

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

April 23, 2013  
**MINUTES**

Douglas E. Giles  
Educational Resource Center  
9619 Cuyamaca Street  
Santee, California

**A. OPENING PROCEDURES**

1. Call to Order and Welcome

President El-Hajj called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Members present:

Dianne El-Hajj, President  
Ken Fox, Vice President  
Dustin Burns, Clerk  
Barbara Ryan, Member  
Elana Levens-Craig, Member

Administration present:

Dr. Cathy Pierce, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board  
Karl Christensen, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services  
Minnie Malin, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources/Pupil Services  
Dr. Stephanie Pierce, Director, Educational Services  
Linda Vail, Executive Assistant and Recording Secretary

**B. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION**

Citizens were invited to address the Board of Education about any item on this special meeting agenda. There were no comments from the public.

**C. COMMON CORE STATE STANDARD BOARD WORKSHOP**

Administration provided an overview and additional information on Common Core State Standards (CCSS). Dr. Cathy Pierce shared a comparison example of the CST versus the Smarter Balance Assessment Tool. This comparison demonstrated the increased rigor and critical thinking skills needed for Smarter Balance Assessment.

Dr. Stephanie Pierce presented an overview of the Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts and Math. The P21 organization has assembled a framework for 21<sup>st</sup> century learning. She shared the Statewide implementations plans and the beginning stages of a plan for Santee School District to transition to Smarter Balanced Assessment. Smarter Balanced Assessment requires that students take the test by computer, so there will need to be enough computers and bandwidth to administer the test within the testing window.

Dr. Pierce is seeking additional positions to support the teachers in the transition to CCSS.

The presentation was followed by a question and answer session.

Some suggested from the Board included piloting the Smarter Balanced Assessment in several classrooms next year, presenting CCSS transition as a "campaign" and providing teachers with a "campaign kit" so there is consistency across the District, and inviting the high schools to participate in articulation conversations.

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

The April 23, 2013 meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

**E. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.