

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

July 7, 2020
MINUTES

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

Public joined via Zoom

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Call to Order and Welcome

President Burns called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members present:

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

B. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

President Burns explained that given the current circumstances with COVID-19, the public was given the opportunity so submit comments online or by phone prior to the meeting. There were six comments from the public. Copies of the comments were provided to the Board and Superintendent prior the meeting; and posted on the School Board Meetings website. President Burns acknowledged the receipt of the following comments during the meeting.

Rosemary Crescitelli

I am very concerned about reading/writing instruction in particular (no matter what option is presented) if my children are in class it sounds like there will be no small groups pulled for reading, and if learning is online then I would like to know how my second graders (who just lost half of a year of writing instruction) will not only make up that time, but get practice putting pencil to paper this upcoming school year.

Kimberly Thornton

As a middle class family with two parents employed outside of the home , along with having four school age children I can not even begin to express the need for a traditional 2020/2021 school year. While I can understand some families may not be comfortable with their child returning to the classroom, we should be given the option of what we believe is best for our family. From What we experienced this spring distance learning was nothing more then busy work and undo stress on families. Our kids need to be around their peers and teachers, we as parents are not qualified to teach, especially when most families have children in multiple grade levels. Teacher miss the kids, the kids miss the teachers and friends and at this point the mental wear on these young minds is far worse then the health risk.

Annette Saul

Please make sure that kids return to school. The schools can utilize more outdoor space for teaching. Masks can be worn while walking to class, and can be removed while in the classroom if they are 6ft apart, just like in a restaurant. Online learning is not adequate. Kids need the social connections and interactions with their teacher. They need the routine and schedule. They need PE and time on the playground. Many parents both work and are not able to effectively teach or help with online teaching. Many parents have multiple children in different school districts that have different programs. It is an impossible task to work full time and effectively teach all of my children. Two are in Santee school district and one is starting high school. Let parents sign waivers agreeing not to hold the school liable for covid.

Alicia Escutia
Hello

Mark Roberts

I am a parent of two children attending Chet. Should a full return not be possible I would ask that the teachers be online providing instruction/lecture for a portion of the time followed by time to allow students to complete work. The assignment of tasks followed by a once a week 1 hour check in meeting have proved to be ineffective in my opinion and I have seen the negative impact to my children and I'm certain most would agree. We need the teachers to be online to teach students vs simply assigning work and checking in. Thank you, Mark Roberts

Mary Barker

Our family moved to Santee in Aug 2019 and have been pleased with our experience and choice of districts. Our daughter Evelyn (an only child) is going into 2nd grade at Carlton Oaks. She needs the social aspect just as much as the education! We want her to be in the class as much as possible. We transferred from a school in Chico, Ca. that had a bright, cheerfully painted concrete playground areas. The labor and funds were donated from businesses, families and community members similar to what Santee has for their baseball teams. Thinking about kids going to school wearing masks with limited recess, it would be a nice mood booster for everyone on campus to see something similar!

C. CLOSED SESSION

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

1. **California State of Emergency and Impact of COVID-19 Virus** (Gov't. Code § 54957)

The Board entered closed session at 6:00 p.m.

D. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board reconvened to public session at 6:52 p.m., and reported no action was taken.

E. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the special meeting of July 2, 2020 was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.


Elana Levens-Craig, Clerk


Dr. Kristin Baranski, Secretary