

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

May 17, 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 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. The Board members, staff, and audience joined in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of Agenda  
President Ryan reported Administration has requested to pull Consent Item D.2.6. from the agenda. Member El-Hajj moved to approve the agenda with Item D.2.6. pulled.

**Motion: El-Hajj Second Burns Vote: 5-0**  
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**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. Update on Governor's May Revise

Assistant Superintendent Karl Christensen provided a summary of the Governor's May Revise. The budget revisions protect K-1 education but the Governor is still seeking an extension of taxes through a vote of the California citizens. Mr. Christensen said a key highlight is that revenues are reported to be approximately \$6 billion higher than projected. About \$3 million will go to fund Prop 98 and may restore some of the deferrals. The Governor did not provide any details for a plan B, as he anticipates the voters will approve the tax extensions.

2. **Spotlight on Learning: Student Recognition**

- County Science Fair Participants
- County Spelling Bee Participant
- Outdoor Education Essay Contest Winners

Kristin Baranski and Dr. Lynne Shevinsky introduced students who competed in the Greater San Diego County Science Fair. Each student received congratulations and a certificate from the Board. Three students received special awards for their projects and one Rio Seco student, Kevin Krick, will take his project to the State competition.

3. **Recognition of Pepper Drive School: Title I Academic Achievement Award**

Dr. Shaw introduced Pepper Drive Principal, Debbie Brenner, and the Pepper Drive staff and congratulated them for their recognition as a California Distinguished Title I Academic Achievement School. Pepper Drive qualified for this award by meeting the criteria to demonstrate specific achievement in their schoolwide API score and doubling the API growth target for the socioeconomically disadvantaged subgroup, or the subgroup must be at or above 800 API. President Ryan presented the staff with a

certificate of recognition and the Board congratulated all of them and thanked the staff for their hard work in closing the achievement gap.

Pepper Drive teacher Susan Nugent presented the Board an envelope containing 100% of the staff memberships to the Santee School District Foundation. The Board thanked Pepper Drive staff for their support of the Foundation.

**4. Spotlight: Mormon Helping Hands Project**

Dr. Shaw reported that on Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup> over 300 volunteers worked at Pepper Drive School and the property at the old Santee School site including the Pioneer Little League fields. Dr. Shaw said they cleaned up the grounds in places that have not been touched in a number of years and the campus looks beautiful. They did an amazing job. Member Fox said he went by the Little League fields and the volunteers did an outstanding job of cutting weeds and cleaning up the grounds. Dr. Shaw introduced Marsi Walker who coordinated the project. A short video of the workers was shown. President Ryan presented the group with a certificate of appreciation and all Board members thanked Ms. Walker and all of the volunteers for their service.

**5. Safety Committee Report**

In the absence of Mrs. Griffin, the chair of the Safety Committee, Assistant Superintendent Karl Christensen provided a report from the safety committee to the Board summarizing their work during this school year. A copy of the report was included in the Board meeting materials.

**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. **Approval to Cancel the July 5, 2011 Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Board of Education**
- 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. ***Pulled from the agenda.***
- 3.1. **Award of Bid for Furniture and Equipment Moving and Storage at Various Sites, GMP Contract**
- 3.2. **Approval of Builder's Risk Insurance for Capital Improvement Program**
- 4.1. **Approval of State Preschool Program Annual Report to California Department of Education**
- 5.1. **Personnel, Regular**
- 5.2. **Approval of New Job Description for Moderate-Severe Specialized Academic Instructor (Grades K-8)**
- 5.3. **Ratification of Employer-Employee Tentative Agreement with Santee Teachers Association**
- 5.4. **Adoption of Resolution #1011-31 Declaring May 31, 2011 as World No Tobacco Day in Santee School District**

It was moved and seconded to approve Consent Items.

**Motion:** *El-Hajj*                      **Second** *Burns*                      **Vote:** 5-0  
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**E. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS**

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

### 1.1. Equity in School Lunch Pricing

Cathy Abel, Director of Child Nutrition Services (CNS), reported that new legislation is being enacted for equity in school lunch prices. The legislation mandates that school districts charge the same price for a paid lunch that they are reimbursed for. The District currently receives reimbursement of \$2.72 for a free meal and charges \$2.25 for a full price meal; a difference of \$ .26. There is a waiver for this if you can show enough funding from other sources other than the Federal government reimbursement. A chart was shared showing adequate other sources CNS receives in revenue, such as afterschool snacks, lunch snack sales. Mrs. Abel does not want to increase the cost for full price meals at this time. However, the following year more legislation may require consideration to raise prices. Serving sizes for fruits and vegetables are being doubled which will increase the cost to CNS and she may need to consider an increase at that time, probably only by \$.25. Mrs. Abel said the breakfast program is growing incredibly and at this time the schools are serving over 800 breakfasts daily.

### 2.1. Approval of Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators

Minnie Malin presented the required declaration of need for fully qualified educators. She reported that by submitting an annual declaration that a diligent search has been made to recruit a fully prepared teacher for the assignment and that if a suitable fully prepared teacher is not available to the school district, the district will make a reasonable effort to recruit based on the priority requirements stated in the declaration. Member Burns moved to approve the declaration of need.

