

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

July 7, 2009
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 7:00 p.m. and read the District Mission Statement.
Members present:
 Dianne ElHajj, President
 Dustin Burns, Vice President
 Barbara Ryan, Clerk
 Allen Carlisle, Member
 Dan Bartholomew, Member
Administration present:
 Dr. Patrick Shaw, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board
 Karl Christensen, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
 Minnie Malin, Director, Human Resources
 Linda Vail, Executive Assistant and Recording Secretary
2. President El-Hajj invited Dr. John Slatinski, an audience member, 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 Carlisle 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. Video Presentation
Dr. Pat Shaw presented the video "Did you know?" and stated that no matter how challenging the budget issues may be, our challenge is to continue to move the education of students forward. Globally, education is changing. The question we need to ask is, "Are we preparing our children for the 21st century?" Students will continue to need the basics of reading and communication skills but will also need to know how to apply the knowledge. Using Project Based Learning is one vehicle to do this. The BIE training for teachers is another step. This is the direction we need to continue to go even though we are facing challenges.

C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

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

Allison Maiar, a probationary teacher, thanked the Board for not laying off the probationary teachers. She said she was so excited about the coming year and working with the team.

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. **Acceptance of Donations**

- 2.3. **Approval/Ratification of Revolving Cash Report**
- 2.4. **Approval of Uniform Complaint Quarterly Report Required by the Williams Settlement**
- 2.5. **Approval of Agreement with Chapman University**
- 3.1. **Approval/Ratification of Final Contract Amount for Rio Seco School and Carlton Oaks School Modernization Projects**
- 3.2. **Authorization to Final Notice of Completion Documents for 10-Classroom Addition Projects at Carlton Hills, Carlton Oaks, and Rio Seco Schools**
- 3.3. **Approval of Hazardous Waste Disposal Services with North State Environmental**
- 4.1. **Approval of Agreement Between the Grossmont Union High School District Adult School and the Santee School District**
- 4.2. **(Pulled for separate consideration.)**
- 5.1. **Personnel, Regular**
- 5.2. **Approval to Renew Annual Agreement with Attorney Firm Fagen, Friedman & Fulfrost**
- 5.3. **Approval to Renew Annual Invoice / Agreement with Aesop Automated Sub Calling System**
- 5.4. **Approval of Credential Waiver**
- 5.5. **(Pulled for separate consideration.)**
- 5.6. **Adoption of Resolution No. 0910-01, Layoff of Identified Classified Position**

It was moved and seconded to approve Consent Items with the exception of D.4.2. and D.5.5.

Motion: Burns Second Bartholomew Vote: 5-0
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4.2. Approval of Agreement with San Diego County Office of Education for Science Outreach Program (Pulled by Member Burns for separate consideration.) Member Burns said he would abstain from voting on this item because the contract is with his employer. Member Carlisle moved to approve the Science Outreach Program Field Trip Agreement with San Diego County Office of Education.

Motion: Ryan Second Carlisle Vote: 4-0 (Burns, abstain)
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5.5. Approval to Increase the Work Year for the Coordinator of the Out-of-School Time Program Position (Pulled by Member Burns for separate consideration.) Member Burns wanted to say publicly that this position is self-funded and the funds generated from the students attending for 12 months will pay for the increase in the work year. Member Burns moved to approve an increase in work year for the Coordinator of Out-Of-School Time Programs position, effective July 1, 2009.

Motion: Burns Second Bartholomew Vote: 5-0
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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. Suspension of OPEB Funding Plan

Karl Christensen brought this item to the Board with a revised 3-year fiscal impact. The recommendation is to suspend the funding plan for 3 years and administration will return at the end of that time with a revised plan, reinstating the plan if the fiscal condition is improved. Member Ryan moved to suspend funding of the GASB 45 OPEB liability until fiscal conditions improve.

Motion: Ryan Second Burns Vote: 5-0
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2.1. Update on Summer Infrastructure Projects

Karl Christensen reported that on July 9th the District will receive \$11M in Bond Anticipation Notes (BAN) proceeds. The current cash flow shows \$5M to be used for Phase I payments, \$2M for Phase II projects started prior to suspension of the work, and \$500,000 listed for the water assessment, which has been lowered from \$1M. The \$3M remaining will be used to pay for the infrastructure projects at PRIDE Academy and Chet

F.Harritt. Chet F. Harritt is scheduled as the second priority for infrastructure, with direction to return if there is concern about keeping the City grant for the ball fields.

Mr. Christensen said he and Dr. Shaw met with the City Manager to determine what the City would require to be completed to show adequate and acceptable progress toward the field completion. Lights erected on dirt fields would not satisfy the conditions. A verbal agreement was made to complete one field that would be usable and functional for the league. To do this within the dollars we have, a line item was added into the budget to be able to go forward with the project. Administration believes we can get close to \$500,000 to fund the project including the use of the grant funds. The City would accept one field at this time but the District must stay within the costs presented. Mr. Christensen said administration recommends moving forward with Chet F. Harritt infrastructure and one ball field and sought direction from the Board.

