

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

**July 19, 2011  
MINUTES**

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 7:02 p.m. and led the audience in reciting the District Mission Statement.  
Members present:  
    Barbara Ryan, President  
    Dan Bartholomew, Vice President (via teleconference)  
    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  
    Linda Vail, Executive Assistant and Recording Secretary
2. President Ryan invited Brienne DuBois, a graduate student at Point Loma Nazarene College, 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: El-Hajj                      Second: Burns                      Vote: 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. Claims Against the District
  - 1.5. Schedule of Upcoming Events

Dr. Shaw reported he attended a workshop this afternoon regarding the State budget and shared the impact on Santee School District. He said the best description is "uncertainty." Schools will receive flat funding, and although there are no revenue increases, Administration is happy not to have budget reductions at this time. The message from Kevin Gordon, School Services Financial Advisor, was it is possible that we will not endure mid-year budget cuts but will not know for certain until mid-December. In January, the Governor will introduce his new budget proposal for the next year.

There are two trailer bills. First, if a trigger occurs, schools will be able to negotiate an additional 7 days off the school calendar, in addition to the 5 already available. This is only an option for the 2011-12 school year. The other is the suspension of AB 100, requiring a multi-year plan for the current budget, although a multi-year plan must still be included in the interim reports to the County.

**2. State Budget Update**

Karl Christensen said this budget is really unique for two reasons. It was on time and introduced a new concept: a trigger in the budget. He highlighted the revenue projections, Prop 98 and AB 1200 oversight requirements. The State anticipated \$6.6 billion in additional revenue and now anticipates an additional \$4 billion in revenue for 2011-12. It is assumed these revenue assumptions will fill the gap in the budget caused by the ending of the temporary increased taxes. If the estimated revenue comes in \$1 billion less than projected, there will be no mid-year budget cuts. Mid-year cuts would be enacted if the revenue comes in more than \$1 billion. If the revenue is over \$2 billion less than projected, there would be a revenue cut to education, transportation, and community colleges, with Prop 98 revenue limits proportionate to how far away they are from the estimated revenue. If these cuts come to pass, they have made allowance to reduce the school year by an additional 7 days.

At the May Revision, Prop 98 was \$52 billion. The number that is funded in this enacted State budget is \$48.7 billion, through manipulations of Prop 98, removing child care, and possibly other programs. There has been talk of putting a portion of the sales tax into a special fund, therefore removing it from the general fund, which would affect Prop 98 revenue. This re-benching of Prop 98 is a disturbing trend. If \$250 per ADA were reduced, the impact would be \$1.5 million in reduced funding to Santee School District.

Mr. Christensen shared a chart showing Californian's K-12 spending per student and how it lags behind the national average by about \$2,000 per student.

The multi-year projection has been suspended and limits the County's oversight of district budgets. However, this does not apply to the interim reports and it is a prudent thing to do. The District will need to project the possible effects if the triggers are implemented but a budget cannot be adopted with "possible" triggers.

If mid-year cuts are triggered at the State level, there are enough funds in District reserves to compensate for the \$3 million structural deficit. Districts would be greatly impacted if cuts were made in home-to-school transportation.

Member Bartholomew asked about our total transportation budget. Mr. Christensen said the total cost for transportation for both special education and general education students is \$1.1 million. If the revenue was lost, transportation costs would remain the same and the cost to the general fund would be greater.

Member Burns asked if there was discussion about possible future flexibility for Class Size Reduction (CSR). Mr. Christensen said he knows that the flexibility is in place for the next two years and has heard nothing more. There is talk and a possible bill being introduced for categorical flexibility that would roll CSR into it, but there is nothing definitive at this time.

Dr. Shaw has asked Mr. Christensen to investigate CSR to see if class size lowered to a 24.94 ratio would equal out with the reduction in the penalty from 30% to 20%, plus the cost of additional teachers. This option, if feasible, would help instructionally now and also help position us when the CSR ratios return.

### **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**
- 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 Uniform Complaint Quarterly Report Required by the Williams Settlement**
- 2.8. **Award of Bid for District Office Lighting Retrofit**
- 2.9. **Authorization to Sell and/or Dispose of Hill Creek Woodshop Equipment As Surplus**
- 2.10. **Approval of Renewal Agreement with Interschola for Surplus Sales**
- 3.1. **Appointment of Tricia Mattingly Robertson to the Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee**
- 3.2. **Approval of Purchase and Installation of Carpet at Pepper Drive School**
- 3.3. **Approval/Ratification of Change Orders for Replacement of Water Damaged Electrical Panels for Hill Creek School and Chet F. Harritt School Modernization Projects**
- 3.4. **Approval/Ratification of Hazardous Waste Disposal Services with North State Environmental for Proper Removal and Disposal of Chemicals at Hill Creek School**
- 3.5. **Approval of Additional Services with George Mercer Associates for Split Irrigation Meters at Hill Creek School**

