

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

February 2, 2010

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 7:04 p.m. and read the District Mission Statement.
Members present:
Dustin Burns, President
Barbara Ryan, Vice President
Allen Carlisle, Clerk
Dan Bartholomew, Member
Dianne El-Hajj, Member
Administration present:
Dr. Patrick Shaw, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board
Karl Christensen, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Minnie Malin, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Kristin Baranski, Director, Educational Services
Linda Vail, Executive Assistant and Recording Secretary
2. President Burns invited Pepper Drive EAK teacher, Kelly Eveland, 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: Ryan Second Carlisle Vote: 5-0
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B. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Superintendent's Report
 - 1.1. Developer Fees Collection Report
 - 1.2. Enrollment Report
 - 1.3. Claims Against the District
 - 1.4. Schedule of Upcoming Events
2. Principal Presentation on Instructional Leadership: Pepper Drive School

Pepper Drive Principal, Debbie Brenner, and Vice Principal, Matt Thompson, shared the steady increase in API over the past four years at Pepper Drive. Under the instructional leadership of Mrs. Debra Simpson last year, Pepper Drive now boasts an API of 846. A literacy team of eight staff members serves K-8 students in small instructional reading groups and provides junior high interventions. Mr. Thompson shared the awards and incentives that are provided for students to recognize good behavior and attendance. Children at Pepper Drive are on an educational journey experiencing enrichment, rigorous lessons, personalized goals, and 21st Century learning skills. Mrs. Brenner announced that Pepper Drive was notified today that they will receive a site validation visit for Distinguished School.

Member Burns asked Mrs. Brenner if she has initiated individual student assessment folders at Pepper Drive. Mrs. Brenner said every K-5 student has a progress monitoring folder and middle school staff is still working to fine tune the process. Board members congratulated the Pepper Drive staff for their Distinguished School site validation visit.

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. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Santee School District Board of Education's Initial Proposal to Modify Articles of the Current Collective Bargaining Agreement Between Santee School District and Santee Teachers Association (STA). President Burns opened the public hearing on the Santee School District Board of Education's initial proposal to modify the articles of the current collective bargaining agreement between Santee School District and the Santee Teachers Association. With no comments, the public hearing was closed.
2. Santee School District Board of Education's Initial Proposal to Modify Articles of the Current Collective Bargaining Agreement Between Santee School District and California School Employees Association (CSEA). President Burns opened the public hearing on the Santee School District Board of Education's initial proposal to modify the articles of the current collective bargaining agreement between Santee School District and the California School Employees Association. With no comments, the public hearing was closed.

E. CONSENT ITEMS

Items listed under Consent are considered to be routine and are all acted on by the Board with one single motion. 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 Revolving Cash Report**
- 2.3. **Acceptance of Donations**
- 3.1. **Approval to Submit Sprint Character Education Grant Application**
- 4.1. **Personnel, Regular**

It was moved and seconded to approve Consent Items.

Motion: Ryan Second Bartholomew Vote: 5-0
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G. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

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

1.1. Chet F. Harritt Ball Field Relocatable Electrical Feeds

Karl Christensen explained that during grading for the Chet F. Harritt ball field project, the contractor discovered an old electrical pull box with power, data, and fire alarm feeds to the relocatable classrooms. Due to the need to cut through the area, the electrical feeds had to be converted to overhead feeds.

The cost to convert the underground electrical feeds to overhead for the relocatable classrooms was \$32,891.96, which exceeds the 3% owner's contingency. Member Bartholomew moved to approve/ratify change orders for Chet F. Harritt Ball Field construction for \$32,891.96 to convert underground electrical feeds to overhead for the relocatable classrooms.

Motion: Bartholomew Second Carlisle Vote: 5-0
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1.2. Pepper Drive School On-Site Resident

Karl Christensen shared there is currently an on-site resident at the old Santee School site who has lived there for many years. His presence provided security when the school was there and when the building was vacant. Now that the property is cleared, the need has greatly decreased. During the past year Pepper Drive School has experienced an increase in vandalism and vagrancy. The school administration and staff believe the best long term solution would be to have an on-site resident there. The resident currently at Santee School has agreed to move his mobile home to Pepper Drive and continue the on-site resident service to the District. There would be a cost to the District of \$6,500 to bring utilities to the site and \$1,400 to provide a privacy fence for the resident who lives in close proximity to the placement of the mobile home. The on-site resident would pay the cost to move his mobile home but would need the District to initially pay the cost and will repay the District over five years through monthly payments.

Member Bartholomew did not believe the on-site resident should incur the cost to move his mobile home since relocating is at the request of the District. Member El-Hajj said she does not believe the on-site resident should have to pay to move the mobile home. She would like the current agreement to follow him to Pepper Drive.

Member Carlisle asked if there would be an agreement regarding the easement. Karl Christensen said there is an agreement to access the easement for the installation of the mobile home but the home will not be encroaching onto the property.

Member El-Hajj moved to approve moving the on-site resident from the old Santee School site to Pepper Drive School and contracting to provide all necessary services and work at no additional cost to the resident and maintaining the current monthly contract. The total cost approved was \$16,640.

Motion: El-Hajj Second Bartholomew Vote: 3-2 (Carlisle, Ryan, no)
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2.1. Reading Committee Update

Kristin Baranski and Stephanie Pierce reported on the current outcomes of the Reading Committee. Mrs. Baranski reported the objectives of the committee were to provide literacy plan overviews to each school staff, intervention materials, site staff development, literacy teams, and District staff development. Literacy plan overview training was completed in November. The Language Arts Specialists (LAS) have been researching piloting informal reading inventories for grades 4-8 and the K-3 teachers have continued using HOLT reading inventories. School sites have purchased intervention materials for a clinic model.

