

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

March 15, 2011
MINUTES

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

6:00 p.m. Student Forum

The Board met with student representatives from all schools for a discussion about student college plans and schools as a safe social environment.

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Call to Order and Welcome

President Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and invited the audience to read the District Mission Statement.

Members present:

Barbara Ryan, President
Dan Bartholomew, Vice President
Dianne ElHajj, Clerk
Ken Fox, Member
Dustin Burns, 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
Kristin Baranski, Director, Educational Services
Linda Vail, Executive Assistant and Recording Secretary

2. President Ryan invited Santana student Savannah Dubnicka, to lead the members, staff and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda

President Ryan asked the Board to approve interrupting Board Communication if needed to meet at an appointed time in closed session with an attorney. Member El-Hajj moved to approve the agenda with a closed session appointment with legal counsel and returning to complete open session items as needed.

Motion: El-Hajj Second: Fox Vote: 5-0

Member Burns announced that Board President Barbara Ryan has been selected by the San Diego County School Boards Association as School Board Member of the Year. She will be recognized at the Honoring Our Own awards dinner on April 28th. He hopes administration will attend to honor both Mrs. Ryan and Karl Christensen as the ACSA Region 18 Assistant Superintendent of the Year in the Business Services category. Mrs. Ryan said that she was truly honored by this recognition.

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

Dr. Shaw reported that he attended the POST Academy program at USD, a great professional development opportunity provided by USD at no cost. Three of our schools began participation last year, Chet F. Harritt, PRIDE Academy, and Rio Seco. The focus is on student learning and sharing learning strategies through professional development. USD is applying for a third year and if funded, we may be able to continue to participate. During the program that occurred today, our schools made presentations to the other participating districts from around the County. Santee is very thankful to be part of this great program.

2. Spotlight: Rachel Folsom- Santee School District Foundation Outgoing President

Dr. Shaw introduced Mrs. Rachael Folsom, a community business owner who was leaving after a successful two-year term as President of the Santee School District Educational Foundation. Mrs.

Folsom's background as a teacher has guided the mission and vision of the Foundation to provide resources to students in their classroom and during her presidency, the Foundation has continued to grow and in turn been able to provide the school district will fiscal resources that would not otherwise have been available. Dr. Shaw thanked Mrs. Folsom for her service and commitment to the Santee community and her service as President of the Santee School District Foundation. President Ryan thanked Mrs. Folsom and presented her with a certificate of appreciation from the Board.

Mrs. Folsom said that she enjoyed working with and getting to know the Santee School District community and will miss working with the Foundation.

C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

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

- 1.1. **Approval of Minutes**
- 1.2. **Adoption of Santee School District Governance Standards**
- 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 Eric Hall and Associates to Provide Financial Advisory Services for the 2011 General Obligation Bond Issue**
- 2.8. *Pulled for separate consideration.*
- 3.1. **Authorization to Seek Bids/Proposals for Summer Projects**
- 3.2. **Adoption of Resolution #1011-16, Designating Applicant's Agent for Federal Assistance Relating to Storm Flooding 2010-11 Claims**
- 4.1. **Approval of School Accountability Report Cards for the 2009-10 School Year**
- 4.2. **Approval of Student Teaching Agreement with Dordt College**
- 5.1. **Personnel, Regular**
- 5.2. **Approval of New Probationary Teacher**

It was moved and seconded to approve Consent Items, with the exception of Item D.2.8. which was pulled by Member Burns for separate consideration.

Motion: El-Hajj Second: Fox Vote: 5-0

D.2.8. Sheriff Security Assessment (Pulled by Member Burns for separate consideration.)

Member Burns asked if there was anything in the assessment that Administration was surprised about, especially following modernization. Dr. Shaw said there was nothing unexpected. One concern was the school entrances at Carlton Oaks and Rio Seco. The other modernized schools have entrances directly into the school office so gates can be locked during the school day. Administration is working with Barnhart to have an single entry from the outside into Hill Creek School. Once that is accomplished, Carlton Oaks and Rio Seco will be revisited. Mr. Christensen also said that it has been recommended by staff not to put in gate stops as recommended in the report. Gate stops would diminish some of the functionalities of the gates. The solution would be to paint more frequently and increase live-on site patrols.

