

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

October 21, 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

Lisa Arreola, Recording Secretary

2. President Fox invited the audience to recite the District Mission and then invited Cathy Abel, Director of Child Nutrition, 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:** *El-Hajj*

**Vote:** *5-0*

<i>Fox</i>	<u><i>Aye</i></u>	<i>Levens-Craig</i>	<u><i>Aye</i></u>
<i>Burns</i>	<u><i>Aye</i></u>	<i>El-Hajj</i>	<u><i>Aye</i></u>
<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 Report
  - 1.3. Enrollment Report
  - 1.4. Schedule of Upcoming Events

2. Live Well San Diego

Marie Brown-Mercadel, San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency Deputy Director presented the District with a proclamation on behalf of the Board of Supervisors for being key collaborative partners. Ms. Brown-Mercandell shared partnering with school districts provides an opportunity to reach children and families throughout San Diego County and sharing best practices and programs that support healthy, safe and thriving students, teachers and families through updated wellness programs, farm-to-cafeteria programs, school gardens, safe routes to schools, disaster preparedness and environmentally conscious buildings.

3. Wellness Policy Update

Karl Christensen, Assistant Superintendent, shared the District's wellness policy was first adopted eight years ago and continues to be refined and monitored as new regulations and requirements are enacted. He mentioned Cathy Abel and John Schweller would be providing the Board with an update on the wellness policy. Ms. Abel would provide some background on the wellness policy, including some of the overarching goals of the policy, and an update on changes to compliant

food requirements. Mr. Schweller would provide an update on Physical Education, and what the District is currently doing, and areas the District may need to consider for the future.

Ms. Abel explained all meals offered by the District's nutrition program are required to meet legal requirements for participation in the National School Meal Programs (NSMP). She shared prior to the new regulations, SB 12 and SB 965 allowed compliant food and beverages to be sold on campus 30 minutes before school to 30 minutes after school. Snacks and beverages served during the school day and in after-school care and enrichment programs also fall under the provisions of SB 12 and SB 965. Rewards, celebrations, or school sponsored activities that include non-compliant food is be limited to once per month; and required class/birthday celebrations to only be planned after lunch. During the school day, only one student organization is allowed to sell up to three food or beverage items per day upon approval of the Governing Board. Such foods and beverages cannot be prepared on campus and cannot be the same as items sold in the food service program that day at that school. On no more than four days during the year, any number of student organizations may sell compliant food and beverages.

Ms. Abel shared the Child Nutrition Department shall continue to seek creative ways, such as staggered lunches, "play first", and creative vending to help eliminate long waits in line, therefore allowing students adequate time to eat, engage in physical activity, and socialize during their lunch period.

She shared nutritional/health education goals include:

- Students in pre K-8 grades will receive nutrition education that provides the knowledge they need to adopt healthy lifestyles;
- Nutrition Education will be integrated into curricular areas and will include developmentally appropriate, participatory activities;
- Promote fruits, vegetables, whole grain products, proteins, low-fat, low-glycemic, and low-fat and fat-free dairy products, healthy food preparation methods, and health-enhancing nutrition practices including water consumption and vitamins and minerals;
- Provide a balance between food intake and energy expenditure (physical activity/exercise); links with school meal programs, other school foods, and nutrition-related community services; teaches media literacy with an emphasis on food marketing.
- Training for teachers, staff and parents/guardians;
- Provide parents/guardians nutritional information to support a healthy lifestyle.

It is recommended that elementary school students have a daily supervised recess, preferably outdoors, during which schools would encourage physical activity. The District currently investigates extracurricular physical activity programs, such as physical activity clubs or intramural programs and the Wellness Committee researches activities that meet the needs, interests, and abilities of all students. The focus of the Wellness Committee for 2014-15 includes meeting the new compliant food requirements and continuing with physical education during the school day and after school.

Ms. Abel discussed the new compliance requirements under AB 626, are effective from midnight before to 30 minutes after the school day.

- 200 Calories (a decrease from 250)
- 35% calories from fat and 10% from sat fat & 35% sugar by weight
- Must meet trans-fat and sodium standards
- Have fruit, vegetable, dairy, protein, or whole grain as the first ingredient or have 10% daily value of calcium or potassium or Vitamin D or dietary fiber.
- Fruit-based drinks with no less than 50% fruit juice, no added sweeteners and not bigger than 12 fl. oz.
- Vegetable-based drinks with no less than 50% vegetable juice, no added sweeteners and not bigger than 12 fl. oz.
- Drinking water with no added sweeteners
- Milk – Cow's or goat's 1% fat (unflavored), nonfat (flavored, unflavored)
  - Contain Vitamin A & D
  - Contains more than 25% of the calcium DV per 8 fl. oz.

