

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

May 16, 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. and welcomed City of Santee Mayor John Minto; Kristen Dare, Santee Chamber of Commerce CEO; and Hee-Jin Peterson, Santee School District Foundation President.

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 and Secretary to the Board
Karl Christensen, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Dr. Marcia Hamilton, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Dr. Stephanie Pierce, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Dr. Lisa Paisley, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Tim Larson, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources/Pupil Services
Lisa Arreola, Executive Assistant and Recording Secretary

2. District Mission

President El-Hajj welcomed those present and invited the audience to recite the District Mission.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Saveran Zengilou, eighth-grade student at PRIDE Academy, led members, staff, and audience, in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

<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>		

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: Eighth Grade Student Academic Achievement Awards

Dr. Stephanie Pierce, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, welcomed students from each school who achieved academic excellence during the current school year; and were selected to participate in this competition by their 8th grade teachers in collaboration with the school principal. This year, the Academic Achievement award

competition integrated the areas of writing, speech and mathematics. Students completed an authentic math task with real world data and problems. The students used their mathematical solutions, combined with several informational articles to draft an informative essay, and finally, crafted a persuasive speech with visuals to inform an audience about their topic. The participating students were:

<u>Cajon Park</u> Alexis Buquet Aiden Turnbloom	<u>Chet F. Harritt</u> Jacob Timmerman Ryan Nobles	<u>PRIDE Academy</u> Marwan Al Qaissi Saverna Zengilou
<u>Carlton Hills</u> Jason Neal Riley Kulak	<u>Hill Creek</u> Jay Alcantara	<u>Rio Seco</u> Dylan Chapelle Megan Messick
<u>Carlton Oaks</u> Marcus Baird Lilee Roudebush	<u>Pepper Drive</u> Morgan McGhee Anthony Terry	

A representative from each site read a script about each student as they received a scholar ribbon and certificate on behalf of the Board. Dr. Pierce announced the top scholars, in each academic area, were as follows:

Speech – Megan Messick, Rio Seco
Writing – Anthony (Tony) Terry, Pepper Drive
Mathematics – Aiden Turnbloom, Cajon Park

Hee-Jin Peterson, Santee School District Foundation President, presented Aiden Turnbloom with a \$100 Barbara Ramsey Scholarship check.

The overall winner of the competition was Ryan Nobles from Chet F. Harritt. President El-Hajj read a proclamation naming her the 2022-23 Eighth Grade Academic Student of the Year. Kristen Dare, representing the Chamber of Commerce, presented Ryan with a \$200 scholarship check, and perpetual trophy, on behalf of the Santee Chamber of Commerce and the local UPS Store. Council Member John Minto presented a proclamation from the City of Santee proclaiming May 17, 2023 as Ryan Nobles Day in the City of Santee.

Following the Academic Achievement Awards, the Board took a short break for a reception to honor the participating students.

3. Presentation of Classified School Employees Association and its Chapter #557 (CSEA) Initial Proposal to Modify Articles of the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between Santee School District and CSEA

Tim Larson, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources/Pupil Services presented the Classified School Employees Association and its Chapter #557 (CSEA) initial proposal to modify Article 11 (Hours); Article 14 (Holidays); Article 15 (Vacation); and Article 19 (Compensation) of the collective bargaining agreement between Santee School District and CSEA.

C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

President El-Hajj invited members of the audience to address the Board about any item not on the agenda.

Kristin Miller, El Cajon resident, noted addressing the Board at a prior meeting regarding her dismissal from the District and not receiving any follow-up from the Board.

D. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing for Classified School Employees Association and its Chapter #557 (CSEA) Initial Proposal to Modify Articles of the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between Santee School District and CSEA

President El-Hajj opened the public hearing for the Classified School Employees Association and its Chapter #557 (CSEA) initial proposal to modify Article 11 (Hours); Article 14 (Holidays); Article 15 (Vacation); and Article 19 (Compensation) of the collective bargaining agreement between Santee School District and CSEA. With no public speakers, the public hearing was closed.

