

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

September 19, 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  
Dr. Marcia Hamilton, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services  
Dr. Lisa Paisley, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services  
David MacLeod, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources/Pupil Services  
Lisa Arreola, Executive Assistant and Recording Secretary

**2. District Mission**

President El-Hajj invited everyone to recite the District Mission.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Tim Dobbins, Principal at Carlton Hills School, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. Approval of Agenda**

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

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

**B. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Superintendent's Report**

- 1.1. Developer Fees and Collection Report
- 1.2. Schedule of Upcoming Events
- 1.3. Enrollment Report
- 1.4. Schedule of Upcoming Events

**3. Spotlight: 12<sup>th</sup> Annual School Beautification Day**

Superintendent Baranski expressed appreciation to Pathways Community Church and Sunrise Community Church members and volunteers for their contributions to maintaining the visual appeal and quality of Santee schools. President El-Hajj presented Pastor Phil Herrington and Pastor Jerry Phillips, with certificates of appreciation on behalf of Santee School District.

**4. Spotlight: Buddy's Backpacks**

Superintendent Baranski welcomed the Santee Mobilehome Owners Action Committee, Inc. (SMOAC) and volunteers and expressed appreciation for the collection and distribution of over 1,000 backpacks and school supply drive for all students. President El-Hajj presented the Buddy's Backpack event organizers John Hossick, Suzanne Coleman,

Elana Levens-Craig, Rose Garner, and Sylvia Nollet with a certificate of appreciation on behalf of Santee School District.

**C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION**

President El-Hajj invited members of the audience to address the Board about any item not on the agenda and noted public comments were in-person only.

Stephanie Curtsinger, parent, noted opposition to staff being allowed to wear LGBTQ attire, symbols, etc.

Kierstin Losee, parent, noted support for the removal of safe space signs in classrooms and her opposition to staff being allowed to wear LGBTQ attire, symbols, etc.

Jaclyn Brua, parent, noted opposition to the display of specific symbols and signs, other than the American flag, in the classroom, and shared a sample of a more appropriate sign.

**D. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**1. Compliance with Education Code Section 60119 K-12 Public Textbook and Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program**

President El-Hajj opened the public hearing in Compliance with Education Code Section 60119 K-12 Textbooks and Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program. There were no comments. The public hearing was closed.

**2. Recycling of Obsolete Instructional Materials**

President El-Hajj opened the public hearing for Recycling of Obsolete Instructional Materials in accordance with Education Code 60510. There were no comments. The public hearing was closed.

**D. 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/Ratification of General Services Agreements**

**2.5. Approval/Ratification of Agreements for Mileage Reimbursement In Lieu of District Transportation**

**2.6. Acceptance of Donations, Grants, and Bequests**

**2.7. Authorization to Sell/Dispose of Surplus Items**

**2.8. Approval/Ratification of Expenditure Transactions Charged to District Issued Purchasing Cards (P-Cards)**

**2.9. Adoption of Proclamation for National School Lunch Week**

**2.10. Approval of San Diego Fire-Rescue Department AED/PAD Program Service Level Agreement**

**3.1. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding for San Diego Youth Symphony**

**3.2. Certification and Adoption of Resolution of Sufficiency of Instructional Materials 2023-24**

**3.3. Ratification of Nonpublic Agency Master Contract with SPG Therapy for Speech Therapy**

**3.4. Adoption of the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Federal Addendum for 2023-24**

**3.5. Authorization to Sell/Dispose of Surplus Items**

**3.6. Ratification of Nonpublic Agency Master Contract with Apex Therapies, Inc. to include Speech Therapy and Occupational Therapy**

**4.1. Personnel, Regular**

**4.2. Adoption of Proclamation Endorsing Drug Awareness Week: October 23 – 31, 2023**

Member Ryan moved approval.

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

**E. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS**

**Human Resources**

**1.1. Granting Tenure to Eligible Certificated Employees**

David McLeod shared the following certificated employees were being presented for the Board's consideration to grant them tenure. Superintendent Baranski read the names and Mr. McLeod read a collective congratulatory message from the Site Administrators. Member Burns moved approval. The Board congratulated the newly tenured employees.

