

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

August 16, 2022
MINUTES

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

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Call to Order and Welcome

President Levens-Craig called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Members present:

Elana Levens-Craig, President
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

President Levens-Craig welcomed those present and invited the audience to recite the District Mission.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Karen Fleck, Foundation and community member, led members, staff, and audience, in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board acknowledged Karen Fleck for her assistance in obtaining a \$20,000 grant for the Foundation from the City of Santee.

4. Approval of Agenda

President Levens-Craig presented the agenda for approval. Member Burns moved approval.

<i>Motion:</i>	<u>Burns</u>	<i>Levens-Craig</i>	<u>Aye</u>	<i>Burns</i>	<u>Aye</u>
<i>Second:</i>	<u>El-Hajj</u>	<i>El-Hajj</i>	<u>Aye</u>	<i>Ryan</i>	<u>Aye</u>
<i>Vote:</i>	<u>5-0</u>	<i>Fox</i>	<u>Aye</u>		

B. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. SSD Proud Moment

President Levens-Craig shared the following proud moments and displayed the following slides.

This year's 4-week Santee Summer Academy for our general education had an average enrollment of over 400 students in incoming grades 1-8. There were 25 teachers on staff. Students were engaged in rigorous skills building and also got out of the classrooms to collect nature samples, do some outdoor learning, and engage in project-based learning. Each

student received a free lunch or 'brunch'. Students and staff were excited and motivated.

We also had a great Extended School Year program this year for our students with special needs. We had 5 PK classes and 9 K-8 classes, serving 181 students.

One of the highlights of the Summer Academy was our Independence Day celebration. Students and staff wore red/white and blue, decorated classrooms and worked on patriotic projects and artwork. The staff lounge was stocked with red, white and blue themed snacks as well.



President Levens-Craig shared this year's Beatification Day was a great success. She expressed her gratitude towards all the community, churches, parents, students, and staff who participated and noted everyone's sense of pride and ownership of their schools.





President Levens-Craig shared Buddy's Backpack distribution was going to take place on Saturday, at Rio Seco School, starting at 9:00 am until inventory ran out. She noted the entire stories, along with other great things happening in the District, could be found on the website.

2. Superintendent's Report

- 2.1. Developer Fees Collection Report
- 2.2. Claims Against the District

3. Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Clarification

Karl Christensen, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, explained that upon review of the District LCAP, the San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE) noted three minor changes were required. Mr. Christensen noted the following adjustments to the LCAP:

- Approximately \$8 million was accounted for as local funds that should have been reported as LCFF funds.
- There was a discrepancy of approximately \$10,000 in the total amount spent for increased or improved services reported in the Parent Budget Overview document as compared to the LCAP document.
- The information in the Increased or Improved Services section of the LCAP for Goal 1, Action 15: Santee Success Program (SSP) did not have sufficient language referencing the benefit to unduplicated pupil count students.

4. Beginning of the School Year
Superintendent Baranski reported on a number of items for the beginning of the school year: Santee Sheriff discussion with school office staff, Board Policy 4119.2 training, leadership team retreat outcomes, COVID updates, and Center for Disease Control (CDC) masking updates. Santee Sheriff Department discussed their emergency response procedures and school liaison partnerships this school year. Each school will have an assigned deputy for school communications and needs. Superintendent Baranski reported that Board Policy 4119.2 training is scheduled for August 18, six sessions throughout the day and she shared the format of the August 12 leadership team retreat. In addition, Superintendent Baranski shared that the extensive Safe at School Reopening Plan for COVID preparedness has been replaced online with the COVID Prevention Plan, which notes updated quarantine and isolation guidelines and return to school/work criteria, and she shared the updated CDC masking guidance for individuals who test positive.

C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

President Levens-Craig invited members of the audience to address the Board about any item not on the agenda. There were two (2) requests to speak.

Monique Silver, Hill Creek parent, shared her reasoning for wearing a mask, supporting masks in the schools, and her support of Critical Race Theory (CRT) curriculum in the classrooms.