E. 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 Expenditure Warrants
- 2.3. Approval/Ratification of Purchase Orders
- 2.4. Approval of Agreement with the City of Santee for Transportation Services
- 2.5. Approval/Ratification to Contract with Studio WC
- 2.6. Acceptance of Donations, Grants, and Bequests
- 2.7. Approval of Agreement with Information & Energy Services, Inc.
- 3.1. Approval/Ratification of ESSER III Summer Grant Program Between Santee School District's After School Education and Safety Program (ASES) and San Diego County Office of Education for Fiscal Year 2023-2024
- 3.2. Approval of State Preschool Program Annual Report to California Department of Education
- 4.1. Personnel, Regular – pulled for separate consideration
- 4.2. Approval of Short-Term Positions

Member Burns asked to pull item 4.1. Personnel, Regular for separate consideration. Member Ryan moved approval of Consent Items, with the exception the of item 4.1.

<i>Motion:</i>	<u>Ryan</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>		

4.1. Personnel, Regular – pulled for separate consideration

Member Burns explained pulling the item to acknowledge the retirement of the three (3) Assistant Superintendents, Karl Christensen, Tim Larson, and Dr. Stephanie Pierce. The Board expressed their appreciation for their dedication to the Santee School District community. Member Burns moved approval.

<i>Motion:</i>	<u>Burns</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. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

President El-Hajj noted there was a request to speak on item 1.1. Approval to Live Stream Board of Education meetings. She explained the Superintendent would introduce the item and then the public speaker would have an opportunity to address the Board.

Superintendent

1.1. Live Stream Board of Education Meetings Update

Superintendent Baranski explained that at the May 2 meeting, the Board of Education approved the Superintendent's recommendation to live streaming Board of Education

meetings with a tentative start date of July 18, 2023, with public comment only being available at the in-person meetings. She noted the Board had asked Administration to share logistics of camera placement, student privacy, and fiscal impact to record and archive meetings.

Superintendent Baranski shared the timeline to live stream the meetings was on track to begin on July 18. She noted the process would take place through Microsoft Teams, as previously used. Superintendent Baranski explained a camera would be projecting the Board dais and Executive Council; and the back of the public speaker/presenter. A second camera, placed behind the Board, would capture the front of the public speaker/presenter. Superintendent Baranski noted the Board had previously expressed concerns about student privacy and explained that because Board of Education meetings are presumed to be public, the District would document on the website and post signage at the entrance that the meetings are live streamed. She shared South Bay, Poway, and Vista school districts follow the same format and if there are student privacy concerns, Administration works with the parent. Superintendent Baranski noted quotes had been solicited for the recording and archiving of meetings but were still pending and would bring the information back to a future meeting.

Member Burns reiterated the need to inform parents that meetings are lived-streamed when students are invited to meetings.

President El-Hajj invited the public speaker to address the Board.

Tracie Thill advocated for the live stream and archiving of Board meetings and noted the Board meeting videos she live streams and posts on social media platforms are highly viewed.

Business Services

2.1. Solar & Fleet Electrification

Dr. Marcia Hamilton, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, shared the California Air Resource Board passed and proposed regulations regarding zero emission vehicles that impact the District's current fleet and noted the District's need to electrify a portion of the fleet. Dr. Hamilton explained that while electric vehicles are expected to have lower lifetime operating costs than internal combustion engine vehicles, there will be an increase in utility costs.

Dr. Hamilton noted the Board approved a contract, in October 2022 with Sage/NV5, a renewable energy consultant regarding the feasibility of using solar to offset the increased utility costs associated with having electric vehicles, as well as the design of an electric vehicle infrastructure. She explained Sage/NV5 services included assistance with electric vehicle infrastructure, the interconnection application, and solar and battery feasibility. Dr. Hamilton provided an update on progress of projects with Sage/NV5 and next steps.

She explained Sage/NV5 submitted the interconnection application for solar in December 2022; and in April 2023 completed the solar feasibility and fleet electrification financial report.

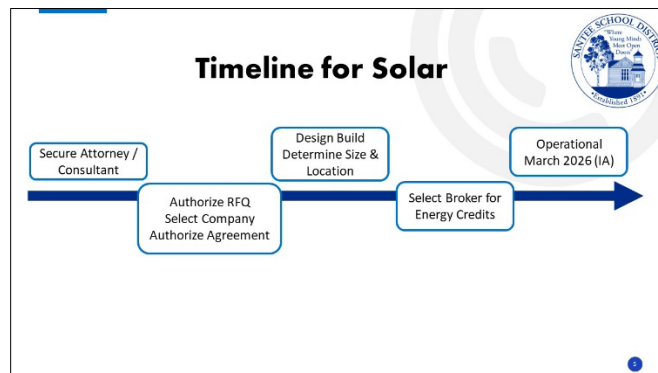


Dr. Hamilton noted the two buses (\$400,000 each) secured by the District through the VW grant and noted the additional \$500,000 secured through the Carl Moyer program. She explained the District is currently working with San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) Power Year Drive (PYD) for electric vehicle infrastructure support; and that the District had been placed on a wait list with the EPA.

