

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

May 3, 2011  
**MINUTES**

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

**A. OPENING PROCEDURES**

1. Call to Order and Welcome  
President Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and read the District Mission Statement.  
Members present:  
Barbara Ryan, President  
Dan Bartholomew, Vice President  
Dianne El-Hajj, 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 the audience to recite the District Mission. President Ryan invited Taylor McColl, daughter of Principal Lisa McColl, 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: Fox Vote: 5-0**

**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
  - 1.5. Recognition Presentation

Dr. Shaw reported that on April 30<sup>th</sup>, under the coordination of the "Mormon Helping Hands Project, a volunteer crew of approximately 300 worked at Pepper Drive School and the Santee School property. Dr. Shaw said they did a fantastic job and he could not believe the transformation of the Pepper Drive campus. The Board would like to invite them to a Board meeting to thank them. Linda will contact Marci Walker, the public relations contact, and invite them to a meeting. Member Fox said he visited at the Pioneer Little League fields and said the volunteers spruced up the site tremendously including around the Chamber of Commerce building.

Dr. Shaw introduced Asher Burke, a representative from Assemblymember Brian Jones' office. Mr. Burke presented Board President Barbara Ryan with a certificate of recognition from Assemblymember Jones for being named San Diego County School Boards Association School Board Member of the Year.

**2. Recognition of Carlton Hills, Pepper Drive, and Rio Seco Schools as California Business for Education Excellence Honor Roll Schools for 2010**

Dr. Shaw announced he received notification that three schools, Carlton Hills School, Pepper Drive School, and Rio Seco School, were named as California Business for Education Excellence 2010 Honor Roll Schools.

These three schools from Santee School District are among the 1221 public schools in California to receive the title of "2010 Honor Roll School." This distinguished honor was awarded to Carlton Hills, Pepper Drive, and Rio Seco Schools for demonstrating consistent high student academic achievement and significant progress toward closing achievement gaps among all their students, standing well above the rest in getting students to grade level proficiency. Board President Ryan and Vice President Bartholomew presented each principal with a banner recognizing their Honor Roll status.

**3. Report on Saturday Programs**

Karl Christensen and Kristin Baranski shared information about the Saturday programs that were offered during the early spring for students to make up a day of absence. They presented the structure and guidelines of the program and the variety of curriculum themes that were made available for students.

The District realized a net income of approximately \$20,000. The direct expenses were \$7,000 and indirect costs were \$469. There were 728 kids who attended, a few of which had no absences to make up. Child nutrition made meals available as school meal availability was a requirement. This was a good educational program as well as a money maker for the school district.

Member Burns noticed the difference in utility cost for Saturday Programs between the modernized and non-modernized schools. Mr. Christensen said there is a greater savings at the modernized schools because you do not have to provide utilities throughout the whole school, only the rooms you use.

Mrs. Baranski shared ideas administration began brainstorming for next year to make the program bigger and better. Some ideas in addition to a regular Saturday program were: an academic bowl, a technology fair, and/or a science field day. Member El-Hajj said maybe a competition could work into an intramural program.

President Ryan said there may also be an opportunity to build the program at PRIDE Academy as there is legislation being presented to allow some of the ASES money to be used on Saturdays.

#### **4. Report on Series E General Obligation Bonds**

Karl Christensen reported to the Board about the details of the April sale of General Obligation Bonds for funds to continue with modernization and construction. The District received \$3.534 M from the sale. Consultant Eric Hall was very helpful to make sure the District received the best pricing. It was a challenging situation because the bonds were structured as capital appreciation bonds, the municipal bond market was very volatile and climbing quickly, and the school district was perceived to be tied to the state's financial condition. Throughout the process we continued to maintain an A+ rating. Several weeks before the sale, the assessor adjusted the property assessments which increased the timeline for the debt service payment. The underwriter recommended that the sale not be insured. We did decide to purchase the insurance because of the soft market and the difficulty finding an investor. When an investor was found, they wanted the bonds insured. Mr. Christensen shared a chart showing revenue sources and projected use of the Capital Improvement proceeds. He said if we can get the construction costs to \$7.1 M, these proceeds will cover the cost of the Hill Creek building. He will continue to work with Barnhart for the best Greatest Maximum Price. They have been very helpful and willing to work with us during these difficult times.

#### **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**
- 2.1. **Approval/Ratification of Travel Requests**
- 2.2. **Acceptance of Donations**
- 2.3. **Approval of Consultants and General Service Providers**
- 2.4. **Adoption of Resolution #1011-24 Requesting Temporary Transfer of Funds**
- 2.5. **Approval of Interdistrict Attendance Agreements**
- 2.6. **Adoption of Resolutions Authorizing Specific Designated Agents**
- 3.1. **Approval of Proposal for Asbestos Inspection Services and Lead Pain Bulk Sampling of Relocatable Buildings at Hill Creek and Rio Seco Schools**
- 4.1. **Approval of Alternative School of Choice Waiver 2011-2013**
- 4.2. **Approval of Student Teaching Agreement for the Cal State Teach Program with California State University, Fullerton**
- 5.1. **Personnel, Regular**
- 5.2. **Adoption of Resolution No. 1011-22, Declaring May 11, 2011 as the Day of the Teacher**
- 5.3. **Adoption of Resolution No. 1011-23, Declaring May 15-21, 2011 as Classified School Employees Week**
- 5.4. **Approval to Submit Early Mental Health Initiative Grant for PRIDE Academy**

It was moved and seconded to approve Consent Items.

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

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

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

**1.1. Approval of Monthly Financial Report**

Karl Christensen presented the transaction and budget review for March. There is \$3.7 currently in the general fund with the need for only a small transfer from fund 17, if any, to meet our cash obligations. Member Bartholomew moved to approve the Monthly Financial Report for March 2011.