- No more than 28 grams of total sugar per 8 fl. oz.
- Not bigger than 12fl oz.
- Non-Dairy milk:
  - Nutritionally equivalent to milk
  - No more than 28 grams of total sugar per 8 fl. oz.
  - No more than 5 grams of fat per 8 fl. oz.
  - Not bigger than 12fl oz.

Mr. Schweller discussed the required number of physical education minutes. He shared the District is required to provide a minimum of 200 minutes of physical education every 10 days. He explained the District currently meets this requirement in grades K-6 and exceeds this requirement in grades 7-8. Mr. Schweller showed a video of students partaking in physical education activities.

Mr. Schweller shared the District currently participates in special programs such as Jump Rope for Heart, Punt, Pass and Kick – NFL Play 60, FitnessGram/Presidential Physical Fitness Testing, etc. Some of the sample PE activities include basketball, football, softball, mile run, exercise videos, relay races, soccer, etc.

Physical considerations based on best practices include:

- Certificated PE Teacher at each District School Site
- Teachers attend PE professional development activities for a minimum of 6 hours annually
- Students engage in moderate to vigorous physical activity at least 50% of PE class time
- All students K-8 get 300 minutes minimum of PE every 2 weeks
- Students assessed in mastery of skills and content in PE and results reported on report card each term

He explained the wellness committee's action for PE include:

- Cost analysis of the SPARK Program equipment vs. PE specialist at every school
- Professional Development - visits to schools in Orange and San Diego Counties to observe best practices
- Becoming a *Live Well* partner with Live Well San Diego
- Fit Friendly Worksite - American Heart Association
- Continue to further explore physical education best practices

Member Ryan commended Mrs. Abel and Mr. Schweller for their presentation and their hard work. Member Levens-Craig shared her excitement on seeing implementation of physical education at the elementary level and the creativity in making PE enjoyable for students.

Member Burns inquired if any items would no longer be allowed due to the new guidelines. Mrs. Abel mentioned the majority of the vendors were being creative in the development of their products and very few items were being eliminated.

Member El-Hajj inquired on the impact on the new before/after-school regulations on the District's breakfast program. Mrs. Abel clarified these regulations only apply to items sold outside the National School Meal Program.

### **C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION**

President Fox invited members of the audience to address the Board about any item not on the agenda. There were two request to speak cards submitted. President Fox clarified Scott McKinney would not speak but would allot his speaking time to Teresa VanDevere, if needed.

Teresa VanDevere, parent of a 4<sup>th</sup> grade student, shared attending the iPad distribution orientation at Pepper Drive. Ms. VanDevere shared some concerns that arose from the orientation. She mentioned one of her concerns was equity. Ms. VanDevere mentioned the Principal stressed the school required 80% parent participation before the iPads would be distributed. She explained this would limit students whose parents did not sign the agreement in

receiving the same education as others and believes this is in violation of Brown vs. the Board of Education.

Ms. VanDevere shared research showed various negative effects (i.e., behavioral issues) on children under 12 using iPads. She also mentioned her concern on proper equipment to support usage of the new technology, such as proper seating, desk and seat adjustment, etc. to prevent injuries. Additionally, Ms. VanDevere shared her concern on the amount of time the children use the iPads. She asked that the Board look into her concerns of segregation, equal access, and safety before iPads are distributed to the students.

President Fox thanked Ms. VanDevere for bringing her concerns before the Board of Education.

**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. **Approval of Agreement with George Mercer Associates, Inc. for Landscape Design Services for a Grass Field at Pepper Drive School**
- 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 2014-2015**
- 3.2. **Ratification of Amended Nonpublic School Master Contract with Aseltine School for Nonpublic School Services**
- 4.1. **Personnel, Regular**
- 4.2. **Adoption of Resolutions Authorizing Teacher Services – Education Code Sections 44256(b), 44258.2, and 44263**
- 4.3. **Adoption of Proclamation Endorsing Drug Awareness Week, October 23 – 31, 2014**
- 4.4. **Approval of Short Term Positions**
- 4.5. **Approval to Increase Work Hours for Identified Classified Non-Management Position**

Member Burns clarified the Item 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 2014-2015 posed no conflict of interest with his employment at the County Office of Education. He moved approval of Consent Items.

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

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

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

**1.1. Superintendent's Contract**

It was moved and seconded to approve the Superintendent's contract as presented.

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

**2.1. Agreement for Joint Use Partnership with Lakeside AYSO for Development Use of Pepper Drive School Field**

Mr. Christensen explained the Board was provided a draft of a Joint Use Agreement with Lakeside AYSO for constructing and using a new grass field at Pepper Drive at the last meeting. The Board provided direction on a few changes to the agreement and the revised agreement was presented. Mr. Christensen shared the revised agreement had been sent to Jim Schilling, the Lakeside AYSO president. Since Mr. Schilling had not responded to the revised agreement, it was being presented for informational purposes only.

