

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

September 4, 2012

MINUTES

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

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Call to Order and Welcome
President Bartholomew called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Members present:
 Dan Bartholomew, President
 Dianne El-Hajj, Vice President
 Ken Fox, Clerk
 Dustin Burns, Member
 Barbara Ryan, Member
Administration present:
 Dr. Patrick Shaw, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board
 Karl Christensen, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
 Minnie Malin, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources/Pupil Services
 Dr. Stephanie Pierce, Director, Educational Services
 Linda Vail, Executive Assistant and Recording Secretary
2. President Bartholomew invited Lindsay Benedetto, a fifth grade teacher at Carlton Oaks, 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: Burns Second Fox Vote: 5-0
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B. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. **Superintendent's Report**
 - 1.1. Developer Fees Collection Report
 - 1.2. Use of Facilities Report
 - 1.3. Schedule of Upcoming Events
2. **Report on 2012 CST Data**

Bonner Montler, Assessment Coordinator, provided the Board with a presentation highlighting the growth in levels of proficiency and advanced on the 2012 California Standards Test. District and School API's will be out in early October and at that time Dr. Shaw will bring more information to the Board. All information was delayed this year due to security issues at the high school level. The proficiency reports included all students and Mr. Montler said all schools gave the Board something to be proud of. President Bartholomew said he was amazed by the initial results and recognized the commitment to student achievement by everyone in the District. Member Ryan recognized Kristin Baranski and the Board thanked her for her role in student achievement last year. The Board will send a letter to all employees to acknowledge their efforts.
3. **Bullying Prevention Training**

Bob Kull, Coordinator, shared that student academic success cannot happen unless students come to school ready to learn and feel good about themselves. Mr. Kull shared how Administration plans to strengthen this area of focus. He has reviewed the schools' Caring School Surveys to see where the greatest needs are. Mr. Kull presented information about the bullying prevention trainings that will be provided to staff and students this year. Some specific areas being addressed are the newly adopted Board Policies and Administrative Regulations, Vice Principal training, information available on the Web site, bullying "hot lines," and Canfield Production assemblies. Mr. Kull shared that several schools have bullying "hot lines" in place and he is working with the remaining principals to initiate a hot line for their school by the end of the month. Member Burns recommended Administration coordinate a city-wide bullying prevention forum to give parents tools and resources. He has provided Administration with a website that has information on developing a large gathering involving many agencies in Santee and would like the forum done soon this school year rather than toward the end of the year. President

Bartholomew said the training is very good and he appreciates the focus on cyber bullying. While this is painful at school, home should be a rest. In seeing more cyber bullying, there is no rest for kids. It haunts them everywhere.

President Bartholomew introduced audience members Elana Levens-Craig and Gabriel Pina, both school board candidates for seat #4. He also announced that Dianne El-Hajj was unopposed and will continue serving in seat #2.

C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

President Bartholomew 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 Bartholomew invited comments from the public on any item listed under Consent.

- 1.1. **Approval of Minutes**
- 2.1. **Approval/Ratification of Revolving Cash Report**
- 2.2. **Acceptance of Donations**
- 2.3. **Adoption of Resolution #1213-05 to Certify 2011-12 Gann Limit Appropriations Recalculation and an Estimated Limit for 2012-13.**
- 2.4. **Authorization to File Operations Application of Intent to Participate in the 2012-13 Class Size Reduction (CSR) Program**
- 3.1. **Approval of Ninyo & Moore to Conduct a Geological Evaluation for the Pepper Drive Administration/Learning Resource Center Joint Use Building**
- 4.1. **Approval of Agreement with Sunbelt Staffing for Speech Therapist Services**
- 5.1. **Personnel, Regular**
- 5.2. **Pulled for separate consideration**
- 5.3. **Approval of Readmission of Expelled Students**

It was moved and seconded to approve Consent Items with the exception of Item 5.2. which was pulled by Member Burns for separate consideration.

