

SANTEE SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 7, 2012
MINUTES

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

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Call to Order and Welcome
President Bartholomew called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Members present:
 Dan Bartholomew, President
 Dianne El-Hajj, Vice President
 Ken Fox, Clerk
 Dustin Burns, Member
 Barbara Ryan, 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 Bartholomew invited the audience to recite the District Mission and then invited Hill Creek students Hailey Schaffner and Grant Pies, 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: Fox 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
2. Student Spotlight-Hill Creek Woodshop
Dr. Shaw introduced Jerelyn Lindsay, principal of Hill Creek School, who shared how students and staff believe the woodshop program at Hill Creek provides valuable educational benefits to students. Mrs. Lindsay introduced students Hailey Schaffner and Grant Pies who each thanked the Board for keeping the Woodshop program at Hill Creek and the new Woodshop classroom in the new building. They shared how the woodshop class at Hill Creek has taught them skills they may not have learned in other classes such as patience, time management, and multi-tasking. Hailey displayed her woodshop project, a shaker style desk made from alder. Grant showed the Board his project, a chair that converted to a step stool and said he looks forward to putting his math skills to use, being more creative, and will always have the good memory.

Teachers John Journeay and Ben Saia thanked the Board for the temporary shop and the new shop classroom. They gave a special thanks to the Maintenance and Operations department for their very professional help in moving all of the equipment and supplies. Mr. Journey said the Woodshop program has provided students many benefits. The high school teachers report Hill Creek students come to high school with advanced knowledge in woodworking, drafting, and engineering.

Mr. Journeay and Mr. Saia shared they completed a STEM workshop last summer where they built solid electric guitars. This program, as seen by STEM, is a strong program for less engaged students and GATE students alike, using math, science, and technology together. They are developing an afterschool opportunity for Hill Creek students to make these guitars. The class will meet each Monday afterschool. They are very excited to offer this great program to students.

Member Burns visited Hill Creek last week and saw the great new room. He believes students will be very excited. Board members thanked the teachers and students for bringing their projects for the Board to see.

C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

President Bartholomew invited members of the audience to address the Board about any item not on the agenda. Mr. Joe Spencer, a parent, requested formal Board support for his project to get the Santee City Council to ban smoking in Santee city parks. He plans to attend a City Council meeting on February 22, 2012, with several other agencies, to request the City Council to ban smoking in city parks. He would like to have a letter of support from the Board or a representative from the Board at the meeting. President Bartholomew explained the Board cannot take action on his request at this meeting.

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 Bartholomew invited comments from the public on any item listed under Consent. There were no comments.

- 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**
- 2.4. **Asbestos Floor Removal and Abatement at the District Office**
- 2.5. **Santee Farmers' Market Contract Extension**
- 3.1. **Approval of Contract for Individual Services Agreement (ISA) for Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School/Agency Services**
- 4.1. **Personnel, Regular**
- 4.2. **Approval to Increase Work Hours for Identified Classified Non-Management Position**
- 4.3. **Proclamation for National School Counseling Week (2/6/12 – 2/10/12) and National School Social Work Week (3/4/12 – 3/10/12)**

It was moved and seconded to approve Consent Items.

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

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Mrs. Malin introduced the newly appointed vice principals, DiAnn Albert at PRIDE Academy and Tammy Marble at Rio Seco.

E. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

President Bartholomew 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 cash flow report and the budget report for the month of December 2011. Administration will continue to monitor each month and bring recommendations to the Board. The budget reflects a \$1.8 million deficit through December 31st. However, it does not reflect the transportation reduction, which is being changed to a revenue limit. The next report will have more up-to-date information. Member Ryan moved to approve the Monthly Financial Report.

Motion: *Ryan* **Second** *Burns* **Vote:** 5-0

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1.2. Exclusion of Sycamore Canyon from the List of Schools for 2012 Solar Projects

Member Burns supports joint use with the City. The kids using the fields are our kids, even though it is after school hours. But, he said, if we make a change to our schools, he does not believe the City has the right to demand the school district relocate a field for City use. Member Ryan said we do want to make it clear that if we ever have to remove it from joint use we do not have a responsibility to replace it. This may need to be done officially as an amendment to the joint use agreement.

Board members had consensus that the Cajon Park turf field could be used by the sports leagues under the joint use agreement with the City, providing an agreement/amendment is signed that the District is not held to the requirements of City Ordinance #175 if this field becomes unavailable as a joint use field in the future.

