# SANTEE SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 7, 2012 **MINUTES** 

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

#### A. OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Call to Order and Welcome

President Bartholomew called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present:

Dan Bartholomew, President Dianne El-Hajj, Vice President

Ken Fox, Clerk

Dustin Burns, Member

Barbara Ryan, Member

Administration present:

Dr. Patrick Shaw, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board Karl Christensen, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services Minnie Malin, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources/Pupil Services Kristin Baranski, Director, Educational Services

Linda Vail, Executive Assistant and Recording Secretary

- 2. President Bartholomew invited the audience to recite the District Mission and then invited Hill Creek students Hailey Schaffner and Grant Pies, 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: Fox Second Burns Vote: 5-0

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### B. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 1. Superintendent's Report
  - 1.1. Developer Fees Collection Report
  - 1.2. Use of Facilities Report
  - 1.3. Enrollment Report
  - 1.4. Schedule of Upcoming Events
- 2. Student Spotlight-Hill Creek Woodshop

Dr. Shaw introduced Jerelyn Lindsay, principal of Hill Creek School, who shared how students and staff believe the woodshop program at Hill Creek provides valuable educational benefits to students. Mrs. Lindsay introduced students Hailey Schaffner and Grant Pies who each thanked the Board for keeping the Woodshop program at Hill Creek and the new Woodshop classroom in the new building. They shared how the woodshop class at Hill Creek has taught them skills they may not have learned in other classes such as patience, time management, and multi-tasking. Hailey displayed her woodshop project, a shaker style desk made from alder. Grant showed the Board his project, a chair that converted to a step stool and said he looks forward to putting his math skills to use, being more creative, and will always have the good memory.

Teachers John Journeay and Ben Saia thanked the Board for the temporary shop and the new shop classroom. They gave a special thanks to the Maintenance and Operations department for their very professional help in moving all of the equipment and supplies. Mr. Journey said the Woodshop program has provided students many benefits. The high school teachers report Hill Creek students come to high school with advanced knowledge in woodworking, drafting, and engineering.

Mr. Journeay and Mr. Saia shared they completed a STEM workshop last summer where they built solid electric guitars. This program, as seen by STEM, is a strong program for less engaged students and GATE students alike, using math, science, and technology together. They are developing an afterschool opportunity for Hill Creek students to make these guitars. The class will meet each Monday afterschool. They are very excited to offer this great program to students.

Member Burns visited Hill Creek last week and saw the great new room. He believes students will be very excited. Board members thanked the teachers and students for bringing their projects for the Board to see.

## C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

President Bartholomew invited members of the audience to address the Board about any item not on the agenda. Mr. Joe Spencer, a parent, requested formal Board support for his project to get the Santee City Council to ban smoking in Santee city parks. He plans to attend a City Council meeting on February 22, 2012, with several other agencies, to request the City Council to ban smoking in city parks. He would like to have a letter of support from the Board or a representative from the Board at the meeting. President Bartholomew explained the Board cannot take action on his request at this meeting.

### D. CONSENT ITEMS

Items listed under Consent are considered to be routine and are all acted on by the Board with one single motion. President Bartholomew invited comments from the public on any item listed under Consent. There were no 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
- 2.4. Asbestos Floor Removal and Abatement at the District Office
- 2.5. Santee Farmers' Market Contract Extension
- 3.1. Approval of Contract for Individual Services Agreement (ISA) for Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School/Agency Services
- 4.1. Personnel, Regular
- 4.2. Approval to Increase Work Hours for Identified Classified Non-Management Position
- 4.3. Proclamation for National School Counseling Week (2/6/12 2/10/12) and National School Social Work Week (3/4/12 3/10/12)

It was moved and seconded to approve Consent Items.

Motion: El Hajj Second Ryan Vote: 5-0

Mrs. Malin introduced the newly appointed vice principals, DiAnn Albert at PRIDE Academy and Tammy Marble at Rio Seco.

### E. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

President Bartholomew invited comments from the public on any item listed under Discussion and/or Action.

### 1.1. Approval of Monthly Financial Report

Karl Christensen presented the cash flow report and the budget report for the month of December 2011. Administration will continue to monitor each month and bring recommendations to the Board. The budget reflects a \$1.8 million deficit through December 31<sup>st</sup>. However, it does not reflect the transportation reduction, which is being changed to a revenue limit. The next report will have more up-to-date information. Member Ryan moved to approve the Monthly Financial Report.

