webinar by the Legislative Analyst’s Office on the budget. She would be attending a STEAM event and inquiring about afterschool programs. Member Levens-Craig discussed how the district’s Facebook page served as a reference for parents during the fires. She discussed receiving a letter from the Santana PTA referencing the availability of the LCAP and suggested that the district consider using the PTA as a resource to get LCAP information to parents. Member Levens-Craig inquired on obtaining follow-up information on students who undergo expulsion hearings.

Member Burns expressed the Board’s need to make contact with the new city manager via correspondence.

President Fox mentioned being present at almost every school during the staff appreciation week and assisting with serving ice cream sundaes. He also attended the classified employee luncheon at the district compound and shared the staff’s appreciation.

**H. CLOSED SESSION**

President Fox announced that the Board would meet in closed session for:

1. Conference with Labor Negotiator (Gov. Code § 54956.8)  
Purpose: Negotiations  
Agency Negotiators: Tim Larson, Assistant Superintendent  
Karl Christensen, Assistant Superintendent  
Employee Organization: Santee Teachers Association (STA)
2. Conference with Labor Negotiator (Gov. Code § 54956.8)  
Purpose: Negotiations  
Agency Negotiators: Tim Larson, Assistant Superintendent  
Karl Christensen, Assistant Superintendent  
Employee Organization: Classified School Employees Association (CSEA)
3. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Govt. Code § 54956.8)  
Property Addresses:
  - Parcels 383-112-05 and 383-112-28 located on the north side of Prospect Avenue east of Marrokal Lane (known as the Renzulli Site)
  - 10335 Mission Gorge Road, Santee 92071 (formerly known as Santee School Site)Agency Negotiator: Karl Christensen, Assistant Superintendent
4. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Govt. Code § 54957)  
Superintendent

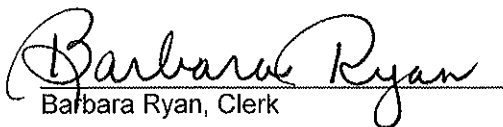
The Board entered closed session at 7:55 p.m.

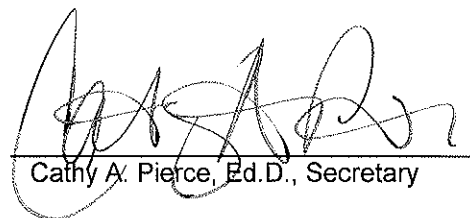
**J. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION**

The Board reconvened to public session at 9:30 p.m. No action was reported.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

The May 20, 2014 regular meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

  
Barbara Ryan, Clerk

  
Cathy A. Pierce, Ed.D., Secretary