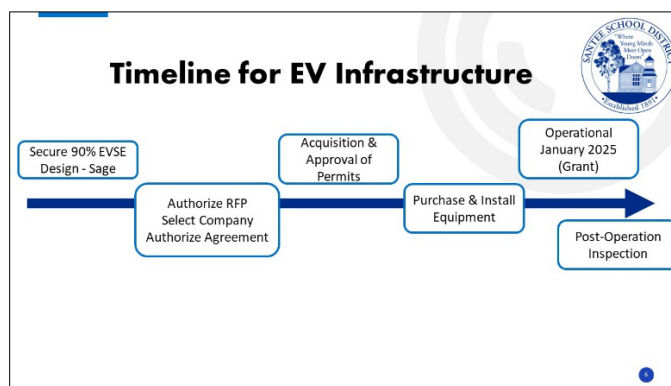
SSD'S GRANTS AND INCENTIVES

Program	Technology	Status	Funds
VW Fund	Battery Electric Buses	Secured	2 Buses \$400,000 Each
Carl Moyer	EV Infrastructure	Secured	\$482,966
SDG&E PYD	EV Infrastructure	Applied	100% Up to the Meter Rebates on Behind the Meter
EPA	Battery Electric Buses	Waitlisted	N/A

Dr. Hamilton provided an overview of the following timelines for solar and electric vehicle infrastructure at the District. She noted the need to consult with legal counsel to help discuss the District and consultant responsibilities; next steps, if the Board decided to move forward with a request for qualifications; options for securing solar (cash or a power purchase agreement); and securing a consulting company to help draft terms and conditions for request for qualifications and help with the selection of request of qualifications. Administration would present the Board with recommendations of a company to design, build, and install solar. Dr. Hamilton noted the need to hire an energy broker to assist with energy credits; and based on the interconnection application, solar would need to be operational by March 2026, to keep the NEM 2.0 net energy metering regulation statutes.



Dr. Hamilton noted the District already contracted with Sage/NV5 to produce 90% of the design for this project and to assist with the terms and conditions for the request for proposal. Upon receipt of request for proposals, the Board would need to award a contract to complete the additional ten-percent (10%) of the design, build out of the project, help with necessary permits, purchase equipment and be operational by January 2025, based on the current Carl Moyer grant specifications. Dr. Hamilton noted the District applied for additional Carl Moyer funding, and if the additional funding is not received, it could delay the timeline. She noted the District is currently slated to have two (2) electric buses as soon as August and has a backup plan if two temporary charging stations need to be built.



Dr. Hamilton noted working with the Director of Communications and Community Engagement on a contest to name the new electric buses. The Board expressed their appreciation to Dr. Hamilton for the update.

2.2. May Revise and State Budget Update

Dr. Marcia Hamilton, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, shared Governor Newsom released an update to his January proposal for the 2023-24 State Budget, commonly referred to as the May Revise. Dr. Hamilton provided an update on State revenue projections, Proposition 98 calculations, and changes to the Governor's plans for K-12 education funding for 2023-24 as compared with the January proposal.

She shared there were many changes from January and noted revenues continue to short fall, month to month, since the 2022 budget was enacted in June; and the May revision proposes both additional steps and modified measures to close a projected \$31.5 billion shortfall. The shortfall was projected in the low- to mid- \$20 billion in January. Dr. Hamilton noted the continued commitment to Transitional Kindergarten (TK) through grade 12 education; specifically TK and the continuance of universal school meals.

Dr. Hamilton noted the three-year change in the State's general fund revenues, a decrease of \$6.2 billion, from January. In 2022-2023, State's general fund revenues are projected at \$205.1 billion and \$209.1 billion in 2023-2024. She shared a School Services of California article and the Legislative Analyst Office state that the May revision revenues are too optimistic and most likely lowered by about \$11 billion.

