

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

June 5, 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 7:03 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 the audience to recite the District Mission and then invited Keith Patrick, a 5th grader at Carlton Hills School, to lead the members, staff, and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda

President Bartholomew reported that the Board would adjourn for a 10 minute reception in honor of the students participating in the Academic Achievement competition following the awards presentation. He also requested this meeting be adjourned in memory of Aaliyah Johnson, a former Chet F. Harritt student that recently died under very tragic circumstances. It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda with these additions.

Motion: Burns Second El-Hajj 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. Spotlight on Education: Eighth Grade Student Academic Achievement Awards

Each year selected 8th grade students from each school participate in an annual end of the year Academic Student Achievement Award competition. This year the Academic Achievement Award Competition focused on the areas of writing, speech and mathematics. Students were required to write a literature response essay, give an impromptu speech, and take a comprehensive algebra test. The award winners were as follows:

Writing: David Gregory Speech: Hinsseenee Regassa
Mathematics: (4-way tie) Madina Habibi, Luci Patrick, Jordan Tockstein, and Rafael Seguin
Overall Academic Achievement: Hailey Schaffner

The four Mathematics winners were each presented a check for \$100 from the Santee School District Foundation. The City of Santee recognized the overall winner with a proclamation and the Santee Chamber of Commerce presented the overall winner with a Savings Bond. Hill Creek will proudly display the perpetual trophy until next year's competition.

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. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Use of 2012-13 Tier III State Categorical Programs

President Bartholomew opened the public hearing on the use of 2012-13 Tier III State Categorical Programs. There were no public comments. The hearing was closed.

E. 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. *(Pulled for separate consideration.)*
- 2.4. Adoption of Resolution #1112-29, to Establish Temporary Interfund Transfers
- 2.5. Approval of 2012-13 Student Accident Insurance
- 2.6. Approval of Consultants and General Service Providers
- 2.7. Adoption of Resolution #1112-30 for Proposed Use of 2012-13 Tier III State Categorical Programs
- 2.8. *(Pulled for separate consideration.)*
- 2.9. Approval of Agreement with Keenan and Associates to Administer Property and Liability Run Off Claims for Incidents Occurring On or Before June 30, 2011
- 3.1. Approval of Contract for Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School/Agency Services and Individual Services Agreement for Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School/Agency Services
- 3.2. Approval Extended Field Trip for Carlton Hills 7-8 Grade Students to H&M Landing in San Diego
- 4.1. Personnel, Regular
- 4.2. Approval of Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA) Agreement with Orange County Department of Education
- 4.3. Approval of Short-Term Positions
- 4.4. Approval to Renew Annual Agreement and Rate Structure with Fagen, Friedman & Fulfroost

It was moved and seconded to approve Consent Items with the exception of E.2.3. and E.2.8. which were pulled for separate consideration.

Motion: Burns Second El-Hajj Vote: 5-0
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E.2.3. Acceptance of Donations (Pulled by Member Burns for separate consideration.) Member Burns supports this item but wanted to bring to attention how much Mission Federal Credit Union does for the employees of Santee School District. He requested Administration provide a way to express the District's sincere gratitude for their support, such a banner to display at the local branch. Member Burns moved approval.

Motion: Burns Second Fox Vote: 5-0
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E.2.8. Approval/Ratification of Annual Agreements for 2012-13 (Pulled by Member Burns for separate consideration.) Member Burns said he would abstain from this item as his employer is a vendor considered in the item. Member El-Hajj moved approval.

Motion: El-Hajj Second Fox Vote: 4-0 (Burns, Abstain)
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F. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

President Bartholomew invited comments from the public on any item listed under Discussion and/or Action. There were no comments.

1.1. Governor's May Revise

Karl Christensen provided the Board with an update on the Governor's May Revise. The components of the May Revise are virtually the same as the January proposal. The State's projected deficit is now nearly \$16 billion due to an over estimation of revenue. The Governor's Revise is contingent on the proposed ballot initiative and expenditure reductions. Prop 98 continues a very troublesome trend of the State manipulating the numbers. The result of these manipulations provides no additional funding for education. Recently a court decision found there is nothing in the Prop 98 language that would disallow the State to manipulate the funds.

1.2. Approval of Monthly Financial Report

Karl Christensen reported for the month of April 2012, ending in a cash balance of \$6,209,974. This balance includes the receipt of the \$4.4.M County Treasury Loan. Future financial reports will reflect the changes in the Governor's May Revise. Member Ryan moved to approve the Monthly Financial Report for April 2012.

Motion: Ryan **Second** Burns **Vote:** 5-0
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1.3. No Risk Agreement with Northwest Capital Recovery Group for Utility Audit and Cost Recovery

Karl Christensen reported the District recently learned through CSBA about the Northwest Capital Recovery Group who will go back several years and review utility bills for calculation or billing errors. They will also look at any ways our service can be restructured to obtain additional savings. Once their review is concluded they provide a report to the District by line items. The District may accept or reject any line item and there is no cost for any items not accepted by the District. Any recovered revenue or savings from accepted items would be shared with them.

Mr. Christensen has contacted two school districts that gave glowing reports of their work and have had good results. Member El-Hajj moved to approve execution of a No Risk Agreement with Northwest Capital Recovery Group to conduct audits of certain bills for possible cost recovery and on-going savings.

