

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

July 17, 2012
MINUTES

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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 7:00 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
 Dr. Stephanie Pierce, Director, Educational Services
 Linda Vail, Executive Assistant and Recording Secretary
2. President Bartholomew invited the audience to recite the District Mission and then invited Elana Levens Craig, a former parent, 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: Fox 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. Schedule of Upcoming Events
2. **Technology & Communication Services-New Publications Ordering System**
Bernard Yeo, Director of Information Technology shared information and the process for the new publications ordering software. In the short timeline for implementation, Technology staff has trained staff at all schools and departments and teachers were able to use the new system before then end of the school year. He demonstrated the new web based software and ordering process. Board members felt it was a positive move in efficiency and will be helpful to teachers.
3. **ICOC Annual Report to the Board**
Christina Becker, Director of Maintenance, Operations, and Facilities, presented the annual report from the ICOC. The Committee findings conclude the audits resulted in the highest opinion possible and found that the Bond Funds were accounted for and spent in accordance with the bond language. She shared the new format of the brochure. The Board members liked the format and would like to see some form of this information on the next Santee Magazine page.

Member Burns suggested sending copies of the report to our legislators in Sacramento to show them how the dollars are being spent. President Bartholomew will provide a cover letter.

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. 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. **Acceptance of Donations**
- 2.2. **Approval of Consultants and General Service Providers**
- 2.3. **Approval of Uniform Complaint Quarterly Report Required by the Williams Settlement**
- 2.4. **Approval of Agreement with City of Santee for Transportation Services**
- 2.5. **Approval of Renewal of Agreement with InterSchola for Surplus Sales**

- 3.1. ***Pulled for separate consideration.***
- 3.2. **Approval of Annual Evaluation of the Alternative Education School**
- 3.3. **Approval of Master Agreement and Individual Services Agreement for Residential Treatment Center and Master Contract and Individual Services Agreement for Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School/Agency Services**
- 3.4. **Approval/Ratification to Submit San Diego Chargers Grants for Cajon Park and PRIDE Academy at Prospect Avenue Schools**
- 4.1. **Personnel, Regular**
- 4.2. **Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with San Diego Youth Services, Inc. (SDYS) for the Early, Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Program**
- 4.3. **Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with San Diego Youth Services – Community Assessment Team**
- 4.4. **Approval of Amendment #1 to Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA) Agreement with Orange County Department of Education**
- 4.5. **Approval to Increase Work Hours for One (1) Food Service Worker I-A Position at Carlton Oaks School**
- 4.6. **Approval of Reduced Workload Agreement**

Member Burns pulled Consent Item D.3.1. for separate consideration. Member Ryan moved to approve the Consent Items, with the exception of D.3.1.

Motion: Ryan Second: Fox Vote: 5-0

D.3.1. Approval of Outdoor Education Program Agreements with the San Diego County Office of Education *Pulled by Member Burns for separate consideration.*

Member Burns stated that he is employed by the San Diego County Office of Education and would abstain from voting on this item. Member Ryan moved approval.

Motion: Ryan Second: Fox Vote: 4-0 (Burns, abstain)

G. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

1.1. Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5127, Promotion

This past June during the promotion process, there were some questions brought up by members of the community, as well as Board members, regarding the AR 5127 criteria and appeals process. Administration brought this item to allow for Board discussion and direction.

Member Ryan shared some concerns about the way some appeal processes may have been handled. Board Policy 5127 is extremely general. She recalled that a committee was convened and brought recommendations for the AR. After having a personal experience, it came to her attention that there may need to be some better standardization across the District. She recommended that the Board consider if students will be promoting to high school allowing them to walk in the promotion ceremony. She believes the AR should be reviewed.

Member El-Hajj said it is good that this is coming forward and believes it needs to be refreshed. She said there needs to be some standards and would like the vice principals to be involved in reviewing the AR. Member El-Hajj likes the fact that grades are considered but is worried that the appeals may be denied or upheld depending on the particular staff. Maybe an alternative appeal process should be considered, with consideration of having students sit on the committee. In La Mesa there are attendance and conduct criteria and it may be good to look at what other districts do.

