

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

June 7, 2022
MINUTES

Douglas E. Giles
Educational Resource Center
9619 Cuyamaca Street
Santee, California

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Call to Order and Welcome

Vice President El-Hajj called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and shared President Levens-Craig was unable to attend the meeting.

Members present:

Dianne El-Hajj, Vice President
Ken Fox, Clerk
Dustin Burns, Member
Barbara Ryan, Member

Administration present:

Dr. Kristin Baranski, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board
Karl Christensen, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Tim Larson, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources/Pupil Services
Dr. Stephanie Pierce, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Lisa Arreola, Executive Assistant and Recording Secretary

2. District Mission

Vice President El-Hajj welcomed those present and invited the audience to recite the District Mission.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Lisa Arreola, Executive Assistant to the Board and Superintendent, led members, staff, and audience, in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Agenda

Vice President El-Hajj presented the agenda for approval. Member Fox moved approval.

<i>Motion:</i>	<u><i>Fox</i></u>	<i>Levens-Craig</i>	<u><i>Not Present</i></u>	<i>Burns</i>	<u><i>Aye</i></u>
<i>Second:</i>	<u><i>Ryan</i></u>	<i>El-Hajj</i>	<u><i>Aye</i></u>	<i>Ryan</i>	<u><i>Aye</i></u>
<i>Vote:</i>	<u><i>4-0</i></u>	<i>Fox</i>	<u><i>Aye</i></u>		

B. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. SSD Proud Moments

Vice President El-Hajj shared the following slide for those in attendance and read the following highlights from Sycamore Canyon, provided by Principal Tylen Hicks.

- My favorite moments include completing the DoDEA Grant and reflecting on the tremendous resources we received through this grant, especially our beautiful mural.
- Starting some of our Outdoor Learning areas. We took the time to poll the staff and the students to figure out what would be most needed/wanted on our campus. We have completed a couple items and look forward to completing the rest next year.

- Resiliency of our staff and students. We have gone through so many changes this year, and everyone has rolled with it. I am very proud of all of them!
- Having families back on campus. So excited to have families back! We had Lunch on the Lawn, Kindergarten Field Day, Garden Volunteers, and soon we will have 2nd and 3rd graders going on a walking field trip to the Lakes.



Vice President El-Hajj expressed her gratitude towards Principal Hicks for sharing their proud moments.

2. Superintendent's Report

- 2.1. Developer Fees and Collection Report
- 2.2. Enrollment Report

3. Board of Education Proclamation: Cathy Abel

Vice President El-Hajj read a proclamation in honor of Mrs. Cathy Abel for her retirement and years of service to Santee School District employees and students. Vice President El-Hajj shared Mrs. Abel served on the Board from November 1992 to November 2004; and as Director of Child Nutrition Services for the last 18 years. Mrs. Abel expressed her gratitude for being allowed to serve in both capacities.

4. Spotlight: Santee Kiwanis Club – Junior Olympics

Superintendent Baranski shared the Santee Kiwanis Club has provided the Junior Olympics event for Santee School District students for over 35 years. Vice President El-Hajj presented the Santee Kiwanis Club with a plaque and expressed the Board's gratitude for their outstanding contribution to Santee School District students in sponsoring and orchestrating the annual Junior Olympics event; as well as honoring an 8th grade student at each school with the Hope of America award. Kiwanis President, Dan Bickford and other club members present, expressed their appreciation for the recognition.

5. Spotlight: Home Base Ranch

Superintendent Baranski expressed her gratitude towards Home Base Ranch for the experiences, expertise, and generosity in helping Santee students overcome challenges with equine therapy. Vice President El-Hajj presented Rio Bethune, Founder/Owner, Mark Anderson, Chief Financial Officer, and Maggie Anderson, Ranch Manager, with a plaque and expressed the Board's gratitude.

C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Vice President El-Hajj invited members of the audience to address the Board about any item not on the agenda. There were no requests to speak.

