

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

November 17, 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 Hannah Fields and Katie Vick, Cajon Park teachers, 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> <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>	

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. Claims Against the District
 - 1.5. Schedule of Upcoming Events

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.

Taylor Wood, a representative from Senator Anderson's Office, extended an invitation to Senator Anderson's Holiday Legislative Open House, on December 10, at 6:00 p.m.

Donna Provost, Hill Creek area resident, shared her dissatisfaction with the Board's decision to reposition the playground equipment at Hill Creek. Mrs. Provost asked the Board to rescind their decision to move the playground.

Greg Mattingly, Hill Creek area resident, shared his discontent on the Board's decision to allocate \$32,000 to relocate the swings at Hill Creek. He asked the Board to rescind their decision to move the playground and use the funds towards education.

Amanda Nelson, Hill Creek resident, shared being an art docent at Hill Creek and only receiving twenty-one cents per student to use towards the art program. She mentioned the money being used for the

relocation of the playground could be used towards the art program throughout the District. Ms. Nelson asked that the Board rescind their decision to move the playground.

Cara Cadwell, Hill Creek resident, inquired if the funds being allocated to move the playground equipment at Hill Creek were coming from the site and/or District. She mentioned other things could be done with the amount being spend on the relocation. Ms. Cadwell shared AYSO and the Out-of-School Time programs also use the facilities and did not think the relocation of the playground would solve the problem.

Danelle Cheary, Hill Creek resident, shared her son had participated in the student forum with the Board and mentioned the funds being used to relocate the playground could be used towards electives. She asked the Board to look at other alternatives.

Stefanie Hodges, Hill Creek resident, shared moving the swings would not solve the current issue and suggested the funds be used towards educational programs. She asked that the Board rescind their decision to move the playground.

President Burns, mentioned Deferred Maintenance funds were being used to relocate the playground and not the District's general fund. He explained the Deferred Maintenance funds were specific to facility maintenance and could not be used towards school supplies. President Burns mentioned the item was discussed at prior meetings and a sub-committee was formed to address the issue and safety factors were considered. Member El-Hajj reiterated the information was discussed multiple times at prior meetings and that the deferred maintenance funds could not be spend on educational supplies. President Burns explained a lot of thought was given before making a decision and the District followed the required bidding process guidelines. He stressed the importance of community input and expressed his gratitude towards the citizens for being present and voicing their opinions and concerns.

D. CONSENT ITEMS

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

- 1.1. Approval of Minutes
- 1.2. Establish Date and Time of the Board of Education Annual Organizational Meeting
- 1.3. Approval to Omit the January 5, 2016 Board of Education Meeting from the 2016 Board Meeting Calendar
- 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 to Submit Application for PL 81-874 and Designation of Authorized Representative
- 2.8. Award of Informal Bid through the CUPCCAC Process for District Office Reflooring Project
- 3.1. Approval of Nonpublic School Master Contract with NewBridge School for Nonpublic School Services
- 4.1. Personnel, Regular
- 4.2. Acceptance of Report on Certificated Credentials and Assignments
- 4.3. Approval of Short Term Positions
- 4.4. Approval to Increase Work Year for Director of Special Education
- 4.5. Approval of Appointment of Director of Transportation

President Burns mentioned there was an error on Item D.1.1. Approval of Minutes and a corrected copy had been provided to the Board. Member Ryan motion approval with noted correction.

<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>Not Present</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

1.1. Opening of Bids for Sale of the Former Santee School Site Property

Karl Christensen explained that on December 2, 2003, the Board declared the 13.21 acre former Santee School site property on Mission Gorge Avenue as surplus. On October 6, 2015, the Board adopted Resolution 1516-07 Intent To Sell Surplus Property with a minimum bid requirement of \$8.5 million. On October 15, 2015, the District began to advertise for public bids to be submitted for purchasing the surplus property. Ads were placed in the Union Tribune, Orange County Register, and Los Angeles Times for three consecutive weeks. Bid packages were also sent to parties who expressed interest directly to the District and to a list of real estate agents. Bidders were given until 4:00pm on November 16, 2015 to submit sealed written bids using the bid form provided by the District. Mr. Christensen explained the bid process and mentioned the Board's options were to accept the highest bid; reject all bids; or postpone action to an adjourned session of this meeting to be held within ten days. He noted the District had received one sealed bid.