Member Burns agrees that it should go to the committee process. It is important to him that all schools are consistent. He believes not having standards is a disservice to students. The process can teach them a lesson so this may not happen at high school. He suggested that the appeals could be centralized to include stakeholders from all schools. When this AR is discussed in the future, Member Burns would also like to have a discussion about the role of Board members at the promotion ceremonies, as it is different from school to school. Member Ryan said the role of the Board used to be very consistent. PTA would provide a corsage/boutonniere, Board Members passed out the certificates, and the class was presented to the Board. This topic will return to the Board at a later date for further discussion.

Member Fox believes if we are not holding them back, students should walk. He believes we may be doing a disservice to those with a 1.0 or 1.5 GPA by promoting them.

Board members asked administration to convene a committee comprised of a principal, vice principals, teachers, students, and parents to review AR 5127. The committee should look at the criteria for walking in promotion exercises, what it is and what it should be, and examine the appeals process with consideration of centralizing or standardizing the process. Walking if promoting should be presented as a consideration/option and information from other districts should be looked at.

Dr. Shaw will ask Vice Principals when they return, what their process was this past year. He will work to convene committee meetings in September to complete the review by November to attempt to bring information back to the Board by the end of the first trimester.

Member Burns suggested surveying 8th graders on their value of promotion.

1.2. Quail Brush Power Plant Project

Request to Speak: Lori Ziebart, project manager for the Quail Brush project.

Ms. Ziebart apologized that Cogentrix had not been able to provide the Board with all of the information requested. In response to opposition, they have been making modifications to the project to address those concerns. Due to the civil engineering modifications to minimize transmission lines and smokestacks, they must make sure they are in compliance with air emissions rules. Cogentrix will be submitting their request to the CEC who will then begin holding public workshops to cover air emissions impacts on public health, traffic, etc. She urged the Board to attend the public workshops to learn firsthand information about the proposed project before making any decisions.

Member Bartholomew asked about the milestones. Ms. Ziebart said they will return to the Planning Commission this Thursday, July 19. If the initiation is denied, the appeal will go to the San Diego City Council. If approved, they will submit right away to the City who will then work closely with the CEC. The CEC should issue the preliminary staff assessment by November/December. Then workshops for the community will be held with a final decision possibly in January.

Member El-Hajj asked about the changes being made based on public concern. Ms. Ziebart said they are mostly visual but need to still be in compliance. They are looking at clustering the stacks. They are working with a landscape architect firm for colors, walls, etc. They are also looking to reducing the number of transmission lines to the Carlton Hills substation.

Member El-Hajj heard the biggest concern is noise and asked what steps have been taken to mitigate the noise. Ms. Ziebart said the engines will be housed in acoustically designed buildings to minimize the noise. People at West Hills High school will not hear it. It takes a 5 decibel increase before neighbors will hear the sound and we project 1-2 decibels.

Member Ryan asked about the size of other peaker power plants in comparison to the ones in San Diego. She asked if it could be less than 100 megawatts. Ms. Ziebart said SDGE requested proposals and Genco proposed a 100 megawatt plant and that was agreed upon and is now before the Public Utilities Commission.

Dr. Shaw attended the June 28th Planning Commission meeting to request deferral of a decision. There was a large representation by community members there and they wanted a decision to be made. Dr. Shaw reported that the representatives who spoke shared the same information that was brought to our Board meeting. There was a great intensity in the room from the people who were concerned. Both sides had good questions and well-stated comments. Concerns were expressed for safety, proximity to schools, value to the community, and impact on the community.

President Bartholomew offered several options for Board consideration: a letter of opposition, a resolution opposing the projects, both a letter and resolution, wait for a later date, or do nothing. President Bartholomew personally believes it is an additional thing to demean our community. We have the dump and the prison. To have this power plant here is not ideal. He feels the information is being delayed, which ultimately gives opponents less power. The safety concerns have never been answered.

