

SAN BERNARDINO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Special Meeting of the Board of Education
Indian Springs High School
Multi-Purpose Room
650 N. Del Rosa Dr.
San Bernardino, California

**MINUTES
ADOPTED
06/18/19**

April 30, 2019

Present: Board President Abigail Rosales-Medina (arrived at 5:38 pm), Board Vice President Gwen Dowdy-Rodgers, Board Members Barbara Flores, Michael Gallo, Margaret Hill, and Danny Tillman; Superintendent Dale Marsden; Deputy Superintendent Harold Vollkommer; Chief Business Officer Jayne Christakos; Assistant Superintendents Perry Wiseman, Kennon Mitchell, Rachel Monárrez, and Lorraine Perez; Executive Director Ginger Ontiveros; Director Linda Bardere; School Police Chief Joseph Paulino and Superintendent's Assistant Carla Cross. Absent Board Member Scott Wyatt. Minutes recorded by Administrative Assistant Karen Cunningham.

SESSION ONE

1.0 *Opening*

1.1 Call to Order

Board Vice-President Dowdy-Rodgers called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by District Police Chief Joseph Paulino.

1.3 Adoption of Agenda

Upon motion by Member Flores, seconded by Member Hill, and approved by the affirmative vote of Members Flores, Gallo, Hill, Dowdy-Rodgers, and Tillman (Noes: None), the agenda was adopted.

SESSION TWO

2.0 *Closed Session*

2.1 Closed Session Public Comments

Speaker: Ashley Bettas-Alcalá, SBTA president, gave an update on negotiations stating they have met two more times, since the April 23 board meeting and are making some progress towards a mutually acceptable agreement. They are scheduled to meet two more times during the week and SBTA looks forward to having the comprehensive Tentative Agreement ready by May 14.

2.2 Adjourn to Closed Session

Vice President Dowdy-Rodgers adjourned to Closed Session at 5:35 pm.
President Rosales-Medina arrived at 5:38 pm.

As provided by law, the Board will meet in Closed Session for consideration of the following:

*All indicated times are approximate. The actual time for any item is dependent upon the amount of time required for prior items.

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Anticipated Litigation

Conference with legal counsel pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code 54956.9

Number of Cases: One

Conference with Labor Negotiator

District Negotiator: Perry Wiseman

Employee Organization: California School Employees Association
Communications Workers of America
San Bernardino School Police Officers Association
San Bernardino Teachers Association

Public Employee Appointment

Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

Student Matters/Discipline

SESSION THREE

3.0 *Reconvene Open Session*

President Rosales-Medina reconvened Open Session at 6:30 pm.

3.1 Action Reported from Closed Session

There was no reportable action.

SESSION FOUR

4.0 *Public Comments*

Speaker: Delores Delgado, curriculum and instruction specialist for Garner Holt's Education Through Imagination

Topic: Garner Holt Summer Academy, request for funding. Ms. Delgado shared a possible further collaboration with the District in the form of a summer academy to approximately 100 students but targeted to English Learners. Along with their proposal she requested the Board to provide support through funding to the schools who elect to participate in the program.

Speaker: Travon Martin, California School Board Association's Public Affairs and Community Engagement Representative

Topic: Legislative office visits. Mr. Martin reported that CSBA will be setting up legislative office visits around the May Revise, where the Board could come and advocate for specific items on the May Revise. He also commented on two LCAP meetings he had attended, stating they were great meetings with a lot of community engagement.

Speakers: Ayla Lopez, youth organizer with Inland Congregations United for Change (ICUC).

Topic: Mental Health and Combination Classes. Ms. Lopez recommended allocating \$300,000 to expand the HEART team from 3 to 6 therapists across the District. ICUC also asked the Board to add \$25,000 per combination class to the budget to have an interim teacher for each combo classroom; start with 10 combination classes next school year, for a total of \$250,000.

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Member Flores commented that she thought it was for college interns to assist in classrooms.

Speaker: Justine Obiakor, representing Riverside and San Bernardino County Indian Health
Topic: Mental Health services. Would like to collaborate with District at events; presentations, tabling options, several different topics.

Member Tillman asked about the funding and was told they have \$200,000 per year for the next five years for San Bernardino County and said we need to work with them and utilize the maximum funding for our District.

SESSION FIVE

5.0 *Administrative Report*

5.1 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) and Budget Update

Kennon Mitchell, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, Jayne Christakos, Associate Superintendent Business, Finance, and Operations, and Patti Herrera, School Services, presented an LCAP and Budget update.

Board discussed items including the May Revise; special education funding; Career Technical Education; Full and Fair Funding initiative; PERS/STRS; Charter School taskforce; the new LCAP template; one-time money; the need to base priorities on students' academic performance; combination classes, and asked that a list be brought to them so they could decide what to fund.

Speaker: Ashley Bettas-Alcala, SBTA president, spoke on CALSTRS, stating they are the largest public pension in the world. Teachers and those that are under CALSTRS do not pay into Social Security and their retirement is based solely on what they receive from CALSTRS. Their Board is made up of the Superintendent, Public Instruction and other practicing educators elected to be a part of the board. Also, the District has a Joint Benefits committee made up of all employee groups, which works to keep costs down and stay competitive. Ms. Bettas-Alcalá questioned the predictions of the increases in health benefits over the next two years, stating we have no idea how much costs will increase and we have not seen a 10% increase in the past decade. She also commented that SBTA is aware that LCFE has been fully implemented but there are other factors that could increase the amount of funding between now and predicted out years, one being AB39 and an initiative that is already on the 2020 ballot, the Schools and Communities First Initiative, which would restore \$11 Billion per year for K-12 schools, community colleges, counties, cities and special districts to support education and vital community services; this has to do with a loophole in corporate property taxes by assessing commercial and industrial properties at their fair market value. SBTA hopes the Board will support this initiative as it is another prong of revenue.

Speaker: Nancy Sanchez-Spears, District employee

Ms. Sanchez-Spears commented under the priority list is Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA), which includes dance, media arts, music, theater, and visual arts. The Education Code states that grades K-6 will receive instruction in all areas of the arts and 7-12 grades will have opportunities to have instruction in the arts. The California State Arts Standards were recently adopted by the

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state school board and the District is in the process of revising the framework for VAPA so that all students, all teachers involved and engaged in the arts, have an opportunity to have a full experience in the arts and that students will not miss out.

Speaker: Carol Walker spoke on the contracted services portion of the budget and asked what the \$1812 Million encompassed and why is it 3% more than classified salaries? Mrs. Christakos said it pays for utilities, insurance, audits, legal, some contracts, communications (phone services), transportation.

Member Flores asked that the Budget Sub Committee members meet prior to the next LCAP/Budget meeting.

SESSION SIX

6.0 Adjournment

By unanimous vote of the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 pm.