Dr. Hamilton explained Prop 98 is in Operative Test 1 and noted a decline of \$2 billion from the January proposal for 2023-2024 (\$106.8 billion) and 2022-2023 (\$106.8 billion), and 2021-22 (\$110.6 billion). She noted an \$8 billion one-time funding in the rainy-day fund for schools, a total of \$10.7 billion. Dr. Hamilton noted the \$10.7 billion would trigger the 10% reserve cap and the Board would have to decide to commit funds beyond the 10% cap. She noted one of the most significant changes to the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) was the increase in COLA from 8.13% to 8.22% and a slated \$3.4 billion in ongoing revenue that the State will be receiving. Dr. Hamilton explained it was critical to know that of that \$3.4 billion, the State is only funding \$2.7 billion of one-time funding. She explained this was going to be problematic with sustaining that level of COLA. Dr. Hamilton noted

new to this year's LCFF funding formula is the equity multiplier, which is targeted funds that are beyond supplemental concentration, but are not applicable to Santee. She explained other categorical programs (i.e., Special Ed, Child Nutrition, and State Pre-school) will receive the 8.22% COLA.

Dr. Hamilton noted Prop 28 funding is based on one percent (1%) of Prop 98, which was estimated at \$9.93 billion. A decrease of \$8 billion from the January budget. She noted the Arts and Music Block grant was being reduced by \$1.8 billion, which is 51% of last year's funding; and a \$2.5 billion cut to the Learning Recovery Block Grant. The District is estimated to receive \$1.9 million in Learning Recovery Block grant funds, instead of the projected \$3.9 million.

State Budget Summary									
Budget Year: 2023-24		Change from Prior Year	Within Proposition 98			Outside Proposition 98			Comments
Release: May Revise			On-Going	One-Time: Paid in Single Year	One-Time: Paid Over Multiple Years	On-Going	One-Time: Paid in Single Year	One-Time: Paid Over Multiple Years	
Category	Description								
1) Revenues have fallen short of monthly estimates since the 2022 Budget Act was enacted June 2022 2) May Revision proposes both additional steps and modified measures to close the projected \$31.5B shortfall 3) Continued commitment to TK-12th Education, specifically Transitional Kindergarten and Universal School Meals program									
Major Themes									
State General Fund Revenues	Personal Income Tax, Sales Tax, Corporation Tax (Big 3) plus other, including transfers	1.95%							23-24=\$209.1B 22-23=\$205.1B 21-22=\$232.5B 3 Yr Chg from January Proposal = -\$6.2B
Proposition 98 Formula	Operative Test 1=Fixed % (38%) of GF Revenues + Prop Tax 2=Prior Yr X Per Capita Change to Personal Income adjusted for workload (ADA) 3=Prior Yr X Per Capita Change in GF Revenues + 0.50% adjusted for workload (ADA)								Test 1 23-24=\$106.8B 22-23=\$106.8B 21-22=\$110.6B 3 Yr Chg from January Proposal = -\$2.0B
Rainy Day Fund for Schools	Payments Into			\$0.8B					Total Rainy Day Fund \$10.7B
10% Reserve CAP for District	Triggered in 2022-23 for implementation in 2023-24								
Local Control Funding Formula	Statutory COLA for 23-24	8.22%	\$3.4B						\$2.7B of the \$3.4 is one-time funds
	Equity Multiplier - Targeted funds	New	\$0.3B						SSD will not receive the EM
Other Categoricals - COLA	Special Ed., Child Nutrition, State PK	8.22%							
One-Time Discretionary Grant	To offset increasing operational costs - credit against Mandated Cost claims outstanding balance	N/A							None at this time
Adjusting One-Time Resources	Prop 28 - Arts and Music in Schools funded on 1% of Proposition 98, one-time cuts to Arts & Music Block Grant, Learning Recovery Block Grant, and After School Education and Safety program					\$0.93B			Decrease of approximately \$8M, Arts & Music Block Grant: -\$1.8B (51% of 22-23 funding); Learning Recovery: -\$2.5B (decrease of 32%)

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Educational Services

3.1. Approval of Agreement for Outdoor Education Program with the San Diego County Office of Education

President El-Hajj noted Member Burns is employed by the San Diego County Office of Education and oversees the Outdoor Education program. Due to a conflict of interest, Member Burns left the room for the discussion and vote.

Dr. Lisa Paisley, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, presented the agreement for the Outdoor Education Program with the San Diego County Office of Education for approval. Dr. Paisley noted all schools would be attending a four- or five-day camp and shared an increase in cost due to the increase in transportation costs. Member Levens-Craig moved approval.

