

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

September 20, 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 6:00 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
Dr. Stephanie Pierce, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Lisa Arreola, Executive Assistant and Recording Secretary

President Levens-Craig welcomed City Council Members Dustin Trotter and Laura Koval; and Padre Dam Board Member Bill Pommering.

2. District Mission

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

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Pastor Jerry Phillips, representing Sunrise Church, led members, staff, and audience, in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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>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>		

B. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. SSD Proud Moment

President Levens-Craig shared the following proud moments and displayed the following slides for Alternative School and the Santee Success Program.

Last year, Alternative School and Santee Success Program began collaborating to build a strong community in the Cajon Park Annex to strengthen academic and social emotional supports for students and staff. Prior to the 2021-2022 school year, both programs worked in isolation, without the structure to effectively collaborate. Since then, the Annex facility has undergone a revisioning and make-over to create a welcoming environment for both staff and students.

There are 18 students in the Alternative School and 5 students in SSP. The staff of both programs and administrators meet regularly together to discuss student progress, engage in professional learning and develop ways to connect with families and build community. A great example of a community building event was the school-wide book fair held earlier this year. Thanks to a generous donation from FedEx, students in both programs were able to select multiple books. Each child also received a swag-bag, containing various items, such as a water bottle, blanket, umbrella and writing supplies.

Staff also seeks out unique partnerships to further build community amongst the students. Students really enjoy riding horses at Home Base Ranch and working in the community garden at the Annex.

I am really proud of our Alternative School and SSP staff's commitment to creating a culture of community at the Annex.



2. Superintendent's Report

- 2.1. Developer Fees and Collection Report
- 2.2. Use of Facilities Report
- 2.3. Enrollment Report

3. Spotlight: 11th Annual School Beautification Day

President Leven-Craig welcomed members of Pathways Church, Sonrise Church, and volunteers and expressed the Board's appreciation for their contributions to maintaining the visual appeal and quality of Santee schools. President Levens-Craig presented representatives of Pathways Church and Sonrise Church with certificates of appreciation on behalf of Santee School District.

4. Spotlight: Buddy's Backpacks

President Leven-Craig welcomed the Santee Mobilehome Owners Action Committee, Inc. (SMOAC) and volunteers and expressed the Board's appreciation for the collection and distribution of over 1,900 backpacks and school supply drive for Santee School District. President Levens-Craig presented the SMOAC with a certificate of appreciation on behalf of Santee School District.

President Levens-Craig acknowledged and welcomed Board of Education candidates and incumbents as follows: Seat 1 - Barbara Ryan and Ron Burner; Seat 3 - Dustin Burns; and Seat 5 - Ken Fox, Tracy Thill, and Joseph Dolan.

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 under public communication; and one (1) request to speak on Item G.1.1. Board Policies and Bylaws.

Ron Burner, Hill Creek parent, expressed his gratitude towards Superintendent Baranski and Karl Christensen, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, for meeting with him to discuss school security; and noted the need for Board members to share their stance on resource officers. Mr. Burner shared his dissatisfaction with Member Burns' statement in the September 9 meeting minutes that eluded his comments on social media were misinformation and caused undue panic in the community. He noted his comments were factual and shared that as a businessman and parent in the community, he would appreciate not having his comments reflected negatively in the minutes.

Tracie Thill, Santee resident, shared parent duties conflict with attending meetings in-person and asked that the District consider streaming meetings and allowing for public comments online similar to Lakeside Union School District. She noted this would allow more parent participation. Member El-Hajj echoed Mrs. Thill's sentiments.

D. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Compliance with Education Code Section 60119 K-12 Public Textbook and Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program

President Levens-Craig opened the public hearing in Compliance with Education Code Section 60119 K-12 Textbooks and Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program. There were no 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

1.2. Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-04 Declaring October 10 – 14, 2022 as Week of School Administrator

