

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

October 3, 2023
MINUTES

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

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Call to Order and Welcome

President El-Hajj called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members present:

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

Administration present:

Dr. Kristin Baranski, Superintendent
Dr. Marcia Hamilton, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Dr. Lisa Paisley, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
David MacLeod, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources/Pupil Services
Lisa Arreola, Executive Assistant and Recording Secretary

2. District Mission

President El-Hajj invited everyone to recite the District Mission.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Amilia Solis (grade 4) and Emma Solis (grade 6), students at Sycamore Canyon School, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

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

B. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Superintendent's Report

- 1.1. Developer Fees and Collection Report
- 1.2. Enrollment Report
- 1.3. Schedule of Upcoming Events

2. Spotlight on Education: Sycamore Canyon School

Superintendent Baranski noted the return of school spotlights since the 2019-20 school year. Sycamore Canyon School Principal Tylene Hicks, and Vice Principal Courtney Bittle, played a video that shared the school's data results (CAASPP testing, iReady testing, and Panorama Survey results); the school's English-Language Arts, mathematics, climate and culture, and social-emotional learning goals; the school's standout programs (Positive Behavior and Intervention Supports, Kindness and Junior Hope squads, Cognitive Guided Instruction, Chickens, Attendance, and Visual and Performing Arts), and all the great things happening at the school.

3. We All Belong Poster

Superintendent Baranski presented a draft of the “We All Belong” poster for grade 5 – 8 classrooms. She noted the poster was designed by the San Diego County Office of Education graphics department, based on input from staff, a parent representative; and was also presented to the Communication Board Advisory Committee on October 2, 2023, for additional feedback and input. Superintendent Baranski shared the poster celebrates the diverse backgrounds and identities of our students and staff and noted a poster with more animated images would be created for the younger grades at a future date. Superintendent Baranski noted the posters would be available in various sizes, and distributed in approximately two (2) weeks, or as soon as they were produced and delivered by the San Diego County Office of Education graphics department. Members Ryan and El-Hajj shared it was well received at the Communication Board Advisory Committee and noted it was suggested that the District work with the Santana High School graphic design class to help design something that may be more relatable to students.

C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

President El-Hajj invited members of the audience to address the Board about any item not on the agenda and noted public comments were in-person only.

Louise Julig, representing PFLAG San Diego County, shared her opposition and concerns with the implementation of the Classroom Learning Environment policy.

Richard Nyles, parent, expressed appreciation for holding the student forum and allowing students to speak on something that is of their importance. Mr. Nyles noted some of his concerns with the current dress code, and the double-standard on enforcement when it comes to female and male attire.

D. CONSENT ITEMS

President El-Hajj 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. Approval/Ratification of Agreements for Mileage Reimbursement In Lieu of District Transportation
- 2.4. Approval/Ratification of General Services Agreements
- 3.1. Ratification of Nonpublic Agency Master Contract with San Diego Center for Vision Care for Vision Therapy
- 3.2. Approval of Nonpublic Agency Master Contract with Verbal Behavior Associates (VBA) for Behavioral Support
- 4.1. Personnel, Regular
- 4.2. Ratification of Side Letter Agreement between Santee School District and Classified School Employees Association and its Santee Chapter #557 regarding Interim Payroll Coordinator
- 4.3. Approval of Affiliation Agreement between Santee School District and Grand Canyon University to host School Counselor Interns
- 4.4. Approval of Service Learning Agreement between Santee School District and San Diego State University – School of Social Work to host School Social Work Interns
- 4.5. Ratification of Memorandum of Understanding between Santee School District and Manhood ABC, LLC

Member Levens-Craig moved approval.

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

E. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

Superintendent

1.1. Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-06 Declaring October 9 – 13, 2023 as Week of School Administrator

Superintendent Baranski presented Resolution No. 2024-06 Declaring October 9 – 13, 2023 as Week of School Administrator for adoption and shared appreciation for their hard work. She noted each site administrator would receive a token of appreciation on behalf of the Governance team. Member Levens-Craig moved approval.