Member Burns asked that a letter of appreciation be sent to Captain Musgrove for the assessment.

Motion: Burns Second: El-Hajj Vote: 5-0

Minnie Malin introduced Kathy Dubnicka, as a new probationary teacher at Hill Creek School.

E. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

President Ryan invited comments from the public on any item listed under Discussion and/or Action. There were no comments.

1.1. Board Selection of Eighth Grade Promotion Assignments

Board members selected schools to attend to participate in the 8th grade promotion exercises.

2.1. Approval to Seek Proposals for Lighting Retrofit of District Office and Educational Resource Center

Karl Christensen reported last year the District received a proposal for retrofitting outdated lamps and ballasts at Pepper Drive School, the District Office, and Educational Services. Although there is an initial cost to the District, the cost is eventually paid back through energy savings. After receiving this information, Santee School District maintenance and operations staff began the retrofit and Pepper Drive School and it will be completed by summer. The District Office and Educational Services project was submitted to the recently formed energy JPA at the County Office. Their approach required additional costs for a criteria study and an energy analysis.

In-house staff has reviewed the lighting and it has been determined that lighting retrofits would be beneficial. Although there is no requirement, Administration recommended seeking proposals for this service to insure the lowest possible cost.

President Ryan stated she did not believe the Board item was fair to the company that gave the original proposal. By listing their proposal it would be very easy for another company to submit a bid just under this proposal. Member EL-Hajj asked if there is any advantage or disadvantage to them giving an initial proposal.

Mr. Christiansen said Administration did not know if the original proposal was a good proposal and had nothing to compare it to. American Lighting could also participate in the bid process just as any other vendor as their initial proposal is no longer in effect.

Member Burns suggested to Administration to only include cost proposals in future board items when the Board is being asked to accept a bid. The Board wishes to remain business friendly. Member Burns moved to authorize administration to seek proposals for lighting retrofit of the District Office and ERC. Selection of a proposal would be brought back to a subsequent Board meeting for approval to contract.

Motion: Burns Second: Bartholomew Vote: 5-0

3.1. Approval of Amendment No. 2 to Tenth Amendment (Phase IV –Chet F. Harritt School Modernization) to Construction Services Agreement for Lease-Leaseback, Site Lease, and Sublease Agreement

Karl reported action on Amendment #2 of the Tenth Amendment to the Lease-Leaseback Construction Agreement is to complete the modernization work at Chet F. Harritt School. This will establish the final Greatest Maximum Price (GMP) and add a 5% owner's contingency within the GMP to be used with District approval, with the remainder reverting to the District at the end of the construction.

Member Burns moved to approve Amendment No. 2 to Tenth Amendment to the Lease-Leaseback Construction Agreement with a Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$6,108,054.

Motion: Burns Second: El-Hajj Vote: 5-0

4.1. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Between California Healthy Kids Regional Center and Santee School District and Implementation Plan 2011

President Ryan confirmed with Mrs. Baranski that parents have the availability to see the 7th grade questions. Mrs. Baranski said the questions will be accessible online as they were previously. President Ryan asked if these were the same questions asked last time the survey was done. Mrs. Baranski said all of the questions are the same except the addition of an anger question and the Internet questions were removed. President Ryan would like to see last year's responses to the college questions.

Member Burns moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with California Healthy Kids Regional Center to support valuable data collection for federal grant requirements as well as the questions and modules included in the implementation plan.

Motion: Burns Second: Bartholomew Vote: 5-0

F. BOARD COMMUNICATION

Administration presented a draft for the ECHO special edition page. President Ryan believes we are missing an opportunity to share information to the community about the impact of the State budget. Member Bartholomew also believes it is important to advertise our fiscal status. Member El-Hajj suggested using bullets for short and concise messages and include the future plans for Pepper Drive in the modernization section. Board members would like to eliminate the technology section. Member Burns said a budget message could be confusing so the information has to be very clear. Member El-Hajj wanted to express the information that the District is okay now but there are issues that are looming. The Art item should publicize art in the classrooms.

Dr. Shaw said that he believes that with the information shared by the Board members, Executive Council can brainstorm a message that would deliver the right message. A draft will be sent to the Board for review.

