

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

June 6, 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.

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

Monica Farren, Vice Principal at Hill Creek, and Arts Attack Coordinator, led members, staff, and audience, in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Agenda

President El-Hajj presented the agenda for approval. 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>		

B. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Superintendent's Report

- 1.1. Developer Fees and Collection Report
- 1.2. Use of Facilities Report
- 1.3. Enrollment Report
- 1.4. Claims Against the District
- 1.5. Schedule of Upcoming Events
- 1.6. Years of Service Awards

Superintendent Baranski expressed appreciation and acknowledged their collective (60) years of service for President El-Hajj (30 years), Member Burns (20 years), and Member Levens-Craig (10 years). President El-Hajj was presented with a clock, and Member Burns and Levens-Craig received certificates and a pin.

2. Spotlight on Education: Special Student Recognition

Dr. Lisa Paisley, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, explained Administration was unable to recognize this student at the May 2nd Board meeting and shared Hill Creek's administrative staff had selected Alexis Svoboda for the excellent effort she demonstrated this school year and being a wonderful role model to others. Dr. Brienne Downing, Director of Special Education, read a narrative about Alexis, while President El-Hajj presented her with a certificate and a medal.

3. Spotlight: Kiwanis Club of Santee – Junior Olympics

Superintendent Baranski expressed appreciation to the Santee Kiwanis members for orchestrating the annual Junior Olympics. On behalf of the Board, President El-Hajj presented Kiwanis members with a certificate of appreciation for their outstanding contribution to the Santee students and community.

4. Spotlight: Santee School District Foundation – Art Show Recognition

Superintendent Baranski acknowledged the Foundation's hard work to exhibit student art at the annual Chamber of Commerce Street Fair, during the Memorial Day weekend. On behalf of the Board, President El-Hajj presented certificates of appreciation to Foundation President Hee-Jin Peterson; Monica Farren, Hill Creek Vice Principal and Foundation representative, art docents, and Maintenance & Operations staff, for their coordinated efforts to collect and display the student art at the event.

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, shared disagreeing with the investigation conducted by Human Resources.

D. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. 2023-24 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)

President El-Hajj opened the public hearing for the 2022-23 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) and explained the District is required by law to hold an official public hearing to review the District's proposed Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). She explained the proposed LCAP has been available for public review on the District's website and shared the Board of Education will consider the LCAP for approval at its June 20, 2023 meeting. With no public comments, the public hearing was closed.

2. 2023-24 Santee School District Adopted Budget

President El-Hajj opened the hearing on the 2022-23 Santee School District Budget. She noted the proposed budget has been available for public inspection, since June 2, 2023 at the District Office and the District website and the Board of Education will consider approval of the adopted budget at the June 20, 2023 meeting. With no public comments, the public hearing was closed.

3. Recycling of Obsolete Instructional Materials

President El-Hajj opened the public hearing for Recycling of Obsolete Instructional Materials. She explained that in accordance with Education Code 60510, the Board may dispose of surplus or undistributed obsolete instructional materials that are usable for educational purposes by donating them to children or adults in the State of California or foreign countries for the purpose of increasing the general literacy of the people. Due to the acquisition of new library books and limited space for storage, obsolete library books will be donated to the parents and children of Santee. Any obsolete library books deemed unusable by the school site Instructional Media Technician or District Instructional Media Technician will be recycled. With no public comments, 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 Revolving Cash Report
- 2.3. Acceptance of Donations, Grants, and Bequests
- 2.4. Approval/Ratification of General Services Agreements
- 2.5. Approval/Ratification of Expenditure Transactions Charged to District Issued Purchasing Cards (P-Cards)
- 2.6. Authorization to Sell/Dispose of Surplus Items
- 2.7. Adoption of Resolution No. 2223-19 to Establish Temporary Interfund Transfers
- 2.8. Approval/Ratification of Agreements for Mileage Reimbursement In Lieu of District Transportation
- 2.9. Approval of 2023-24 Student Accident Insurance
- 2.10. Approval/Ratification to Contract for Informal Bids through the CUPCCAC Process for Award of Bid #PO-16177 Sycamore Canyon Grass Field
- 2.11. Authorization to Award Bid #2023-090-001 Fresh Produce
- 2.12. Authorization to Award Bid # 2023-075-001 Exterior Painting
- 2.13. Approval/Ratification to Contract for Informal Bids through the CUPCCAC Process for Award of Bid #PO-16117, Sycamore Canyon Ramp
- 3.1. Authorization to Sell/Dispose of Surplus Items
- 3.2. Approval of LEGO Education in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) Curriculum
- 3.3. Approval of 2023-24 Contract with Playworks and Professional Development Services with Expanded Learning Programs
- 3.4. Approval of Early Childhood Education Preschool Curriculum for YALE Preschool
- 3.5. Ratification of Individual Service Agreement with Aseltine School for Nonpublic School Services
- 3.6. Ratification of Updated Individual Service Agreement with New Haven Youth Services for Therapeutic Behavioral Services
- 4.1. Personnel, Regular
- 4.2. Approval of Short-Term Services Agreements
- 4.3. Approval of Agreement for Mandated Student Health Screenings (Vision, Hearing, and Scoliosis) with Rady Children’s Hospital – San Diego
- 4.4. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Jewish Family Services to Provide Positive Parenting Program