Bethany Albright, Cajon Park	Karly Brumley, Pepper Drive
Kylie Hopwood, Cajon Park	Shirley Kim, Pepper Drive
Kayla Klassen, Carlton Hills	Taylor Sabo, Pepper Drive
Erica Phillips, Carlton Hills	Jessica Shepard, Pepper Drive
Jodi Cohen, Carlton Oaks	Courtney McLean-Simma, Pupil Services
Jennifer La Cross, Carlton Oaks	Zoe Barry, Rio Seco
Kelsie Rich, Carlton Oaks	Gina Biondo, Rio Seco
Briana Singer, Carlton Oaks	Sheyenne Gallivan, Rio Seco
Patrick Wraith, Carlton Oaks	Trina Hobbs, Rio Seco
Danielle Tackett, Chet F. Harritt/Carlton Hills	Deena Lindsey, Rio Seco
Erik Bristol, Chet F. Harritt	Katie Northup, Rio Seco
Ashley Jackson, Chet F. Harritt	Karli Poteracke, Rio Seco
Kalen Jennings, Chet F. Harritt	Jenavieve Purcell, Rio Seco
Robert Hester, Hill Creek	Trisha Stergios, Rio Seco

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

**Superintendent**

**2.1. Appointment of Director, Community Collaborative**

Superintendent Baranski presented Janessa Nedney for appointment as the new Community Collaborative Director. She shared Ms. Nedney is currently the Program Director of SAY Senior and has extensive experience in providing a variety of community resources for students and families. Mrs. Nedney holds a Master of Arts in Social Work and a Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood and Family Studies with a minor in Education, Learning and Society and Diversity. Member Burns moved approval. The Board welcomed Ms. Nedney to the District.

Ms. Nedney expressed her appreciation for the opportunity and introduced her grandparents in attendance. She explained they had driven from Sacramento to accompany her because her spouse was unable to attend.

Member Burns reiterated the significant role grandparents play in supporting their grandchildren's education and noted this month was Grandparent Appreciation Month in the District.

**2.2. Appointment of Members to Board Advisory Committees**

Superintendent Baranski presented additional applicants to the Board advisory committees for the Board's consideration. She explained the applicants were assigned to their first and second choice and noted these were in addition to the applicants approved at the prior meeting. Member Levens-Craig noted there were no applicants for DELAC. Administration noted they would follow-up with the Committee Chair on parent representation on DELAC. 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>Levens-Craig</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. BOARD POLICIES AND BYLAWS**

President El-Hajj noted Item F.1.1. was the second reading of BP 6163.1 – Library Media Centers and shared BP 6162.51 – State Academic Achievement Tests was a first reading and asked the Board to contact Administration if they had any questions. Member Ryan moved approval.

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

- BP 6163.1 – Library Media Centers

<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>		

**1.2. First Reading: Revised Board Policies (BP)/Administrative Regulation (AR):**

- BP 6162.51 – State Academic Achievement Tests

**G. EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION COMMUNICATION**

Melanie Hirahara, Santee Teachers Association (STA) President, shared there were still some clarifying questions that needed to be addressed regarding Board Policy 4119.24 - Classroom Learning Environment.

**H. BOARD COMMUNICATION AND ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS**

Member Levens-Craig enjoyed reading the school newsletters and expressed her appreciation to Member Burns for the suggestion and to Cori Harris, Director of Communications, and Principals for their work in putting the content together.

Superintendent Baranski noted the donation of \$3,000 from CSEA towards 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp. The Board expressed their appreciation to CSEA for the donation.

**I. 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*

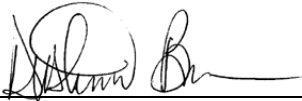
The Board entered closed session at 7:17 p.m.

**J. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

The Board reconvened to public session at 9:15 p.m. and reported no action was taken.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the regular meeting of September 19, 2023, was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

  
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Dustin Burns, Clerk

  
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Dr. Kristin Baranski, Secretary