Marc Silver allotted his time to Monique Silver.

D. 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 Expenditure Warrants
- 2.3. Approval/Ratification of Purchase Orders
- 2.4. Acceptance of Donations, Grants, and Bequests
- 2.5. Approval/Ratification of Agreements for Mileage Reimbursement in Lieu of District Transportation
- 2.6. Authorization to Apply for 2022-23 Mandated Cost Block Grant
- 2.7. Approval/Ratification of Purchase and Installation of Ninja Warrior Course at Carlton Oaks School
- 2.8. Approval of Agreement with the San Diego County Air Pollution Control District for Carl Moyer Grant to Pay for Installation of Charging Infrastructure and Stations for Electric Vehicles
- 3.1. Approval of Interim Written Approvals Contract for Nonpublic School Services
- 3.2. Approval of Interim Written Approval Contracts for Nonpublic Agency Services
- 4.1. Personnel, Regular
- 4.2. Approval of Short-Term Services Agreement
- 4.3. Approval of Affiliation Agreement with Marywood University for Dietetic Interns

Member Ryan moved approval.

<i>Motion:</i>	<u>Ryan</u>	<i>Levens-Craig</i>	<u>Aye</u>	<i>Burns</i>	<u>Aye</u>
<i>Second:</i>	<u>Fox</u>	<i>El-Hajj</i>	<u>Aye</u>	<i>Ryan</i>	<u>Aye</u>
<i>Vote:</i>	<u>5-0</u>	<i>Fox</i>	<u>Aye</u>		

E. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

Superintendent

1.1. Approval of Amendment to Contract of Employment of Superintendent

Superintendent Baranski presented an amendment to her contract of employment for approval. She shared that based on her satisfactory evaluation from August 2, the new contract terms included the following, retroactive to July 1, 2022:

- The term of the contract is July 1, 2022– June 30, 2025
- Annual base salary increased to \$218,607
- An additional one-time, four percent (4%) salary distribution based on the 2022-23 base salary

Member Ryan moved approval.

<i>Motion:</i>	<u>Ryan</u>	<i>Levens-Craig</i>	<u>Aye</u>	<i>Burns</i>	<u>Aye</u>
<i>Second:</i>	<u>Fox</u>	<i>El-Hajj</i>	<u>Aye</u>	<i>Ryan</i>	<u>Aye</u>
<i>Vote:</i>	<u>5-0</u>	<i>Fox</i>	<u>Aye</u>		

Business Services

2.1. Adoption of Resolution No. 2223-01 Authorizing Purchase and Installation of Security Cameras at All District Schools

Superintendent Baranski noted her excitement of bringing this item forward for approval and shared a historical perspective on camera systems for each school site. She explained that prior to the COVID pandemic, the District’s Safety Committee recommended security cameras and door lock mechanisms be installed at all sites. Superintendent Baranski noted the District has been investigating a camera system since that time and funding mechanisms to support their implementation. She explained that the three remaining capital improvement projects are now complete and the land sale proceeds from the sale of the Santee School property will allow the District to purchase a comprehensive camera system for each school site and District office without the use of general funds.

Karl Christensen, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, recognized Bernard Yeo, Director of Technology, and Bryce Storm, Director of Maintenance & Operations, for their work and research on the project. He noted that at a prior meeting, the Board had requested a presentation on the final products functionalities and welcomed representatives from Verkada, Steve Thompson, and Jake Simonich, to provide a brief presentation on the system.

