

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

1290 Ridder Park Drive  
San Jose, California 95131

APPROVED

Minutes of Regular Meeting #2015

Board Room

February 27, 2008

5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Jane Howard, President  
Craig Mann, Vice President  
Leon Beauchman  
Grace Mah  
Anna Song  
Gary Rummelhoff  
T.N. Ho

The meeting was called to order by President Howard at 5:12 p.m.

Setting the Agenda

MOTION #2015-1 by Vice President Mann seconded by Mr. Beauchman that the agenda be approved as submitted.

MOTION #2015-1 carried unanimously: 7-0-0-0.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Howard asked Jennifer Carillo, recipient of COE's student recognition, to lead the pledge of allegiance.

COE Student Recognition: Jennifer Carillo, Alternative Schools Department, Advent School

Mr. Rummelhoff introduced Jennifer Carillo of Advent School and presented her with an iPod and a plaque in recognition of her achievements. Mr. Rummelhoff introduced Ms. Jill Davis, Jennifer's teacher, who spoke of Jennifer's tenacious spirit in "getting it right." Jennifer thanked the Board for the recognition and introduced friends and family members.

Hearing of Persons Desiring to Address the Board or to Present Petitions

President Howard invited members of the public to address the Board.

Ms. Wanny Hersey, Principal, Bullis Charter School, presented an update on the upcoming Junior Olympics for Charter Schools at Stanford University on June 8. Ms. Hersey invited Board members and COE staff to the event.

Mr. Ivan Alan, SEIU Local 521, introduced himself and stated he is replacing Ms. Angela Thomas.

Mr. Kevin Gordon, COE's School Lobbyist, School Innovations & Advocacy, presented an update on legislative activities on mid-year budget cuts.

Consent Action Items

MOTION #2015-2 by Vice President Mann, seconded by Ms. Song that the following Consent Action Items be approved:

- Request Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting of February 6, 2008 (#2014)

MOTION #2015-2 carried unanimously: 7-0-0-0

Public Hearing

Public Hearing and Sunshine on a Proposal from the County Superintendent of Schools to the Association of County Educators/California Teachers Association

President Howard invited members of the public to address the Board.

No one wished to address the Board at this time.

Study Action Items

South Bay Preparatory Charter School Petition

President Howard explained the Board's decision process. Mr. Dick Noack, COE's legal counsel, Hopkins & Carley, provided a legal background upon which COE's recommendation was made. Interim Superintendent Fimiani presented an overview on the recommendation and staff provided an oral report and answered questions from the Board.

Recess

The Board broke for recess at 6:45 p.m. and reconvened at 6:55 p.m.

The following individuals spoke in support of South Bay Preparatory Charter School:

Ms. Felicia Gershberg, lead petitioner, South Bay Preparatory Charter School  
Ms. Coleen Wagner, proposed board president, South Bay Preparatory Charter School  
Ms. Vicky Gray-Clark, proposed board member, South Bay Preparatory Charter School  
Ms. Andrea Kulkarni, proposed board member, South Bay Preparatory Charter School  
Mr. Aki Speed, parent  
Ms. Stephanie Brown, parent  
Ms. Lourdes Gaytan, parent  
Mr. Canh Le, proposed board member  
Ms. Crystal Speed read a letter from Gary Stebbins, Assistant Professor of San Jose State University  
Ms. Wanny Hersey, Principal, Bullis Charter School  
Mr. Nick Driver, California Charter Schools Association  
Mr. Jerry Simmons, petitioner's attorney, Spector, Middleton, Young & Minney  
Ms. Wanda Whitehead, parent  
Ms. Kate Bean, Founder/Principal, Aveson Charter School  
Ms. Tricia Wing, board member, Discovery Charter School  
Mr. Peter Gumaer, parent

Board members asked clarifying questions from staff, the petitioners and school district and deliberated on their decision.

MOTION #2015-3 by Mr. Rummelhoff, seconded by Vice President Mann, that the Board defer a vote of the petition until the March 19 meeting, with the mutual agreement of the petitioners, conditioned on having an Executive Director hired and present at the meeting.

The following roll call vote was taken:

AYE: President Howard, Vice President Mann and members Mah, Rummelhoff  
NO: members Ho, Song and Beauchman  
ABSTAIN: -none-  
ABSENT: -none-

MOTION #2015-3 carried 4-3-0-0 with members Ho, Song and Beauchman voting no.

### Recess

The Board broke for recess at 9:40 p.m. and reconvened at 9:50 p.m.

### Information Items

#### Update on Superintendent Search

President Howard presented a brief update on the Superintendent search.

Board Committee Reports

Grace Mah

- Attended the Joint Legislative Advisory Committee meeting

Craig Mann

- Attended the Joint Legislative Advisory Committee meeting

Leon Beauchman

- Attended the Arts Master Plan Committee meeting

Anna Song

- Attended the Joint Legislative Advisory Committee meeting

Gary Rummelhoff

- Attended the Budget Study Committee meeting
- Announced the upcoming Joint Committee on Child Care

Jane Howard

- Attended the Budget Study Committee meeting

County Board of Education Reports

Leon Beauchman

- Presented at a Mountain View Leadership meeting—a program of the Mountain View Chamber of Commerce
- Spoke at the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Youth Leadership Retreat
- Attended the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Harambee event

Anna Song

- Met with People Acting in Community Together (PACT) members
- Attended a Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Luncheon meeting
- Met with Kevin Gordon

Gary Rummelhoff

- Attended a PTA Luncheon meeting
- Met with People Acting in Community Together (PACT) members
- Met with South Bay Preparatory petitioners

- Met with John Danner, co-founder of Rocketship Education and Jim Blew, Walton Foundation
- Met with Ted Mitchell, President of State Board of Education and CEO of NewSchools Venture Fund
- Announced upcoming meeting with Muhammed Chaudry, President & CEO, Silicon Valley Education Foundation (SVEF)

Grace Mah

- Met with People Acting in Community Together (PACT) members
- Attended the Head Start Policy Council meeting

Craig Mann

- Attended the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Harambee event

Jane Howard

- Met with South Bay Preparatory petitioners
- Participated in a teleconference with Jerry Talley, JL Talley & Associates

Superintendent's Report

- Announced that the Children Services Department received the Head Start Gold Star Award
- COE's Code of Ethics
- Berryessa Library Update
- Announced an upcoming confidential letter to the Board from Dick Noack regarding a Bullis Charter School issue
- Local Education Coalition
- Update on the Reduction In Force (RIF) in Special Education
- Met with Jerry Talley
- Announced having Muhammed Chaudry speak at a District Superintendent's meeting to discuss Silicon Valley Education Foundation (SVEF)
- Thanked the Board for listening to staff's recommendation on the South Bay Preparatory petition

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Joe Fimiani, Interim Superintendent  
Ex-Officio Secretary