

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

February 21, 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. and read the District Mission Statement.  
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 Abby Spencer, a Rio Seco student, to lead the members, staff and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of Agenda  
President Bartholomew requested to pull Consent Item D.4.3. from the agenda. It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda with item D.4.3. pulled from the agenda.  
**Motion: Ryan Second: Burns 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
2. Spotlight – Cajon Park Student Choir  
Vice Principal, Suzie Martin, introduced teacher Rebecca Cress who organizes the Cajon Park choir for students in grades 4-8. Ms. Cress explained that music theory can be integrated into students' work. The students will hold a parent performance during the spring to culminate their year of choir. The choir sang two classical selections. Board members said the students did a great job and the families should be very proud.
3. Spotlight – School Social Workers/School Counselors  
Meredith Riffel shared information about the school counseling program that makes our District great. She believes this is the best social services team ever in the District. They work as a Professional Learning Community and do amazing things for kids. Mrs. Riffel introduced the schools counselors/social workers and their school assignments:
  - Anna Hubbel – Pepper Drive and Rio Seco
  - Ed. Gigliotti – PRIDE Academy and Carlton Oaks
  - Kirsten Stretton - Cajon Park, Santee Success Program, and Sycamore Canyon
  - Mary Shirley – Hill Creek
  - Carrie Thompson – Chet F. Harritt and Carlton Hills

These school counselors provide research-based programs and student support that shows the greatest results. They each provide support to 50-65 students at each assigned campus per week, serving more than 1,000 students each school year. Their work includes support to decrease student discipline and referrals and providing college and career planning for students. The results from 2010-11 show 96-98% of EMHI participating students showed improvement. School administrators have great comments about the program and the counselors. This year's highlights include consistent discipline coding, K-5 teachers teaching Second Step, increased parent education opportunities, career and college exploration support, and exploration of additional funding options to support all students at all sites. Mrs. Riffel thanked the Board for supporting the program and making it work in Santee.

Member Fox asked if the services were available for all students. Mrs. Riffel said students must have parent permission but can be referred by themselves, parents, or teachers. Member Burns thanked Mrs. Riffel, and said he is starting to see more and more a common language and that there is great involvement with the students on campus.

President Bartholomew said that we focus on a lot of things for students to hit the achievement mark and sometimes don't recognize that kids come to school with issues every day that may impact their achievement. He appreciates that these folks provide support for those issues.

Dr. Shaw added that he greatly appreciated Ed Gigliotti's participation in the Strategic Planning, representing the social workers.

**C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION**

President Bartholomew 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 Bartholomew 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 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 Western Environmental & Safety Technologies Inc. for Asbestos Reporting Update per AHERA Regulations**
- 3.1. **Approval of Comprehensive School Safety Plans**
- 4.1. **Personnel, Regular**
- 4.2. **Approval of 2012-13 School Calendar**
- 4.3. ~~Approval of New Certificated Management Job Description for Coordinator, Curriculum, Instructional Technology, and Media Services and Appointment of Coordinator~~ This item was pulled from the agenda.

It was moved and seconded to approve Consent Items.

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

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

**1.1. California School Boards Association 2012 Delegate Assembly Election**

Board members cast their unit vote for each of the eight incumbents. Member Ryan asked that a note be sent to each incumbent's district informing them that Santee voted for them.

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

**1.2. Discussion of Support for Non-Smoking Santee City Parks**

President Bartholomew acknowledged three members of the public with Request to Speak cards.

Lynda Barbour from the American Society: Ms. Barbour requested the Board to consider a resolution to encourage the City to adopt smoke-free city parks. She believed their demonstrated leadership would help move the City to take a stand to improve the health of children. She also invited the Board to the Relay for Life at Hill Creek next month.

Will Cheesman from Santee Solutions Coalition: Santee Solutions is a community-based organization that works to prevent underage drinking and tobacco and drug use in Santee. Their goal is to see Santee become a smoke-free park city. He came to support Mr. Spencer's request for support.

Joe Spencer on behalf of the American Heart Association: Mr. Spencer urged the Board to adopt a resolution to encourage the City to ban smoking in city parks.

President Bartholomew reported this item was placed on the agenda at the request of Board members after public communication from Mr. Spencer at the last meeting. Member Ryan said she personally supports the idea of smoke-free parks in Santee as a health benefit to everyone. Member Burns agrees and supports everything that was shared by the speakers. He has shared his personal beliefs with members of the City Council. He believes it would be most beneficial to discuss this under the normal protocols that are in place. He does not believe it would be appropriate to adopt a resolution that imposes on their domain. Member El-Hajj understands others positions but does not believe it is in the Board's purview. There are laws on the books that are not always enforceable. Although Board members can say how they feel as individuals, she doesn't believe the Board should try to tell the City Council what they should do. Member Fox agrees that more can get done working behind the scenes. He has spoken to City staff and shared his views. He also believes this is best addressed in joint meetings with the City. President Bartholomew would be interested in doing something substantive. He is not interested in having more legislation, which burdens law enforcement. Philosophically, he does not believe in putting in a ban, but is more interested in talking about how we

can increase awareness and make resources available to enforce laws that are already on the books. He is not interested in a letter or resolution but addressing the issue through dialogue in joint meeting and dialogue with City staff. He does not believe this is a school district issue.