2.1. Approval/Ratification of Travel Requests

2.2. Approval/Ratification of Expenditure Warrants

- 2.3. Approval/Ratification of Purchase Orders
- 2.4. Approval/Ratification of Revolving Cash Report
- 2.5. Approval/Ratification of General Services Agreements
- 2.6. Approval/Ratification of Agreements for Mileage Reimbursement in Lieu of District Transportation
- 2.7. Acceptance of Donations, Grants, and Bequests
- 2.8. Adoption of Proclamation for National School Lunch Week
- 3.1. Approval/Ratification of Nonpublic School Master Contract with ACES Academy for Nonpublic School Services
- 3.2. Approval/Ratification of Nonpublic School Master Contract with Aseltine School for Nonpublic School Services
- 3.3. Approval/Ratification of Nonpublic School Master Contract with Community School of San Diego for Nonpublic School Services
- 3.4. Approval/Ratification of Nonpublic School Master Contract with The Institute for Effective Education Nonpublic School Services
- 4.1. Personnel, Regular
- 4.2. Ratification of Side Letter Agreement Between Santee School District and Classified School Employees Association and its Chapter #557

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>Burns</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. Granting Tenure to Eligible Certificated Employees

Dr. Baranski noted bringing forth 10 certificated employees, who have been with the District two or more years and demonstrated quality instructional service, for the Board's consideration to grant them tenure. Site Administrators were present and shared a few words about the employees. On behalf of the Board, President Levens-Craig congratulated the newly tenured employees and mentioned each was receiving a t-shirt and pin. Member Burns moved approval.

<u>Name</u>	<u>School Site</u>
Barnette, Megan	Carlton Hills
Bloomfield, Heather	Carlton Oaks
Boone, Brandy	Rio Seco
Doane, Michael	Chet F. Harritt
Doherty, Shannon	Carlton Hills
Gilbert, Nicole	Sycamore Canyon
Graham, Autumn	PRIDE Academy
Knight, Vania	Hill Creek
McCauley, Jessica	Carlton Oaks
Petersen, Courtney	Rio Seco

<i>Motion:</i>	<u>Burns</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>		

1.2. Ratification of Employer-Employee Collective Bargaining Tentative Agreement Between Santee School District and Classified School Employees Association (CSEA) and its Chapter #557

Superintendent Baranski noted the District and Classified School Employees Association (CSEA) and its Chapter #557 reached a Tentative Agreement for the 2021-2022 school year concerning Article 20, Health and Welfare Benefits as follows:

- Increase the District contribution for employees who work 30 – 40 hours per week to \$12,000 annually
- Increase the District contribution for employees who work 20 – 29.9 hours per week to \$10,200 annually

CSEA membership ratified the tentative agreement on September 8, 2022. Member El-Hajj moved approval.

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

1.3. Approval of Health Benefit Contribution Increase for Confidential/Management Employees

Superintendent Baranski noted a proposed increase to the health benefit contribution for Confidential/Management employees, effective September 2022, as follows:

- Increase the District contribution for employees from \$7,200 annually to \$12,000 annually

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>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>		

1.4. Approval of Appointment of Members to Board Advisory Committees

Superintendent Baranski presented a recommendation of 13 applicants to the Board advisory committees for the Board's consideration. She explained the applications were reviewed and the applicants were assigned to their first and second choice. Member Burns moved approval. She noted additional applicants, if any, would be brought forth approval in October.

<i>Motion:</i>	<u>Ryan</u>	<i>Levens-Craig</i>	<u>Aye</u>	<i>Burns</i>	<u>Aye</u>
<i>Second:</i>	<u>Burns</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>		

Educational Services

2.1. Certification and Adoption of Resolution of Sufficiency of Instructional Materials 2022-23

Dr. Stephanie Pierce, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, presented Resolution #2223-03, Sufficiency of Instructional Materials 2022-23, for certification and adoption. 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>		

F. BOARD POLICIES AND BYLAWS

President Levens-Craig presented item F.1.1. Revised Board Policy (BP) and New Administrative Regulation (AR) 3515 – Campus Security; and Revised BP 6173 – Education for Homeless Children, in a second reading and request for approval. She noted a request to speak card had been submitted for this item. Ron Burner withdrew his request to speak. Member Burns moved approval.

1.1. Second Reading: Board Policies (BP)/Administrative Regulation (AR):

- Revised BP 3515 – Campus Security
- New AR 3515 – Campus Security
- Revised BP 6173 – Education for Homeless Children

<i>Motion:</i>	<u>Burns</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>		

G. EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION COMMUNICATION

Melanie Hirahara, Santee Teachers Association (STA) President, was present but had nothing to share with the Board.

H. BOARD COMMUNICATION

Member El-Hajj commended all school sites for having a great start. She apologized for not attending the last meeting for the discussion on campus security and school safety. Member El-Hajj, noted for the record, that she did not support spending educational dollars for security personnel, but did support the installation of cameras, locks, etc. She shared educational funds are for education and that safety is the responsibility of the community and City but would welcome resource officers on campuses.