Member Burns agreed with the negative impacts. He believes our community is becoming a dumping ground for outside agencies. The negative impacts are great concerns. Member Burns supports a letter and a resolution stating the Board's opposition to the project as appropriate. Member Ryan believes it is too early to formally oppose the project. The Board has a responsibility to look at the impact on our students and schools. She has reviewed the comments online and because of some of the concerns, the plan is being amended. She believes we need peaker plants but it is a delicate balance. She would not feel comfortable making a decision until she knows what it will look like and the impact on our students.

Member Fox agrees with Member Ryan that it is too early. He is not crazy about resolutions and would prefer a letter. Member El-Hajj has given this a lot of thought and believes that many things are not as bad or as good as people project. At some point this extra energy will be needed. She does not want it, but realistically some things are going to happen close to this vicinity we don't want. We need to reserve Board positions for issues that really affect our students. She said it is fair to write a letter sharing concerns or to adopt a resolution sharing concerns and it does not serve any purpose to wait, as the concerns will not change. Member Ryan said the Board could address concerns without taking a position.

Member Burns wished to provide direction to Administration to draft language for a letter stating opposition of the currently proposed location of the Quail Brush Power Plant.

President Bartholomew suggested the Board could wait until September to consider formally opposing the project and at this time move forward to put together a letter of concern. The information and additional renderings submitted to the CEC should be available in September and the CEC will begin holding workshops. Following this, the Board may wish to look at this time again.

Member El-Hajj moved to write a letter of concern at this time and write a letter of position when more information is available
Motion: El-Hajj Second: Fox Vote: 4-1 (Burns, no)

President Bartholomew and Member Ryan will draft a letter and submit to Board members to review. The letter will voice concerns to the CEC and the Board hopes to get more information in September. This item should return to the October 1st meeting for consideration to take a position on the projected project. Member Burns stated he did not support this motion because he believes the Board should be taking a leadership position sooner rather than waiting to make a decision.

2.1. Approval of Monthly Financial Report

Karl Christensen reported on the financial transactions through May. The balance includes dollars in the General Fund from the County Treasury Loan. This is the same information presented in the adopted budget last month. Mr. Christensen shared information on the adopted state budget and the impact on the District since the May revise. The mid-year trigger impact would be an increase to \$457 per ADA, reducing revenue by \$100,000 if trigger goes into effect. The Governor would also allow the school years to decrease to 160 days in 2012-13 and 2013-14.

Budget changes since the May Revise are that EMHI funding, AVID funding, and funding for preschool programs under Title 5 were eliminated by line item veto. It is uncertain if this impacts our State preschool, but we are already seeing a reduction in funding for our preschool by about \$10,000.

Member Ryan asked about the projected increase to \$457 per ADA funding reduction and confirmed it is based on the mid-year triggers. Mr. Christensen said the adopted budget is based on the \$441 per ADA reduction. Member Ryan has been hearing if the ballot initiatives don't pass, education will have cuts but the Governor will not allow large cuts by making reductions in other areas. Member Burns moved to approve the Monthly Financial Report for May 2012.

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

3.1. Approval to Adopt College Preparatory Mathematics (CPM), Grade 8

Member Ryan moved to approve College Preparatory Mathematics (CPM) Grade 8 as one of two District-adopted Algebra programs.

Motion: Ryan Second: Burns Vote: 5-0

3.2. Approval to Increase Work Year for Coordinator of Assessments and English Learner Department

Dr. Stephanie Pierce shared there is a need to increase the work year for the Coordinator of Assessment and English Learner Department. This position currently has a 200 day work year. The demands on this position have changed drastically. When we stopped using IDMS, Mr. Montler, who currently holds the position, became the report person and has been able to provide on-demand reports. He has also assumed the responsibility of the EL department and has been asked to participate in professional development. His work will increase more as he is being requested to create additional assessments. Dr. Pierce recommended adding 4 additional days to the work year for this position. For the past couple of years there has been a need to have Mr. Montler work additional days and because it is difficult to provide this through comp time, he was paid per diem.