- 4.1. **Approval of Annual Evaluation of the Alternative Education School**
- 4.2. **Adoption of Resolution #1112-01 Designating Personnel and Approval of 2011-12 Child Development Services Contract**
- 5.1. **Personnel, Regular**
- 5.2. **Approval of Revised Titles and Job Descriptions for "Social Worker" and "Educational Counselor" as Separate Positions**
- 5.3. **Approval of San Diego County Interagency Agreement for Providing Educational Support to Foster Youth**

Prior to action, President Ryan wished to make it known that she has a family member that works for the company being awarded a bid in Item D.2.8. She will vote on the item as there is no conflict of interest as she does not benefit financially in any way. It was moved and seconded to approve Consent Items.

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

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

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

##### **1.1. Student Wellness: Administrative Regulation 5030**

Dr. Shaw reported that in June an Administrative Regulation (AR) was brought to the Board to regulate the practice of non-compliant food items as part of class celebrations. After receiving input from the Board, he returned with a revised AR recommending classroom celebrations with non-compliant food items during the school day be limited to one per month. Dr. Shaw also surveyed school districts and many have similar language and many others with variations. This proposed AR will help regulate what is brought into the school and help teachers and administration schedule celebrations with non-compliant food items.

REQUEST TO SPEAK: Mr. Joe Spencer, Parent

MR. Spencer was surprised the AR came to the Board again so quickly. He does not agree to limiting class celebrations and believes inactivity is a greater cause of childhood obesity and the school district should be a leader in physical education. He cited information from a school district in Illinois. Mr. Spencer believes the school lunch menu needs to be changed and chocolate milk should be removed from school. He suggested schools stop using food as rewards and PTA stop selling unhealthy food items to earn money for schools.

REQUEST TO SPEAK: Mrs. Jennifer Brown, Parent

Mrs. Brown said currently the Student Wellness Policy suggestions are not being followed and she believes limiting non-compliant food celebrations to one per month is a good way to help enhance student wellness. She has seen that nutritious snacks are not offered or encouraged. Donuts, cookies, etc., are in classrooms every day. Classroom celebrations are occurring before lunch, compounding the problem. It is important to eliminate the distractions in the classroom and focus on instruction. Mrs. Brown believes once per month for celebrations is a good idea.

Member El-Hajj said she is in favor of once per month for non-compliant food celebrations and supports the change. Each school can set their own calendar ahead of time. It will help to have consistent guidelines for schools, not just suggestions. She did notice at the end of the year there were lots of treats around and it seems to have gotten out of hand. The AR will make it more manageable for staff and administration. Member El-Hajj referred to the minutes of the last Wellness Committee meeting saying the focus next year will be in PE. PE was never left out but there is a need to begin somewhere.

Member Burns said the AR addresses both the PE and nutrition goals. One time per month is very clear to principals, teachers, and parents and is easier to manage at the schools. There has been a need for clear direction from the District. He also stated in response to a statement by a speaker, that receiving a "D" grade does not meet the academic standards of Santee School District. Member Burns would like the Wellness Committee to observe a PE program in action because there are some really good PE programs out at the schools.

Member Fox will support the proposed AR as long as PE and nutrition education piece are not forgotten. He believes it is important to educate staff to not give out candy and other sweets as rewards and observe the one day per month celebration day.

Member El-Hajj said the guidelines will be clearer for staff. She asked Dr. Shaw how the regulations will be driven. Dr. Shaw will request a calendar from the Principal, who will drive the regulation at their site. Celebration days could also be put on the lunch calendars so parents will be aware of when they are planned.

Member Bartholomew will support the change and said Mrs. Brown is correct about what is happening at the schools. The sites need guidelines in order to be consistent. A monthly recognition opportunity will be effective. Mr. Spencer brought up some good issues although there seems to be a contradiction in wanting to eliminate a food with high sugar yet wanting to maintain sweet treats in the classroom. He believes the District is doing a good thing by trying to get some reign on the treats at school. This does not stop the conversation and after this change is in place, Administration can begin to discuss and work on the other aspects of student wellness.

President Ryan said the focus seems to be on what we eat at the celebrations. She asked if a teacher can celebrate without food. Kids like to feel special on their birthday but it does not have to be with food. Dr. Shaw said yes, the limitation is for non-compliant food items only. PTA has a list of things parents and teachers can use for student recognition without using food.

Member Burns moved to support the revised draft Administrative Regulation as presented.

