

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

**MINUTES
November 1, 2011**

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Educational Resource Center
9619 Cuyamaca Street
Santee, California

Prior to the Board regular Board Meeting, the Board met with Dr. Sheri Barker, Strategic Planning facilitator, to discuss desired outcomes of the upcoming Strategic Planning process.

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Call to Order and Welcome

President Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and read the District Mission Statement.

Members present:

Barbara Ryan, President
Dan Bartholomew, Vice President
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
Kristin Baranski, Director, Educational Services
Linda Vail, Executive Assistant and Recording Secretary

2. President Ryan invited the audience to recite the District Mission and then invited Stephanie Southcott, Principal at PRIDE Academy, 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 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. Professional Leadership Team Video

Dr. Shaw presented the fourth of five photo essays developed by groups of the Professional Leadership Team.

3. Principal Presentations from PRIDE Academy and Sycamore Canyon School

Stephanie Southcott, Principal at PRIDE Academy, shared her pride in the achievement of her students. She reported their 18 point increase in API in 2010-11 and their API increase from 805 to 823 since the inception of the Academy focus. She shared CST data in Language Arts and Math. The area of focus for Language Arts will be in 3rd and 5th grades. The program implemented last year was very successful for 7th graders. Their Math results showed a large increase, laying a good foundation for their 8th grade year. Also implemented last year were the 6-week monitoring of all students in grades 1-6 in Language Arts and Math. Goals for 2011-12 include a student goal setting program. Newly implanted this year are Rosetta Stone language opportunities for qualified 7th & 8th graders, a new PRIDE Family focus, Club LIVE, Second Step, and all teachers GATE certified. She shared a photo of their new entrance provided through modernization and said that the school's exterior now reflects all the amazing teaching and learning going on inside the school.

Member Bartholomew asked how Rosetta Stone will be implemented. Mrs. Southcott said in order to participate, students must have scored 375 or higher in Language Arts and complete a language project. Rosetta Stone will be paid by site funds and students will have options for a variety of languages, requiring a

minimum of two students per language minimum. This is important because a component of the program will include conversational language. They also plan to have an adult fluent in each language to provide one hour per week of conversational language learning.

Debra Simpson, Principal of Sycamore Canyon, shared how proud her school is to be celebrating their increase of 21 points, boosting their API to 895. She shared Language Arts CST data showing large increases in 3rd and 6th grades and the focus for each grade level this school year. This year, school goals include the CAFÉ plan for grade 2-6, an intense Reading Recovery model, and detailed data analysis for individual and small group intervention with immediate feedback. Last year Sycamore Canyon implemented a Learning Center where CST data shows 35% of participating RSP students in below basic became proficient or advanced on last year's CST. This year all third grade through sixth grade teachers are GATE certified supporting the school-wide emphasis on rigor and extended learning.

Member Bartholomew said both schools had great gains and he was impress that their focus is how to get better next year. The Board thanked both Principals for their excellent presentations.

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 Revolving Cash Report**
- 2.3. **Acceptance of Donations**
- 2.4. **Authorization to Sell/Dispose of Surplus Items**
- 2.5. **Adoption of Resolution of Intention to Dedicate Easement at Cajon Park School to San Diego Gas & Electric Company**
- 3.1. **Ratification of Contract Amendment with Trittippo Architecture and Planning for Extra Services on the Hill Creek 10-Classroom Addition Project**
- 3.2. **Acceptance of Construction and Authorization to File Notice of Completion Documents for Phase 2 Modernizations of Chet F. Harritt and PRIDE Academy at Prospect Avenue, and Chet F. Harritt Ball Fields Projects**
- 3.3. ***Pulled for separate consideration.***
- 3.4. **Adoption of Resolution #1112-07 to Establish a Labor Compliance Program**
- 3.5. **Approval to Contract with California School Construction Services, Don Hendrix, for Labor Compliance Program Services**
- 4.1. **Annual Approval of Single Plans for Student Achievement**
- 4.2. **Approval of Invo Healthcare Associates, Inc. Agreement for Occupational Therapy (OT) Services**
- 4.3. **Approval of Open Ended Student Teaching and Practicum Agreement with National University**
- 4.4. ***Pulled for separate consideration.***
- 5.1. **Personnel, Regular**
- 5.2. **Certification of Competence in Evaluation and Instructional Methodologies**
- 5.3. **Approval to Travel Outside the State for Identified Employee on Workers' Compensation Leave**

It was moved and seconded to approve Consent Items with the exception of items 3.1. and 4.4. which were pulled for separate consideration.

