

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

February 1, 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
Tim Larson, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources/Pupil Services
Dr. Stephanie Pierce, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Lisa Arreola, Executive Assistant and Recording Secretary

2. District Mission

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

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Cori Harris, Director of Communications and Community Engagement, led members, staff, and audience, in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Agenda

President Levens-Craig presented the agenda for approval. Member Fox moved approval.

<i>Motion:</i>	<u>Fox</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>		

B. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. SSD Proud Moments

President Levens-Craig shared the following message from Debra Simpson, Principal, Carlton Hills School:

Carlton Hills Jaguars have been celebrating kindness all week so there have been so many reasons to smile. Everyone felt well-dressed and beautiful on compliment day. I even had a student tell me I was extraordinary! Students wrote kind notes to staff and that is a such a special feeling to read those and realize we make a difference every day. Students have been outside picking up trash and enjoying taking care of the school. This in

turn ignites many compliments for helping! I overheard a junior high student tell her friend, "Dude, it's kindness week- no criticizing my hair!"

Of course, it is our dream for all these gestures and smiles to continue every day but most certainly we are left with how giving and receiving kindness makes us feel and how it makes our heart smile.

2. Superintendent's Report

- 1.1. Developer Fees and Collection Report
- 1.2. Enrollment Report
- 1.3. Claims Against the District

C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

President Levens-Craig invited members of the audience to address the Board about any item not on the agenda. She explained that because the topic was not an agenda item, the Board was unable to discuss and/or respond to the public communication. There was five (5) request to speak.

Tracie Thill, shared removing her students from the district; being released from her employment as an Instructional Assistant; unsanitary condition of masks and the determinant is causes children; and the difficulty for hard of hearing and speech and language students to learn with the masks. Mrs. Thill proposed a resolution to the Governor be brought forth at the next meeting opposing masks and vaccine mandates; and declaring an end to the "State of Emergency." Mrs. Thill is to provide copies of the resolution to the Board.

Wendy Bender, shared she would continue attending Board meetings to express her concerns with masks and COVID testing. She asked the Board to advocate for removal of the mandates.

Lanae Wolchko, expressed concerns with the mask and vaccine mandates; learning loss for students due to being a close contact or having COVID-related symptoms; she asked the Board to advocate for local control and add their names to the proposed resolution on mask opposition and vaccine mandates.

Sarah Quintero shared concerns with the mask and vaccine mandates, weekly testing, effects of the mandates on students and staff, and asked the Board to advocate for the students.

Britiney Shell, referenced attending a prior meeting and hearing statistics on the decline of students feeling safe at school and noted possible causes; she asked that staff also be made accountable, like the students, in wearing their masks as required.

President Levens-Craig expressed her gratitude to those in attendance for sharing their thoughts and concerns.

D. 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
- 2.1. Approval/Ratification of Revolving Cash Report
- 2.2. Acceptance of Donations, Grants, and Bequests
- 2.3. Approval/Ratification of Expenditure Transactions Charged to District Issued Purchasing Cards (P-Cards)
- 2.4. Authorization to Sell/Dispose of Surplus Items
- 2.5. Acceptance of 2020-21 Audit Report

- 2.6. Approval to Contract with Cable Pipe & Leak Detection for Carlton Oaks Asphalt Replacement Project
- 2.7. E-Rate Competitive Bid Process: Award of Bid to Datel Systems to Provide New OM4 Fiber Optic Cabling
- 2.8. E-Rate Competitive Bid Process: Award of Request for Proposal to Datel Systems, Inc., for the Acquisition and Installation of the Wireless Network
- 3.1. Authorization to Submit Equipment Purchase Approval Request to CDE and Approval of Contract for Demolition Work for the Expansion of State Preschool Classroom
- 4.1. Personnel, Regular
- 4.2. Approval of Short-Term Services Agreement

Member El-Hajj moved approval of consent items.