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

## 1.2. School Program Services Year End Report

Dr. Shaw presented the 2010-11 School Program Services Annual Report. He highlighted a number of areas:

- **Special Education:** The results for 2010-11 are similar to 2009-10 with approximately 11.5% of our students represented in special education, reduced from 13.5% in the prior years. The Resource Program has reduced by 20 students, which can be attributed to all school sites offering quality *Response to Intervention (Rtl)* and *Universal Access*.
- **GATE Program:** In 2009-10, 629 students were identified and in 2010-11, 674 were identified. The identification procedure has been revamped and the number of students being identified for next year should be reduced. An additional measure has been included to help identify truly gifted students, not just high achievers. Many of our schools will be participating in GATE this year.
- **Interdistrict Attendance Permits:** This year 944 students came into our District and 387 students attended outside. This year there were 100 additional students taking advantage of our interdistrict attendance opportunities. The largest student contributor is Cajon Valley. There are fewer students going to La Mesa Spring Valley than previously. These numbers have a lot to do with our academic program.
- **Habitual Truants:** Truancy has been reduced by 50% since 2008-09. Kudos to Bob Kull and the Vice Principals. Administration will check if the data for 2009-10 can be retrieved for comparison purposes.
- **Suspensions:** There were 490 total days of suspension last year. In 2009-10 there were 759 total days. The total suspensions have been reduced by 50% also. Schools are making a strong effort in suspensions and the efforts are paying off. Member Burns remarked that the inconsistency between schools in behavior and consequences no longer seems to exist. Dr. Shaw said he met with Vice Principals monthly during the year and discussed these issues. Board members had no further questions and accepted the School Program Services Year End Report for 2010-11.

## 2.1. Approval of Monthly Financial Report

Karl Christensen presented the monthly financial report for May with an ending general fund balance of \$3.1 million. The District ended June without having to transfer funds from fund 17. It is projected that there will be a surplus at the end of the fiscal year of \$2 million. Member Burns moved to approve the Monthly Financial Report for May 2011.

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

## 2.2. Approval of Third Amendment to Agreement Between the City of Santee and the District for Cooperative Facilities Utilization and Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Previous Improvements to Rio Seco Ball Fields Funded by Little Padres Grant

Karl Christensen reported that at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> Board meeting the Board gave direction on an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that would be consistent with the idea that any new structures put on the District fields

would not need to be relocated if the need to move the fields arose. The City has agreed to incorporate what they are doing this month as well as with the Little Padres grant into this MOU.

Member Burns moved to approve the Third Amendment to the Agreement between the City of Santee and the District for Cooperative Facilities Utilization and Memorandum of Understanding regarding previous improvements to Rio Seco Ball Fields funded by Little Padres Grant.

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

Member Burns said the Little Leagues have had vandals who stole the copper from the light poles twice in the last couple of month. Dr. Shaw said there has been copper wire theft from the construction sites as well.

#### **H. BOARD POLICIES AND BYLAWS**

##### **1.1. Second Reading: Revised BP 6163.2 Animals at School**

Member El-Hajj moved to approve revised BP 6163.2, Animals at School.

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

#### **I. BOARD COMMUNICATION**

Barbara Ryan shared the gift to the Board from SSP graduating class. The gift will be mounted behind the Board chairs.

President Ryan will be recognized on August 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Board of Supervisors meeting. Member Burns will try to attend.

Dr. Shaw reported the Sportsplex is considering submitting a request to amend their liquor license to allow alcohol to be taken into the stands and batting cages. Member Fox reported he plays there twice a week and has seen tailgating and alcohol taken into the stands already. Dr. Shaw said in Poway there are signs that no alcohol is allowed in the parking lot and he believed that following a conversation with the City Manager, the same signs would be installed in Santee. The Board has some concerns about expanding the license. Member Burns is concerned about impact on our students and it is a problem if they can see the alcohol being consumed at any time. Some of the original protestants are concerned about how alcohol consumption would be managed in the stands; consumers being of legal age and behavior. Dr. Shaw will follow up with the City Manager about signs in the parking lot.

President Ryan shared that while traveling in Europe she noticed there are not many obese people there. She believes it is because they walk and bicycle everywhere. She hopes to see some focus from the Wellness Committee on physical activity for students.

#### **J. CLOSED SESSION**

President Ryan announced that the Board would meet in closed session for:

- 1. Conference with Labor Negotiator (Govt. Code § 54956.8)**

*Purpose: Negotiations*

*Agency Negotiator: Karl Christensen, Asst. Superintendent*

*Employee Organization: Classified School Employees Association*

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

#### **J. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION**

The Board reconvened to public session at 8:45 p.m. No action was reported.

#### **K. ADJOURNMENT**

The July 19, 2011 regular meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.