Mr. Thompson and Mr. Simonich provided an overview of the challenges of not having a security system and a timeline since they began to work with the District. They provided an overview of the system functionalities that included cameras integrated with google maps and an Industry leading mobile app; and noted their system was trusted by over 225 government entities (50+) and school districts (175+). Summary of benefits include a 10-year warranty, unlimited user, unlimited cloud archiving for video clips, automatic firmware and software updates, United States based technical support, lower 10-year TCO, and predictable renewal costs. A breakdown of cost per school site is as follows:

School	Breakdown by Site	Total Hardware/Software & Installation Cost
Cajon Park/Annex	39	\$ 156,380.39
Carlton Hills	28	\$ 120,589.51
Carlton Oaks	32	\$ 137,058.57
Chet F. Harritt	38	\$ 154,380.45
Hill Creek	33	\$ 136,529.81

Pepper Drive	37	\$ 146,323.74
Pride Academy	28	\$ 122,282.95
Rio Seco	43	\$ 171,288.72
Sycamore Canyon	23	\$ 107,855.52
DO Compound	42	\$ 168,625.03
Tax for Project		\$ 90,234.39
Freight & Delivery		\$ 1,500
Total Cost		\$ 1,513,049.08

The Board asked for clarification on video storage capabilities, motion detection, face recognition abilities, etc. Member Burns noted the importance of communicating the purpose of the security system again to the community and staff. President Levens-Craig agreed and shared there may be a different perception of why the cameras are being installed. Member Burns stressed the need to have an updated Board Policy in place prior to the equipment being installed. Member Ryan moved approval.

Motion: Ryan *Levens-Craig* Aye *Burns* Aye
Second: El-Hajj *El-Hajj* Aye *Ryan* Aye
Vote: 5-0 *Fox* Aye

F. EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION COMMUNICATION

Melanie Hirahara, Santee Teachers Association (STA) President, shared everyone’s excitement for the new school year.

G. BOARD COMMUNICATION

Member Burns shared it was great seeing everyone at this year’s Beautification Day and noted an increase in student participation and them taking ownership of their school. He noted it was great seeing volunteers from outside of the Santee area. Member Burns noted his excitement on the start of school and is looking forward to a great year.

President Levens-Craig inquired on recognizing Pathways Church and Sonrise Church to a future Board meeting.

Member Fox shared it was great seeing everyone at the Beautification Day kick-off event and apologized for not being to stay and help. But noted he was glad to hear it had great community participation and was a successful event.

Member El-Hajj agreed Beautification Day was very successful. She noted it was great seeing everyone’s excitement of being back on campus. Member El-Hajj noted that the students and teachers in her life are very excited and looking forward to going back to school.

President Levens-Craig shared the same sentiments on Beautification Day and the beginning of the school year. She noted signing up for some webinars in October on collective bargaining and student behavior. President Levens-Craig looking forward to the staff welcome back event, Breakfast at the Lakes, tomorrow morning.

Member Ryan provided an update on two mental health initiatives the District is involved in: Student Behavioral Health Incentive Program (SBHIP) and Screening to Care. Member Ryan explained that the District will be one of only a handful of San Diego County school districts to receive specialized services through SBHIP and these services will benefit all our students and families. In addition, the Screening to Care program will be implemented in grades 6 – 8 and the initial needs assessment is conducted by our staff. Once the assessment is completed and student needs are determined, Member Ryan explained the program is broken down into differentiated tiers based on student need and agencies within East County will provide these services. Member Ryan noted she will continue to provide the Board of Education with updates on both programs.

H. ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

Superintendent Baranski noted it was great seeing all the students with their parents hard at work and being proud of their school. She shared campuses look great and noted being excited about the upcoming Breakfast at the Lake, and welcoming and seeing staff. She noted Monica Farren, would be speaking on behalf of the Foundation. Superintendent Baranski noted she would be sharing this year's theme of "great expectations" and reimagining our work. She shared there would be coffee, breakfast burritos, and fruit for attendees.

I. CLOSED SESSION

President Levens-Craig announced that the Board would meet in closed session for:

1. **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)

2. **Public Employee Performance Evaluation** (Gov't. Code § 54957)
Superintendent


The Board entered closed session at 7:12 p.m.

J. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened to public session at 8:35 p.m. and reported no action was taken.

K. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the regular meeting of August 16, 2022, was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



Ken Fox, Clerk



Dr. Kristin Baranski, Secretary