

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

September 17, 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 7:03 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  
Tim Larson, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources/Pupil Services  
Dr. Stephanie Pierce, Director, Educational Services  
Linda Vail, Executive Assistant and Recording Secretary

2. President El-Hajj invited the audience to recite the District Mission and then invited Nancy Stasch, an employee in Business Services, 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: Ryan 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. Schedule of Back to School Nights  
1.5. Schedule of Upcoming Events

2. 4<sup>th</sup> Annual School Beautification Day Appreciation

Following a slide presentation showing volunteers working on School Beautification Day 2013, Karl Christensen introduced the following representatives:

- Pathways Community Church - Mike Gilson and Jeff Atkins
- Riverview Community Church – Todd Tolson
- Urban Youth Collaborative – Miguel Parada
- San Diego Christian College - Brad Pulcipher

The Board thanked these organizations for another School Beautification Day. Santee School District greatly appreciates the efforts of over 400 volunteers from these organizations who worked to freshen and rejuvenate the visual appearance around the schools and prepare them for the first day of school each fall. President El-Hajj presented appreciation certificates from Senator Joel Anderson's office and an appreciation bouquet from the Board.

Member Burns said it was awesome to have so many students see their example of service to the community.

**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. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**1. Santee School District Board of Education's Initial Proposal to Modify Articles of the Current Collective Bargaining Agreement between Santee School District and California School Employees Association (CSEA)**

President El-Hajj opened the public hearing on the Santee School District Board of Education's initial proposal to modify articles of the current collective bargaining agreement between Santee School District and California School Employees Association (CSEA). There were no public comments. The public hearing was closed.

**2. Compliance with Education Code Section 60119 (Williams Settlement): K-12 Textbook and Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program**

President El-Hajj opened the public hearing on Compliance with Education Code Section 60119 (Williams Settlement): K-12 Textbook and Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program. There were no public comments. The public hearing was closed.

**E. 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**
- 2.1. *(Pulled for separate consideration.)*
- 2.2. **Approval/Ratification of Expenditure Warrants**
- 2.3. **Approval/Ratification of Purchase Orders**
- 2.4. **Acceptance of Donations**
- 3.1. **Certification and Adoption of Resolution of Sufficiency of Instructional Materials 2013-14**
- 3.2. **Approval of 2014 Early Admittance to Kindergarten Program**
- 3.3. **Approval of Nonpublic Agency Master Contract with AlphaVista Services, Inc. for Speech Therapy**
- 4.1. **Personnel, Regular**
- 4.2. **Approval of Classified Non-Management Reclassification/Reallocation Study Recommendation**
- 4.3. **Approval to Submit Pre-Application for Kellogg Foundation Family Engagement Grant**
- 4.4. **Acceptance of 2012-13 School Program Services Year End Report**

It was moved and seconded to approve Consent Items with the exception of Item 2.2.

**Motion: Burns Second: Levens-Craig Vote: 5-0**

**2.2. Approval/Ratification of Expenditure Warrants (Pulled by Member Ryan for separate consideration.)**

Member Ryan said when she reviewed the list of warrants she noticed many American Express expenditures did not record the expense descriptions. Karl Christensen explained that those expenditures came to the Board in the form of a purchase order or annual expense and were paid using the District's American Express card rather than through a warrant. Using American Express to pay for certain expenditures provides cash rebates to the District which is an additional way to save money. The back-up material for each payment is available in Business Services. The Board would like a statement with this information on the item for the public's better understanding of this report. Member Ryan moved to approve/ratify the expenditure warrants for August 2013.

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

**F. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS**

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

**1.1. Approval of Utilization of the CUPCCAC Informal Bid Process for Asphalt Repairs at Various Sites**

Karl Christensen reported asphalt repairs are included on their deferred maintenance plan and Administration is requesting approval to use CUPCCAC informal bid process. The selected bid will come back for Board acceptance. Member Burns moved to authorize using the CUPCCAC process to seek informal bids for asphalt repairs at various sites.

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

**2.1. Acceptance of the Board's Initial Proposal to Modify Articles of the Current Collective Bargaining Agreement between Santee School District and California School Employees Association (CSEA)**

Tim Larson provided the proposed District's initial proposal to modify articles of the current collective bargaining agreement with CSEA. There were no comments from the Board. Member Ryan moved to accept the District's initial proposal to modify articles of the current classified collective bargaining agreement.

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

**G. BOARD COMMUNICATION AND ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS**

Member Burns reported he appreciates that Board members are involved in our community. His family attended the Bluegrass Festival last weekend and he believes the Bluegrass Festival is a "touch of class" for Santee. The event has a great purpose and is what he believes is the vision for our community. Board member Ken Fox chaired the

Festival and did an outstanding job of bringing class and dignity to the Santee community. Member Burns invited Board members to join in an order for shirts with the District seal on it. Member Burns mentioned that 7/39 news aired a great item from Chula Vista School District on Common Core in the classroom.

Member Fox attended Back to School night at Cajon Park and said Mr. Hooks did a great job.

Board members briefly discussed visiting staff meetings for the LCFF presentations. They thanked Karl Christensen for great presentations.

Member Levens-Craig attended CSBA's LCFF presentation at the County Office. It was very good, clear information and reinforced what is being heard. She also attended a coalition for adequate funding for special education. One of the topics was about a statewide task force being set up by the State Superintendent of Instruction. They are seeking people from advocacy groups to be on the task force and she plans to apply. The purpose of the task force is to look at potential changes in legislation. CSBA has another webinar on October 2 about legal issues affecting school districts.

Member Ryan said CSBA is recommending Boards begin now in the budgeting process for LCFF and there is a list of criteria that needs to be included in our plan. Common Core is one of the categories that needs to be addressed. President El-Hajj said it needs to be looked at sooner rather than later and she knows staff is working to bring the information to the Board for discussion.

Tim Larson shared staffing has leveled out. There are 7 classrooms in K-3 with 25 students to avoid having combinations. These classes are offset by some at other grades with 23 in order to avoid penalties on CSR. Some junior high classes are a little high but staff has requested this as a preference to having combination classes.

Superintendent Pierce reminded the Board of the Strategic Action Leadership Meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Elana Levens-Craig will represent the Board at Salute to Teachers on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### **H. CLOSED SESSION**

President El-Hajj announced that the Board would meet in closed session for:

1. **Conference with Labor Negotiator** (Govt. Code § 54956.8)  
*Agency Negotiators: Karl Christensen, Assistant Superintendent  
Tim Larson, Assistant Superintendent  
Employee Organization: Santee Teachers Association*
2. **Conference with Labor Negotiator** (Govt. Code § 54956.8)  
*Agency Negotiators: Karl Christensen, Assistant Superintendent  
Tim Larson, Assistant Superintendent  
Employee Organizations: Classified School Employees Association*
3. **Conference with Real Property Negotiators** (Govt. Code § 54956.8)  
*Property Addresses:*
  - *Parcels 383-112-05 and 383-112-28 located on the north side of Prospect Avenue east of Marrokal Lane (known as the Renzulli Site)*
  - *10335 Mission Gorge Road, Santee 92071 (formerly known as Santee School Site)**Agency Negotiator: Karl Christensen, Assistant Superintendent*
4. **Public Employee Performance Evaluation** (Govt. Code § 54957)  
*Superintendent*

The Board entered closed session at 7:41 p.m.

#### **I. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION**

The Board reconvened to public session at 10:05 p.m. No action was reported.

#### **J. ADJOURNMENT**

The September 17, 2013 regular meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.