

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

January 20, 2004
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 7:05 p.m.

Members present:

Dianne El-Hajj, President
Cathy Abel, Vice President
Dustin Burns, Clerk
Julie McIntosh, Member
Barbara Ryan, Member

Staff present:

Dr. Lisbeth Johnson, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board
Dr. Patrick Shaw, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
John Tofflemire, Director, Human Resources
Arletta Schaffer, Recording Secretary

2. President El-Hajj invited Arletta Schaffer 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	

4. Presentations and Awards

Retiring Executive Secretary Arletta Schaffer was honored by a proclamation from the Board, gifts and a brief reception.

B. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Superintendent's Report

- 1.1. Requests for Use of Facilities
- 1.2. Enrollment Report
- 1.3. Developer Fees Collection Report
- 1.4. Claims Against the District
- 1.5. Schedule of Upcoming Events

2. No Child Left Behind Presentation

John Tofflemire presented a summary of draft guidelines of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) legislation. While there has been a freeze placed on the federal regulations, he expects the legislation to be implemented in the near future. NCLB establishes requirements to ensure the necessary knowledge and skills for both teachers and paraprofessionals who instruct in local educational agencies that receive Title I funds. Next steps for the District are informing the staff, auditing credentials, and developing a plan with STA and CSEA to support implementation. Mr. Tofflemire will keep the Board informed through the development and implementation stages.

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 (none)

E. CONSENT ITEMS

Items listed under Consent are considered to be routine and are all acted on by the Board with one single motion. It was moved and seconded to approve Consent Items with Member Burns requesting separate action on Item E.1.1.

Motion: Ryan
Second: Abel
Vote: 5 – 0

Superintendent

- 1.1. Held by Member Burns for separate action

Business Services

- 2.1. Approval of Travel Requests
- 2.2. Approval/Ratification of Expenditure Warrants
- 2.3. Approval/Ratification of Purchase Orders
- 2.4. Approval of Financial Reports
- 2.5. Approval/Ratification of Revolving Cash Report
- 2.6. Acceptance of Donations
- 2.7. Approval of Response to Request for Agency Recommendation
- 2.8. Approval of Response to Request for Agency Recommendation
- 2.9. Adoption of Resolution to Claim Lost Days for Child Development Programs

Educational Services

- 3.1. Approval of 2003-04 Consolidated Application, Part II
- 3.2. Approval of Extended Field Trip for Pepper Drive School to Medieval Times in Buena Park, California
- 3.3. Approval of Extended Field Trip for Cajon Park School to San Juan Capistrano
- 3.4. Approval of Appointment for Replacement Parent Member for the Community Advisory Committee, East County Special Education Region

Human Resources

- 4.1. Personnel, Regular, with a copy to be made a part of the minutes. Consultants approved: none

For separate action:

- E.1.1. Approval of Minutes

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes following review by the Board of a page missing from the Board packet.

Motion: Burns
Second: Ryan
Vote: 5 – 0

F. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

Superintendent

1.1. Governor's 2004-05 Proposed Budget

Educators examined the first draft of the Governor's 2004-05 State budget at a recent School Services of California workshop. Dr. Johnson summarized for the Board the major points affecting education. A \$15 million shortfall in the State budget is projected and an economic recovery bond is on the March 2, 2004 ballot to "bail out" the State for next year. The Governor is also proposing a small COLA and some flexibility in categorical programs. Again, this first draft is preliminary and will undergo many changes before adoption. Board members discussed how the money can be parceled out for so many uses that we may only receive \$5 per student.

1.2. Discussion of Uses for Parcel Tax Revenue

On December 2, 2003, the Board voted to place a parcel tax on the March 2 ballot. The tax would generate income of \$1.2 per year for the next five years. Board members engaged in a discussion about the use of these dollars, if the parcel tax is approved. President El-Hajj invited members of the audience to comment. There were no public comments.

Through a lengthy discussion, Board members began to identify areas of priority for parcel tax revenue. The Superintendent interjected that any State level mid-year budget reductions would further erode the District's budget picture. By use of individual polling and discussion, the following list was created. Member Ryan motioned that the focus of the Board, should the parcel tax pass, is to protect the following programs in priority order. Parcel tax funds are fixed at \$1.2 million per year and the intent is to fund these programs in priority order on an annual basis as far as the money goes.

