# SANTEE SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

July 2, 2013 **MINUTES** 

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

#### A. OPENING PROCEDURES

Call to Order and Welcome

President El-Hajj called the meeting to order at 7:01 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. Cathy Pierce, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board Karl Christensen, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services Dr. Stephanie Pierce, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services Linda Vail, Executive Assistant and Recording Secretary

- 2. President El-Hajj invited the audience to recite the District Mission and then invited Jordan Bockert, a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at Rio Seco School, 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 with the modification to move the Business Services Items to be first under Discussion and Action.

Motion: Fox Second Burns Vote: 5-0

#### 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. Classroom of the Future Foundation-Presentation of Achieve Award Check

Mr. Bruce Braciszewski from the Classroom of the Future Foundation presented the Board and PRIDE Academy with a \$5,000 check as the recipient of the Achieve Award. Board members and PRIDE staff attended the awards dinner in May and were officially recognized for their award. Mr. Braciszewski said the Foundation was glad to recognize PRIDE for the second time, winning the Inspire Award in 2011. After they won the Inspire Award, Mr. Braciszewski shared he brought some business directors to visit PRIDE Academy. Seeing the collaboration and engaged learning at PRIDE Academy, the business directors asked, "Why isn't every school like this?" The school has reflected that project-based learning is successful.

President El-Hajj thanked Mr. Braciszewski on behalf of the School Board and thanked Principal Stephanie Southcott and the staff for their hard work. There is much excitement in the new energy that has been created at PRIDE Academy. Mrs. Southcott shared several of the teachers came from their summer break to attend the meeting for this recognition.

#### C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

President El-Hajj invited members of the audience to address the Board about any item not on the agenda. There were no public comments.

#### 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 El-Hajj invited comments from the public on any item listed under Consent. There were no comments.

- 1.1. Approval of Minutes
- 1.2. Approval of Agreement with Haines Centre for Strategic Management for Strategic Planning Implementation Support
- 2.1. Approval/Ratification of Travel Requests
- 2.2. Approval of Consultants and General Service Providers
- 2.3. Approval/Ratification of Expenditure Transactions Charged to District Issued Purchasing Cards (P-Cards)
- 2.4. Approval of Uniform Complaint Quarterly Report Required by the Williams Settlement
- 2.5. Authorization to Utilize the CUPCCAC Informal Bidding Process for Deferred Maintenance Projects
- 2.6. Approval to Contract for Fresh Produce for Child Nutrition Services
- 2.7. Adoption of Resolution No. 1314-02 for Emergency Waiver of Competitive Bidding Requirements for Sewer Repairs at Sycamore Canyon School
- 3.1. Adoption of Resolution #1314-01 Designating Personnel and Approval of 2013-14 Child Development Services Contract
- 3.2. Approval of Annual Evaluation of the Alternative Education School
- 3.3. Approval of the 2013-14 Consolidated Application, Part 1
- 4.1. Personnel, Regular
- 4.2. Approval of Readmission of Expelled Students
- 4.3. Approval of Service Learning Agreement with San Diego State University Social Work Internship Program
- 4.4. Approval of Revisions to Rehabilitation Plan Completion Dates

It was moved and seconded to approve Consent Items.

Motion: Ryan Second: Burns Vote: 5-0

#### G. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

President El-Hajj invited comments from the public on any item listed under Discussion and/or Action. There were no comments.

## 1.1. Approval to Submit Department of Defense Military Connected Local Educational Agencies for Academic and Support Programs Consortium Grant

Dr. Cathy Pierce reported the District's desire to apply for this grant from the Department of Defense for academic and support programs for military connected students. To be eligible for this grant a school district must have over 8% of their families military-connected and must have another school district as a partner. We are working with San Diego Unified for this partnership. The grant provides \$6 M over 4 years equaling \$2.6 M each year.

The goals of grant include resources to military connected school districts to ease the challenges military students face, support the social and emotional needs of students, encourage family, school and community engagement, and increase professional development opportunities for educators. There is also an academic achievement focus connecting to CCSS and a Career Technical Education component for our students. The partnerships for this grant will also include USD and West Ed.

Member Levens-Craig asked if this would provide support to neighboring communities through the professional development and/or parent education. Dr. C. Pierce responded that resources would not be provided as part of the consortium but agencies could be invited.

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Member Levens-Craig asked if each district will be responsible for their own financial portion. Dr. C. Pierce said yes, once USD and West Ed are paid their percentages from the grant, Santee and San Diego Unified would share equally in the funding.

Member Fox asked who was writing the grant. Meredith Riffle said Carol Kim from West Ed will be the primary grant writer.