Member Carlisle asked if the plan included the PRIDE Academy and Chet F. Harritt infrastructures as well as the ball field. Mr. Christensen said yes, the plan included the infrastructure at both schools and one ball field. Member Burns asked if there is a huge cost difference to build one ball field now and return at a later date to complete the additional two fields, in two phases. Christina Becker said it is the best scenario to do as much as possible while the construction team is moved on site. Completing the fields in two phases will cost more.

President El-Hajj asked when the DSA approval for the lights is expected. Christina Becker believes the permits should be complete in the next 30-45 days. Mr. Christensen said the plan would be to start the field in the fall and it should be completed in about 60 days.

Member Burns moved to approve administration's recommendation to move forward with infrastructure at Chet F. Harritt and the completion of one ball field. The Board requested administration to return within the next two weeks with an analysis of the difference in costs for completing the ball fields in one versus two phases.

Motion: Burns Second Ryan Vote: 5-0
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2.2. Appointment of Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee Membership

Karl Christensen presented an application to the ICOC from Mr. Jorge Merino. Mr. Merino could serve in the capacity of school finance. The taxpayer association has been contacted and is working to find someone who can serve on the committee. There is also an interested business member but the application has not been received. Member Bartholomew said we need to keep attempting to get a taxpayer association representative rather than just a member of the taxpayers association to keep it as a legitimate oversight. Board members agreed with Member Bartholomew.

Member Ryan said Dr. Shaw will be meeting the Chamber Board of Directors soon and maybe someone from the Chamber could be recruited. Member Burns moved to appoint Mr. Merino as a member of the ICOC.

Motion: Burns Second Bartholomew Vote: 5-0
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F. BOARD COMMUNICATION

Member Ryan said based on the action on the ball field, there should be communication with the league soon. Member Ryan also requested the superintendent bring an update to the Board on the Santee School property.

Member Burns asked what is being provided in the Little Padres grant funded upgrade to the field at Rio Seco. He believes the City should be asking the District, instead of telling the District, what is being done because they believe it is the District's responsibility to maintain whatever is added the fields. He would like to know if the District will be held responsible if the City is adding things to the fields. If so, then the District should be part of the plan.

Dr. Shaw reported the City, through the Little Padres grant is bringing in new turf and irrigation on the field. Christina Becker said there was a joint application for the Little Padres grant, turf field, palm trees and a new DSA approved scoreboard. City staff collaborated with District administration on this project.

Member Burns is also concerned to learn that the City is planning to put in a restaurant in Town Center Park that will serve beer and wine. The common parking lot is attached to the Rio Seco.

Dr. Shaw said he spoke with the City Manager about the sports center. The City Council approved the sports center more than 1½ years ago and the City Manager was very surprised we were asking about it now. The City believed the District was very aware of this. Beer and wine is currently permitted at all city parks except Mast Park, which is by permit only.

The City Manager shared that attendees will have to pay to enter into the sports complex and the area will be fenced off with only one entrance and exit. The City Council set a 4:30 p.m. time to begin serving alcohol. Mr. Till assured administration there would be no problems. Member Burns asked if alcohol would be allowed outside the restaurant. Dr. Shaw has a call into the City Manager and is waiting to hear back about several questions. There is a Sports Plex complex in Poway and Dr. Shaw will pay a visit this weekend to see how it fits into the community and report back to the Board.

Member Bartholomew said the portability of the alcohol and the time it begins being served are his concern.

Member Ryan asked what the law requires for distance between a school campus and a place that sells alcohol. Administration was not certain but will collect the information and provide it to the Board.

Member Burns would like the sports center to not serve alcohol when there is an evening event at the school or until Project SAFE children leave at the end of the day. Member Ryan asked if the District will receive a notification that they are applying to sell alcohol and if the District will have the opportunity to respond. Dr. Shaw will continue to investigate to get the questions answered, and will keep the Board informed.

Dr. Shaw also discussed the City's Arbor Day plans. Previously, plans were in the works to plant trees at Rio Seco. This plan was deferred due to the modernization project occurring at that time. They would like to move forward to plant trees around Rio Seco. The City will provide and plant the trees. The District's commitment once the trees are planted is to care for and maintain the trees. Dr. Shaw wants to assure that both parties are benefitting from this project. The SanTree Fest will be held on the last Friday in April but the City may wish to plant the trees at Rio Seco this fall.

President El-Hajj suggested cancelling the regularly scheduled meeting on August 4, 2009. She said that date could be used to schedule team building with the new Superintendent. Another special meeting should be scheduled by September for an Executive Council team building session. Board members did not want to wait too long.

G. CLOSED SESSION

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

- 1. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Govt. Code § 54957)**
- 2. Conference with Labor Negotiator (Govt. Code § 54956.8)**

Purpose: Negotiations

Agency Negotiator: Minnie Malin, Director of Human Resources

Employee Organizations: Santee Administrators Association

Santee Teachers Association

California School Employees Association

The Board entered closed session at 8:04 p.m.

J. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board reconvened to public session at 8:45 p.m. No action was reported.

K. ADJOURNMENT

The July 7, 2009 regular meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.