

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

November 7, 2006
MINUTES

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9619 Cuyamaca Street
Santee, California

STUDENT FORUM

Board members met with student representatives from each school and discussed the following topics:

1. Drug Awareness and Communication
2. Wellness Policy
3. Dress Code
4. School Assemblies

Notes from this discussion will be added as an addendum to these minutes.

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Call to Order and Welcome

President Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present:

Barbara Ryan, President
Allen Carlisle, Vice President
Dan Bartholomew, Clerk
Dianne El-Hajj, Member
Dustin Burns, Member

Administration present:

Dr. Lisbeth Johnson, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board
Bill Clark, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Emily Andrade, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
John Tofflemire, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Linda Vail, Executive Assistant and Recording Secretary

2. President Ryan invited Julie Robbins, a Rio Seco first grade student and daughter of Marc Robbins, County Teacher of the Year representative, 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: Carlisle

Vote: 5-0

B. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Superintendent's Report
 - 1.1. Requests for Use of Facilities
 - 1.2. Developer Fees Collection Report
 - 1.3. Enrollment Report
 - 1.4. Claims Against the District
 - 1.5. Schedule of Upcoming Events
2. Spotlight on Learning – Angela Panfili and Taylor Guitars

Dr. Johnson introduced Angela Panfili, third grade teacher at Carlton Oaks, who was recently honored by the San Diego Music Awards Association. Ms. Panfili was a recipient in 2005-06 of a class set of Taylor guitars from the "Taylor Guitars for Schools" program. A video that was presented at the awards event spotlighting her students using the guitars was shown. President Ryan presented Ms. Panfili with a certificate of appreciation for bringing this wonderful opportunity to her students. President Ryan also recognized Taylor Guitars for the "Guitars for Schools" program and presented Mr. Andy Robinson, Taylor Guitar's Media Relations Manager, with a framed certificate.

3. Spotlight on Learning - Marc Robbins-Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Andrade, Assistant Superintendent, introduced Marc Robbins, and shared that the District is proud to honor him as the Santee representative to the San Diego County's Salute to Teacher Awards event on October 7, 2006. She shared many outstanding contributions he makes to students. President Ryan presented Mr. Robbins with an engraved award and shared that Mr. Robbins was also recently highlighted in the newspaper for his family's participation in the annual Aids Walk.

C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

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

Roberta Russo, a Santee community member, spoke of her concerns about the relocation of Grossmont's Homestead School. She is concerned that it houses students that have been removed from a regular campus setting and are being relocated right next to the regular high school campus. President Ryan asked Ms. Russo if she understood that it is not the jurisdiction of the Santee Board to make any of those decisions. Ms. Russo said she did understand but was only asking for

the support of the Board to oppose the move. Ms. Russo asked about the Board members' visit this week and President Ryan said any of that discussion would be during Board Communication, later in the meeting.

Julie Sutton, a Santee parent and community member, spoke about Homestead School moving to the West Hills campus. She requested support from the Board to oppose having these students placed adjacent to West Hills. She said placing Homestead students on a campus next to a school that they may have been removed from, will not give them tools for success and interaction with the kids at West Hills may encourage negative problems to arise.

Jim Pivanka, a community member, believes that the Homestead students have a right to an education and should be given the best chance to succeed. However, the planned relocation of Homestead School puts their students within two miles of three of our elementary schools. He is worried about crime increase and upset that the need to move has been known for eight years and nothing has been done before now. He believes that the students should have their own space and not have the opportunity to just "move to the other side" if they have a serious offense.

Dennis Davis, owner of Gann's Music Center asked for the school district to provide an instrumental music program as they once did. He said sometimes music is the only thing that keeps a kid in school and he believes students would be more interested if it was a part of the daily curriculum. He offered his assistance to inventory and repair instruments to have them used by students.

D. CONSENT ITEMS

Items listed under Consent are considered to be routine and are all acted on by the Board with one single motion.