Mr. Christensen opened the sealed bid from Shea Properties and mentioned it was for \$8,630,000. President Burns closed the sealed bids process and proceeded to open the oral bid process. Mr. Christensen asked if there was anyone in the public wishing to make an oral bid. If so, the minimum oral bid would have to be \$9,061,500. There were no oral bids. President Burns closed the oral bid process.

Upon discussion, there was consensus to reject the bid from Shea Properties. Member Fox moved approval to reject the bid from Shea Properties and asked that the item be brought back to the subsequent meeting for direction on next steps.

<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. Emergency and Transportation Radio Communication System Replacement Plan

Karl Christensen mentioned Administration is recommending the District transition to the Fisher Wireless Systems for both internal emergency and transportation radio communications and keep four radios on Radio Communication System (RCS); in order to maintain emergency communication with first responder agencies. He explained the District's current radio system is governed by an agreement with the County of San Diego for use of the RCS and the agreement expires March 31, 2016. Since the cost for signing onto the successor agreement with the County of San Diego is over \$300,000, staff explored less costly alternatives. He explained Cajon Valley Union and Grossmont Union School Districts have both transitioned to Fisher Wireless and the system has proven to be successful. Mr. Christensen made reference to a quote from DAY Wireless Systems for the purchase, programming, and installation of the new radios along with information that enumerates the one-time and on-going costs for the recommended plan as compared with staying entirely on the RCS system. The RCS radios would be deployed to the Superintendent's Office, Business Services, Educational Resource Center, and Transportation Director. The twenty handheld Fisher Wireless radios would be provided to each school site and various departments throughout the District. Additionally, there would be 21 radios installed on the District busses and one base station installed in the Transportation office.

Member El-Hajj inquired on the number of years neighboring districts had used the system and if it had been proven successful. Debbie Griffin, Director of Transportation, mentioned Grossmont Union had been using the system for two years and Cajon Valley for one year. Mrs. Griffin mentioned both districts ran into glitches the beginning but overall were very happy with the transition to the new system. Member El-Hajj expressed her concern on the cost. Mr. Christensen explained the plan originally included a high upfront cost and lower payments. However, now the upfront cost is lower and the monthly payments are higher. Member Ryan shared the importance of having the proper equipment for the District. President Burns mentioned safety for students and staff is high priority and supported the transition. 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>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>		

Superintendent

2.1. California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly Call for Nominations

Member Ryan mentioned the majority of the nominees were incumbents and since the deadline for nominations is in January, she recommended that the item be brought back to the next meeting for discussion. No action was taken.

F. BOARD POLICIES AND BYLAWS

1.1. Review of BP/AR 1325 – Distribution of Advertising and Promotion for Organization Outside Santee School District

President Burns mentioned review of Board Policy (BP) and Administrative Regulation (AR) 1325 had been placed on the agenda at the request of a community member. Mark Robak, Heartland District Chair for the Boy Scouts, mentioned he was present to address BP/AR 1325. Mr. Robak mentioned that in 2008, the Board took action to adopt the policy which included the Boy Scouts at a Level 2 organization; which did not permit information to be distributed to students. Mr. Robak mentioned he did not understand why the Boy Scouts were not defined as Level 1 (local community organization and official long-standing non-profit organization) as they preceded the YMCA, Boys & Girls Club, etc. Mr. Robak mentioned prior to the policy being revised, the Boy Scout flyers were allowed to be distributed to students. Since then, student participation has decreased. Mr. Robak asked that the Board consider placing the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts as Level 1 organizations. His presentation ended with a video showing a Santee student being awarded the National Eagle Project of the Year for his work in helping foster youth.

President Burns extended his gratitude towards Mr. Robak for his presentation and inquired on questions from the Board. President Burns recalled the policy had been revised based on input from school administration and teachers. They were concerned that important documents were being missed by parents because of the abundance of material going home with students. Member El-Hajj recalled the process was overwhelming for the school sites and the policy was revised to be more efficient. She mentioned organizations were placed on a particular level based on their activities, community events, and/or longstanding relationships with the students; and she did not recall why Boy Scouts was classified as a Level 2 organization. Member Ryan noted there was not a correlation between the policy and administrative regulation regarding the different levels.

President Burns suggested getting input from the sites before any changes were made; as the original changes originated from their input. Member Levens-Craig mentioned her preference would be that the input process be on a short timeline; as this would afford students with an opportunity to participate. Mr. Robak mentioned recruitment takes place in the Fall and Spring. President Burns mentioned asked Administration to inquire on the legality of only disseminating flyers only to a particular gender. Member Fox mentioned the Sports Council also had a long-term relationship with the District and they are also considered a Level 2. Member Levens-Craig mentioned AYSO has partnered with the Santee School District Foundation and they are allowed to send flyers home with students; with an agreement that part of their registration proceeds are donated back to the Foundation.

