

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

October 20, 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 7:05 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  
Minnie Malin, Director, Human Resources  
Kristin Baranski, Director, Educational Services  
Linda Vail, Executive Assistant and Recording Secretary

2. President El-Hajj introduced the Eagle Young Marines who presented the colors and Commander Duane Siegmann who led the members, staff and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda.

**Motion: Carlisle                      Second Burns                      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. Schedule of Upcoming Events
- 1.4. Enrollment Report by Minnie Malin

Dr. Shaw introduced Minnie Malin, who reported on the CBEDs student count. This year's there were 6024 students enrolled, which is 11 students greter than last year. The District has seen an increase of 16 students since the first day of school.

2. **Spotlight: Santee Kiwanis and the Eagle Young Marines for the Santee Junior Olympics Program**

Member Bartholomew reported that before summer he attended the Junior Olympics with his son. The Junior Olympics is a great opportunity for students from all schools to engage in athletic competition and the one chance to bring all schools together. This year the Eagle Young Marines participated by presenting the colors, picking up trash, and acting as "gophers" for the Kiwanis members and teachers.

Dr. Shaw introduced Santee Kiwanis members Phil Thatcher, Joe Gertzen, and Bill Paxton. He also introduced Don Ainsworth, a retired Santee teacher and a Kiwanian, who chairs the Junior Olympics and is the person who really makes it happen. The Santee Kiwanis Club has sponsored the Junior Olympics for more than 30 years. President El-Hajj thanked the Santee Kiwanis Club and presented the representatives with a certificate of appreciation.

The Eagle Young Marines were introduced and thanked for their help and support and the Junior Olympics. Mr. and Mrs. Siegmann shared information about the Eagle Young Marines and how they provide service throughout the community. President El-Hajj presented them with a certificate of appreciation.

3. **Spotlight: Lisa Sagat and Tara O'Connell, Cox Kids Foundation Grant Recipients**

Dr. Shaw introduced Lisa Sagat and Tara O'Connell, teachers who applied for and received Cox Kids Foundation grants for their classrooms. Mrs. Sagat shared her grant will be used to purchase a Promethean Board and Acti-votes for her classroom. Mrs. O'Connell will use her grant funds for Probeware for the school to use. President El-Hajj presented each teacher with the certificate of appreciation for their extra efforts on behalf of students.

4. Principal Presentation: Lisa McColl, Rio Seco School

Lisa McColl, principal at Rio Seco School, presented to the Board her "stretch goals" for Rio Seco student achievement. She is looking for continuous improvement with the ultimate goal of hitting 900 API. Mrs. McColl believes it is most important to decrease the proficiency gap between the special education and regular education students. She shared the work she is doing to cultivate and develop teacher leaders, focus on student learning, and create a sense of school connectedness. Mrs. McColl's leadership goal is to support the change to develop the whole child. The Board thanked Mrs. McColl for an outstanding presentation.

### 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 HEARING

#### 1. Alternative School Choice Waiver Request to California Department of Education

President El-Hajj opened the public hearing on the Alternative School Choice Waiver Request to the California Department of Education. There were no comments from the public. President El-Hajj closed the public hearing.

### 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.

- 1.1. **Approval of Minutes**
- 1.2. **Adoption of Resolution No. 0910-18 California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) Resolution for Classified Management Employees**
- 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 Six Month Permit Renewal with the Santee Farmers' Market**
- 2.7. **Approval of Class Size Reduction Report**
- 3.1. **Approval/Ratification to File Notice of Completion Document for Phase 1 – Carlton Hills Modernization Project**
- 4.1. **Approval of 2009-10 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Cajon Valley Union School District for Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment Program (BTSA) Consortium**
- 4.2. *(Pulled for separate consideration.)*
- 4.3. *(Pulled for separate consideration.)*
- 4.4. **Approval of Santee Collaborative Reinvestment Plan for the Use of LEA Medi-Cal Funds**
- 4.5. **Approval of Alternative School of Choice Waiver 2009**
- 4.6. *(Pulled for separate consideration.)*
- 4.7. **Approval of Operating Agreement with Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) U.S.A., Inc.**
- 5.1. **Personnel, Regular**
- 5.2. **Approval to Increase Work Hours for Identified Classified Position**
- 5.3. **Approval of Revisions to the Certificated Non-Management Evaluation Procedures for Social Workers/Counselors**

It was moved and seconded to approve the Consent Items with the exception of items E.4.2., E.4.3., and E.4.6.