Member Levens-Craig moved approval.

<i>Motion:</i>	<u>Levens-Craig</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>		

F. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

Superintendent

- 1.1. Appointment of Vice Principals
 Superintendent Baranski explained that with the promotion of vice principal, Lindsay Benedetto to another school district she was presenting Courtney Bittle and Luke Allen for appointments as Vice Principals, effective July 1, 2023. She explained one candidate will fill the open vice principal position and Administration recommended that a current administrative internship position be replaced with a vice principal position. Mrs. Bittle has been serving as an Administrative Intern since 2022 and as a classroom teacher since 2011. Mr. Allen has served as an Administrative Intern since 2022 and as a classroom

teacher since 2007. School placements for Ms. Bittle and Mr. Allen will be announced prior to July 30.

Member Levens-Craig moved approval. Ms. Bittle and Mr. Allen introduced family in attendance and expressed their appreciation for their appointments.

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>5-0</u>	Burns	<u>Aye</u>		

1.2. Appointment of Director of Assessment and Learning Support

Superintendent Baranski noted that with the transition of the current Director of Assessment and Learning Support and an extensive search, she recommended the appointment of Kevin Fairchild, as Director of Assessment and Learning Support, effective July 1, 2023. She shared Mr. Fairchild has been serving as the District Coordinator for Instructional Design and Technology in Saddleback Valley Unified School District since 2016. Prior to this position, he served as a teacher on special assignment in San Dieguito Union High School District from 2012-2016 and as science teacher at La Costa Canyon High School from 1996-2012.

Member Ryan moved approval. Mr. Fairchild introduced family in attendance and expressed his appreciation for the appointment.

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

1.3. Live Stream Board of Education Meetings Update

At the May 16 meeting, Superintendent Baranski provided camera placement logistics and discussed student privacy; but was unable to provide costs associated with recording and archiving meetings, as had been requested by the Board.

Superintendent Baranski explained it would cost approximately \$30,000 in terms of software, equipment and hardware, and closed captioning (required), in addition to personnel costs to support at the meetings. She noted not recommending this option, but a Turnkey system would offer the same support, virtually, at an approximated cost of \$100,000, in addition to other necessary upgrades for our current equipment, if needed.

Superintendent Baranski recommended the District continue with the plan to live stream the meetings, starting with the July 18 meeting through December to get a sense of the audience and needs. Upon discussion, the Board agreed with Superintendent Baranski's recommendation to live stream from July through December and decide then on how to move forward.

Business Services

2.1. Approval of Monthly Financial Report

Dr. Marcia Hamilton, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, presented the monthly financial report for cash and budget revision transactions posted through April 30, 2023. The District ended the month with a cash balance in the General Fund of approximately \$38,884,658; sufficient funds to pay all of the District's financial obligations with internal cash. 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	<u>No Vote</u>		

Educational Services

3.1. Adoption of Amplify Science Instructional Materials for Students in K-5

Dr. Lisa Paisley, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, explained that teachers in kindergarten through fifth grade began piloting State Board of Education approved science instructional materials since August 2022. The pilot teacher committee researched and analyzed three instructional programs, *Mystery Science*, *Savvas Elevate Science*, and *Amplify Science*. In March 2023, the pilot committee rated the three programs and determined *Amplify Science* met or exceeded these criteria across the grade levels, kindergarten through fifth grade.