Mr. Gabriel Pina shared that Dr. Shaw's recent School Messenger budget and attendance call was a good message.

Dr. Shaw presented the Board with a draft agenda for the Business Appreciation Breakfast. The program will spotlight students from each school and highlight each of the businesses attending, presenting them with a certificate of appreciation.

Dr. Shaw asked the Board for agenda topics for the Principals' meeting with the Board on April 5th. It was suggested to continue the topic from the last meeting about what programs they would want or not want to bring back when funds become available again. Dr. Shaw is also interested in discussing more in-depth about safe social student environments and getting students to be more accountable for their actions toward each other.

Dr. Shaw asked the Board if there were any suggestions as Administration begins to prepare for Salute to Excellence. Member El-Hajj loved the event last year, although she felt like there was a lot of shifting from one person to another. Member Burns would like to see the event off-site and not at a school to make it more special. He will check with Carlton Oaks Country Club to see if they might allow us to use the patio or room at no cost. It was recommended to begin the event at 6:00 p.m.

Member Burns reported that Karl Christensen, Minnie Malin, and he met with Pepper Drive staff for the budget presentation. As the presentation concluded, modernization dominated the conversation. Several Pepper Drive staff said they have not been communicated with about the timeline for their modernization. Someone had heard that they were not being modernized because they were in El Cajon. Member Burns explained that was not the case but since they were modernized a number of years ago, they were not eligible for funds for modernization for 25 years, which is in 2017. The staff seemed very shocked like they had not heard that information previously. Member Burns told them he would come to the Board and put together a mechanism of communication to Pepper Drive staff. Administration presented a timeline of Board actions for Pepper Drive.

Dr. Shaw recommends returning for a meeting with any interested staff. Administration can share the responses to their questions and the "quick starts" which include the already in place new parking lot, painting, and signage.

Member Burns recalled Pepper Drive was originally in Phase I, even picking colors and told to start packing. When it was discovered we could not get funds the Board moved forward with Carlton Hills. Member El-Hajj remembers going to Pepper Drive with Dr. Johnson and delivering several messages: 1) Things were grim but the concern about laying people off overshadowed everything else, 2) They were not in it alone, and 3) Pepper Drive would not be modernized until they became eligible for State funds. Dr. Shaw said they didn't hear they would not be modernized until 2017.

Member Burns believes it is important to provide the information in writing so everyone gets it; the staff and community. Dr. Shaw will put together a communiqué to include some history, what was correct at the time, and what is going to occur at Pepper Drive. Member Bartholomew said it is always difficult to be last.

G. CLOSED SESSION

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

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Govt. Code § 54956.8)

Agency Negotiator: Karl Christensen, Assistant Superintendent

Employee Organizations: Santee Teachers Association

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Government Code Section 54956.9 (One potential case)

The Board entered closed session at 8:11 p.m.

H. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board reconvened to public session at 8:35 p.m. No action was reported. The Board continued Board Communication/Organizational Business.

Member Burns asked Dr. Shaw to extend an invitation to the Principals and Vice Principals to attend Honoring Our Own.

Member Ryan attended the Pepper Drive student presentation required by the Board. She felt it was very effective and heard student comments that it made them stop and think. The student did a good job and took the responsibility seriously. The audience was very focused on her presentation. Member Burns shared a concern that it created a lot of work for the site administration.

Board Members wished to discuss communication with the press and recent published articles. Member Bartholomew said the Patch is not a news organization but a community interest and opinion organization. In a recent article, an author used an interview with an individual to promote his own opinion on a controversial matter. He cautioned staff about sharing opinions with the press that may not be in agreement with District objectives. The Board would like to be notified when staff has contact with the press and be made aware of pending articles. Member Burns suggested Administrators report media contacts to Dr. Shaw and Dr. Shaw will share the information with the Board.

Member Fox attended the CSBA two-day workshop. There was a lot of information. He learned that he is very happy to be on a Board surrounded with experienced member and that it will make him a better Board Member.

Member Bartholomew heard Warren Savage is retiring as the Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce and would like to recognize him. President Ryan will find out what the Chamber is doing for Mr. Savage and maybe the Board can do something at that time.

I. ADJOURNMENT

The March 15, 2011 regular meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.