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

1.2. Approval of Amendment to Contract of Employment of Superintendent

President El-Hajj presented an amendment to the Superintendent's contract for consideration and expressed appreciation for Dr. Baranski's hard work. Member Burns moved approval.

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

Business Services

2.1. Approval of Monthly Financial Report

Dr. Marcia Hamilton, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, presented the monthly financial report for cash and budget revision transactions posted from July 1, 2023 through August 30, 2023. The District ended the month with a cash balance in the General Fund of approximately \$36,669,981, sufficient funds to pay all of the District's financial obligations with internal cash. Member Ryan moved approval.

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

Human Resource/Pupil Services

3.1. Approval of Student Behavioral Health Incentive Program (SBHIP) Agreement and Budget Allocation

David MacLeod, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources/Pupil Services, expressed appreciation to Member Ryan for being instrumental in securing \$2,727,117.41 in funding through the Student Behavioral Health Incentive Program (SBHIP). He noted the District was one (1) of four (4) districts receiving this funding. Mr. MacLeod explained the SBHIP program was a three-year program, from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024; and that the San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE) is the Third-Party Administrator (TPA) for the Managed Care Providers (MCPs) for SBHIP and would provide administrative oversight of funds through June 30, 2025.

Member Ryan inquired on a timeline of expenditures based on priorities and noted there was no timeline for the funds to be expended. Member Burns explained being employed by SDCOE and would be voting in support of the funding; he noted there was not a conflict of interest because SDCOE was only providing oversight of the funds. Member Ryan moved approval.

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

F. BOARD POLICIES AND BYLAWS

President El-Hajj noted Item F.1.1. was the second reading of BP 6162.51 – State Academic Achievement Tests and BP 5131.1 – Bus Conduct was a first reading and asked the Board to contact Administration if they had any questions. Member Burns moved approval.

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

- BP 6162.51 – State Academic Achievement Tests

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

1.2. First Reading: Revised Board Policies (BP)/Administrative Regulation (AR):

- BP 5131.1 – Bus Conduct

G. EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION COMMUNICATION

Melanie Hirahara, Santee Teachers Association (STA) President, expressed appreciation to Superintendent Baranski for including teacher input on the We All Belong poster and noted there were still questions regarding the Classroom Learning Environment policy and how and when changes would be addressed.

H. BOARD COMMUNICATION AND ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

Member Fox noted the student forums are his favorite events and expressed appreciation to the students for their input on the dress code.

Member Burns expressed his appreciation to everyone involved for making grandparent appreciation month come to fruition. He noted hearing great comments from grandparents and the community. Mr. Burns shared it was great hearing the students' perspective on the dress code. He reported attending the Communication Committee meeting and hearing enjoying listening to all the things happening around the District. Member Burns commended Cajon Park for focusing on celebrating the students during the Junior High awards assembly by inviting their families to have lunch with the honorees. He shared visiting the students at the Santee Success Program and noting the need for asphalt repairs. Dr. Marcia Hamilton, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, shared Deferred Maintenance funds were already set aside for asphalt repairs during the upcoming holiday breaks.

Member Levens-Craig shared it was great seeing Cajon Park staff in the audience and enjoying the Student Forum. She shared appreciating grandparent month and volunteering in her grandson's classroom.

President El-Hajj noted attending the Communication Committee and hearing great discussion and feedback on the We All Belong poster. She attended the Foundation Board meeting and noted the allocation of funds for teacher grants this year. President El-Hajj noted the Foundation was fortunate to receive funds from the City with the assistance of Karen Fleck but noted the need to fundraise to sustain future teacher grant funding.

I. CLOSED SESSION

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

1. **Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation** (Gov't. Code § 54956.9)
Case Numbers: 37-2022-00045148-CU-PO-CTL and 37-2022-00052155-CU-PO-CTL

2. **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)*

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


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

J. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened to public session at 8:25 p.m. and reported no action was taken.

K. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the regular meeting of October 3, 2023, was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.



Dustin Burns, Clerk



Dr. Kristin Baranski, Secretary