He explained the some of the revisions included usage must benefit students attending District schools, coordinating the use of the field through the Santee Sports Council, and giving the District the right to impose reasonable restrictions on the use of the field. After obtaining any additional feedback from the Board and confirming Lakeside AYSO's concurrence with the final draft, the agreement would be brought back for Board action at the November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Member Ryan asked if the Sports Council was in agreement with the changes and suggested that the Sports Council be named as a third-party on the agreement. Mr. Christensen mentioned he would inquire with legal counsel on the legality of adding the Sports Council as part of the agreement.

**3.1. School Calendar for 2015-16**

Tim Larson, Assistant Superintendent, opened discussion on the development of the 2015-16 school calendar. Member Burns recalled the Board's discussion on moving the parent conferences earlier in the year for them to serve as a goal setting conference. The Board asked that the calendar align with Grossmont Union High School District's as much as possible while making sure it was in the best interest of our students. Member Burns shared past issues with promotion conflicting with Santana and West Hills High Schools and asked that the District avoid that conflict. Mr. Larson shared following the Calendar Committee meeting, a proposed calendar will return to the Board for approval.

**F. BOARD POLICIES AND BYLAWS**

**1.1. First Reading: Revised BP 1113 – District and School Websites**

Board Policy 1113 – District and School Websites was presented to the Board of Education as a First Reading. No action was taken. Board Policy 1113 – District and School Websites will return for a second reading and request for adoption.

**G. BOARD COMMUNICATION**

Superintendent Pierce shared a copy of the November 10 professional development day schedule. She mentioned the professional development was tailored by subject area and grade span levels, affording teachers great opportunities for collaboration.

Mr. Larson shared the annual mandated employee trainings on: Child Abuse, Safety in the Workplace, Sexual Harassment, Dispensing Medication, Student Accident Reports, Student Wellness, and Blood Borne Pathogens are now available online using Safari Montage. Quizzes that go with the training will be conducted on Edmodo. He shared staff has been very complimentary about this new process.

Member Ryan asked if the District had any additional information on the new bill requiring school districts to provide sick leave to substitute teachers. Mr. Christensen mentioned discussion has been held at various meetings he had attended. He mentioned one concern was not being able to track substitutes' time at other districts. The current payroll system is not conducive to tracking that data. However, the new PeopleSoft system will have that capability. Member Burns mentioned the California Teachers Association has stressed their concern about it not being the business of a district if they are subbing at another district. They feel it is a violation of their privacy to have Districts share when they call in sick or are out for any other personal matter. Member Ryan shared legislation should be passed to make school districts exempt.

Member Ryan mentioned attending a meeting and hearing a presentation on the San Diego County Report Card on Children and Families. Member Ryan mentioned the data was presented for a specific school district and broken down by specific indicator. Member Ryan suggested the District obtain a copy of the District's data as this it would be very beneficial.

Member Levens-Craig shared the Salute to Teachers event was very exciting. She shared her presentation at the Chamber of Commerce meeting on what elementary schools are doing to prepare students to be college and career ready was very successful. Member Levens-Craig shared pictures of Chet F. Harritt students on their field trip to Qualcomm's Thinkabit Lab and the different projects students were able to create.

Member Burns shared attending the Character Education committee meeting. He mentioned one of the questions that arose at the meeting was the charge of the committee. Member Burns suggested that the Board discuss what the charge of the committees will be prior to holding the meeting. Member Levens-Craig agreed each committee should be made aware what is expected of them. Member Burns suggested the committee members should receive an email on behalf of the Board and Superintendent thanking them for their participation and detailing the committee's charge for the year, the expected end result, and how they correlate to the District's mission and strategic plan.

#### H. CLOSED SESSION

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

1. 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*
2. 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*
3. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation (Gov't Code § 54956.9)
  - Two Cases
    - *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)*
4. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Govt Section § 54957)  
Superintendent

The Board entered closed session at 8:30 p.m.

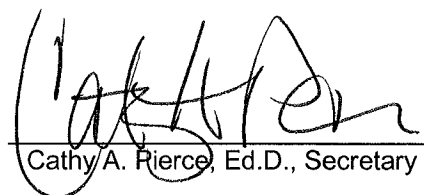
#### I. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board reconvened to public session at 10:00 p.m. No action was reported.

#### J. ADJOURNMENT

The October 21, 2014 regular meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

  
Barbara Ryan, Clerk

  
Cathy A. Pierce, Ed.D., Secretary