**Motion: Burns Second Fox Vote: 5-0**  
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### 3.1. 2011-12 Proposed Instructional Schedules

Kristin Baranski presented the site instructional schedules submitted by Principals with no changes in instructional minutes for 2011-12. However, when checking the calculations, Mrs. Baranski found several errors that were corrected by making adjustments in the daily minutes.

Member Burns said he would not support this item because he believes that consistent starting and ending times would provide a positive fiscal impact in our district. We could recoup costs if we aligned our bell schedules. Member El-Hajj moved to approve the 2011-12 proposed Instructional Schedules.

**Motion: El-Hajj Second Bartholomew Vote: 4-1 (Burns no)**  
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### 3.2. 2011-12 School Schedules

Kristin Baranski presented the proposed 2011-12 school schedules which are the same as this year. Parents will be notified of the school schedules before the end of this school year.

Member Burns will not support this because of the later start for Kindergarten at PRIDE Academy. He believes that with one of the lowest populations, this is not the way to increase enrollment. Not providing full day kindergarten is a big issue for him because he believes it is better for students beginning their education. Member El-Hajj moved to approve the 2011-12 school schedules.

**Motion: El-Hajj Second Bartholomew Vote: 4-1 (Burns no)**  
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## H. BOARD COMMUNICATION

Dr. Shaw shared that Carlton Hills' teachers Candy Stotz and Karen McCurdy have received an NEA grant of \$5,000. Mrs. Stotz has been able to generate a total of \$15,000 for Carlton Hills School. Dr. Shaw reported an 8<sup>th</sup> grade Pepper Drive student was hit by a car this morning. The student was not injured.

Karl Christensen reported on AB 165, an attempt to codify the settlement provision of the ACLU lawsuit regarding illegal fees being charged by schools. ACSA reported that AB 165 as written, expands the scope to include other entities. There are also provisions requiring districts to hold public hearings to determine if illegal fees have been charged. ACSA is opposing this bill and requesting letters opposing this assembly bill as written.

Minnie Malin reported SB 931 is being carried by Juan Vargas and if it became law would prohibit public entities from using public money to seek legal counsel when it comes to matters of collective bargaining. The bill has vague language and puts districts in a position to have to disclose confidential communication. It would also limit the spending power of publically elected school boards. ACSA requests districts oppose SB 931.

Board members requested to have opposition letters for both AB 165 and SB 931 sent via ACSA Advocacy online.

Member Burns said he has observed that some of the Board's five-year old laptops have begun to have some problems. The Board saved some of their budgeted operating budget this year by not attending CSBA. He would like the Board to consider using some of these dollars to upgrade and possibly consider a Tablet computer. He believes a Tablet, such as an IPAD may be a better option because with the laptop screens it sometimes appears the Board is looking at their screens instead of the audience. Dr. Shaw will have a discussion with the Director of Information Technology about what may be the best option for an upgrade and the lifespan of a new device. Board members would like any laptops that would be replaced to go to classrooms for students. The Board discussed consideration of holding their carryover so that a decision does not need to be made immediately, before the fiscal year ends. Dr. Shaw will investigate the next steps.

President Ryan said the Board representatives will be meeting with the City representatives for a meeting of the City/Board Joint Committee. This rescheduled meeting will have the same agenda.

The District has reserved eight seats for the retirement event for Warren Savage, Executive Director of the Chamber. Linda will put together a token brick to present to Warren showing that a brick will be placed in each school's legacy paver path in his honor.

Board members congratulated administration for being among districts with the most improved percentage of oral health assessments in San Diego County.

President Ryan shared information received about business sponsorship opportunities. Linda will distribute copies to Board members.

President Ryan distributed a copy of AB 3632, which is part of the May revise. It is not good for education and we need to do an assessment since the money will be coming directly to the school districts. If you have a high Medi-Cal population you would want to contract with the County to provide mental health services. Districts will be responsible for residential care. An assessment should be done to determine the Medi-Cal and non Medi-Cal percentages in our district and if it would be cheaper to contract with a provider. She believes it may pass so we should be prepared. The May revise says the AB 3632 money will go directly to districts. The mandate is on the district, not on the county.

President Ryan attended the delegate assembly, and in response to the issues of CSBA last year, and attempting to be more transparent, have asked board members what they think about leadership development, new school board member training, and technology. Webinars may be in the future for leadership training. A new executive director has been hired and CSBA is trying to resolve some of the issues that occurred in the past.

#### **I. 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*  
*Classified School Employees Association*
- 2. Conference with Legal Counsel-Potential Litigation**  
Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Government Code Section 54956.9 (One potential case)
- 3. Public Employee Performance Evaluation** (Govt. Code § 54957)  
*Superintendent*  
*Assistant Superintendent, Business Services*

The Board entered closed session at 8:25 p.m.

**J. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION**

The Board reconvened to public session at 10:20 p.m. No action was reported.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

The May 17, 2011 regular meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.