The Board agreed additional research and discussion was required before making any decisions. President Burns mentioned Administration would work with schools sites for feedback and bring back suggestions in early Spring for the Board to review. He mentioned Mr. Robak would be notified which meeting the item would be discussed. Superintendent Pierce asked that the Board establish a sub-committee to assist with the process. Members Levens-Craig and El-Hajj volunteered to assist with the process. President Burns asked the committee to make sure and include feedback from the schools and take into consideration all of the other organizations that would meet the same criteria. No action was taken.

G. BOARD COMMUNICATION AND ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

President Burns reminded the Board of the California School Boards Association conference and their scheduled networking session with Cabinet. Member Levens-Craig mentioned she would be unable to attend as she saw the attendance to the CSBA conference as an opportunity to network with other school

board members. President Burns shared it was long standing tradition for the Board and Cabinet to meet during the local CSBA conference and asked Member Levens-Craig to reconsider.

Superintendent Pierce inquired on setting up a meeting with Senator Anderson to discuss legislative goals. The Board asked that a meeting be scheduled with Senator Anderson.

President Burns shared the proposed date for the next student forum with the Board was May 3, 2016. He also reminded the Board and Cabinet the white elephant gift tradition would continue at the next meeting.

Member Ryan mentioned CSBA in the process of developing a focus on legislative goals for the year asked Delegate Assembly members to submit suggestions. The Board reviewed the District's legislative goals and made recommendations. Member Ryan mentioned she would take their feedback to CSBA's Delegate Assembly.

Member Levens-Craig mentioned she had forwarded notes from a webinar on teacher shortages. The webinar discussed way to attract individuals into the teaching profession.

Member El-Hajj shared Grossmont Union High School District was looking into an early start date for students for the 2016-17 school year. Students were asked to take the information home and parents were asked to participate in a survey. The proposed start date would be August 16, 2016 and end date would be May 31, 2017. The Board discussed the implications and impact on the District's eighth grade students and students attending summer school. Superintendent Pierce mentioned it was her understanding the Grossmont Union High School District would make a decision in December or January. She shared Grossmont was also considering a two-week Spring Break.

Member Fox shared attending the CSA-69 Advisory Committee where he expressed his gratitude towards the emergency responders for their service and the follow-up meeting with Administration. He mentioned the emergency responders were very appreciative of the letter from the Superintendent.

President Burns shared visiting six schools and how impressed he was to see everything that is going on in the classrooms; he commended staff and students. He also shared having the opportunity to tour the new Administrative building at Pepper Drive.

Member Ryan mentioned attending the meeting with School Electricity Rate Shock Meeting with Assemblymember Dr. Shirley Weber. She shared Assemblymember Weber agreed to assist the school districts but anticipates it will be a difficult process.

H. CLOSED SESSION

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

1. **Conference with Legal Counsel** – Existing Litigation (Govt. Code § 54956.9)
One (1) Case – OAH No. 2015080851
2. **Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release** (Gov. Code § 54957)
3. **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)
4. **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)
5. **Conference with Real Property Negotiators** (Govt. 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 the Renzulli Site)*
- *10335 Mission Gorge Road, Santee 92071 (formerly known as Santee School Site)*

Agency Negotiator: Karl Christensen, Assistant Superintendent

6. **Public Employee Performance Evaluation** (Govt. Code § 54957)
Superintendent

The Board entered closed session at 8:26 p.m.

I. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION

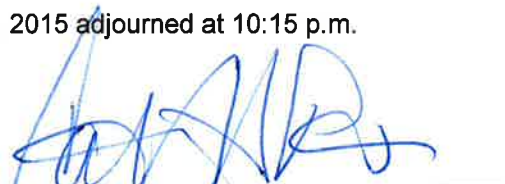
The Board reconvened to public session at 10:15 p.m. and reported a dispute arose regarding a student's special education program. It was moved by Member Ryan, seconded by Member Fox, and carried 5-0 to reach a settlement in special education dispute, OAH #: 2015080851. The agreement involved a release of potential District liability.

J. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the regular meeting of November 17, 2015 adjourned at 10:15 p.m.



Eflana Levens-Craig, Clerk



Cathy A. Pierce, Ed.D., Secretary