

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

May 15, 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 7:02 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  
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 Hunter Gauthier, a 5<sup>th</sup> grade student at Carlton Oaks School, 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 Ryan 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

Dr. Shaw shared that Governor Brown gave his May revise budget yesterday. It was somewhat the same as proposed in January. However, the State deficit is nearer \$16 million rather than the projected \$9 million. It looks like enough signatures have been collected for the Governor's initiative to be on the November ballot. The latest polls say citizens are in favor of this initiative to maintain school funding at its current level. Administration will return to the next Board meeting with a more thorough report on the status of the State budget, following Administration's attendance at a workshop. Member Ryan said she will be attending CSBA Delegate Assembly this week where there will be more information about education funding.

2. **Student Spotlight – Carlton Oaks Performing Arts Program**

Carlton Oaks Principal Stephanie Pierce reported on the school COPA program, a unique before and after school program for 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students. Teachers Angela Panfili, Alisa Williams, and Kim Olsen donate their time for weekly practices and a culminating performance at the end of the school year. Students from the guitar class played a selection for the Board.

3. **Student Spotlight – PRIDE Academy Rosetta Stone Language Program**

PRIDE Principal, Stephanie Southcott, shared with the Board a video put together by students, demonstrating some of the foreign language skills they have learned using Rosetta Stone. PRIDE Academy implemented this foreign language opportunity for qualifying students. Following the video, each of the 5 students attending presented a quick language lesson to each Board member.

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

- County Science Fair Participants
- County Spelling Bee Participants
- Outdoor Education Essay Contest Winner

Kristin Baranski introduced the students who participated in the County Science Fair, receiving high merit:

Chad Nancarrow	Mugen Blue	Zachary Taft
Caity Williams	Brooke Motl	Melissa Chaves
Andrew Pelowitz	Scott Sterner	Phillip Richeson

Caity Williams, a Cajon Park student, is eligible for the State competition.

Mrs. Baranski introduced Casey Stoudt from Hill Creek, and Victoria Wienzirl from Chet F. Harritt who represented Santee School District in the San Diego County Spelling Bee.

Mrs. Baranski introduced Madison Porter from Hill Creek who received an Outdoor School scholarship through a countywide writing competition. Madison was one of only 15 students throughout the County named as a contest winner out of over 2,940 essays submitted. Her essay was also selected at a Judge's Favorite.

Each student was presented with a certificate of achievement.

## **5. Special Education Program Update**

Hope Michel provided the Board with an update on the Special Education program and the implementation of the Action Plan created in 2008. She shared that Goal 1 activities included the formation of an advisory committee that includes parents and staff and an IEP feedback form with 122 forms returned and indicating overwhelmingly positive feedback. Goal 2 activities included special education teachers meeting four times this year in job-a-like sessions and the opportunity to observe colleagues. Ms. Michel said the re-organization has created more opportunities for teacher collaboration to improve instruction and that special education teachers are viewed at their sites as experts in instructional strategies.

The reorganization has reduced the number of school changes, provided additional core curriculum training for SDC teachers, integrated special education and general education professional development related to differentiated instruction, and increased mainstreaming opportunities for students.

Goal 3 activities include the identification and implementation of a new benchmark assessment and implementation of new supplemental ELA and math instructional computer-adaptive programs.

Administration is currently meeting with each site SDC strand teacher to determine caseloads of each SDC program for next year. The goal is to have no more than 12 students in primary classes and 15 in intermediate and junior high classes.

Member Ryan said she recently attended an IEP with Ms. Michel and she did a great job. President Bartholomew asked if any negative feedback has been received and if so, is it followed up with the parent. Ms. Michel said if there is a name provided, as a name is optional, it is followed up on to discuss their specific concern.

Member Burns asked if parents were being informed if their children are changing schools next year. Ms. Michel said there are about 10 students that will change schools next year and she is accompanying them and their parents on site visits. Member Burns said he would like to support those parents in any way possible to assist in those transitions, including providing those students with a school shirt for their new school.

Member El-Hajj asked the reason these students will have to change schools and if this meant the new program had flaws. Ms. Michel said moves are necessary because a student's level of need may be different than expected, either greater or lesser. It used to be parents felt that moves were for the benefit of the District, and now they feel the moves are for the best interest of the children. The Board thanked Ms. Michel for the update.

## **C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION**

President Bartholomew invited members of the audience to address the Board about any item not on the agenda.

Sonya Ramos-Santee resident: Ms. Ramos shared at the last meeting about the Quail Brush Power Plant project and wished to have a follow up presentation to the Board. She shared her grave concerns about the Power Plant project and that her concerns continue to increase. This project will be detrimental to the health of the community and without our health, our education is of no use. She asked the Board to continue to educate themselves about the impact of this project. She said, Lori Ziebart, the project manager, is asking the community to wait. If we wait, we do potential damage to our community.

#### **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**
- 1.2. **Approval to Cancel the July 3, 2012 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**
- 3.1. **Authorization to Award Ornamental Fencing Project for Hill Creek School**
- 4.1. **Approval of State Preschool Program Annual Report to California Department of Education**
- 4.2. **Approval of the 2011-12 Consolidated Application, Part II**
- 5.1. **Personnel, Regular**
- 5.2. **Approval of Short-Term Position**

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

##### **1.1. Approval to Participate in Autism Training and Research with Rady Children's Hospital and University of California, San Diego**

Kristin Baranski, Director of Educational Services, reported that Rady Children's Hospital and UCSD are conducting a three-year research project related to the recent adaptation of a behavioral technique used with autistic children, Classroom Pivotal Response Training (CPRT). They are seeking teachers who will consent to be part of this 3 year study. We have nine teachers interested in the training.

