

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

June 3, 2003
MINUTES

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

SPECIAL EVENT -- Recognizing Outstanding Student Achievement (5:30 p.m.)

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

Staff present:

Marcia Johnson, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board
Carolyn Harness, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Lisbeth Johnson, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Bill Stumbaugh, Director, Pupil Services
Sue Yakubik, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Arletta Schaffer, Recording Secretary

2. President Ryan invited Amanda Albertson, Alternative School first grader, 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: McIntosh
Second: Burns
Vote: 5 -- 0

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. Schedule of Upcoming Events

The Superintendent apologized to any caller who was not responded to in a timely manner, when calling the public information line. Corrections have been made and callers are promised a response no later than the following workday.

2. Recognizing Alternative School Families and Staff for Volunteer Time

When the Alternative School moved into Cajon Park Annex last fall, a dedicated group of staff and parents prepared the new environment by painting, packing, moving and setting up. John Tofflemire introduced the families who helped in that effort and the Board commended all involved for their positive attitudes, team spirit and support in making a smooth transition.

C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

President Ryan invited members of the audience to address the Board about any item not on the agenda. Mayor Randy Voepel asked to make a presentation to the Superintendent on behalf of the 54,000 citizens in Santee. He read a City Council proclamation commending Mrs. Johnson for her leadership. The dozen white roses she received represented her purity of service and dedication.

Mrs. Johnson thanked the Mayor and stated that while she is looking forward to her retirement, she does intend to work in the community to establish an educational foundation.

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 Item E.3.1. held for separate consideration by Member El-Hajj and Item E.4.1. held for separate consideration by Member Burns.

Motion:	McIntosh
Second:	Abel
Vote:	5 -- 0

Superintendent

- 1.1. Approval of Minutes

Business Services

- 2.1. Approval of Travel Requests
- 2.2. Approval/Ratification of Revolving Cash Report
- 2.3. Acceptance of Donations
- 2.4. Approval of Tax Sheltered Annuity Vendor

Educational Services

- 3.1. Held for separate consideration
- 3.2. Approval of 2003-2006 San Diego County Three-Year Plan for Expulsion
- 3.3. Approval to Accept the United States Department of Education Grant Award
- 3.4. Approval of Local Education Agency (LEA) Plan
- 3.5. Approval of Alternative Education Waiver Request

Human Resources

- 4.1. Held for separate consideration
- 4.2. Approval of Reduced Workload Agreements
- 4.3. Approval of Two New Job Descriptions: 1) Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) Assistant II and 2) (HIPPY) Bilingual Assistant to Program Coordinator

For separate consideration:

- E.3.1. Approval of 2003-2004 School Schedules

Tabled for approval later in the agenda by Member El-Hajj.

- E.4.1. Personnel, Regular (amended), with a copy to be made a part of the minutes. Consultants approved: Aqua Pro Swim School, Harmonium/Jess Masters, Jill Lapp, Beverly Sailors.

Member Burns stated that he did not support the expenditure of consultant funds that could be carried over to the next budget year. Lis Johnson reported that the TUPE funds are restricted and the intent of this

expenditure was to develop a pilot program to serve six students with a drug/alcohol prevention plan. It was moved and seconded to approve Item E.4.1. (amended).

Motion: McIntosh
Second: Abel
Vote: 3 – 2 (Burns, El-Hajj/no)

F. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

Superintendent

1.1. Presentation of Proposed Santee School Task Force

With the action to close Santee School, administration was directed to form a task force of staff, parents and community members to develop and implement the necessary steps for a smooth transition. The first meeting of the task force will be June 4, 2003. The objective of this item is to share information about the proposed task force and to seek Board direction on the timeline, composition and charge.

This action committee is scheduled to hold weekly meetings on Wednesdays from 3:30 – 5 pm. through mid-July. Lis Johnson and Lois Patterson, principal, will co-chair. The planned outcomes are: kinds of communication, efficient movement of equipment and materials, assignment of schools, transition of staff, and celebrations. It is suggested that PTAs host a celebration on or about August 25 to welcome Santee families to their new schools. The suggested committee members would represent Board, employee organizations, maintenance department, Santee teachers, and PTA. The Board supports posting all future meetings so Board members may attend.

Member El-Hajj suggested that there be informal representation from other schools. Member Burns suggested adding a representative from the City of Santee. President Ryan suggested a tour for incoming children at Hill Creek, Prospect Avenue and Pepper Drive before the end of school instead of waiting until August. It was agreed to place that suggestion on the agenda for the first meeting.

1.2. Ratification of Proposed School Boundary Changes for Santee School

Superintendent Johnson presented administration's recommendations to ratify boundary changes and merge neighborhoods into Pepper Drive, Hill Creek and Prospect Avenue. The transfer deadline for Santee School families has been reopened to allow choice of schools, as space is available. Santee School has begun communicating with parents of incoming kindergartners. Should the Board support the boundary changes, there are several unsafe walking conditions that will need to be addressed later.

President Ryan invited comments from the audience. The Board heard comments on safety, school choice, eighth grade priority, facilities standards and flexibility, and socio-economic balancing from David Roth, Daniel Wilson, Chris Dove, Stacey LoMedico and Carlos Villasenor. Board members suggested that the task force consider the request for high placement priority of eighth grade students.

It was moved and seconded to ratify school boundary changes for Santee School as presented.