Motion: El-Hajj **Second** Fox **Vote:** 5-0
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2.1. Approval to Purchase Alexandria, a Library and Textbook Management System

Kristin Baranski shared that she previously came to the Board about purchasing a new software system for inventory and tracking of library books and textbooks. The current system is DOS based and is no longer supported by the vendor. Mrs. Baranski went through the RFP process providing the vendors with a list of needs. Alexandria was selected because it is web-based, tracks textbooks, and also has a student and parent interface. The cost of the software is \$41,505 and would be paid from the Instruction Materials Fund. There would also be a hardware cost of \$4,500 to replace the scanners at several schools and \$2,000 for training/professional development. An ongoing cost of \$11,000 annually includes all upgrades.

Member El-Hajj mentioned that her school is beginning to look at online books and asked if this software has this capability. Dr. Laura Spencer said it has an eBook option and will support eBooks when we are ready. Member Burns moved to approve the purchase of *Alexandria* as the new library and textbook management system beginning in the 2012-2013 school year.

Motion: Burns **Second** El-Hajj **Vote:** 5-0
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2.2. Proposed Instructional Minutes for 2012-2013

Kristin Baranski presented the proposed instructional minutes for the 2012-13 school year for each school site. Cajon Park, PRIDE Academy, and Rio Seco submitted changes to their current schedules. Kindergarten minutes have been adjusted to now include recess times.

Member Burns said he wholeheartedly could not support this item. In looking at the minutes, there is such a wide range in the instructional minutes at each school and a lack of consistency throughout the District. He believes this is a poor message being sent out and it is doing a disservice to our students.

Member Ryan agreed there is quite a disparity in terms of instructional minutes and believes this needs to be changed. Member Burns asked if the Board could mandate a minimum number of instructional minutes. Dr. Shaw said that would have to be negotiated with STA. Member Burns said it is difficult to equate that a Kindergarten class at one school is getting more minutes that a 1-3 grade class at another school. He also stated he cannot support some schools having up to 10,000 more instructional minutes than another school. He shared with the Board that if this item were not approved, a message could be sent back to schools to revisit their plan and bring back a revised plan. If this or a revised plan was not approved, they would remain on their current schedule for next year. Member Ryan said this should be a priority for future negotiations. President Bartholomew said this proposal shows that some schools are increasing instructional minutes. Member El-Hajj moved to approve the instructional minutes proposals for the 2012-13 school year including kindergarten schedules and modified day proposals.

Motion: El-Hajj **Second** Fox **Vote:** 4-1 (Burns, no)
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H. BOARD POLICIES AND BYLAYS

1.1. First Reading: New BP 5131.2, Bullying

New BP 5131.2 Bullying, was presented for a first reading. No action was requested. BP 5131.2 will return to a future meeting for a second reading and request for adoption.

2.1. Second 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 second reading and approval. Member Ryan moved to approve the annual review of the listed Board Policies.

Motion: Ryan Second Burns Vote: 5-0

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I. BOARD COMMUNICATION

Member Ryan discussed documents received she from CSBA at the Delegate Assembly. One compares the ballot initiative language. CSBA has decided to change the way they do legislative advocacy and are now encouraging Board Members to do it locally. They have asked Board Members to set aside June 22nd as Board Member Advocacy Day (BMAD). Board Members from throughout the County will meet with their local representatives. Meetings have been scheduled at 10:00 a.m. with Assemblymember Brian Jones and at 3:00 p.m. with State Senator Joel Anderson, in their offices. CSBA encourages all Board members to attend their district meetings. She also shared CSBA's pension reform belief statements and principle statements and would like to put this on an upcoming agenda maybe during the summer months.

Member El-Hajj contacted our Human Resources about employee medical benefits after receiving an article sent to the Board from Assemblymember Brian Jones. She will be responding to Assemblymember Jones.

Member Burns mentioned that he followed up with Lucia Washburn at Grossmont High School District to determine if the things he shares with students will actually take place when they go to high school. Ms. Washburn would like to get the plans of students and said it will fast-track them at Grossmont. He asked administration to notify GUHSD of students attending SSP and students who may be at risk.

Mr. Christensen asked if a Board member would participate with him at a SDG&E public participation hearing on June 26th. President Bartholomew will check his calendar.

Linda will be ordering tickets for Salute to Teachers to be held on October 6th. President Bartholomew (2), Member Burns (2) and Member Ryan (1) would like tickets to attend.

Dr. Shaw reported he provided information to the Board on the technology grants. Tomorrow he will inform those who submitted grants of the outcomes. He will bring approval of the grant funding to the Board for approval at the next Board meeting.

President Bartholomew asked what has been received from Cogentrix since they presented information at the May 1st meeting and what the next step should be. He would like to bring back this discussion to the Board again soon, maybe on the June 19th agenda. Member Burns would like to see a resolution come forward for Board consideration. Member Ryan believes more information needs to be gathered and that some of the information from those opposed may not be entirely correct. The Board asked Linda to notify Cogentrix of the information the Board is still waiting to receive and that the Board will be discussing the project again in the near future.

J. 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)

Purpose: Negotiations

Agency Negotiator: Karl Christensen, Asst. Superintendent

Employee Organization: Santee Teachers Assn. & Classified School Employees Assn.

- 3. Public Employee Performance Evaluation** (Govt. Code § 54957) - Superintendent

The Board entered closed session at 9:09 p.m.

J. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board reconvened to public session at 10:25 p.m. No action was reported.

K. ADJOURNMENT

The June 5, 2012 regular meeting adjourned in memory of Aaliyah Johnson, a former Chet F. Harritt student at 10:26 p.m.

Ken Fox, Clerk

Dr. Patrick Shaw, Secretary