Dan Prouty, Director of Instructional Technology; and Curriculum Resource Teachers, Alicen Boulais and Charlene Stanley provided an overview of the pilot committee process and the recommendation to adopt *Amplify Science* instructional materials for kindergarten through fifth grade students.

Pilot committee teachers showcased *Amplify Science* at school sites and presented key features of the program with all kindergarten through fifth grade teaching staff. After each school presentation, teachers voted for their preferred program. Results of the District-wide vote included 83% of the eligible staff voting and 79.8% of those who voted approved *Amplify Science* as the instructional materials for the District. The District Advisory Council (DAC) and District English Learning Advisory Committee (DELAC) also reviewed the three piloted programs and gave feedback specific to *Amplify Science*.

Member Burns moved approval.

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

Human Resource/Pupil Services

4.1. Approval of Service Agreement Between San Diego County Superintendent of Schools and Santee School District for Student Wellbeing Sessions

Tim Larson, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources/Pupil Services, presented the Service Agreement between San Diego County Superintendent of Schools and the District for Student Wellbeing Sessions. He noted the San Diego County Office of Education would study, plan, and implement solutions for bullying behavior and support the District in conducting student input sessions to obtain student voice and perspectives; utilize student voice to inform system changes; support with identifying the conditions/reasons for bullying; build capacity to address bullying in schools; and implement District/School change ideas informed by student voice.

Mr. Larson noted this work was a result of the Board's request to engage more meaningfully with students on bullying issues. President El-Hajj noted Member Burns is employed by the San Diego County Office of Education and due to a possible conflict of interest, left the room for the discussion and vote. 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>4-0</u>	Burns	<u>No Vote</u>		

G. EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION COMMUNICATION

Melanie Hirahara, Santee Teachers Association (STA) President, noted the end of year was approaching and commended everyone for another great school year. She shared the Santee Teachers Association had celebrated their teachers of the year and retirees at their representative council meeting earlier in the day. Mrs. Hirahara noted the retirement of Patty Wilbur and the need to replace her on the negotiations team. She shared looking forward to working with the new

Assistant Superintendents, but saddened to see the current ones retire. Mrs. Hirahara wished everyone a great summer.

I. BOARD COMMUNICATION AND ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

Member Levens-Craig shared enjoying Salute to Excellence and everyone's excitement to honor staff and retirees. She noted preparations were taking place for this year's Buddy's Backpack distribution; and shared enjoying a music show, basketball game, and drama presentation at Carlton Oaks. Member Levens-Craig expressed her appreciation to Chasity Forster, Principal at Hill Creek, for quickly responding to a concern from a teacher from another district.

Member Burns expressed his appreciation to President El-Hajj for attending the Character Education advisory committee in his place. He noted the students were having great conversations during the student forum and enjoyed hearing their perspectives.

Member Fox noted attending Hill Creek's 50th anniversary celebration and seeing great student artwork; and meeting "Shotgun Tom" Kelly, a DJ, at the event.

Member El-Hajj noted being related to "Shotgun Tom" Kelly and shared he had spoken highly about the students and Hill Creek school on his radio show. She shared attending the Character Education committee meeting and enjoying the presentation of "Reggie" the therapy dog at PRIDE Academy.

Superintendent Baranski shared enjoying the students' perspective at the student forum and explained the information would be consolidated and shared with site administration and eventually District-wide, once the District starts working with the San Diego County Office of Education on the student wellbeing sessions. Member Burns suggested spotlighting a student at the Board meetings to report what is happening at their schools.

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 7:05 p.m.

J. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened to public session at 8:45 p.m. and reported no action was taken.

K. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the regular meeting of June 6, 2023, was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



Dustin Burns, Clerk



Dr. Kristin Baranski, Secretary