Neighborhoods merging into the Pepper Drive School attendance boundary:

1. Shadow Hill/Northcote neighborhoods east of Highway 67 and northeast of Collinwood Drive.

Neighborhoods merging into the Hill Creek School attendance boundary:

1. Neighborhoods south of the San Diego River and northeast of the Magnolia/Woodside/Mission Gorge intersection.
2. Riderwood Terrace neighborhood south of Woodside Avenue and west of Highway 67.
3. Edgemoor neighborhood between Cottonwood and Magnolia, north of Mission Gorge and south of the San Diego River.

Neighborhoods merging into the Prospect Avenue School attendance boundary:

1. Buena Vista neighborhoods bordered by Mission Gorge, Railroad, Prospect and Cuyamaca.
2. Gillespie Field neighborhoods south of Prospect Avenue between Cuyamaca and Magnolia.
3. Neighborhoods north of Prospect on Tumbleweed Terrace, Siesta Road and Kitty Lane.
4. Happy, Gienre and Luner Lane neighborhood.

Motion: El-Hajj
Second: Abel
Vote: 5 -- 0

1.3. Approval of Transportation Services and Fee Schedules for the 2003-04 School Year

Bus transportation is currently provided to special education or homeless students and in cases of unsafe walking conditions. While this District has not charged for any transportation, a fee schedule is permitted under Education Code.

Administration recommends that bus transportation for regular education children be provided to the same neighborhoods currently being transported and for children from Santee School assigned to Hill Creek, Pepper Drive and Prospect Avenue schools, and that a fee schedule for regular education children be determined.

President Ryan invited members of the audience to address the Board on this item. Diane Turner does not support discontinuing any student transportation. Mary Klein, as a single parent, stated that busing is important to her and asked the Board to consider the cost. Daniel Wilson was concerned about the cost to parents, but asked for equality.

Carolyn Harness reported that the transportation program impacts the general fund \$66,000 over the state allocation. The Board discussed the importance of student safety and the cost of the program, both to the District and to families. Concern was expressed for the changes that the Santee School families are undergoing.

It was moved and seconded to approve administration's recommendation but to provide busing free of charge for the 2003-04 school year and to begin a fee schedule for regular education busing in 2004-05. Administration is charged with a recommendation for a future fee plan.

Motion: McIntosh
Second: Abel
Vote: 3 – 2 (Burns, El-Hajj/no)

Members Burns and El-Hajj wish the record to show that their no votes reflected their unwillingness to establish a fee program for 2004-05 without further study. President Ryan confirmed that parents who request intradistrict transfers are responsible for their child's transportation.

Business Services

2.1. Discussion of 2003-04 District Budget

Carolyn Harness reported that the Board has been presented with the sixth draft of the 2003-04 District budget. For the first time, this draft reflects a positive ending balance of \$81,000 as a result of over \$4.1 million in reductions. Board members agreed to discontinue further discussion at this time of the list of suggested budget reductions.

2.2. Approval of Legal Agreement with Lozano Smith, Attorneys at Law, for Parcel Tax Election

It was moved and seconded to approve an agreement with Lozano Smith, Attorneys at Law, for legal consultation and assistance should the Board decide to pursue a parcel tax. Fees would be paid from the I-43 Capital Facilities Fund with a \$5,000 cap.

Motion: Abel
Second: El-Hajj
Vote: 5 -- 0

Human Resources

4.1. Adoption of Resolution to Reduce Hours of Identified Classified Employees

It was moved and seconded to adopt Resolution #0203-30 to reduce hours of student records secretaries effective the first workday in 2003-04.

Motion: Abel
Second: El-Hajj
Vote: 3 – 2 (Burns, Ryan/no)

4.2. Approval of Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators

Sue Yakubik explained that this annual blanket Declaration of Need is required for emergency teacher certification. It was moved and seconded to approve the Declaration of Need.

Motion: Burns
Second: Abel
Vote: 5 -- 0

G. BOARD POLICIES AND BYLAWS

1. First Readings (none)

2. Second Readings

2.1. New: BP 6173, Enrollment of Children and Youth in Homeless Situations

2.2. Review/Revision: BP1312.3, Complaints about Categorical Programs Including Special Education

It was moved and seconded to approve new BP 6173 and revised BP 1312.3 as presented.

Motion: McIntosh
Second: Abel
Vote: 5 -- 0

H. BOARD COMMUNICATION

Member Burns asked to switch promotion assignments due to a conflict with his schedule. Member McIntosh will attend the June 19 ceremony Rio Seco.

Member El-Hajj reported that the recent Board/City Joint Committee meeting was very positive.

I. CLOSED SESSION

President Ryan announced that the Board would meet in closed session for:

1. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release
2. Conference with Labor Negotiator
Agency Negotiator: Sue Yakubik, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Employee Organizations: Santee Teachers Association (STA)
California School Employees Association (CSEA)
3. Student Discipline Matters
4. Public Employee Performance Evaluation
Title: Superintendent
5. Conference with Real Property Negotiators
Location: Renzulli Site
Agency Negotiator: Carolyn Harness, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
6. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54956.9
7. Public Employee Appointment: Superintendent

The Board entered closed session at 9:15 p.m.

J. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION/ ADJOURNMENT

The Board reconvened to public session at 11:20 p.m. No action was reported. The June 3, 2003, regular meeting adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

Cathy Abel, Clerk

Marcia J. Johnson, Secretary