Member Ryan said it is incumbent on getting those who support this to go to the City. A resolution is probably not the best way to go. She suggested scheduling a meeting of the City/Board joint committee. She believes it is a good conversation to have with the City with the message being that second hand smoke is dangerous for kids. She suggests bringing information about the dangers and statistics and she will provide any information needed for that meeting.

Member Burns said the Board's job is tobacco education, and the Board can share how the City can partner with us for healthy kids. A City/Board joint committee meeting will be scheduled.

### **2.1. Final Decision for Execution of 2012 Solar Projects**

Karl Christensen shared the most current information to help determine if the District should go forward with solar projects. SDG&E is currently working toward increasing rates to account for the cost incurred from the 2008 fires. He spoke with Don Parent from SDG&E and the Center for Sustainable Energy. They indicated some optimism with conversations about grandfathering in those already with solar. They recognize there are some unique things with school districts but have not mitigated anything. We may not know anything more before June. Mr. Christensen does not feel there is enough definitive information to make a recommendation to go forward with solar projects. If a decision to move forward comes later, it may mean projects would need to be constructed during school time because the projects would start after summer. He may try to get an extension from the IRS to allow the CREBs to be issued later than the October deadline. Five water districts, North County Transit, and three school districts are forming a coalition and Mr. Christensen is looking to see how beneficial it would be to join the coalition.

Member El-Hajj said Mr. Christensen does a wonderful job of being conservative and cautious. She believes there are other benefits to solar besides saving dollars. Mr. Christensen said the cost for the solar is much greater than just the benefits such as shade structures. The savings is at a great risk and burdens the general fund if the savings is eroded. He is working to keep the opportunity open as long as possible while assessing the risk.

Member Burns moved to suspend design and implementation work on 2012 Solar Projects until more definitive information becomes available regarding the financial impact of SDG&E proposed rate changes for solar customers.

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

### **2.2. Adoption of Resolution #1112-13 to Participate in County Treasury's Cross Fiscal Year Temporary Transfer of Funds Program**

Karl Christensen provided an analysis on cash flow and said it is always changing. The transportation reduction has now been moved to a revenue reduction. Participation in the County Treasury's Cross Fiscal Year Temporary Transfer of Funds Program puts us in the position to be able to get cash if needed. No final decision needs to be made to take part in this loan until the middle of April and if needed, it will mitigate the minimum amount needed. Member Ryan moved to adopt Resolution #1112-13 to participate in the County Treasury's Cross Fiscal Year Temporary Transfer of Funds Program.

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

### **3.1. Approval of Extended Field Trip Request**

Kristin Baranski reported students wish to attend the Spring Jam, an annual leadership conference sponsored by the SDCOE held at Camp Cuyamaca. It is anticipated that 25-30 students will attend. Santee Solutions will offset the cost if needed. Member Burns will abstain because he is employed by SDCOE. Member El-Hajj moved to approve the Extended Field Trip Request for 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to Camp Cuyamaca.

**Motion: El-Hajj Second: Fox Vote: 4-0 (Burns abstain)**

## **F. BOARD POLICIES AND BYLAWS**

- 1.1. First Reading: Revised Board Policy 4122, Student Teacher Funds**
- 1.2. First Reading: Revised Board Policy 3580, Retention of Electronic Mail Records**
- 1.3. First Reading: Revised Board Policy 4040, Technology Acceptable Use**
- 1.4. First Reading: New Board Policy 4161.4 Long-Term Leave of Absence**

The new and revised Board Policies listed were presented for a first reading. There were no comments or questions from the Board members. These Board Policies will return to the next meeting for a second reading and request for approval.

## **G. BOARD COMMUNICATION**

Member Fox attended Hill Creek Learning Resource Center open house and toured the new building construction. Member Burns thanked Minnie Malin for the Santee Success Program report. He would like to make this information part of protocol in the future.

Member Ryan visited the Santee Success Program. She asked for their names and why they were there. A couple of kids shared things that concerned her. She asked Mrs. Malin to check into this.

Member Burns reported that last week two schools were at camp, Carlton Oaks and Cajon Park. He is very thankful to have the opportunity to work with kids in this capacity and not always as a Board member. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders that are coming up give back so much. He would love the Board to visit when Santee kids are at camp.

Member Burns reported that he will be going to Sacramento to the State Allocation Board meeting. Administration will seek support letters from legislators and Member Ryan will call Mark Wyland's office.

The draft of student questions and answers were shared with the Board for review and editing. They will get edits to Linda and the questions and answers will be posted on the website. Notices will be sent to the students who attended the Student Forum.

Dr. Shaw asked if there were any desired discussion topics for the upcoming Principals meeting: Board members suggested asking the principals what they want to talk about and submit their questions before the meeting.

#### **H. 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: Santee Teachers Association*  
*Classified School Employees Association*
3. **Public Employee Performance Evaluation** (Govt. Code § 54957)  
*Superintendent*

The Board entered closed session at 8:51 p.m.

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

The Board reconvened to public session at 11:49 p.m. No action was reported.

#### **J. ADJOURNMENT**

The February 21, 2012 regular meeting adjourned at 11:49 p.m.