Member Burns supports providing additional days for this position but said there are other employees in the District that fall in the same category. He would like to continue to pay per diem for the 4 days and wait until November and any mid-year reductions to change his contract. Member Ryan said those days would not be counted toward his retirement. There was discussion about the focus on District assessments and the need for providing the information to teachers as needed.

Member Fox moved to increase the position of Coordinator of Assessment and English Learner Department to 204 work days.

Motion: Fox Second: Ryan Vote: 4-1 (Burns, no)

4.1. Discussion Concerning the Option to Contract with Kontraband Indiction and Detection Services (K.I.D.S.), Inc. for Canine Drug Detection Services or Investigate Other Options

Minnie Malin reported that at the end of the 2008-09 school year, concern developed regarding the number of student incidents involving illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and drug paraphernalia. At that time the Board had requested exploring the use of canine drug detection services as a possible deterrent. However, due to time limitations, this was never implemented. Due to increased concerns this past school year, the Board asked Administration to investigate this service and bring the information to the Board. Mrs. Malin contacted Kontraband Indiction and Detection Services Inc. (KIDS). KIDS primary purpose is to provide a tool to minimize the potential of contraband being brought onto school sites. KIDS would work with site administrators to schedule random days to visit the schools. KIDS recommends an initial presentation at each school site to inform the students about the program and share how the program works so they would not be uncomfortable when the teams came to schools.

The Board discussed the costs for this service and expressed interest after having a large number of students who needed to attend discipline hearings this year. They believe there is a need at schools sites because of some of the things they have seen and heard in the hearings. Member Burns said we have to be extremely consistent and clear in informing parents.

Board members believe this falls under the umbrella of Wellness for student safety. Administration was reminded to be prepared for students with allergies. Board members asked Administration to attend one of their presentations to see if it has value to provide for the students. The cost of this service is \$600 per day for up to 54 days of service. A team can visit 2-3 schools per day.

Member El-Hajj moved to contract with Kontraband Indication for Canine Drug Detection Services for day that would not to exceed \$7,000. They would like a presentation provided for principals and Administration. The Board also recommended checking if they have a video the Board could see and to check with another school district that has used their service.

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

F. BOARD POLICIES AND BYLAWS

1. First Reading: BB 9270 Conflict of Interest – Biannual Review

Board Bylaw 9270, Conflict of Interest was presented to the Board of Education in a first reading as per Gov't Code requirement to review biennially. No action was taken. The Board Bylaw will return for a second reading and request for approval.

G. BOARD COMMUNICATION

Member El-Hajj met with the auditors and conveyed their kudos to the staff for how accommodating they were and appreciated getting the help they needed when they needed it. They spoke highly of the staff. Member El-Hajj said she attended the promotion ceremony at Santee Success. There are a couple of students promoting at the end of summer. She would like to invite them to a Board meeting to give them their certificates. She also attended the ISTE Conference and saw PRIDE Academy students presenting and they were so excited about doing their presentations.

Member Burns thanked Evonn and Linda and everyone else involved for their work organizing the golf tournament. It was a nice event.

Dr. Shaw shared information about a student that is being retained at the request of the parents. The student has a rehabilitation plan in lieu of an expulsion hearing based on the premise of moving to high school next year. Now that the student will be retained, he asked the Board if they would like to move forward with an expulsion hearing or discuss another option.

Member Burns recommends the student meet with the Superintendent and that the parents should not expect placement at the same school. It is not the practice of the Board to keep a student at the same school following an incident involving substance abuse. Dr. Shaw may determine the most appropriate school placement. If the student does not complete the rehabilitation plan, the student will be scheduled for an expulsion hearing and placed at Santee Success Program.

The Board was provided a draft schedule for stakeholder interviews with representatives to seek information needed for the Superintendent search. The Board approved the schedule.

H. CLOSED SESSION

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

- 1. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Govt. Code § 54957)**

The Board entered closed session at 9:58 p.m.

I. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION

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

J. ADJOURNMENT

The July 17, 2012 regular meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.