<i>Motion:</i>	<u>El-Hajj</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>		

E. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

Superintendent

1.1. Appointment of Director, Out-of-School Time Programs

Superintendent Baranski noted that with the upcoming transition of the current Director of Out-of-School Time Program, Administration recommends the appointment of Chrishaun Green, for this management position. She shared Mrs. Green has been serving as Project Coordinator for the Out-of-School Time Programs, since February 2021 and is familiar with the daily administration of the program and has demonstrated exceptional leadership abilities and will provide an exceptional service to the District as a Director. Member El-Hajj moved approval.

Mrs. Green expressed her gratitude for the opportunity and introduced her family in attendance. The Board congratulated Mrs. Green on her transition.

<i>Motion:</i>	<u>El-Hajj</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>		

Business Services

2.2. Approval of Monthly Financial Report

Karl Christensen, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, reported the monthly financial report was for cash and budget revision transactions posted through December 31, 2021; and shared the District ended the month with a cash balance in the General Fund of approximately \$21 million; sufficient funds to pay the District's financial obligations with internal cash. Mr. Christensen shared some of the information being presented was no longer accurate and more up-to-date information would be presented at the March 1 budget workshop. 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>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>		

Human Resource/Pupil Services

3.1. Approval to Accept the Creating Opportunities in Preventing and Eliminating Suicide (COPES) Grant Funds

Tim Larson, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources/Pupil Services, noted the County of San Diego Behavioral Health Services and the San Diego County Office of Education were awarded a four-year \$6 million grant under the Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA) and the District had been invited to participate in the grant initiative called Creating Opportunities in Preventing and Eliminating Suicide (COPES). He shared the grant establishes partnerships to expand mental health services to students across San Diego County and the State of California, targeting the following efforts: staff and student wellness resiliency; stigma reduction; suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention; professional development and programming for educators, staff, students, and families; coordinated referral pathways for students needing mental/behavioral health services. The grant provides \$80,000 to the District over four years. 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>		

F. BOARD POLICIES AND BYLAWS

President Levens-Craig noted item F.1.1. was a second reading of revised Board Policy (BP) 1312.3 – Uniform Complaint Procedures; BP and Administrative Regulation (AR) 5148.2 – Before/After School Programs; and BP 5148.3 – Preschool/Early Childhood Education. She noted F.1.2. were first readings and encouraged the Board to review and discuss any questions with Administration. Member Burns moved approval of F.1.1.

1.1. Second Reading: Revised Board Policy (BP) and Administrative Regulation (AR)

- BP 1312.3 – Uniform Complaint Procedures
- BP/AR 5148.2 – Before/After School Programs
- BP 5148.3 – Preschool/Early Childhood Education

<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>		

1.2. First Reading: Revised Board Policies (BP) and Board Bylaw (BB):

- BP 6170.1 – Transitional Kindergarten
- BB 9320 – Meeting and Notices

G. EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION COMMUNICATION

Melanie Hirahara, Santee Teachers Association President, was present but had no communication.

H. BOARD COMMUNICATION AND ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

Superintendent Baranski provided a COVID-19 District update and shared cases are decreasing; approximately a 40% local decrease in comparison to the first two weeks in January. She explained the testing services continue to be revised based on need. Superintendent Baranski noted there have been approximately 2,400 antigen tests had been administered at the District testing site.

Superintendent Baranski shared a draft of the District's proposed concept for Santee Magazine.

Member Ryan shared information on the California School Boards Association (CSBA) and Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) Legislative Days of Action. She shared the CSBA legislative day of action was virtual, and a joint CSBA/ACSA event was in Washington, DC, and encouraged the Board participate in both events.

I. 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

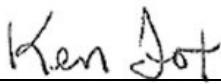
The Board entered closed session at 6:47 p.m.

J. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened to public session at 9:17 p.m. and reported no action was taken.

K. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the regular meeting of February 1, 2022, was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.



Ken Fox, Clerk



Dr. Kristin Baranski, Secretary