Superintendent

- 1.1. Approval of Minutes
- 1.2. Approval of Appointment of Members to Board Advisory Committees

Business Services

- 2.1. Approval of Travel Requests
- 2.2. Approval/Ratification of Revolving Cash Reports
- 2.3. Acceptance of Donations
- 2.4. Approval of Response to Request for Agency Recommendation

Educational Services

- 3.1. Approval of 2006-07 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Cajon Valley Union School District for Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment Program (BTSA) Consortium
- 3.2. Approval of Extended Field Trip for Fifth Grade Students from Hill Creek School to the "Star of India"
- 3.3. Approval of Extended Field Trip for Eighth Grade Students from Pepper Drive School to Colonial Chesterfield at Riley's Farm in Oak Glen, CA
- 3.4. Approval of Extended Field Trip for Eighth Grade College Bound AVID Students from Carlton Hills to Knott's Berry Farm
- 3.5. Approval of Operating Agreement with Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPO) U.S.A., Inc.

Human Resources

- 4.1. Personnel, Regular (Pulled for separate consideration.)
- 4.2. Adoption of Resolutions Authorizing Teacher Services – Education Code Sections 44256(b), 44258.2 and 44263
- 4.3. Approval of Fingerprint Service Agreement with Grossmont Union High School District
- 4.4. Approval of Claim Settlement

It was moved and seconded to approve Consent Items.

Motion: Burns

Second: El-Hajj

Vote: 5-0

Consent Items pulled for separate consideration:

D. 4.1. Pulled for separate consideration by Member Bartholomew. Member Bartholomew said he would abstain for voting on this item because his spouse was included in the item.

Motion: El-Hajj

Second: Burns

Vote: 4-0(Bartholomew, abstain)

E. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

1.1. Surplus Property

Mr. Clark shared the current status on the sale of surplus property. Bids closed on October 16, 2006, and the District received no compliant bids, although there continues to be interest in the properties. He provided several reasons for lack of

bids: slowdown in the market, increased interest rates, and mitigation fees. Mr. Clark recommended continuing through one more bid cycle without brokerage services.

Member El-Hajj wanted to make certain that the public understands that although there were no successful bids, the property is not off the market. She does not intend for the property to be taken off the market and believes the Board should continue to seek a purchaser. Member Burns agrees. President Ryan said that the property is not off the market and administration will continue to work to sell the surplus property.

Member Carlisle said he believes that the District should work toward getting the property rezoned prior to selling so prospective buyers will know what they are getting. He would also like to reopen negotiations with the City to make them a partner in the process.

Member Bartholomew agrees and does not believe the property should be off the market just because no bids were received. He said there continues to be other issues regarding the property and agrees that prospective buyers have a right to know exactly what they are getting. Member El-Hajj asked Member Carlisle if he would rather not advertise the property prior to rezoning because that is a lengthy process. Member Carlisle said yes, the zoning process needs to occur so it can be done at the front end. Then when the property is advertised for sale, the buyer knows what they will get.

Member El-Hajj said the City has led the Board to believe that the rezoning process can be very lengthy and asked if it would be an advantage to wait that long to get that done. Member Carlisle said that the conditional use process takes 60 days for a public hearing. Member El-Hajj asked if the process could run concurrently. Member Burns said that he recollects the City wanted to see a plan prior to rezoning. Member Carlisle asked when that occurred. President Ryan said about three years ago. Member Carlisle believes it is worth checking again. President Ryan believes that it would be a fairly easy process with the Santee Site. There was no action taken and Dr. Johnson said administration will gather information on the rezoning process and report to the Board.

F. BOARD POLICIES AND BYLAWS

1. Second Readings:

1.1. **Board Policy 1312.1, Annual Review/Revision, Complaints About School District Personnel**

1.2. **Board Policy 4030, Revised, ~~Equal Employment Opportunity/~~
Affirmative Action, Non-Discrimination in Employment**

Member El-Hajj moved to approve the review and revisions to BP 1312.1 and 4030.

Motion: El-hajj

Second: Carlisle

Vote: 5-0

G. BOARD COMMUNICATION

Member Burns reported on his visits to the carnivals at Carlton Oaks and Cajon Park. He said both were outstanding. He is impressed with the extra work that administration and other staff provide to prepare a fun time for families.

