

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

October 15, 2013
MINUTES

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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 7:02 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 Kate Hummel, an 8th grade student at Carlton Oaks 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.
Motion: Levens-Craig 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 Upcoming Events

2. Transportation Department Report

Debbie Griffin presented a report on the Transportation Department. They currently have 23 busses, of which 15 are used each day. The fleet varies between 4 to 25 years old, with mileages from 44,000 to 307,000. In 2012-13, an average of 400 students rode on our busses each day. This includes student transportation to and from school and the contracted transportation of over 200 students per week to the Teen Center and Boys & Girls Club. This year, bus passes were implemented which tell the driver the pick-up and drop-off for each of the 280 student riders.

Mrs. Griffin shared the tremendous work of Diane Turner, dispatcher/instructor, and said Diana "bleeds yellow." Mrs. Turner puts her heart and soul into the job of organizing transportation schedules and providing required annual instruction for drivers. There is also a great team of bus drivers who transport our students safely each day.

Member Fox asked if students are picked up from every school for the Boys & Girls Club. Mrs. Griffin said they go only where needed. There are two dedicated busses for the Boys & Girls Club routes. President El-Hajj asked if the driver knows who to expect to get on the bus. Mrs. Griffin said the Boys & Girls Club routinely provides an updated list.

The Board thanked Debbie Griffin for what she does to assure the transportation department runs smoothly and safely and asked her to extend their thanks to all of the drivers.

C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

President El-Hajj invited members of the audience to address the Board about any item not on the agenda.

Kate Hummel: an 8th grade student- shared her suicide prevention Girl School project. Once planned, she wants to be able to advertise her seminar by sending letters home with students in 6th grade and up. Member Ryan suggested

contacting the Yellow Ribbon program because they have the resources and connecting with Meredith Riffel to get the word out to the community and access additional resources. Ms. Hummel will be meeting with Meredith Riffel to coordinate with other programs. Member Ryan said the Board supports the Yellow Ribbon Cards so she would be able to use them. Member Levens-Craig suggested contacting PTAs and the Santee Patch to publicize your event. Member Burns recommended Ms. Hummel talk with the Superintendent to share her plan. President El-Hajj told Ms. Hummel that she is making great strides toward being a leader.

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.

- 1.1. **Approval of Minutes**
- 2.1. **Approval/Ratification of Travel Requests**
- 2.2. **Approval/Ratification of Expenditure Warrants**
- 2.3. **Approval/Ratification of Purchase Orders**
- 2.4. **Acceptance of Donations**
- 2.5. **Approval/Ratification of Revolving Cash Report**
- 2.6. **Approval of Consultants and General Service Providers**
- 2.7. **Adoption of Resolution #1314-09 to Apply for a Grant with the California Energy Commission Bright Schools Program for an Energy Efficiency Audit for Pepper Drive School**
- 3.1. **Approval of Extended Field Trip Request for Students to Attend Club Live Event at Magic Mountain**
- 3.2. **(Pulled)**
- 4.1. **Personnel, Regular**
- 4.2. **Adoption of Resolutions Authorizing Teacher Services – Ed Code Sections 44256(b), 44258.2, and 44263**
- 4.3. **Adoption of Proclamation Endorsing Drug Awareness Week, October 23 – October 31, 2013**

It was moved and seconded to approve Consent Items.

Motion: Burns Second: Fox Vote: 5-0

E. 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. Leading the Learning in the 21st Century

Dr. Pierce presented a conceptual look at all of the systems that are part of the transition into Common Core State Standards and 21st Century learning. There is a heavy focus on student learning and there have been many learning opportunities this year for all, teachers to principals.

Stephanie Pierce shared about the Professional Day of Learning that was held on October 7th. TK teachers learned about classroom environment development, developing young authors, and TK standards. Kindergarten through 2nd grade teachers learned about enhancing curriculum tools for EnVision Math. Teachers in grades 3-5 learned about number talks for classroom teachers to engage students in “mental math.” She shared a “number talk” with the Board members. Grade 6-7 teachers worked with a consultant in CPM training. Eighth grade teachers worked on algebra scope and sequence to align to CCSS and a transition plan for high school.

Nancy Frey from San Diego State worked with teachers in grades K-5 to review CCSS. Eileen Moreno facilitated a group of 6-8 grade teachers in ELA and History/Social Studies. Special Education teachers were trained on Augmentative and Alternative Communication. Sixth through eighth grade science teachers reviewed the Next Generation Science Standards, discussing curriculum alignment and curriculum materials.

Classified staff attended an overview of the Common Core State Standards by Tim Larson and discussed the shift in education. Member Fox said he heard a lot of good comments about this learning opportunity.

