

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

November 5, 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 Toni Ferland, a SDSU Administration student, 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: Ryan Vote: 5-0

President El-Hajj led a moment of silence for Dylan Pournier, a first grade student at Carlton Hills School, who passed away on October 21st from an inoperable brain tumor. Dylan was diagnosed while he was in Kindergarten, only 10 months before his passing. The Carlton Hills's staff says that Dylan was a super sweet young boy, and even through his diagnosis and treatment, he always had the most positive attitude and a warm and winning smile.

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. **Innovation Grant Awards**

On June of 2013, the Superintendent announced a new round of Innovation Grants, focused on integrating technology into the Common Core State Standards. The district funded \$50,000 and the Santee School District Foundation donated an additional \$35,000 towards the grants. Eleven grants totaling \$85,000 were awarded. Dr. Laura Spencer, Coordinator of Instructional Technology, announced the recipients of the 2013-14 Innovation Grants. All teachers who applied received at least a portion of their grant request.

Kristen Eveland – Cajon Park
Amy Cleary – Cajon Park
Rebecca Cress – Cajon Park
Larissa Evans – Carlton Oaks
Amy Buntin, Cari Melton, Trisha Best, Marlena Sanders – Chet F. Harritt
Daniel Saks – Hill Creek
Joe Kemery, Gillian Ryan, Tina Schipke – PRIDE Academy
Pam Barber & Teresa Boulais – Rio Seco
June Richards – Rio Seco
Rosanne Schwartz – Sycamore Canyon
Anne Lise Ryan – Santee Success Program
3. **Save-A-Tree Energy Challenge**

Karl Christensen reported from September 30 through Oct 21, all 9 district schools and the SSP/Alternative School participated in a "Save a Tree" Energy Challenge sponsored by Lucid Technologies. During this three

week period, our schools' electricity consumption was reduced by almost 15% and saved the district an estimated \$7,700. Every school decreased usage during this period.

Last Wednesday, an awards ceremony was held at Pepper Drive School and the winners were recognized by Lucid and received award certificates. The winners of the challenge were:

- First Place: Pepper Drive with a 19.3% reduction
- Second Place: PRIDE Academy with a 19.2% reduction
- Third Place: Rio Seco with an 18.5% reduction
- Honorable Mention: Santee Success/Alternative School with a 37% reduction

The winners will all be receiving shade tree as a reward for their savings. Pepper Drive School, as the first place winner will also receive Lucid Technologies "Building Dashboard" web-based software. This technology tool will allow the school to see real-time data on their electricity consumption and conservation efforts. The "Building Dashboard" was used to track results during the competition.

This challenge demonstrates the power of stakeholder awareness that drives behavioral changes and how it can positively impact our environment and our budget. It is hoped this Energy Challenge is a launching pad for additional conservation efforts. The District will be receiving funds this year and for the next four years under Prop 39 to implement energy efficiency measures. We hope to be able to use these funds to purchase the "Building Dashboard" software for all schools. This software provides a powerful tool to increase stakeholder awareness of energy consumption and allows schools to see the positive impact of their conservation efforts. We are planning to initiate other incentive programs soon to entice schools to continue their efforts.

Member Burns would like to return to the top schools, Pepper Drive, PRIDE Academy, Rio Seco and SSP/Alternative School, one-half of the saving they each realized from the challenge to. He asked Administration to bring an item to the next Board meeting for the Board to consider.

C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

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

Andrew Tylock from Senator Joel Anderson's Office invited the Board to attend the Holiday Open House on Thursday, November 21, 2013. She said 60% of bills Senator Anderson submits to the legislators comes from his constituents and this is an opportunity to speak directly to the Senator.