President EI-Hajj asked what the prospect of receiving the grant will be. Meredith Riffle said only 5 grants will be awarded nationwide and San Diego is one of the largest populations of military families. There is only one other proposal connected with San Diego County and she believes our chances are very good.

Member Levens-Craig said she appreciates Meredith Riffle seeking out grants. Mrs. Riffle said she passionately believes our students deserve the best and she will do whatever is needed to make that happen.

Member Ryan moved to approve the submission of a Department of Defense Military Connected Local Educational Agencies for Academic and Support Programs Consortium Grant

Motion: Ryan Second Levens-Craig Vote: 5-0

#### 1.2. Board Goal on Increasing Effective Communication

This item was presented to allow the Board further discussion on the development and setting of measurable goals in effective and increased communication to all stakeholders. Dr. C. Pierce provided ideas that were brainstormed at a recent Professional Leadership Team meeting as a spring board for the discussion. Board members discussed different ideas to increase communication with the community. The ideas included:

- 1. Board members greeting families on the first day of school.
- 2. Board members attend Back to School nights and be available to talk with parents. Notify parents ahead of time that a Board member will be present.
- 3. Board members attend Common Core and Assessment Parent Education/Family nights.
- 4. Present the Santee School District video at a City Council meeting.
- 5. Continue to communicate what the Board does and what is good in Santee School District through the Santee Magazine page, which is mailed to every home in Santee.
- 6. Use Q Codes in our advertising to connect to spotlight videos.
- 7. Continue to use the Business Breakfast to spotlight the District (i.e., Achieve Award Video)
- 8. Continue our partnership with the Chamber of Commerce.
- 9. Attend School Beautification Days and connect with church volunteers.
- 10. Check in at the ministerial council; attend a meeting. Linda was asked to find out if the Ministerial Council meets and the meeting dates/times.

The key messages that are important for to the community:

- 1. We are separate from Grossmont Union High School District
- 2. High student achievement
- 3. How well we are using our bond money

Board members decided to establish to goals for this school year:

- 1) Board members will attend back to school nights, at least one Board member at each.
- 2) Board members will attempt to be represented at each parent night.
- 3) Work to connect with the ministerial council if it is still active.
- 4) Make a presentation at a City Council meeting.

Once dates for Back to School nights and parent information nights are established, Board members will be assigned as available to attend. Direction will be given to principals about Board member participation and communication to parents.

#### 2.1. Approval of Monthly Financial Report

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Karl Christensen reported on the cash and budget. Cash flow required a transfer of \$2 M from Fund 17. In June, the District received their anticipated funds and the funds were transferred back to Fund 17. This budget matches the adopted budget and shows a small surplus projected for the end of the 2012-13 fiscal year. Member Ryan moved to approve the Monthly Financial Report for May 2013.

Motion: Ryan Second Fox Vote: 5-0

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### 2.2. Adoption of Environmental Categorical Exemption for an Irrigation Water Well System at Hill Creek School

Karl Christensen reported the Strategic Action Plan for Fiscal Accountability contains an action step to explore construction of water wells to save on operational costs. Staff has identified Hill Creek as the most viable candidate for a water well since it has the highest irrigation cost in the District and is not a candidate for using recycled water since there are no purple pipes in the area. Generally, before commencing projects of this type, an analysis of CEQA requirements is needed but the District's attorney has opined that the filing of a Notice of Exemption for CEQA is appropriate in this case since the amount of water to be drawn from the basin is minute and negligible compared to the amount available in the basin. Dr. C. Pierce and Mr. Christensen met with Padre Dam General Manager, Allen Carlisle several months ago to inform him of the plans for the water well and the District's intention to file a Notice of Exemption. Mr. Carlisle was also sent a copy of this Board item and copy of the proposed exemption. Although Padre Dam is not actively opposing the project, they have submitted a letter outlining various issues they want the District to be aware of regarding their planned projects and rights relating to water in the area. Padre Dam desires to be on record with 4 main issues:

- Padre Dam owns and operates a well downstream and our well could cause or exacerbate overdraft thereby deteriorating the output and quality of other wells.
- The City of San Diego claims Pueblo water rights for all underground water in the area they are not currently operating a well in the area but could at some point in the future and thereby assert their exclusive rights.
- Padre Dam's indirect potable reuse program will increase the underground supply in the basin and they
  claim exclusive rights to this water.
- The Regional Water Control Board has designated Padre Dam as the lead agency to develop a thorough Salinity and Nutrient Management Plan for the groundwater basin and our project could degrade the quality of water in the basin.