Motion: Ryan Second El-Hajj Vote: 5-0
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5.2. Granting Tenure to Eligible Certificated Employees (Pulled by Member Burns for separate consideration.)

Minnie Malin shared that Board approval was requested to grant tenure to certificated employees who worked two (2) years as required by Education Code and have demonstrated quality instructional service. These employees are now eligible for tenure after their first day of work in the 2012-2013 school year.

Member Burns believes this item should be considered separately because it is awesome to be able to hire teachers, especially in an era in public education when school districts are under attack because of budget. It is one of the greatest things the Board gets to do; grant tenure to teachers who are changing lives for our students. Member El-Hajj moved to grant tenure to the following employees:

Kristin Bonser	Nicole Najar	Kathryn Judd
Erica Trafaton (Martinez)	Julie Suokko	Heather Fuentes
Kasey Rutherford	Courtney Vaca	Alexa Harper
Rebecca Habich	Kathleen Dubnicka	Kelly Eveland
Lindsay Benedetto	Tamara Hebert	Sunshine Melgoza-Groessler
Larissa Evans	Phelim O'Connell	
Sarah Hackett	Andrea White	

Motion: El-Hajj Second Burns Vote: 5-0
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G. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

1.1. Adoption of Resolution #1213-2 Opposing the Quail Brush Power Plant Project

Speaker Cards:

- *Chris Wahl-an employee of Southwest Strategies and works with Cogentrix: Representing Quail Brush in the absence of Lori Ziebart:* Mr. Wahl confirmed that a letter from the Board was sent to the CEC last Thursday and the Board planned to take action this evening. Dating back to discussions in the spring, he wanted to make sure information was accurately depicted in the

Member Burns asked if the dollars will be transferred back to the Preschool program when Project SAFE builds back a surplus. Mr. Christensen said he would keep track of that and plan to repay the funds. Member Burns would like to have a plan put in place to reimburse YALE. He is fine with it being a future plan because Project SAFE has assisted the District in the past during some difficult times.

Member Burns asked if Project SAFE is closing some sites in order to tighten up staffing ratios. He received an email from a parent saying a school site was closed. Ms. Brasher explained that when the staffing ratio is met, they work to have a waiting list with enough students to fund additional staff.

Ms. Brasher reported that all schools are full except CFH, including the ASES program, and pretty much YALE. There is currently a waiting list at Carlton Oaks for 4 students needing full time child care. Member Burns asked that Project SAFE work to get students in the program whenever possible and if staffing can be moved to accommodate those on the waiting list it would be greatly appreciated.

Mr. Christensen shared the differences in the estimated actuals and unaudited actuals due to some revenue such as PTA , fundraising, and carry overs that cannot be always be accurately estimated. The District also experienced savings in utility costs. There is a greater reserve fund balance than anticipated.

President Bartholomew asked if it is possible to get the financial related items that will be presented at Board meetings to the Board members to review prior to the meeting.

Member Burns asked if there were changes made in direct costs for schools this year. Mr. Christensen said bus costs for field trips increased last year and again this year. The Board requested that they be notified when those types of changes occur so they can address questions that are posed to them.

Member Ryan said it is nice to know we are better off financially than anticipated and definitely better than other districts.

Member Ryan moved to approve the 2011-12 Unaudited Actuals Report, including all required State forms.

Motion: Burns Second Ryan Vote: 4-0 (El-Hajj absent)
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2.2. Adoption of Resolution #1213-03 to Utilize the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act under the Umbrella of the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Commission (CUPCCAC)

Mr. Christensen said at the August 21st meeting the Board was presented with information regarding the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Commission (CUPCCAC) which allows a school district to use alternative bidding procedures for public works projects up to \$175,000. At that meeting, the Board gave direction to move forward to pursue adopting this as an alternative method. The resolution would give formal notification to the State Controller's Office that the District wishes to participate in this program. Participation does not require the District to use this method for any or all public works projects and we could still use formal bidding procedures for projects over \$15,000 as currently required. If the resolution is adopted, a revised Board Policy would be brought forward for Board approval in order to govern the use of this alternative bidding procedure.