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

**4.2 Approval to Accept Early Mental Health Initiative Grant for Primary Intervention Program for Carlton Hills and Carlton Oaks Schools** *(Pulled by Member Ryan for separate consideration.)*

Member Ryan asked Kristin Baranski who would fill the Child Assistant positions for the grant since the Child Assistants were laid off. Mrs. Baranski said the District was fortunate to receive 60% of the original grant and is happy to be able to offer reemployment to two PIP Child Assistants to return to their positions. Member Ryan was pleased to know that we would be able to rehire the previous employees.

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

**4.3 Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with San Diego Youth Services as the Outside Mental Health Consultant of the Primary Intervention Program for Carlton Hills and Carlton Oaks Schools** *(Pulled by Member Ryan for separate consideration.)*

Member Ryan asked how the provider was chosen for consultant services for the grant. Kristin Baranski introduced Meredith Riffel who reported the grant included a proposal of \$5,000 and what we received was reduced by almost one-half. The provider was selected because they are the current EPSDT provider to Carlton Hills and Carlton Oaks and it was more efficient to add additional hours to the existing providers' services rather than hiring another agency. Mrs. Riffel said Children's Hospital was invited but did not respond in time.

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

**4.6. Approval of Revision to Chet F. Harritt School's Instructional Schedule for 2009-10** *(Pulled by Member Burns for separate consideration.)*

All of the Board members thanked Principal Andy Johnston and the Chet F. Harritt staff for providing more time for students in front of teachers. Mr. Johnston said the teachers should be credited because it was the teachers who worked hard to develop the new schedule. Member Bartholomew is interested to see where all of the grades are in instructional minutes at all schools. Member Burns visited Chet F. Harritt on Friday and saw a lot of great things going on there. He believes it is because of the leadership of Andy Johnston and Dawn Minutelli. Board members asked Mr. Johnston and Mrs. Minutelli to thank the Chet F. Harritt staff for this great step and direction.

**Motion:** Bartholomew                      **Second:** Burns                      **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. There were no comments.

**1.1. Approval of Appointment of Applicants to Board Advisory Committees**

Dr. Shaw reported applications were distributed to parents and employees for vacancies on Board Advisory Committees. An updated list of applicants and the committees they selected was presented for Board approval. Member Burns moved approval to the applicants first choices and suggested asking those who chose more than one if they are willing to serve on more than one committee. Member Ryan suggested approving their appointment to two committees where indicated. Member Burns revised his motion to reflect approval of the applicants and the committees they selected as indicated on the chart.

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

**G. BOARD POLICIES AND BYLAYS**

**1. Second Reading: New BP 1160 Political Processes**

New Board Policy 1160 Political Processes was submitted to the Board of Education for adoption. Member Carlisle asked about the last sentence under legislation: "However, the Board shall not urge the public to lobby the legislature on behalf of the district."

The Board asked Administration to check for any legal reason this statement could not be removed. If there is a reason it cannot be removed, i.e., Ed. Code or Gov't Code, return with the policy for Board adoption. Member Carlisle moved to approved new Board Policy 1160 with the indicated statement removed.

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

**H. BOARD COMMUNICATION**

Member Burns thanked the principals and staff for allowing him to visit Chet F. Harritt and Carlton Oaks Schools. He had two great visits and enjoyed seeing students engaged in learning. He shared with the Board that at the City/Board Joint Committee meeting the City offered their service to coordinate community service opportunities for students who go through expulsion hearings. Member Burns said *Salute to Teachers*, the County Teacher of the Year presentation was great and it was wonderful to see Donna Farquar and Santee receive recognition.