Member Bartholomew reported on a community forum at West Hills tomorrow night, which he plans to attend, regarding the proposed move of Grossmont's Homestead School to the West Hills' campus. He said that he had been comfortable with the move based on the information he received prior to this evening, but now is not certain and will continue to investigate.

Member El-Hajj explained that as a Board member she understands that sometimes Boards must make decisions that may not be popular, but she is also very concerned about the proposed move and joins her neighbors in their concerns.

Member Carlisle reported he visited Homestead School yesterday with President Ryan and Superintendent Johnson. He learned quite a bit about their operation. He is torn and understands the concerns of the community and neighbors, but he left the visit with a good feeling after seeing the kids in class. He is worried that the students are being dragged through the mud and encouraged the community to be cautious and aware of what they are saying about the students.

President Ryan has some of the same concerns because they are kids. She said she also visited and noted that the students were working hard, and there was a very low teacher to student ratio. She said that this is certainly not in our District's jurisdiction and she is not sure that this is an issue where the Board should take a position.

Member Burns said he will be visiting later and will not comment until he sees the site.

Board members agreed that following the second visitation and the community forum, this item could be put on the agenda for further discussion, if desired.

Superintendent Johnson said the visit was eye-opening. She was impressed with how well the program was run, especially compared to the court schools she has visited. She saw students arrive independently, and they were referenced as the "elite of the group." Teachers said these students were showing good progress. She would like to receive more data on the statements made by community members that the students may have violent offenses. Dr. Johnson said the buildings are in a very bad state.

Member Bartholomew asked how many facilities are there. There was a discussion about the three programs housed at the campus. It is not just students on probation of offenses, but there are other programs, including a day treatment center, for students with mental health issues that may need a different educational plan, medication and/or counseling.

President Ryan shared that two expulsion hearings will need to be scheduled as soon as possible. Linda will be making the arrangements.

President Ryan said that a Board workshop was previously scheduled for November 14th for Budget and Self-Evaluation. She said the budget information and discussion will take 3½ -4 hours to cover all of the necessary items. She does not believe that both items could be accomplished in the one evening and suggested that they complete the budget needs and schedule the self-evaluation for another time, or, complete the self-evaluation on that evening and schedule the budget workshop for another time. Another possibility would be to schedule another date, maybe a Saturday, to do both.

Member El-Hajj said she would like to cover budget first and the Board evaluation another time. Board members agreed to move forward with a budget workshop on November 14 and Linda will schedule another meeting date for self-evaluation.

President Ryan shared that Member El-Hajj will be walking this weekend in the Susan B. Koman 3-day walk. A principal and some teachers also will be walking. Member El-Hajj shared that she decided to walk because of Marcia Johnson, former superintendent, who was diagnosed and treated for cancer, and is now in remission. Her walking will be in Marcia's honor and Marcia will be cheering the walkers on.

H. CLOSED SESSION

President Ryan 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)
Agency Negotiator: John Tofflemire, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Employee Organizations: Santee Teachers Association (STA)
Classified School Employees Association (CSEA)
3. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Govt. Code §54956.8)
Location: Santee School Site. 10445 Mission Gorge Rd., Santee 92071
Negotiating Party: City of Santee
Agency Negotiators: Dr. Lis Johnson, Superintendent
Bill Clark, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Purpose: Price and Terms
4. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Govt. Code §54956.8)
Location: Renzulli Site, Prospect Avenue-east of Marrokal Lane, Santee 92071
Negotiating Party: City of Santee
Agency Negotiators: Dr. Lis Johnson, Superintendent
Bill Clark, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Purpose: Price and Terms

The Board entered closed session at 7:40 p.m.

I. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

The Board reconvened to public session at 8:40 p.m. No action was reported. The November 14, 2006 regular meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

J. ELECTION COVERAGE GATHERING HOSTED BY THE BOARD

The Board hosted a reception to celebrate Prop R, the school bond for Santee School District that was on the ballot. Refreshments were provided by Citizens for Educational Excellence and a large screen TV was loaned from Best Buy for this event.