In the letter, Padre Dam states that it is not their intention to be an impediment to our project but requests that we fully consider their water rights before expending resources. They wish to go on record that there are risks with drilling a water well.

Mr. Christensen said Administration recommends moving forward with filing the Notice of Exemption which starts a 30 day waiting period for the project.

President El-Hajj asked if any of the Padre Dam concerns were a surprise. Mr. Christensen said no, all of them were outlined in the meeting with Allen Carlisle.

Member Levens-Craig said her impression is there has been a good working relationship with Padre Dam and asked if this might impair the relationship. Mr. Christensen said he did not believe it would impact the relationship with Padre Dam. In conversations with Mr. Carlisle, he just wanted to make sure the District had a clear understanding what they are dealing with as other properties are drilling wells, but did not want to be an impediment. Mr. Carlisle sent a representative to the meeting who shared that the District has a very good working relationship and this would not impede that, Padre Dam just wanted to make the Board aware of other water well projects in the area.

Member Ryan said is appears Padre Dam is just making clear what they believe needs to be made clear in case something <a href="happensoccurs">happensoccurs</a>. Member Burns asked if there are any issues with the City. Mr. Christensen said they are aware of our plans and there are no issues that have been addressed.

President El-Hajj said their concerns were acknowledged and understood. Member Burns moved to approve an Environmental Categorical Exemption for deep irrigation water well system engineering, design and construction at Hill Creek School and authorize staff to file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk.

Motion: Burns Second Levens-Craig Vote: 5-0

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#### H. BOARD POLICIES AND BYLAWS

#### 1.1. Second Reading: Revised Board Policy 6163.4, Student Use of Technology

Revised BP 6163.4 was presented for a second reading. President El-Hajj clarified with the Board members their understanding that when this policy revision is approved, the District will move forward with a Bring You Own Device (BYOD) initiative.

Board members requested a follow-up report on how BYOD is occurring and suggested the Superintendent set up a trimester report providing information on how it is working, the snags, etc. He also suggested consistent information gathering for a future Golden Bell Award.

Member Fox still has a concern that the District is not held responsible for lost or stolen items. Dr. C Pierce said we will not be collecting their devices and it will be just as it is now with cell phones that students bring to school.

Member Levens-Craig reminded Administration of a previous discussion about teachers not having students keep their backpacks outside of the classrooms.

Member Burns moved to approve the revisions to Board Policy 6163.4, Student Use of Technology.

Motion: Burns Second Rvan Vote: 5-0

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#### I. BOARD COMMUNICATION

President El-Hajj said the Foundation Golf Classic was fun.

Member Burns has had community members ask if we charge \$5.00 for each student that plays organized sports on our schools fields. Member Fox confirmed the District does charge \$5.00 for each registered league player. Mr. Christensen will check to see if Santee American is paying these fees because they play at West Hills Park. It was shared that they use school fields for practice.

Member Levens-Craig said she enjoyed the parent comments on the Alternative School report. She asked the best way to know about school events and activities. Linda will ask the school secretaries to send monthly newsletters again and she will provide them to the Board. Members Levens-Craig and Fox would like to be registered for the next session of Masters in Governance.

#### Update on

Karl Christensen provided an update on the construction of the Pepper Drive building. Christina Becker has been working diligently with the team and the FAA for the crane permit. There may be up to a 45-day waiting period. The estimated cost of construction delay is \$2,000 per day. Administration and Balfour Beatty are looking at other means or methods for construction than a 130 foot crane and also approaching the FAA. A helicopter could get a flight plan approval and may not need FAA approval. The District may wish to speak with a Congressman to intervene or consultants that could expedite the process. Christina Becker believes the FAA may not even have the authority for this and it may become necessary to obtain legal advice about their authority.

The 2013-14 governance calendar was presented for Board review and will be posted on Web for Board reference.

Dr. C. Pierce said with new faces on Cabinet and the Board, she suggested the Board and Cabinet meet together on August 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 and the Board agreed to the date and time.

The July 16<sup>th</sup> Board meeting is cancelled and August 6<sup>th</sup> will be the next meeting.

J. CLOSED SESSION

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

1. Conference with Labor Negotiator (Govt. Code § 54956.8)

Purpose: Negotiations

Agency Negotiator: Karl Christensen, Asst. Superintendent Employee Organizations: Santee Teachers Association

2. Public Employee Evaluation (Govt. Code § 54957)

Superintendent

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

#### J. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board reconvened to public session at 9:25 p.m. No action was reported.

#### K. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Dustin Burns, Clerk	·	Cathy A. Pierce, Ed.D., Secretary