Member Burns said he supports this as a cost savings option and moved adopt Resolution #1213-03 to provide the necessary authorization for the District to notify the State Controller's Office of the District's intent to participate and to enact informal bidding requirements to govern the selection of contractors to perform public projects.

Motion: Burns Second Fox Vote: 4-0 (El-Hajj absent)
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Member Ryan asked if the Board would be notified when this process would be used. Mr. Christensen said the revised Board Policy would specify that any time this process was considered, Administration would come to Board with a recommendation and request for approval, so the Board would always need to approve using CUPCCAC.

3.1. California Department of Education, Child Development Division, Preschool Program Family Fee

Dr. Stephanie Pierce reported that as of July 1, the legislature passed a law assessing a family fee for State Preschool. The fee is determined by family size, income, and if the family is paying any other

agency fees. About 30 of the current 72 students will be assessed a fee. Multiple children in a family are assessed only one family fee. These fees were enacted in response to decreased funding for State Preschool and because of the decrease in funding some districts are beginning to eliminate the program. Last year the general fund contributed \$22,000 toward the program, and even with the new fees, there will be a general fund contribution this year. The fees will generate about \$8,000 in income and will incur about \$1,000 in administrative costs to set up the program. Payment options include debit cards and checks. Each family has been notified and understands their responsibility. No students left the program based on the new fees.

Member Burns moved approval. Member El-Hajj is nervous because she remembers the problems associated with collecting fees for bussing and that because of the problems the fees were discontinued. Dr. Pierce said it is not a choice but has been enacted by law so we must collect the fees.

Motion: Burns Second Ryan Vote: 5-0
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4.1. Adoption of Resolution No. 1213-06 to Eliminate Identified Classified Non-Management Positions

Member Ryan moved to adopt resolution no. 1213-06 to eliminate identified classified non-management positions.

Motion: Ryan Second Fox Vote: 5-0
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H. BOARD COMMUNICATION

Member Burns said the first day of school was outstanding. Kids and parents were excited. He was at Carlton Oaks and is concerned about the parking lot at dismissal time. Parents park their cars while waiting for second dismissal. There is no room for emergency vehicles or other parents who might arrive or need to depart. Dr. Pierce said they worked closely with Sheriff's department last year and she is not sure if they are monitoring the procedures set out by the Sheriff's department. Parents do not heed what school staff says, and the Sheriff comes and gives tickets, which makes parents very upset. She will make sure Mrs. Baranski has the information.

Member Ryan asked Karl about his plans to convene the GASB committee. Mr. Christensen said he plans to convene the committee by December.

Board members said the Hill Creek ribbon cutting ceremony was very nice. Each ceremony has been a little different but they are always exciting. It was great seeing kids take their families around the building to see their new classrooms. Member Burns said he noticed an unoccupied science room and would like to see it used, even by a lower grade for science, if it is not being used. Dr. Shaw said that there may be changes and he assured that the science classroom will be utilized.

Member Fox said the dedication was great. Teachers and kids were excited. The Woodshop classroom turned out great.

Dr. Shaw suggested cancelling the September 10th Strategic Planning Leadership Team meeting as there would not be anything new to report at that time. Administration should have the volunteer names by the next Board meeting and they will begin meeting in October. Board members agreed and the meeting will be cancelled.

I. CLOSED SESSION

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

- 1. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release** (Govt. Code § 54957)
- 2. Conference with Real Property Negotiators** (Govt. Code § 54956.8)
Property Address: 10445 Mission Gorge Road, Santee, CA 92071
(Property formerly known as Santee School)
Agency Negotiator: Karl Christensen, Asst. Superintendent, Business Services

The Board entered closed session at 8:48 p.m.

J. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board reconvened to public session at 10:20 p.m. President Bartholomew reported that in closed session, the Board unanimously approved an agreement with ESI International for investigative services.

K. ADJOURNMENT

The September 4, 2012 regular meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Ken Fox, Clerk

Dr. Patrick Shaw, Secretary