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 Revolving Cash Report**
- 2.3. **Acceptance of Donations**
- 2.4. **Approval of Consultants and General Service Providers**
- 2.5. **Approval/Ratification of Expenditure Transactions Charged to District Issued Purchasing Cards (P-Cards)**
- 3.1. **Approval of Comprehensive School Safety Plans.**
- 3.2. **Annual Approval of Single Plans for Student Achievement**
- 3.3. **Approval of 2013-14 School Site Fundraising Plans**
- 3.4. **Approval/Ratification for Submission of IDEAS 2.0 Grant**
- 4.1. **Personnel, Regular**
- 4.2. **Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Volunteers Days between Santee School District and California School Employees Association (CSEA) and its Chapter 557**
- 4.3. **Approval of Increase in Work Hours for Identified Classified Non-Management Positions**
- 4.4. **Adoption of Proclamation Endorsing the Great American Smokeout on November 21, 2013**
- 4.5. **Acceptance of Report on Certificated Credentials and Assignments**
- 4.6. **Approval of MOU with San Diego Youth Service (SDYS) for Here Now Program**
- 4.7. **Approval to Submit Tobacco-Use Prevention Education (TUPE) Consortium Application with San Diego County Office of Education and East Region Districts for Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grade Students**

It was moved and seconded to approve Consent Items.

Motion: Fox **Second:** Burns **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.

1.1. Leading the Learning in the 21st Century

Superintendent Pierce presented information on additional necessary transformation of practices, processes, and structures to implement Common Core State Standards and Smarter Balanced Assessment. She said there are a number of initiatives taking place in tandem, merging together to create a robust educational program and she would be presenting four items, vertical articulation of a standard, Common Core report cards, DreamBox pilot, and a presentation and discussion about devices for learning and devices for assessing. Dr. Stephanie Pierce presented a Speaking and Listening Anchor Standard and walked the Board through the articulation of this standard through the grade levels.

Bonner Montler shared a draft of the new 3rd grade Common Core aligned report cards. The new report cards will be used beginning Trimester 2. The new report card will be explained to parents at parent conference and a parent guide will be provided. Board members liked the new report card format and information. They asked questions and provided input on what parents may need to better understand as they receive the new report cards for their children.

Member Burns said he has been extremely impressed with Mr. Montler's leadership in this initiative. Board members concurred.

Mr. Montler presented information about DreamBox Learning, an online learning platform for students in grades K-5. DreamBox provides a personalized and adaptable mathematics learning experience for students with access 24/7. Teachers are able to view reports to see which standards students have mastered. Parent reports are also available. On January 16, teachers will begin an official pilot of DreamBox and after seeing a demonstration, they are very excited.

Mr. Montler shared information about the SBAC Pilot for Spring 2014 for our district. March 18 through June 6 is the pilot window. The California Department of Education will assign a 6-week window for completion in grades 3-8 grade for scientific field testing in math or ELA. This is an opportunity to learn about the new testing process and will help students feel more comfortable with using technology.

Superintendent Pierce said the District is at a crossroads with digital learning, digital instructional materials, and SBAC. She provided information about possible plans for the Board to consider if they wish to move to 1:1 computer to student ratio at school. This was an introduction about a concept for the Board to begin conversation and to prompt questions.

As part of the information, Bernard Yeo reported on the projected infrastructure needs for growth to 1:1 and Karl Christensen shared the information about leasing, renting, or purchasing iPads, with various scenarios and the budget impact. Administration reported there is a 3-5% damage/loss factor seen by other districts that are currently providing iPads or similar computers to students and this was factored in through a self-insured fund. The plan would be to request a \$25 insurance fee for each student issued computer to establish an insurance fund.

Member Levens-Craig asked if Grossmont High School District is moving in the direction of 1:1. Superintendent Pierce said Grossmont has not moved in this direction at this time but is watching Santee very closely and asking questions. She also asked if the Board has looked at technology bonds. Mr. Christensen said he would need to do some research on technology bonds. He said, under the current budget, these expenditures would have a great impact on the reserves in further years.

Member Burns would need to see more detail about the impact on the budget. He said the Board needs to look at what kinds of things they want to spend funds on. With this kind of large expenditure, other priorities may not be able to be funded. Board members would like to schedule a time to discuss priorities for funding, maybe in a Board workshop.

Member Ryan said she believes if students don't use the technology tools every day in the classroom, when it comes times to use it to take a test, they will not do well. This is the direction the State is taking so she imagines that the State will need to help provide funds. The Board's job is to weigh these decisions and determine the best options for our students. The Board asked Mr. Christensen to provide them more information, detailing how these costs would look in projected budgets.

Superintendent Pierce said Administration will continue to provide the Board with information and suggested waiting to hear about the January budget proposal before further discussion. She will continue to address questions and concerns as they come.

