

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

July 2, 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 7:01 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
Dr. Stephanie Pierce, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Linda Vail, Executive Assistant and Recording Secretary

2. President El-Hajj invited the audience to recite the District Mission and then invited Jordan Bockert, a 6th grader at Rio Seco School, 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 with the modification to move the Business Services Items to be first under Discussion and Action.

Motion: Fox Second Burns 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. **Classroom of the Future Foundation-Presentation of Achieve Award Check**

Mr. Bruce Braciszewski from the Classroom of the Future Foundation presented the Board and PRIDE Academy with a \$5,000 check as the recipient of the Achieve Award. Board members and PRIDE staff attended the awards dinner in May and were officially recognized for their award. Mr. Braciszewski said the Foundation was glad to recognize PRIDE for the second time, winning the Inspire Award in 2011. After they won the Inspire Award, Mr. Braciszewski shared he brought some business directors to visit PRIDE Academy. Seeing the collaboration and engaged learning at PRIDE Academy, the business directors asked, "Why isn't every school like this?" The school has reflected that project-based learning is successful.

President El-Hajj thanked Mr. Braciszewski on behalf of the School Board and thanked Principal Stephanie Southcott and the staff for their hard work. There is much excitement in the new energy that has been created at PRIDE Academy. Mrs. Southcott shared several of the teachers came from their summer break to attend the meeting for this recognition.

C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

— President El-Hajj 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 El-Hajj invited comments from the public on any item listed under Consent. There were no comments.

- 1.1. **Approval of Minutes**
- 1.2. **Approval of Agreement with Haines Centre for Strategic Management for Strategic Planning Implementation Support**
- 2.1. **Approval/Ratification of Travel Requests**
- 2.2. **Approval of Consultants and General Service Providers**
- 2.3. **Approval/Ratification of Expenditure Transactions Charged to District Issued Purchasing Cards (P-Cards)**
- 2.4. **Approval of Uniform Complaint Quarterly Report Required by the Williams Settlement**
- 2.5. **Authorization to Utilize the CUPCCAC Informal Bidding Process for Deferred Maintenance Projects**
- 2.6. **Approval to Contract for Fresh Produce for Child Nutrition Services**
- 2.7. **Adoption of Resolution No. 1314-02 for Emergency Waiver of Competitive Bidding Requirements for Sewer Repairs at Sycamore Canyon School**
- 3.1. **Adoption of Resolution #1314-01 Designating Personnel and Approval of 2013-14 Child Development Services Contract**
- 3.2. **Approval of Annual Evaluation of the Alternative Education School**
- 3.3. **Approval of the 2013-14 Consolidated Application, Part 1**
- 4.1. **Personnel, Regular**
- 4.2. **Approval of Readmission of Expelled Students**
- 4.3. **Approval of Service Learning Agreement with San Diego State University Social Work Internship Program**
- 4.4. **Approval of Revisions to Rehabilitation Plan Completion Dates**

It was moved and seconded to approve Consent Items.

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

G. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

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

1.1. Approval to Submit Department of Defense Military Connected Local Educational Agencies for Academic and Support Programs Consortium Grant

Dr. Cathy Pierce reported the District's desire to apply for this grant from the Department of Defense for academic and support programs for military connected students. To be eligible for this grant a school district must have over 8% of their families military-connected and must have another school district as a partner. We are working with San Diego Unified for this partnership. The grant provides \$6 M over 4 years equaling \$2.6 M each year.

The goals of grant include resources to military connected school districts to ease the challenges military students face, support the social and emotional needs of students, encourage family, school and community engagement, and increase professional development opportunities for educators. There is also an academic achievement focus connecting to CCSS and a Career Technical Education component for our students. The partnerships for this grant will also include USD and West Ed.

Member Levens-Craig asked if this would provide support to neighboring communities through the professional development and/or parent education. Dr. C. Pierce responded that resources would not be provided as part of the consortium but agencies could be invited.

Motion: Burns Second Levens-Craig Vote: 5-0
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H. BOARD POLICIES AND BYLAWS

1.1. Second Reading: Revised Board Policy 6163.4, Student Use of Technology

Revised BP 6163.4 was presented for a second reading. President El-Hajj clarified with the Board members their understanding that when this policy revision is approved, the District will move forward with a Bring You Own Device (BYOD) initiative.

Board members requested a follow-up report on how BYOD is occurring and suggested the Superintendent set up a trimester report providing information on how it is working, the snags, etc. He also suggested consistent information gathering for a future Golden Bell Award.

Member Fox still has a concern that the District is not held responsible for lost or stolen items. Dr. C Pierce said we will not be collecting their devices and it will be just as it is now with cell phones that students bring to school.

Member Levens-Craig reminded Administration of a previous discussion about teachers not having students keep their backpacks outside of the classrooms.

Member Burns moved to approve the revisions to Board Policy 6163.4, Student Use of Technology.

Motion: Burns Second Ryan Vote: 5-0
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I. BOARD COMMUNICATION

President El-Hajj said the Foundation Golf Classic was fun.

Member Burns has had community members ask if we charge \$5.00 for each student that plays organized sports on our schools fields. Member Fox confirmed the District does charge \$5.00 for each registered league player. Mr. Christensen will check to see if Santee American is paying these fees because they play at West Hills Park. It was shared that they use school fields for practice.

Member Levens-Craig said she enjoyed the parent comments on the Alternative School report. She asked the best way to know about school events and activities. Linda will ask the school secretaries to send monthly newsletters again and she will provide them to the Board. Members Levens-Craig and Fox would like to be registered for the next session of Masters in Governance.

~~Update on~~

Karl Christensen provided an update on the construction of the Pepper Drive building. Christina Becker has been working diligently with the team and the FAA for the crane permit. There may be up to a 45-day waiting period. The estimated cost of construction delay is \$2,000 per day. Administration and Balfour Beatty are looking at other means or methods for construction than a 130 foot crane and also approaching the FAA. A helicopter could get a flight plan approval and may not need FAA approval. The District may wish to speak with a Congressman to intervene or consultants that could expedite the process. Christina Becker believes the FAA may not even have the authority for this and it may become necessary to obtain legal advice about their authority.

The 2013-14 governance calendar was presented for Board review and will be posted on Web for Board reference.

Dr. C. Pierce said with new faces on Cabinet and the Board, she suggested the Board and Cabinet meet together on August 19th at 6:00 and the Board agreed to the date and time.

The July 16th Board meeting is cancelled and August 6th will be the next meeting.

~~J.~~ **CLOSED SESSION**

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President El-Hajj 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 Organizations: Santee Teachers Association
2. **Public Employee Evaluation** (Govt. Code § 54957)
Superintendent

The Board entered closed session at 8:18 p.m.

J. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board reconvened to public session at 9:25 p.m. No action was reported.

K. ADJOURNMENT

The July 2, 2013 regular meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Dustin Burns, Clerk

Cathy A. Pierce, Ed.D., Secretary