Bonner Montler presented information on the development and implementation of Common Core Aligned Report Cards. Report cards are currently not aligned to Common Core State Standards. New report cards will be an improved tool for reporting student achievement and progress to parents and provide consistency among grade levels. Over 70 teachers are directly involved on grade level report card committees in addition to site administration, ERC staff, and technology personnel. Development phase is currently in progress. PowerSchool coding will take place this month as well. The new report cards will be finalized in early November. Parents will be introduced to the new report cards at parent conferences but will receive the current report card for grade reporting. New report cards will be used for trimesters 2 and 3. Following this year, report cards will be reviewed and revisited for any needed refinement. Teachers Heather Glanz, Jennifer Rolf, and Cindi Schultz shared the process used by the committees in developing the new report cards.

Member Ryan recommended passing the new report cards through the District Advisory Committee (DAC) to get parent input. Member Burns wants to make certain there is adequate communication to parents about the new report cards in order to help parents be partners with the teachers. Member Levens-Craig suggested the teachers who participated in the committees show their room parents and seek feedback. Superintendent Pierce said she would work on a comprehensive communication plan for parents and will provide hard copies of the new report cards as soon as they are ready.

Mr. Montler thanked all of the teachers and staff involved with the development of the new report cards. The Board expressed their thanks to teachers and staff, and also thanked Matt Marsman for his hours of work supporting the changes in report cards.

Superintendent Pierce said she would return report cards as a future Board item to keep the Board informed about the progress. President El-Hajj suggested when this item returns, Dr. Pierce present one standard and demonstrate the development as the grade level progresses.

Dr. Pierce said at the next Board meeting she will bring information about the SBAC pilot, a computer assessment, and development of a plan for devices. No action was taken.

2.1. Acceptance of Proposal and Approval to Purchase Student Assessment Data Analysis System

The Board members said they have had their questions from the last meeting answered and were prepared to take action. Member Burns moved to approve the purchase of Pearson's Schoolnet for PowerSchool.

Motion: Burns Second: Ryan Vote: 5-0

2.2. Approval to Purchase and Install the FortiNet Next Generation Firewall (NGFW) solution to support BYOD and SBAC Testing

Stephanie Pierce shared this information had been presented at the last Board meeting. Since then, staff has performed side by side comparison and testing and provided their recommendation based on the results. Member Ryan moved to approve the purchase of the FortiNet Next Generation Firewall System.

Motion: Ryan Second: Fox Vote: 5-0

3.1. School Calendar for 2014-15

Tim Larson opened discussion about development of a school calendar for the 2014-15 school year. The first calendar committee meeting will be held in early November. Member Burns recalled a conversation last year about moving parent conference week earlier and become goal setting conferences. The Board believes it is best to align with Grossmont when possible but most important to not start after they start. No action was taken. Following committee meetings, a proposed calendar will return to the Board for approval.

F. BOARD COMMUNICATION

Superintendent Pierce updated the Board on a missing child. The child had run away and was located later in the evening.

Member Ryan shared a parent comment about being impressed that a Board member attended their Back-to-School night.

Member Levens-Craig shared information about webinars she participated in. Salute to Teachers was awesome and it was great that one of our local high school teachers was a County Teacher of the Year. She attended the radio broadcast in Joey Sutera's class and said it was really fun.

Member Burns invited the Board members and Cabinet to visit Camp Cuyamaca in early December. Four of our schools will be attending at one time.

The Board discussed topics for the Principals' meeting with the Board on November 5th. The Board would like to have an informal conversation with Principals, sharing their feelings about CCSS, the challenges and successes they have had, and what support they feel they need from the Board.

The Board discussed topics for the Student Forum on November 19th. Board members decided to discuss how students see technology in their world and at school, and BOYD. Students should have this conversation at school with their peers and be prepared for discussion with the Board.

Superintendent Pierce reported to the Board the newly implemented Leading the Learning Board items are intended to fulfill the need for a Common Core information workshop. She will check back after the first of the year to see if a workshop is needed and when the Board would like to begin developing a plan for the Common Core funding.

Superintendent Pierce shared the 2013 Board Legislative Goals and shared some suggested new goals for consideration. Member Levens-Craig requested to bring the Legislative Goals to the Board after she meets with PTA legislation managers if possible. There will be the need to meet with Joel Anderson before the Legislators return to Sacramento. Member Burns would like to communicate to legislators that the Board would support an initiative repealing AB 1266. Board members would like to move "Fully fund unfunded mandates" from a priority to a goal. Board members will review the current and suggested goals and provide input to the Superintendent. A draft will come to the Board to the first meeting in November.

G. 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: Assistant Superintendents Karl Christensen and Tim Larson
Employee Organization: California School Employees Association
2. **Conference with Labor Negotiator** (Govt. Code § 54956.8)
Agency Negotiators: Assistant Superintendents Karl Christensen and Tim Larson
Employee Organization: Santee Teachers Association
3. **Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release** (Govt. Code § 54957)

The Board entered closed session at 8:40 p.m.

H. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board reconvened to public session at 9:20 p.m. No action was reported.

I. ADJOURNMENT

The October 15, 2013 regular meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.