President El-Hajj said it would be good for the Board to revisit the list of budget needs and asked Mr. Christensen to provide the list again. She is also mentioned additional manpower that would be needed to support 1:1 will also need to be addressed.

Board members asked if Mac products or the iPad were the only options available and if there is an advantage to having all students using one type of instrument. The Board asked Administration to provide information on using other companies and/or other instruments, including the costs.

Member Levens-Craig asked if Apple plans to do something about supporting Flash. Laura Spencer said there are apps that will allow Flash but Apple does not plan to support Flash as they believe it is an old technology.

Superintendent Pierce said Administration will continue to collect information. She recently spoke with the Encinitas Superintendent about their program. They assign an iPad to the child for their school years. She will find out if students take them home over the summer.

1.2. Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) and Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)

Superintendent Pierce reported on the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) and the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAO). She presented a draft timeline for soliciting input from stakeholders aligning financial resource with the Plan goals. By November 19th she would like to finalize with the Board a template of questions for obtaining input from stakeholders for LCAP development. She shared a Power Point presentation that will be developed into a video providing information to all stakeholders before they would complete a survey. The Board approved of the timeline. President El-Hajj is happy to see the survey will be online. She would like to see parents adequately notified asking them to please participate in this important process.

Member Burns asked to add the governing board and superintendent's names and contact information so they could be contacted if there were questions.

Member Levens-Craig had suggestions for revisions to the questionnaire. She believes the Board has a responsibility to show that money is spent on what is most important to our community and would like the survey to state the Strategic Action Goals and then have the local control areas ranked in order of preference. Member Levens-Craig will work with Superintendent Pierce to finalize the survey.

1.3. Legislative Goals

Superintendent Pierce presented a proposed draft of Legislative Goals for 2014 for Board consideration. Member Levens-Craig suggested moving Priority A-0 up to become goal #4. Member Burns moved to approve the Board's 2014 Legislative Goals as revised. A brochure will be developed and meetings will be scheduled with legislators.

Motion: Burns Second: Fox Vote: 5-0

2.1. Approval of Monthly Financial Report

Karl Christensen presented the Monthly Financial Report for October 2013. Member Burns moved to approve the Monthly Financial Report.

Motion: Burns Second: Ryan Vote: 5-0

2.2. Approval to Increase Budget for School Safety Action Plan

Karl Christensen requested an increase to the School Safety budget in the amount of \$28,000 to cover the unanticipated cost of curtains in classrooms across the district. Member Burns moved to approve an increase to the School Safety budget as requested.

Motion: Burns Second: Fox Vote: 5-0

3.1. Adoption of Resolution No. 1314-10 to Reduce and/or Eliminate Identified Vacant Classified Non-Management Positions

Tim Larson requested adoption of Resolution No. 1314-10 to reduce and/or eliminate identified vacant classified non-management positions. Member Ryan moved to adopt resolution no. 1314-10.

Motion: Ryan Second: Burns Vote: 5-0

F. BOARD COMMUNICATION

Member Fox visited Chet F. Harritt yesterday and accompanied National University student teacher administrators on a tour of the campus. Both he and Member Levens-Craig attended additional CSBA Masters in Governance classes.

Member Burns received a concern about Project SAFE egress at Hill Creek. He believes there is a need to put up a stop sign where cars are coming out. Mr. Christensen will investigate.

Member Burns would like to consider providing a release day for every teacher for one day of professional development. He would like to know what it would cost for a release day for every teacher. This is something principals discussed in the earlier meeting. Administration will compile the information and provide it to the Board.

President El-Hajj asked the Board if they felt a need to continue monthly Strategic Action Leadership Team meetings. She said the committees are doing work and she no longer feels the need to meet monthly, but perhaps each trimester. President El-Hajj also requested the annual meeting be reduced from 4 hours to 2 hours in length. Board members concurred with these suggestions and the calendar will be adjusted.

Superintendent Pierce said each committee chair has been scheduled to bring to the Board their deliverables between now and January.

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: 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 Marrokai Lane (known as the Renzulli Site)*
4. **Public Employment Matters** (Govt. Code § 54957)
Executive Assistant

The Board entered closed session at 10:09 p.m.

H. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board reconvened to public session at 10:30 p.m. No action was reported.

I. ADJOURNMENT

The November 5, 2013 regular meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.