D. PUBLIC HEARING

1. 2022-23 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)

Vice President El-Hajj opened the public hearing for the 2022-23 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) and explained the District is required by law to hold an official public hearing to review the District's proposed Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). She explained the proposed LCAP has been available for public review on the District's website and shared the Board of Education will consider the LCAP for approval at its June 21, 2022 Regular Meeting. Vice President El-Hajj noted there were no public comments. The public hearing was closed.

2. 2022-23 Santee School District Adopted Budget

Vice President El-Hajj opened the hearing on the 2022-23 Santee School District Budget. She explained the proposed budget had been available for public inspection at the District Office and the District website. Vice President El-Hajj shared that in accordance with Senate Bill 858, the District must also report on certain elements pertaining to its projected reserves as follows:

- The District's calculated minimum required reserve for 2022-23 is \$2,686,387
- The amount of the assigned and unassigned fund balances that exceed the minimum required reserve amount is \$6,104,657
- The reasons for the district maintaining an assigned and unassigned fund balance in excess of the minimum required reserve amount are:
 - To provide an economic uncertainty reserve that ensures adequate cash flow and cushions against state revenue declines
 - To provide a reserve for projected and potential cost increases

A listing of the specific amounts set-aside for each of the aforementioned items was available for public inspection at the meeting. Vice President El-Hajj noted there were no public comments. The public hearing was closed.

E. CONSENT ITEMS

President Levens-Craig invited comments from the public on any item listed under Consent. There were no public comments.

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, Grants, and Bequests

2.4. Approval/Ratification of General Services Agreements

2.5. Approval/Ratification of Expenditure Transactions Charged to District Issued Purchasing Cards (P-Cards)

2.6. Adoption of Resolution No. 2122-24, to Establish Temporary Interfund Transfers

2.7. Approval/Ratification of Annual Agreements for 2022-23

2.8. Approval of 2022-23 Student Accident Insurance

2.9. Authorization to Reject All Bids for Frozen Commodities, Non-Commodities, Grocery and Snack Foods

3.1. Approval of Curriculum Purchase with LitArt Reading Comprehension in STEAM and Social Emotional Learning Instruction

3.2. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Santee School District's After School Education and Safety Program (ASES) and San Diego County Superintendent of Schools for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

3.3. Approval of Mystery Science K-5 Curriculum

4.1. Personnel, Regular

4.2. Renewal of Memorandum of Understanding with San Diego Youth Services for Here Now Program

4.3. Approval of Short-Term Services Agreement

Member Burns moved approval.

Motion:	<u>Burns</u>	Levens-Craig	<u>Not Present</u>	Burns	<u>Aye</u>
Second:	<u>Ryan</u>	El-Hajj	<u>Aye</u>	Ryan	<u>Aye</u>
Vote:	<u>4-0</u>	Fox	<u>Aye</u>		

F. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

Superintendent

1.1. Appointment of Principal

Superintendent Baranski shared that with the upcoming retirement of a principal, administration recommended the appointment of Dr. Nona Richard, as Principal. She explained Dr. Richard is an experienced elementary school principal, serving San Diego Unified in this capacity since 2016. She received her Ph.D. in May 2021 from Claremont Graduate University and San Diego State University and was an elementary school teacher for 10 years. Superintendent Baranski noted, pending approval of Dr. Richard's appointment, she will begin her career at Carlton Oaks School. Member Ryan moved approval.

Dr. Richard introduced her parents in attendance and expressed her excitement and gratitude for the opportunity to serve the Santee School District community.

Motion:	<u>Ryan</u>	Levens-Craig	<u>Not Present</u>	Burns	<u>Aye</u>
Second:	<u>Burns</u>	El-Hajj	<u>Aye</u>	Ryan	<u>Aye</u>
Vote:	<u>4-0</u>	Fox	<u>Aye</u>		

1.2. Appointment of Vice Principal

Superintendent Baranski shared that with the recent resignation of a vice principal Administration recommended the appointment of Mr. Nathan Horner, as Vice Principal. She noted Mr. Horner is an experienced vice principal, serving Sweetwater Union School District in this capacity since 2018, taught high school English for six years, and served as an intervention specialist. Superintendent Baranski noted, pending approval of Mr. Horner's appointment, he will begin his career at Pepper Drive School.