**Motion:** Bartholomew      **Second:** El-Hajj      **Vote:** 5-0

**1.2. Memorandum of Understanding with City of Santee for Improvements to Rio Seco School Sports Fields and Adjacent Areas**

Karl Christensen shared that at the February 15, 2011 meeting, the Board discussed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City. Administration was seeking further direction for finalizing the MOU. Mr. Christensen asked if the Board was comfortable with a time frame of three to five years for the District to be responsible to relocate any improvements made. The City suggested five years however, he suggests three years. He also asked if the Board was comfortable with the language that includes only the improvements in this project within the specified number of years or if the Board wished to broaden the language to include the actual fields.

Member Burns said he will never again support using educational dollars for recreational facilities for the City. He would support the need to use school district property for educational facilities, because the property is for educational purposes. He supports the need to use part of our property to benefit our students or community for educational purposes, but does not see how we could be expected to spend educational dollars to move baseball fields. Member El-Hajj believes 5 years is reasonable because it is a considerable investment by the City. Several Board members believed the 3 year time frame was more appropriate.

Member Bartholomew agreed and said the idea in the past that the school district must replace what should be parks and recreation facilities by virtue of the fact that we accommodated them in a joint use agreement makes no sense to him. He asked if this was the kind of language used when installing the four fields with irrigation. He asked if there is any ordinance that holds us to replacing these facilities. Mr. Christensen said there is a City ordinance. Member Bartholomew said the ordinance is the issue and asked what can be done about that.

Member Burns said the City believes that a backstop is a field, so if we move a backstop we have to replace a "field." The City is getting some pressure from Santana National League because of the other leagues getting new and upgraded facilities.

President Ryan said this agreement is only for this project and will only cover these improvements. She asked to put the City Ordinance regarding relocation of ball fields as a topic on the upcoming City/Board joint committee meeting agenda to begin the conversation.

Member Fox moved to authorize a term of 3 to 5 years on the MOU with the City for replacement of the field improvements at Rio Seco School sports fields. The Board asked Mr. Christensen to discuss the improvements with the site administrator to make sure their program will not be impacted. If there are any issues at the school, this item should return to the Board.

**Motion:** Fox      **Second:** El-Hajj      **Vote:** 4-1 (Burns, no)

**F. BOARD POLICIES AND BYLAWS**

**1.1. Second Reading: Board Bylaw 9000 Role of the Board**

Board Bylaw 9000 was submitted to the Board in a second reading for a revision in the title to *Responsibility of the Board*.

**2.2. Second Reading: Board Policy Annual Review**

Board Bylaw 9310, Board Policies, and Education Code 35160.5 require that the Board annually review the listed Board Policies

- BP 1312.1 Complaints Concerning District Employees
- BP 4116 Probationary/Permanent Status
- BP 4315.1 Competence in Evaluation of Teachers
- BP 5116.1 Intradistrict Open Enrollment
- BP 6145 Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities

Member Burns moved to approve the title revision to BB 9000 and to approve the annual review of the listed Board Policies with no revisions.

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

**G. BOARD COMMUNICATION**

President Ryan thanked everyone for attending the Honoring Our Own Dinner. She said it was a nice evening honoring Karl Christensen and her. She enjoyed having her family at the event. President Ryan attended a meeting

of the afterschool consortium and learned the 21<sup>st</sup> century grants are coming available again. She advised staff to be watching for the opportunity.

Member El-Hajj said during testing at her school they have found several test booklets with blurred or missing pages. She cautioned staff to be cautious. The blurred print is in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade booklets and the missing pages are from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade booklets.

Member El-Hajj said it was a wonderful evening at Honoring our Own. Member Burns said it was a nice evening honoring Karl Christensen and Barbara Ryan. He suggested putting Mr. Christensen's award on the website. It was also mentioned that Elana Levens-Craig and Tim Glover were honored at the event.

The Board Members reviewed a list of upcoming events. Member El-Hajj will attend the Classroom of the Future Innovative Awards on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Board Members wish to plan to attend the retirement event for Warren Savage and will present to him a paver at each school with his name inscribed.

President Ryan shared requests from Senator Joel Anderson's office for letters supporting SB 11 and SB 120, and a letter requesting Governor Brown to visit East County as he goes around the state meeting with citizens. The Board directed administration to draft the letters and prepare for mailing.

Dr. Shaw reported the State has cancelled the California Distinguished Schools award dinner. Pepper Drive will be recognized at the May 17<sup>th</sup> Board meeting for their Title I Academic Achievement Award.

Karl Christensen presented information previously submitted by the Board in response to the EIR for the Las Colinas Detention Facility. Recently a contractor asked if we would be charging developer fees for the Las Colinas expansion/construction. The District cannot charge developer fees but would like to seek funds to help mitigate concerns about safety and security for children. Since there are schools within close proximity to the facility it would be appropriate to seek assistance to provide fencing, entry systems, and security cameras. The Board believes it is worth pursuing and suggested administration check to see if school districts in other communities have done something similar.

Dr. Shaw provided the Board with an article from a British publication featuring the governance model of the State of California and how the {"will of the people" equate to a fourth branch of government. The article gives a good look at why the State is experiencing some of its budgetary challenges.

#### **H. 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*  
*Santee Administrators Association*
2. **Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release** (Govt. Code § 54957)
3. **Conference with Legal Counsel-Potential Litigation**  
Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Government Code Section 54956.9 (One potential case)
4. **Public Employee Performance Evaluation** (Govt. Code § 54957)  
*Superintendent*

The Board entered closed session at 8:15 p.m.

#### **I. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION**

The Board reconvened to public session at 9:50 p.m. No action was reported.

#### **J. ADJOURNMENT**

The May 3, 2011 regular meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.