Motion: <u>Levens-Craig</u>	El-Hajj <u>Aye</u>	Ryan <u>Aye</u>
Second: <u>Ryan</u>	Fox <u>Aye</u>	Levens-Craig <u>Aye</u>
Vote: <u>4-0</u>	Burns <u>No Vote</u>	

Human Resource/Pupil Services

4.1. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with San Diego Youth Services for Here Now Program Renewal

Tim Larson, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources/Pupil Services presented the Memorandum of Understanding with San Diego Youth Services for the *Here Now* program renewal. Mr. Larson explained the District has partnered with the San Diego Youth Services since 2013 to provide the Here Now Program. This program was formerly known as *Check Your Mood*. He noted the focus of the program is to help students understand the importance of telling trusted adults about concerns they have regarding themselves or other students. As we renew this agreement for July 1st, 2023 through June 30th, 2027, parents will have the opportunity to decide if they want their students to participate in this program and parents will be kept informed if follow-up conversations are required between students and/or program staff.

President El-Hajj explained the item was placed for discussion due to an issue a parent addressed at the May 2 meeting. She noted the availability of a parent night to inform parents of their program and the need for parents to provide active consent for participation.

Member Ryan noted the need to reiterate parents having to provide active consent for participation. Member Burns suggested program staff meet with Site Administration to become familiar with the needs of each campus. Superintendent Baranski explained Administration had conveyed to Youth Services staff about things they should not ask of students, unless a therapist and parents were involved. Member Ryan moved approval.

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

G. BOARD POLICIES AND BYLAWS

President El-Hajj noted item F.1.1. was a second reading. Member Burns moved approval of F.1.1. Second Reading: Revised Board Policy 6020 – Parent Involvement.

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

- BP 6020 – Parent Involvement

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

H. EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION COMMUNICATION

Melanie Hirahara, Santee Teachers Association (STA) President, was present but did not have a report.

I. BOARD COMMUNICATION AND ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

Member Levens-Craig noted she would be viewing the Capital Advisors budget online workshop.

Member Ryan noted attending a Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs meeting where a Cox representative relayed information on free internet services to families. The representative noted the hardship in relaying this information to some families. Member Ryan asked that Administration make sure this information was being relayed to our families. Superintendent Baranski confirmed this information is distributed to District families.

Member Burns shared tonight's celebration was a great success and noted the parents' excitement to see their student being recognized. He noted the parents' contribution to their student's success and suggested, that moving forward, the parents participate in the handing of the certificate and medal to their honoree.

Superintendent Baranski noted learning that the District would receive a minimum of \$2.6 million through the SBIP grant, to help support counseling and therapeutic services to the students. She noted Member Ryan brought this information forward about a year ago and was instrumental in securing the funding, along with the assistance of Mike Olander, Director of Pupil Services. Superintendent Baranski noted Santee School District, along with San Diego Unified, Vista, Alpine, and JCCS from the County Office of Education, were the only grant recipients in San Diego County.

President El-Hajj shared her, and Vice President Fox met with City Council representatives, as part of the Board/Santee Council Joint Conference Committee. She noted the importance of the committee.

Superintendent Baranski discussed logistics of the upcoming Student Forum on June 6. She noted students would be asked to arrive 15 minutes prior to the forum to answer some questions and then hold a discussion with the Board. Superintendent Baranski shared President El-Hajj had suggested sending the questions to school sites, to gather more data to help reduce bullying in our schools. She noted this information would be shared with the San Diego County Office of Education consultant. Member Fox suggested the students are staggered and not sit by school.

Superintendent Baranski reported sending a letter to Santee National Little League regarding the issues with illegal parking, and the inability for emergency vehicles to enter the parking lot to render services, during little league games at Rio Seco School fields. She noted the Santee National Little League was very responsive and took immediate action to help rectify the issue. Dr. Marcia Hamilton, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, will be in communication with them. Superintendent Baranski shared asking the Fire Marshall to call her directly if there was an incident where emergency responders were unable to access the parking lot due to illegal parking.

Superintendent Baranski shared samples of the gifts for staff appreciation week. She noted the backpacks were ordered through the San Diego County Office of Education.

Member El-Hajj noted the upcoming events.

J. **CLOSED SESSION**

President El-Hajj 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 7:47 p.m.

J. **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

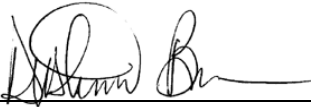
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Superintendent

The Board reconvened to public session at 9:30 p.m. and reported no action was taken.

K. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the regular meeting of May 16, 2023, was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.



Dustin Burns, Clerk



Dr. Kristin Baranski, Secretary