Motion: Ryan Second Burns Vote: 5-0

1.2. Exclusion of Sycamore Canyon from the List of Schools for 2012 Solar Projects

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Mr. Christensen reported at their last meeting the Board voted to move forward with a solar project at Pepper Drive and requested administration to return with additional options for Sycamore Canyon. He explained the restrictions for most of the options at Sycamore Canyon which included space, underground power lines and additional costs for long-distance trenching. Sycamore Canyon is the most financially risky project and we cannot combine the solar project to replace the shade structure. Administration recommends that Sycamore Canyon be excluded from the solar projects for 2012. This does not preclude the possibility of putting solar at Sycamore Canyon at a later date.

The Board thanked Mr. Christensen for his analysis and agreed that it does not make sense to put solar in at Sycamore Canyon at this time. Member Ryan moved to exclude Sycamore Canyon School from the list of schools for 2012 solar projects.

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

Mr. Christensen also provided an update on SDG&E rates. He spoke with Lemon Grove, a district that got burned by rate increases and also attended the PUC meeting last week. SDG&E rate structure changes are currently being generated to compensate for their losses from the fires. Districts are hearing that it may be more costly to have solar than not having solar. It is disturbing that it is focused on the DGR rate. Mr. Christensen contacted the Center for Sustainable Energy and received a couple of assessments. One said that at some point there is a possibility SDG&E would end up changing the DGR structure but it may be proactive and may not affect those already in the ground. They are receiving pressure to not have school districts experience the exorbitant increases. Mr. Christensen will continue to seek information on the probability and risk. In order to get the CREBS, a decision to move forward and take the risk or not will be needed by the February 21<sup>st</sup> board meeting.

Member Ryan suggested being proactive with SDG&E and contacting Don Parent, who is the East County representative for SDG&E and a member of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Christensen said Alpine and Lemon Grove have joined a coalition and he will be checking to see if Santee can join the coalition. Member Ryan believes it would be better for those who do not have solar to ban together to work with SDG&E.

Mr. Christensen will not sign a notice to proceed and Barnhart is on hold until after a decision on February 21<sup>st</sup>. Member El-Hajj asked if The Center for Sustainable Energy will be able to assist us. Mr. Christensen said they can help but will no one knows what the rate structure might be. If they can provide us with the information of what is most likely, it will help us to gage our risk better. Mr. Christensen will continue to investigate and bring as much information as he can to the next Board meeting to assist in their decision.

# 1.3. Final Accounting for Cajon Park Field of Dreams Project and Discussion of Joint Use by City and Sports Leagues

Karl Christensen reported the financial results for the Cajon Park "Field of Dreams", the replacement turf soccer field near the junior high classroom building. The field has been planted and will be ready for light use in March. The completion of the field is due to the tenacity of the school community making it a \$64,000 project instead of a \$200,000 project. Donations from the community and the school PTA provided \$25,000, \$19,529 came from FEMA reimbursement funds, \$5000 was designated from easement inconvenience fees, and \$8,000 was provided from Cajon Park School budget. The remaining funding gap is \$5,400. Mr. Christensen asked the Board how they would like to pay for the remaining cost that was not covered.

Member Fox said that at the March SPARK meeting he will be recommending the City provide \$3,000 toward the field. The Board directed administration to cover the remaining \$2,400 from capital improvement funds.

Next Mr. Christensen shared some background information about the joint use agreement with the City and that Santee School District currently provides joint use fields at all of our schools. He said the City has an understanding that when the field was replaced it would go back as a joint use field. There are benefits having it used as a joint use field that include the City providing semi-annual maintenance and having people at the schools to keep vandalism down. Mr. Christensen said each turf field increases the maintenance cost to the District.

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Member Burns supports joint use with the City. The kids using the fields are our kids, even though it is after school hours. But, he said, if we make a change to our schools, he does not believe the City has the right to demand the school district relocate a field for City use. Member Ryan said we do want to make it clear that if we ever have to remove it from joint use we do not have a responsibility to replace it. This may need to be done officially as an amendment to the joint use agreement.

Board members had consensus that the Cajon Park turf field could be used by the sports leagues under the joint use agreement with the City, providing an agreement/amendment is signed that the District is not held to the requirements of City Ordinance #175 if this field becomes unavailable as a joint use field in the future.

