

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

October 20, 2015
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
Elana Levens-Craig, Clerk
Dianne El-Hajj, Member
Ken Fox, 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, Executive Assistant and Recording Secretary
2. President Burns invited the audience to recite the District Mission and then invited John Schweller, Coordinator of Pupil Services, 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.

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

Superintendent Pierce reported students and staff of Rio Seco School were safe. She commended the Rio Seco staff for their work in making sure the students were safe, and District Office staff and PTA for their assistance. Superintendent Pierce acknowledged the Santee Fire Department, San Diego HIRT Team, and the Sheriff's Department for their response to the situation and coordination of respected duties. She mentioned the emergency personnel were very complimentary of the Rio Seco and District staff for the manner in which everyone responded to the incident. Member El-Hajj asked if anyone had been hospitalized. Superintendent Pierce explained 77 students and four adults were transported to six hospitals; and all staff and children were released to go home. Member Ryan reported 14 students were transported to Rady Children's Hospital. She mentioned once the students were released, they were gathered in a conference room with a social workers and child life specialist until parents arrived. Member Levens-Craig mentioned she appreciated being kept abreast throughout the day. President Burns expressed his gratitude towards the staff for their hard work and making sure everyone was safe. He asked that after debriefing, Administration share and address the areas of concern and/or need for improvement.

B. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

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

2. Spotlight: Student Well Being – Pupil Services Presentation

Tim Larson, Assistant Superintendent, mentioned staff would present on highlights from the Pupil Services Department. Meredith Riffel, Collaborative Coordinator, provided an overview of the current grant and projects; military student support; Tobacco Use Prevention and Education (TUPE); and homeless services. Ms. Riffel mentioned the Santee Collaborative projects for 2015-16 include ongoing discussion on addressing family homelessness; career preparation for youth, cultural competency panel discussions, mental health assistance, and parent education.

John Schweller, Pupil Services Coordinator, discussed being able to be part of a pilot in a program created by Dr. Ian Martin, a professor at University of San Diego, called *True Goals* at PRIDE, Student Success Program, Rio Seco, Cajon Park, and Sycamore Canyon. He provided an update on the number of administrative reviews/expulsions, and discipline/attendance data. Mr. Schweller provided an overview of county and local committee participation, and the Santee Success Program (SSP).

Mr. Schweller mentioned Santee Success students were given the StrengthsQuest assessment. Grover Everett, SSP student, was present to share his experience with the StrengthsQuest assessment. He mentioned the assessment assisted him in discovering his strengths and applying them in school. Mr. Schweller commended Ms. Steen, SSP teacher, for addressing the student's strengths during class discussions and instruction.

The Board expressed their gratitude towards staff for their hard work in assisting students and the community.

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. CONSENT ITEMS

President Burns 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. **Acceptance of Donations**
- 2.5. **Approval of Consultants and General Service Providers**
- 2.6. **Award of Bid for Locker Building Removal/Demolition at Sycamore Canyon School**
- 2.7. **Agreement with California Conservation Corps for Relamping District Facilities**
- 2.8. **Authorization to Use the CUPCCAC Bidding Process to Solicit informal Bids for Installation of Certain Improvements at the Chet F. Harritt Ballfields**
- 2.9. **Agreement For Promissory Note Interest Calculation with M. Grant Real Estate Inc.**
- 3.1. **Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Between Santee School District's After School Education and Safety Program (ASES) and San Diego County Superintendent of Schools for Fiscal Year 2015-2016**
- 4.1. **Personnel, Regular**
- 4.2. **Adoption of Resolution No. #1516-10 to Eliminate Vacant Identified Classified Non-Management Positions**
- 4.3. **Approval of Santee Collaborative Reinvestment Plan for the Use of LEA Medi-Cal Funds**
- 4.4. **Approval of Influenza Vaccine Administration Program Agreement**
- 4.5. **Adoption of Proclamation Endorsing Drug Awareness Week, October 23 – 31, 2015**
- 4.6. **Approval of Interagency Agreement with San Diego Unified School District to Provide Access to the STEPS Program**
- 4.7. **Approval of Short Term Positions**

Member Ryan inquired on the budget for the Santee Collaborative. Ms. Riffel explained the budget being presented for approval was only the District's portion; and other funding was available through other sources. Member Ryan moved approval.

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

E. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

President Burns invited comments from the public on any item listed under Discussion and/or Action.

Business Services

1.1. Consideration for Award of Bid for Playground Equipment Relocation at Hill Creek

Mr. Christensen, Assistant Superintendent, shared that in response to a neighbor complaint, the Board requested that Administration obtain informal bids to obtain pricing for relocating part of the play structure at Hill Creek. He explained informal bids were solicited with a base bid for relocating the play structure and three additive alternates. Mr. Christensen mentioned Administration is seeking direction on whether to proceed with awarding a bid, and if so, for which components. A picture of the school was projected to show an orientation of the area being discussed.