Member Bartholomew shared he felt very motivated by the Eagle Young Marines. It is great for kids to dedicate themselves to an organization with outstanding goals like that. The *Salute to Teachers* program was great and it was so exciting to hear them announce Donna Farquar's name among the great competition.

Member Carlisle expressed "kudos" to the Kiwanis for their good work for students and said it is incredible all of the things they do for our community.

President El-Hajj reported she attended three budget presentations this month. The presentations are sobering but the message is well organized and very clear. She thanked administration for putting together such a complete presentation.

Member Ryan said she did not ask the question about the grant to inquire why Children's Hospital was not chosen as the provider. Her comment tonight had nothing to do with her affiliation with Children's Hospital.

A draft letter for parents about influenza was presented for the Board to review. Member Ryan supports a letter going home to parents. The recent death of a young girl has caused increased fear among parents. She discovered there was a case of H1N1 at one of our schools. The public health department does not want to panic parents but she is concerned that it is not advised to tell the parents in that class. She would like to send the letter home to students. She suggested adding a sentence to insure parents have provided the schools with any important health information about their children. *If your child has a chronic illness be sure the school files are updated and current will be added to the letter.*

Member Ryan also discussed the MOA with the County to have medical providers work with schools to vaccinate all kids and said Santee may have the opportunity to have students immunized in our school district. The County is currently providing districts with draft MOA's. Some districts have expressed concern about the MOA, but there may be other ways to offer the opportunity to provide the vaccines. Member Burns has some concerns and does not believe he has enough information at this time to make a decision. Member Burns would want parents to have an opportunity to come forward and share their feelings and asked to have this item on the agenda for the November 3<sup>rd</sup> Board meeting. Member Carlisle asked if parents would have the option to opt out and also said there should be no cost to the school district.

Member Ryan said you can research the risk of the vaccine on the CDC website. The risk is minimal. The most severe reaction she has heard about is a nerve syndrome (Guillain-Barre syndrome), and it is a rare reaction.

Board members asked the Superintendent to pursue the process for H1N1 vaccine clinics at schools and there is Board support to bring it to the Board on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Dr. Shaw should bring Administration's recommendations for logistics of school participation and the legal ramifications.

Dr. Shaw said the vaccinations are important and the CDC's concern is the mutation of the virus and returning as a more severe strain.

President El-Hajj asked about a celebration for Donna Farquar. The Board would like to provide Donna with an equitable celebration as they have for past County Teacher of the Year recipients. Linda will check with Donna to see what she would prefer.

Dr. Shaw asked the Board to provide topics they would like to discuss with Principals on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Board members suggested having a conversation about a process for continued communication about budget and the logistics of dealing with the H1N1 pandemic.

Dr. Shaw reported that Padre Dam has requested to present a joint press conference with the Santee School District about their partnership in water conservation. The topics of the press conference will include split irrigation to use of recycled water and water savings design in our new junior high buildings (waterless urinals and drought tolerant landscaping). Padre Dam has asked the Board to select a school and provide some date options. The Board asked Administration to select a school site and schedule the press conference during the week of November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Board members will attend as available. Allen Carlisle will attend for certain to represent the Board.

#### **I. 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. Liability Claims (Gov't Code §54956.95)**  
*Claimant: Borrego Solar*  
*Claim Against: Santee School District*
- 3. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation**  
*(Subdivision (a) of Gov't Code §54956.9)*  
*Case # 37-2009-00083936-CU-CO-CTL*

The Board entered closed session at 8:42 p.m.

#### **J. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION**

The Board reconvened to public session at 9:35 p.m. No action was reported.

#### **K. ADJOURNMENT**

The January 20, 2009 regular meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.