Member Burns shared attending open house and hearing parent excitement for being allowed back on campus. He commended the schools for scheduling open house on two different nights and/or different time blocks to accommodate parents with more than one child. Member Burns noted he stood by his comments regarding Ron Burner’s social media post. He shared that he spoke with Mr. Burner over the phone and explained he felt his comments were perpetuating fear in the community. Member Burns noted he has, and always will, advocate for students, parents, and staff.

President Levens-Craig shared her excitement about a text she received from Jennifer Rolf, a Curriculum Resource Teacher, which noted the teachers’ enthusiasm and excitement for this school year. She noted it was Member Fox’s birthday and asked everyone to join her in singing happy birthday.

I. ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

Superintendent Baranski shared the Williams visit at Hill Creek went well and noted strategies for safe and clean facilities that would be reintroduced to staff in order to maintain our modernized facilities. She shared the reviewing committee was very impressed with the facilities and the District’s need to continue to maintain safe and clean facilities for future generations. Dr. Stephanie Pierce, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, commended Chasity Forster, Hill Creek Principal, for her work in preparing for the visit. Dr. Pierce noted there were no findings for the instructional materials, the uniform complaint posters were posted in the classrooms as required, and shared the committee was very complimentary of the work done ahead of time to facilitate the visit. Dr. Pierce commended Bryce Storm, Director of Maintenance & Operations, and his team for quickly fixing and addressing issues (i.e., changing a light bulb, fixing a bracket on a fire extinguisher, etc.) that were brought up by the committee. She noted the reviewers commented that this was one of the first times they had gone on a visit and did not see a lot of disrepair, even though the buildings are 50 years old. Dr. Pierce noted the District should not wait for a Williams visit and the same actions should be taken at all school sites. Member El-Hajj inquired if the lack of findings was due to the school’s modernization. Dr. Pierce explained the majority was due to the modernization but also the preparation that was done prior to the visit and shared Mr. Storm had collaborated with other districts to learn what the visit would entail. Superintendent Baranski

noted the District will be holding mock Williams visits at sites to make sure all the facilities are safe and clean learning environments.

Superintendent Baranski noted learning the District reflected a downgraded percentage on the San Diego County Taxpayers Association School Bond Transparency Report. She shared the social media posts, that described the District was not being thoughtful in terms of how it spent bond funds, were incorrect. Dr. Baranski noted the report is very specific on transparency and where the District posts information from the Independent Citizens Oversight Committee (ICOC) for public viewing. She noted an audit report was shared at a public meeting, but not posted online which caused the downgraded percentage. Karl Christensen, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, explained the audit report was posted properly but the link was not posted on the ICOCs main website, as required. Mr. Christensen noted the minutes reflected when the document was presented as required and explained he had reached out to the Tax Payers Association to see if the District's report could be adjusted accordingly. He explained the report consisted of 28 questions, nine (9) of which were answered with "noes" and five (5) of the "noes" pertained to the audit report; which caused the significant downgraded percentage. Mr. Christensen took responsibility and noted it was an oversight on his behalf. Member El-Hajj noted the Tax Payers Association should take the center-spread in Santee Magazine into consideration to show transparency. Mr. Christensen shared the finding was on the 2021 report, and the Santee Magazine ad was for the 2020 report.

Superintendent Baranski noted the California Department of Public Health, in support from the Governor's office, had rescinded the school employee vaccination and testing and explained staff were provided with home tests, if needed. She expressed her appreciation of the Board for their advocacy in writing to the Governor and California Department of Public Health.

Superintendent Baranski noted correspondence from the San Diego County Office of Education on the approval of the 2022-23 Adopted Budget and shared the District had met the necessary requirements.

Superintendent Baranski noted the upcoming events included the Board's meeting with the Principals; Candidate Information Session; and Assistant Superintendent interviews, and shared November 15, at 5:00 pm, was the proposed date/time for the Student Forum. President Levens-Craig asked that the Board contact Administration if they had a calendar conflict.

J. 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 7:17 p.m.

K. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened to public session at 9:45 p.m. and reported no action was taken.

L. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the regular meeting of September 20, 2022, was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.



Ken Fox, Clerk



Dr. Kristin Baranski, Secretary