Mr. Horner introduced his wife in attendance and expressed his gratitude for the opportunity. He shared being a Santee resident and parent in the District.

Motion:	<u>Fox</u>	Levens-Craig	<u>Not Present</u>	Burns	<u>Aye</u>
Second:	<u>Burns</u>	El-Hajj	<u>Aye</u>	Ryan	<u>Aye</u>
Vote:	<u>4-0</u>	Fox	<u>Aye</u>		

Business Services

2.1. Approval of Monthly Financial Report

Karl Christensen, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, reported the monthly financial report was for cash and budget revision transactions posted through April 30, 2022; and shared the District is projected to meet all financial obligations with internal cash. He shared the District ended the month with a cash balance in the General Fund of approximately \$27,521,647. Mr. Christensen explained the reserve percentages are currently outdated and shared the most updated information would be presented during the second meeting in June, during the 2022-23 budget adoption. Member Ryan moved approval.

Motion:	<u>Ryan</u>	Levens-Craig	<u>Not Present</u>	Burns	<u>Aye</u>
Second:	<u>Burns</u>	El-Hajj	<u>Aye</u>	Ryan	<u>Aye</u>
Vote:	<u>4-0</u>	Fox	<u>Aye</u>		

G. BOARD POLICIES AND BYLAWS

1.1. First Reading: New/Revised Board Bylaw (BB)/Board Policies (BP)/Administrative Regulation (AR)

- BB 9270 – Conflict of Interest, Biennial Review
- BP/AR 4119.2 – Professional Adult to Student Boundaries

Vice President El-Hajj presented BB 9270 and BP/AR 4119.2 as first readings. The Board agreed to discuss professional development and implementation around BP/AR 4119.2 at the next meeting.

H. EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION COMMUNICATION

Melanie Hirahara, Santee Teachers Association President, agreed with the need for professional development around BP/AR 4119.2 – Professional Adult to Student Boundaries. The Board asked that Mrs. Hirahara provide Administration with concerns and/or questions prior to the next meeting to help with the communication, discussion, and planning. She expressed her appreciation of the Board for their support this school year and shared looking forward to a “normal” school year in the fall.

I. BOARD COMMUNICATION

Member Ryan shared attending the Rio Seco’s promotion and commended the students for being so courteous; and noted the regulations had changed to allow usage of home tests for unvaccinated staff.

Member Burns noted Hill Creek’s promotion was well organized and being impressed with the students’ firm handshakes. He shared being in support of law enforcement presence at school sites and asked that this item be added as a topic for discussion at the next meeting. Superintendent Baranski shared she would be meeting with a Lieutenant, from the San Diego County Sheriff’s Department, to discuss emergency response protocols and would bring the item back for discussion at the July 19 meeting.

Member Fox shared attending the Sycamore Canyon 6th grade celebration prior to the Board meeting and commended the students for their handshakes and attire. He noted attending his grandson’s kindergarten promotion at Cajon Park and would be attending the Cajon Park 8th grade promotion along with Member Burns.

Vice President El-Hajj shared attending the Chet F. Harritt promotion ceremony and noted the event was well organized.

J. ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

Superintendent Baranski expressed her gratitude towards the Board and staff for their commitment to providing a safe, welcoming, and productive learning environment for the students of Santee this past year; and shared being proud to be part of the District.

Superintendent Baranski shared the Board had been registered to attend the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Annual Education Conference was December 1 – 3, in San Diego.

J. CLOSED SESSION

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

- Conference with Labor Negotiator** (Gov’t. Code § 54957.6)
Purpose: Negotiations
Agency Negotiators: Tim Larson, Assistant Superintendent
Employee Organizations: Santee Teachers Association (STA); and
Classified School Employees Association (CSEA)
- Public Employee Performance Evaluation** (Gov’t. Code § 54957)
Superintendent

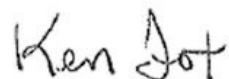
The Board entered closed session at 6:55 p.m.

K. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened to public session at 8:43 p.m. and reported no action was taken.

L. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the regular meeting of June 7, 2022, was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.



Ken Fox, Clerk



Dr. Kristin Baranski, Secretary