Motion: Burns Second Bartholomew Vote: 5-0
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- 3.1. **Ratification of Contract Amendment with Trittippo Architecture and Planning for Extra Services on the Hill Creek 10-Classroom Addition Project
(Pulled for separate consideration by Member Burns)**

Member Burns confirmed with administration the cost of \$13,000 for the architects to amend the plan of the Hill Creek 10-classroom building. He said he appreciates the entire team, returning to the drawing board and making the change possible. Member Burns moved approval.

Motion: Burns Second El-Hajj Vote: 5-0
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**4.4. Approval of Reimbursement Agreement with San Diego County Superintendent of Schools to Fund Excess Costs for Educationally Related Mental Health Services (ERMHS)
(Pulled for separate consideration by Member Burns)**

Member Burns asked if this agreement included any changes from last year's agreement. Kristin Barbarski said the agreement is the same as last year. President Ryan asked Mrs. Baranski if Administration would check to see if it could be done more inexpensively. Mrs. Baranski said Administration continues to collect data and assess needs to seek the lowest cost solution.

Motion: Burns Second Fox Vote: 5-0
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G. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

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

1.1. Approval of Monthly Financial Report

Karl Christensen provided a monthly financial report. He said he is closely monitoring cash flow which is a bit tricky this year. Cash flow can be greatly impacted by any mid-year budget cuts and is also dependent on the outcome of a current redevelopment agency shift lawsuit and the potential for redevelopment funds. He continues to put together various scenarios based on these variables. If there is flat funding and the District received Educational Revenue Augmentation Funds (ERAF) funding of approximately \$5 M, a mid-year loan for cash may not be needed. However, the plans are in place if a loan is needed. The budget shows a deficit of \$ 2.1 M, with all budget revisions in place, which is very close to what was projected. Administration continues to work on trying to reduce the deficit wherever possible. Member Burns asked about the STRS payoff and if Mr. Christensen was suggesting to not pay it off. Mr. Christensen said if the mid-year triggers go into effect he will return to the Board to have another conversation about the pay off. Member Burns moved to approve the Monthly Financial Report.

Motion: Burns Second El-Hajj Vote: 5-0
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1.2. Solar Projects and Clean Renewable Energy Bonds Update

Karl Christensen reported he will share information about the outcomes of the Hill Creek solar project and the prospects of more solar in the future over the next three meetings to help the Board determine if they are interested in moving forward on additional solar projects. Administration will bring a recommendation to the Board to the December 6th meeting. He presented results of the solar program at Hill Creek for the first year of implementation. With their decrease in use after modernization, the solar at Hill Creek is producing approximately 100% of their energy consumption. He shared the post solar generation and consumption chart and SDG&E costs. The total project cost to install solar at Hill Creek was just under \$2.1 M, including some additional construction costs. Without the additional construction costs, the total installation cost was \$7.33 per watt. In order to make it financially feasible to install solar at another site, the cost would need to be much lower because the incentive levels have decreased dramatically and recently were suspended. The system is producing greater than projected. He shared lessons learned and that a pilot implementation was best for learning. Prior to new programs, there should be a focus on energy conservation and stabilize consumption before implementing solar and consideration of a smaller system size to offset a smaller proportion of need. He recommends the use of consultants for system sizing and analysis.

Solar carries other non-financial benefits. Jerelyn Lindsay, Hill Creek Principal, spoke about how the staff loves having solar. It has made the Hill Creek family very proud and driven the desire to conserve and develop other conservation programs. They feel they have a direct impact on the savings. She said the shade structures are of great benefit and the difference in the temperature under them is very substantial. They have also changed a lot of play area to be under the shade structures and the area is used often by the students, even during the rain. The shaded areas are also used for outdoor learning environments as an alternative option for teachers. There is a dashboard that will be in the new LRC and is also accessible on the website. Students can observe electricity use and the comparison to how much solar energy is being generated. The solar is a great

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

K. **ADJOURNMENT**

The November 1, 2011 regular meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.