Member Burns asked administration if there has been any damage to the new buildings with the grass fields being so near them. There has been no noticeable damage reported.

Mr. Christensen requested to allow the school sole use of the new field until after spring break. Member Fox said the earliest need would be in August for soccer. Member Burns shared a concern about the fence being outside the perimeter of the parking lot and keeping cars from driving on the grass and field areas. He asked administration for possible consideration to move the fence to the other side of the parking lot. It would also help with locking the campus when teachers need to leave campus during the day.

President Bartholomew said we want to share but he feels we have to be cautious because the of the City's interpretation of City Ordinance #175. He said it may time to have another discussion about the ordinance, what is its purpose, and why the school district would be subject to such an ordinance. Member El-Hajj believes it would be a good discussion to have. Dr. Shaw will begin the discussion with the City Manager.

# 2.1. Adoption of Resolution No. 1112-11, Reduction in Classification and/or Work Hours for Identified Classified Non-Management Position

Minnie Malin reported due to a decline in enrollment in the afterschool program at Pepper Drive there is a need to eliminate a site lead position. This will affect another classified employee that will bump into an assistant site lead position at Pepper Drive. Member Burns asked if that employee would have reemployment rights if enrollment increased. Mrs. Malin said yes, she would return to her current position. Member El-Hajj asked about the decline in enrollment. Pam Brasher, Director, said the decrease is about 20%. Member Burns moved to adopt resolution no. 1112-11.for reduction in classification and/or work hours for an identified Classified non-management position.

Motion: Burns Second Fox Vote: 5-0

### F. BOARD COMMUNICATION

Member Ryan said she would like the Board to consider nominating someone for Honoring Our Own. She will be in contact with the Board members. Member Ryan also requested that the discussion regarding supporting smoke free parks be put on the next meeting agenda. She believes it would impact the health of kids and given the number of substance abuse issues in the parks, smoke free parks could help with that as well. Member Burns asked that background information be provided for the discussion. Member Ryan asked administration to verify that Santee is the only city in the county that does not have smoke free parks as was reported.

Member Burns reported he toured Hill Creek and noticed the new building is closer to the street than he thought it would be. He is concerned that it may draw kids after hours. He suggested consideration of putting video cameras up. Mr. Christensen said he investigated and said some wiring has already been run in that area. The cost for purchasing cameras is \$1,500 each and a server to store the data is about \$5,000. Member Burns was mostly concerned that the infrastructure be there if needed in the future

Member Burns reported that during a visit to Santee Success Program, once again the topic of dress code came up. The teacher has indicated that every week a large amount of time is spent discussing the dress code. He wished to suggest that Santee Success Program consider having their students wear uniforms, maybe jeans and a collared shirt. As a reward if they all did well during the week, Fridays could

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be free dress day. Member El-Hajj said every school site spends hours on dress code. Administrating will do an evaluation and return to the Board with a report.

Member El-Hajj attended the Wellness Committee meeting and Cathy Abel shared that a couple of other districts are creating vegetable gardens at their schools and selling their produce to the school district. Mrs. Abel will be looking into it and provide more information about this interesting concept.

Member Fox reported that the Strategic Planning days were great. It was a great group of people and lots of work was accomplished.

President Bartholomew provided all Board members a CSBA Board evaluation packet and asked that each Board member fill out the self-evaluation survey and bring them back to next board meeting for discussion.

Member El-Hajj provided the collaborative answer sheet to the Student Town Hall Forum questions in a draft. She asked Linda to summarize the questions and return for Board review.

The Board was reminded of upcoming dates for Honoring Our Own, Chamber Awards, Strategic Planning leadership meetings, and the Foundation Art Show.

### G. CLOSED SESSION

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

- 1. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Govt. Code § 54957)
- 2. Conference With Labor Negotiator (Govt. Code § 54956.8)

  Agency Negotiator: Karl Christensen, Assistant Superintendent

  Employee Organizations: Classified School Employees Association
- 3. <u>Conference with Legal Counsel</u>—Anticipated Litigation
  Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Gov't Code § 54956.9
  One potential case.
- 4. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Govt. Code § 54957)
  Superintendent

The Board entered closed session at 8:18 p.m.

### H. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board reconvened to public session at 10:35 p.m. No action was reported.

### I. ADJOURNMENT

The February 7, 2012 regular meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

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Ken Fox, Clerk	Dr. Patrick Shaw, Secretary

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