Member Burns asked administration if there has been any damage to the new buildings with the grass fields being so near them. There has been no noticeable damage reported.

Mr. Christensen requested to allow the school sole use of the new field until after spring break. Member Fox said the earliest need would be in August for soccer. Member Burns shared a concern about the fence being outside the perimeter of the parking lot and keeping cars from driving on the grass and field areas. He asked administration for possible consideration to move the fence to the other side of the parking lot. It would also help with locking the campus when teachers need to leave campus during the day.

President Bartholomew said we want to share but he feels we have to be cautious because of the City's interpretation of City Ordinance #175. He said it may time to have another discussion about the ordinance, what is its purpose, and why the school district would be subject to such an ordinance. Member El-Hajj believes it would be a good discussion to have. Dr. Shaw will begin the discussion with the City Manager.

2.1. Adoption of Resolution No. 1112-11, Reduction in Classification and/or Work Hours for Identified Classified Non-Management Position

Minnie Malin reported due to a decline in enrollment in the afterschool program at Pepper Drive there is a need to eliminate a site lead position. This will affect another classified employee that will bump into an assistant site lead position at Pepper Drive. Member Burns asked if that employee would have re-employment rights if enrollment increased. Mrs. Malin said yes, she would return to her current position. Member El-Hajj asked about the decline in enrollment. Pam Brasher, Director, said the decrease is about 20%. Member Burns moved to adopt resolution no. 1112-11 for reduction in classification and/or work hours for an identified Classified non-management position.

Motion: Burns Second Fox Vote: 5-0
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F. BOARD COMMUNICATION

Member Ryan said she would like the Board to consider nominating someone for Honoring Our Own. She will be in contact with the Board members. Member Ryan also requested that the discussion regarding supporting smoke free parks be put on the next meeting agenda. She believes it would impact the health of kids and given the number of substance abuse issues in the parks, smoke free parks could help with that as well. Member Burns asked that background information be provided for the discussion. Member Ryan asked administration to verify that Santee is the only city in the county that does not have smoke free parks as was reported.

Member Burns reported he toured Hill Creek and noticed the new building is closer to the street than he thought it would be. He is concerned that it may draw kids after hours. He suggested consideration of putting video cameras up. Mr. Christensen said he investigated and said some wiring has already been run in that area. The cost for purchasing cameras is \$1,500 each and a server to store the data is about \$5,000. Member Burns was mostly concerned that the infrastructure be there if needed in the future

Member Burns reported that during a visit to Santee Success Program, once again the topic of dress code came up. The teacher has indicated that every week a large amount of time is spent discussing the dress code. He wished to suggest that Santee Success Program consider having their students wear uniforms, maybe jeans and a collared shirt. As a reward if they all did well during the week, Fridays could

be free dress day. Member El-Hajj said every school site spends hours on dress code. Administrators will do an evaluation and return to the Board with a report.

Member El-Hajj attended the Wellness Committee meeting and Cathy Abel shared that a couple of other districts are creating vegetable gardens at their schools and selling their produce to the school district. Mrs. Abel will be looking into it and provide more information about this interesting concept.

Member Fox reported that the Strategic Planning days were great. It was a great group of people and lots of work was accomplished.

President Bartholomew provided all Board members a CSBA Board evaluation packet and asked that each Board member fill out the self-evaluation survey and bring them back to next board meeting for discussion.

Member El-Hajj provided the collaborative answer sheet to the Student Town Hall Forum questions in a draft. She asked Linda to summarize the questions and return for Board review.

The Board was reminded of upcoming dates for Honoring Our Own, Chamber Awards, Strategic Planning leadership meetings, and the Foundation Art Show.

G. CLOSED SESSION

President Bartholomew 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)
Agency Negotiator: Karl Christensen, Assistant Superintendent
Employee Organizations: Classified School Employees Association
3. **Conference with Legal Counsel—Anticipated Litigation**
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Gov't Code § 54956.9
One potential case.
4. **Public Employee Performance Evaluation** (Govt. Code § 54957)
Superintendent

The Board entered closed session at 8:18 p.m.

H. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board reconvened to public session at 10:35 p.m. No action was reported.

I. ADJOURNMENT

The February 7, 2012 regular meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Ken Fox, Clerk

Dr. Patrick Shaw, Secretary