Upon discussion, it was the Board's consensus for moving forward with the Base Bid of \$27,093 for the removal and relocation of existing: swings (4) play equipment area expansion/relocation; and Alternate 1: additional swings (2) for \$5,014; a total of \$32,107. Member Fox moved approval.

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

1.2. Resolution 1516-08 Urging Immediate Action by the Governor and Legislature to Protect Local Control Funding Formula Funds from Being Diverted to Pay for Escalating Electricity Costs

Karl Christensen, mentioned the District was one of 37 other San Diego school districts and the San Diego County Office of Education in a coalition to address the electricity rate shock issue school districts are experiencing. He explained coalition members have been asked to consider adopting a resolution urging immediate action by the Governor and Legislature to protect Local Control Funding Formula Funds from being diverted to pay for escalating electricity costs and sending it with a letter to local legislators and members of the Senate and Assembly subcommittees for energy and public utilities. Mr. Christensen mentioned the resolution outlines the problem and proposes various legislative solutions. Member Ryan asked that the letter come the Board president. Member El-Hajj moved approval.

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

Human Resources/Pupil Services

2.1. School Calendar for 2016-2017

Tim Larson, Assistant Superintendent, opened discussion on the development of the 2016-17 school calendar. Member Ryan inquired on the first day of school. Mr. Larson explained the start date was expected to be at the end of August. Member Burns recalled the Board's discussion on moving the parent conferences earlier in the year to allow them to serve as a goal setting conference; and asked that the conferences be established in the best interest of the students and their families. Member Levens-Craig inquired on spring break. Mr. Larson explained Good Friday is typically in the middle of spring break. Easter is in April 2016. The Board asked that the calendar align as much as possible with Grossmont Union High School District while making sure

it was in the best interest of our students. Mr. Larson shared following the Calendar Committee meeting, a proposed calendar will return to the Board for approval.

F. BOARD COMMUNICATION AND ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

Superintendent Pierce requested the Board form a subcommittee to discuss Board Advisory Committees and develop a more refined and streamlined application process, review current Board policy, and provide Administration direction on the appointing members to serve on committees. She mentioned that at the last meeting, the Board approved the appointment of applicant's first and second choice. She mentioned parents had been notified of their appointment to their first committee of choice. Members Ryan and Fox agreed to participate on the subcommittee.

President Burns made reference to the upcoming Pepper Drive joint-use field dedication ceremony and acknowledged the new date for the LCAP Annual Review.

Member Levens-Craig inquired on the establishment of legislative goals for 2016. Superintendent Pierce mentioned legislative goals would be brought forth at the November 3 meeting. Member Levens-Craig inquired on getting together with the Board during the CSBA Conference in December. Board decided to meet on Thursday, December 3.

Member Ryan made reference to a webcast from San Diego Unified taking place on Wednesday, October 21 at 1:00 p.m. She mentioned San Diego Unified established a spreadsheet that allows you to enter your District's financial information and the spreadsheet develops what it assumes to be the amount the District needs to provide a basic education. She mentioned it would be interesting to see Santee School District's projected results. Superintendent Pierce mentioned Mr. Christensen had offered some comments to San Diego Unified regarding its functionalities. Mr. Christensen explained San Diego Unified asked five CBO to look at the initial draft and provide comments. He mentioned the CBOs agreed the spreadsheet was a good start but it was missing components (i.e., special education, facilities, instructional materials, etc.).

Member Levens-Craig mentioned it was great attending the Salute to Teachers event and seeing a lot of staff support for our District nominee, Stacy Roberts. She mentioned the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting was well-attended and shared parents were very complimentary of the special education services the District provides to their children.

Member El-Hajj mentioned attending the budget advisory committee and commended Mr. Christensen for providing a great presentation. Member El-Hajj shared the Wellness Committee was well attended and shared their excitement about the allocated funds and upcoming plans.

G. CLOSED SESSION

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

1. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Gov't Code § 54957)
2. Conference with Labor Negotiator (Gov't Code § 54957.6)
*Agency Negotiators: Karl Christensen, Assistant Superintendent; and
Tim Larson, Assistant Superintendent*
Employee Organization: Santee Teachers Association
3. Conference with Labor Negotiator (Gov't Code § 54957.6)
*Agency Negotiators: Karl Christensen, Assistant Superintendent; and
Tim Larson, Assistant Superintendent*
Employee Organization: Classified School Employees Association
4. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Gov't Code § 54956.8)
Property:
 - *Parcels 383-112-05 and 383-112-28 located on the north side of Prospect Avenue east of Marrokal Lane (known as Renzulli site)*
 - *10335 Mission Gorge Road, Santee 92071 (formerly known as Santee School Site)**Agency Negotiator: Karl Christensen, Assistant Superintendent*
5. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Gov't Section § 54957)
Superintendent

The Board entered closed session at 8:03 p.m.

H. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board reconvened to public session at 9:45 p.m. No action was reported.

I. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the regular meeting of October 20, 2015 adjourned at 9:45 p.m.


Elana Levens-Craig, Clerk


Cathy A. Pierce, Ed.D., Secretary