Member Ryan commented that Rady Children's Hospital was the first in the nation to establish a preschool for children with autism. They have had remarkable results. It is an honor and a great benefit to be one of the districts chosen to participate. She abstained from voting on this because she has a grandchild that may have the opportunity to participate.

Member Burns moved to approve the participation in autism training and research with Rady Children's Hospital and University of California, San Diego beginning in the 2012-2013 school year.

**Motion:** *Burns*                      **Second** *Fox*                      **Vote:** *4-0 (Ryan, abstain)*  
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##### **1.2. Approval of K-3 Balanced Reading: Professional Development and Materials**

Mrs. Baranski introduced three Language Arts Specialists (LAS): Terry Johnson, Bonnie Jackson, and Debbie Town who were in the audience representing all of the LAS whose guidance in this process has been invaluable. She requested approval of professional development plans, materials, and implementation of a Benchmark Assessment System for a K-3 Balanced Reading Program. This program and materials will support the new District Balanced Reading Program for Kindergarten through third

grades, presented to the Board at the April 17, 2012 meeting. No general funds are to be used for this but Mrs. Baranski recommended using BTSA funding for part of the cost.

Member Ryan moved to approve the professional development plans and materials for the K – 3 Balanced Reading Program and Benchmark Assessment System implementation.

**Motion: Ryan Second Burns Vote: 5-0**  
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## **2.1. Approval to Increase Work Hours for Identified Classified Non-Management Positions**

Minnie Malin requested approval to increase work hours for:

- Three child nutrition services Food Service Worker 1-A positions from 2.5 to 2.75 hours per day to support the Grab & Go lunch program,
- One Food Service Utility Worker position from 5:0 to 6:0 hours per day, and
- One Bilingual Clerical Assistant position from 3.75 to 4.75 hours per day.

Member El-Hajj asked for clarification on the fiscal impact of the Bilingual Clerical Assistant. Mrs. Malin said the cost will be shared with Out-of-School-Time and Human Resources. Member Ryan moved to approve the increase in work hours for the identified positions.

**Motion: Ryan Second Fox Vote: 5-0**  
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## **2.2. Adoption of Resolution No. 1112-28 to Layoff an Identified Classified Non-Management Position**

Minnie Malin reported due to the promotion of an eighth grade student who receives 1-on-1 assistance, one Instructional Assistant, Special Ed II position will not be needed for the 2012-13 school year. After the bumping process, there will be a need to lay off 1 classified employee. Member Ryan moved to adopt resolution no. 1112-28 to layoff an identified classified non-management position.

**Motion: Ryan Second Burns Vote: 5-0**  
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## **F. BOARD POLICIES AND BYLAYS**

### **1.1. First Reading: Board Policy Annual Review:**

- 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**

Board Bylaw 9310, Board Policies, and Education Code 35160.5 require that the Board annually review the listed Board Policies. The above listed policies were submitted with no recommended revisions for a first reading. No action was requested.

### **2.1. Second Reading: New BP 5131.3, Bullying Prevention**

New BP 5131.3, Bullying Prevention was presented to the Board for a second reading and request for adoption. Member Burns asked about staff development and training in bullying prevention and if that meant that staff development will be provided at every school. Mrs. Malin said it began this year with Administrator training. Next year Bob Kull will provide training at a staff meeting and assemblies with students. Teachers will be directed to discuss the policy in the classroom with their students. Member Burns asked if it will be a consistent training that all staff will receive each year. Mrs. Malin said there will be a District template for Principals to use. Member Burns would like to have Mr. Kull provide a short presentation of the material that will be presented.

President Bartholomew asked if something specific about social media should be included. Board members and administration concurred that social media should be addressed in the policy.

Member Burns moved to adopt new BP 5131.3 with the addition of social media being addressed.

**Motion: Burns Second Fox Vote: 5-0**  
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### **2.2. Second Reading: Revised Board Policies to Incorporate Recommendations from the San Diego County Taxpayer's Association**

**BP 3290      BP 3311      BP 3312**  
**BP 3600      BP 7140**

Revised BP 3290, BP 3311, BP 3312, BP 3600, and BP 7140 were presented to the Board for a second reading and approval. These Board Policies were revised to include language recommended by the San Diego County Taxpayer's Association. Member Burns moved to approve the revisions to the listed Board Policies.

**Motion: Burns                      Second Ryan                      Vote: 5-0**  
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**G. BOARD COMMUNICATION**

Board members expressed their appreciation to Administration for bringing student presentations from the programs offered to students at the schools. It has been great to see what they are doing.

Member Ryan said the strategic planning process has been really great and it is nice to have parents providing input.

Member Burns said during discussions about class sizes, there has been some talk about combinations in junior high. He visited PRIDE Academy and said it was awesome and altered his view somewhat about combination classes. The team was consistent in the classroom environment and it seems to be working well at PRIDE. He spoke with several children and they all felt comfortable with older or younger grade students in their classroom. He applauded the PRIDE junior high staff for their hard work.

Member El-Hajj has been working on the staff development committee and it is going well. Thursday she will attend the Classroom of the Future Awards.

Ken Fox attended the SELPA awards dinner celebrating Jerelyn Lindsay's recognition. Today he sat in on Technology Grant presentations. He said it is obvious the groups worked hard and planned for their presentations.

President Bartholomew mentioned the letter Chet F. Harritt received from Mr. Rosatti with his generous donation. The letter says it all about our district.

Karen Pearlman, seated in the audience, introduced herself as the Union Tribune reporter who will now be covering school boards in the East County.

**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*
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 8:30 p.m.

**I. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION**

The Board reconvened to public session at 11:20 p.m. No action was reported.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

The May 15, 2012 regular meeting adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