1. 20:1 Kindergarten program
2. Reading teachers
3. Vice principals
4. Maintain existing school sites by keeping them viable/open and
5. Community Day School

Motion: Ryan
Second: Abel
Vote: 3 – 2 (Burns/McIntosh no)

Business Services

2.1. Award of E-Rate Related Wide Area Network Contract, Bid #12-03-01

Beverly Blaylock, director of technology and communications, explained that the District contracts with Cox Communications for wide area network and Internet access. Federal E-rate regulations require a bid for services for the next three years. Several bidders reviewed the bid specifications but only Cox Communication submitted a responsive bid. The District receives 47 percent of its communications costs from the federal E-rate program. The proposed contract shows an annual savings of \$34,000 over the previous contract. It was moved and seconded to award the bid to Cox Communications contingent upon continued funding from E-rate and California Teleconnect funds.

Motion: Burns
Second: McIntosh
Vote: 5 – 0

2.2. Award of E-Rate Related Wireless System for Emergency Communication, Bid #12-03-02

Following the receipt of bids for wireless mobile service, Beverly Blaylock is recommending award of the bid to T-Mobile for a three-year period. Current service has been ineffective in the area of Sycamore Canyon and Chet F. Harritt schools. Cost of service appears to be similar to the current supplier. It was moved and seconded to award the bid to T-Mobile following the successful completion of a 10-phone pilot. It was also moved to support the development of an Administration Regulation for clear

expectations of the Emergency Response Team, identify authorized users, provide justification for cell phone use by various groups, and provide transition support in July and August 2004.

Motion: Burns
Second: Ryan
Vote: 5 – 0

Educational Services

3.1. Report on Language Arts Implementation, Trainer of Trainers Adoption

Dr. Pat Shaw reminded the Board that implementation of the Houghton-Mifflin K-5 language arts adoption was delayed last year for several reasons. Only a core group of teachers have piloted the adoption with the intent that they would train other teachers. The purpose of the presentation was to discuss options for the K-5 implementation. Kristin Baranski addressed some of the successes teachers are having with the program.

It is recommended that full staff development takes a year so as not to overwhelm teachers. The goal for implementation would be development of a training and support system for teachers that would be the least disruptive to students. Dr. Shaw explained three options for implementation and the pros and cons of each option. He recommended further investigation and development of all three options. He will begin by surveying teachers and analyzing their preferences. Member Burns expressed concern about the stability of SI buyback funds and also asked for special consideration for teachers with combo classes.

Member Ryan asked that parents be asked for input on the proposed options. Dr. Shaw assured the Board that parents would be surveyed as well. Members McIntosh, El-Hajj and Abel agreed that they could support modified days for this purpose in order to bring about improved student achievement.

Dr. Shaw will proceed with the development of the three described options and return in late spring with survey results and a recommendation for implementation.

G. BOARD POLICIES AND BYLAWS

1. First Readings (none)
2. Second Readings
 - 2.1. Review/Revision: BB 9122, Secretary

It was moved and seconded to approve revisions to BB 9122.

Motion: McIntosh
Second: Abel
Vote: 5 – 0

H. BOARD COMMUNICATION

Junior high students from Japan have visited Cajon Park School for two years in a row. Member Burns displayed gifts presented to the school by the Japanese students. He asked that the gifts be placed on display in the ERC.

I. CLOSED SESSION

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

1. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release
2. Conference with Labor Negotiator
 - Agency Negotiator: John Tofflemire, Director, Human Resources
 - Employee Organizations: Santee Teachers Association (STA)
California School Employees Association (CSEA)

3. Student Discipline Matters
4. Conference with Real Property Negotiators
Location: Renzulli Site
Agency Negotiator: Carolyn Harness, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

The Board entered closed session at 9:55p.m.

J. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION/ ADJOURNMENT

The Board reconvened to public session at 11:45 p.m. No action was reported. The January 20, 2004, regular meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

Dustin Burns, Clerk

Lisbeth A. Johnson, Ed.D, Secretary