Mrs. Pierce reported about the professional development that was provided at the school sites and District. Member El-Hajj said the committee has developed really good information and cautioned that it does not get lost. Dr. Shaw said the “knowledge and skills” information is what teachers need to know in order to help their students.

The next steps include identifying one of the ten components for professional development, write site and grade level goals, continue the LAS book study, identify an informal reading inventory for grades 4-8, and have the sites make the connection of the Response to Intervention (RtI) and special education goals with the Literacy Plan.

Member Carlisle noticed the budget has been greatly reduced from the original plan. He hopes that at some point it can be funded as originally intended. He appreciates the great work of Administration and the staff.

Member Ryan echoed the appreciation and asked is there was data to show any increase in reading achievement. Mrs. Baranski said based on the first trimester data, there is improvement and she believes the intervention protocols will help significantly. Mrs. Baranski said she believes having preschool in Santee has helped because more children are coming to school ready to learn.

Dr. Shaw said Bonner Montler’s compilation of the assessment data has been very helpful. It is an essential piece to monitor the growth. Member Ryan asked if we are communicating the information to parents. Stephanie Pierce said Principals would have a better sense how it is being communicated. Dr. Shaw said he will be having this conversation with Administration during his mid-year meetings which are currently taking place and will update the Board.

2.2. Approval to Expand YALE Preschool

Kristin Baranski introduced Hope Baker, Coordinator of Out of School Time Programs, who shared a proposal to expand the YALE preschool program. The fee-based Preschool started in 2008 with 36 children and now has 86 students enrolled. They have outgrown Sycamore Canyon and will now be moving toward the initial goal to have the Preschool located at three sites within five years. Expanding the program to year round would provide a summer program. A summer program would create the need to increase some staff to be 12 month employees. The summer program could be located at one site because it would not be filled to capacity. Member Carlisle asked if the funding for this program is tracked through a separate fund account and if the goal was to establish a small reserve to cover any overages in the future. Mr. Christensen said the funds are run through a specific account for the Preschool program and a small reserve would be advantageous for any unforeseen events. President Burns said parents are very happy with the YALE preschool program, like using the modernized classrooms, and were excited to have new equipment that was purchased for that program. Member Carlisle said if the Preschool enrollment has an impact on the school enrollment, it may be a

consideration for where to place the expanding program. Administration is investigating beginning the expansion at Hill Creek.

Member Carlisle moved to approve the expansion of YALE Preschool to a year-round program and a second Santee School District location.

Motion: Carlisle Second Ryan Vote: 5-0
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H. BOARD POLICIES AND BYLAWS

1.1. Second Reading Revised BP 6171 Title I Programs

Revised Board Policy 6171, Title I Programs was submitted to the Board of Education for a second reading and approval. Member El-Hajj moved to approve the revisions to BP 6171.

Motion: El-Hajj Second Ryan Vote: 5-0
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I. BOARD COMMUNICATION

Member Carlisle asked if the school district will have a presence at the Santee Street Fair. Dr. Shaw said he will plan to share a booth with the Preschool program and market the District at the Street Fair.

Member Ryan said there were questions at the BAC meeting the previous evening asking if the District paid for dependent coverage for retired Board members. President Burns attended the BAC meeting and said there was discussion about a former board member and their spouse receiving lifetime benefits. He reported the District does not pay for benefits for spouses of retired Board members or for any employee's spouse. Also, the paid benefits for retiring employees and Board members ends at age 65. Member Ryan would like the correct information to get to those who asked about the retirement benefits of Board members with the history of the Board Bylaw adoption and amendment dates included. Member Bartholomew said the factual information should be provided to the entire committee and to STA and CSEA leadership. Mr. Christensen will send this information to the entire BAC committee, which includes the STA and CSEA leadership.

Member Carlisle asked what the cost is to the District is if Board members or other employees waive benefits. Dr. Shaw said employees who waive their health benefits receive a stipend of \$900, which is much cheaper for the District than paying their benefits. It is an advantage to the District because it also decreases the demand on the benefit pool.

Dr. Shaw asked the Board for direction on the content of the page for the spring special edition of the ECHO. The Board would like to include information about the preschool expansion.

Dr. Shaw shared that four schools, Cajon Park, Sycamore Canyon, Carlton Oaks, and Rio Seco, have been recognized by the California Business for Education Excellence. Each of these schools received a banner for the recognition.

Dr. Shaw asked the Board if they would join him visiting staff meetings for a question and answer session regarding the State budget. Member El-Hajj believes it is a good idea and will assist to keep rumors from going crazy. Linda will schedule the meetings.

J. CLOSED SESSION

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

1. **Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release** (Govt. Code § 54957)
2. **Conference with Labor Negotiator** (Govt. Code § 54956.8)
Purpose: Negotiations
Agency Negotiator: Minnie Malin, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Employee Organizations: Santee Teachers Association
Classified School Employees Association
3. **Conference with Legal Counsel**
 - a) **Liability Claims** (Gov't Code §54956.95)
Claimant: Borrego Solar
Claim Against: Santee School District

b) Existing Litigation

(Subdivision (a) of Gov't Code §54956.9)

Case # 37-2009-00083936-CU-CO-CTL

The Board entered closed session at 8:29 p.m.

K. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board reconvened to public session at 11:26 p.m. No action was reported.

L. ADJOURNMENT

The February 2, 2010 regular meeting adjourned at 11:26 p.m.