

SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
1290 Ridder Park Drive
San Jose, California 95131

APPROVED
Regular Meeting #2034
Board Room
February 18, 2009
5:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Mann at 5:02 p.m.

a) Roll Call

Trustees Present:

Grace Mah, Area 1
T.N. Ho, Area 2
Leon Beauchman, Area 3 (*arrived at 5:15 p.m.*)
Joseph Di Salvo, Area 4
Anna Song, Area 5
Craig Mann, Area 6
Jane Howard, Area 7

b) Pledge of Allegiance

President Mann asked Veronica Diaz, recipient of SCCOE's student recognition, to lead the pledge of allegiance.

c) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION #2034-1 by member Howard that the agenda be adopted as submitted. Vice President Song seconded the motion and it carried 6-0 with member Beauchman absent.

2. SCCOE STUDENT RECOGNITION: VERONICA DIAZ, PATHFINDER,
ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS DEPARTMENT

Member Mah introduced Veronica Diaz and presented her with an iPod and a plaque in recognition of her achievements. Member Mah introduced Jesus Meraz, Veronica's Social Studies teacher at Pathfinder, who spoke of Veronica's exemplary academic work, perseverance and school spirit. Veronica introduced her mother and daughter and thanked everyone who helped her reach her academic goals.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS OF PERSONS DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OR TO PRESENT PETITIONS

President Mann opened the hearing for public comment.

No one wished to address the Board or the County Superintendent at this time.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

- Anonymous letter regarding the possible fiscal irregularities in the East Side Union High School District

5. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- a) Request Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting of January 23, 2009 (#2032-S1)
- b) Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of February 4, 2009 (#2033)
- c) Request Approval to Submit Non-Competitive Grant for Region 5 Under the Regional School and District Support System (RSDSS)
- d) Request Acceptance of Grant Award Notifications

MOTION #2034-2 by member Howard that the Board approve Consent Action Items B through D. Member Di Salvo seconded the motion and it carried 6-0 with member Beauchman absent.

Member Mah requested that the Minutes of Special Meeting of January 23, 2009 (#2032-S1) reflect the date of the meeting on the first page and that Gary Rummelhoff's name be replaced with Joseph Di Salvo's name under *roll call*.

MOTION #2034-3 by member Howard that the Board approve Consent Action Item 5.A. with the requested corrections. Vice President Song seconded the motion and it carried 6-0 with member Beauchman absent.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Public Hearing on Disclosure Statement of the Tentative Agreement for a Successor Contract between the County Superintendent of Schools and the Service Employees International Union, Local 521

President Mann opened the hearing for public comment.

No one wished to address the Board or the County Superintendent at this time.

7. STUDY ACTION ITEM

a. Resolution in Support of Fair Election Practices – Santa Clara County LEAs

Superintendent Weis gave a summary of the resolution in Support of Fair Election Practices – Santa Clara County LEAs. (*resolution attached*)

(*Member Beauchman arrived at the meeting – 5:15 p.m.*)

MOTION #2034-4 by Vice President Song that the Board approve the resolution Supporting Fair Election Practices – Santa Clara County LEAs. Member Mah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

b. Request Approval to Increase Board Compensation

MOTION #2034-5 by member Ho that the Board table this item until an appropriate time. Member Beauchman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

c) Resolution Supporting Cupertino Union School District’s Measure B on the May 5, 2009 Ballot

Superintendent Weis provided an overview of the resolution supporting Cupertino Union School District’s Measure B on the May 5, 2009 ballot. (*resolution attached*)

MOTION #2034-6 by member Howard that the Board approve the resolution supporting Cupertino Union School District’s Measure B on the May 5, 2009 ballot. Vice President Song seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

8. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) Santa Clara County Committee on District Organization

Board members discussed responses to their previous questions relating to the issue of school district trustee areas and voting methods as related to the California Voters Rights Act (CVRA). Suzanne Carrig, Senior Research Analyst answered questions from the Board.

b) Human Resources Summary

Laura Kidwiler, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, introduced Mark Miller, Director of Human Resources who reported on the Human Resources Summary and answered questions.

c) Williams Complain Report

Superintendent Weis reported that no Williams complaints were received during the October 1 through December 31, 2008 reporting period.

d) Board Committee Reports

Jane Howard

Budget Study Committee

- Attended the Budget Study Committee meeting. Reported that action was taken on indirect cost rates, the governor's proposed budget was reviewed and a new display of SCCOE's budget will be revised for 2010.

Leon Beauchman

Juvenile Justice Systems Collaborative

- Attended the Juvenile Justice Systems Collaborative meeting

T.N. Ho

Budget Study Committee

- Attended the Budget Study Committee meeting

Craig Mann

Budget Study Committee

- Attended the Budget Study Committee meeting

e) County Board of Education Member Reports

Joseph Di Salvo

- Attended a People Acting in Community Together (PACT) meeting

Jane Howard

- Attended a Gilroy Business Education partnership meeting

Anna Song

- Met with Dr. Weis and Vaseem Anjum of SchoolCity regarding future opportunities

Leon Beauchman

- Spoke at Mountain View Leadership regarding the achievement gap -- sponsored by the Mountain View Chamber of Commerce
- Announced an upcoming performance titled "A Rose Among Thorns" and a community dialog on "From Rosa to Barack to Tomorrow" which is presented in part by the Santa Clara County Alliance of Black Educators on February 27 at the Mexican Heritage Plaza from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

T.N. Ho

- Participated as a panelist in an education forum to discuss the differences in the American and Chinese education systems.
- Reported that he has been quoted in several Chinese newspapers regarding his opinion on the impact on public schools regarding the State budget

Craig Mann

- Reviewed a Question and Answer from CSBA regarding how the Brown Act law applies to board members who are not a part of an advisory committee and attend the committee meeting as observers.

d) County Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Weis presented the following information relative to the activities of the Office:

- Email from Muhammed Chaudhry titled *Happy Anniversary*, dated February 4.
- *SJ: State Superintendent Meets with Education Leaders to Discuss Budget*, San Jose (BCN) CBS5, February 4, 2009
- Sixth District PTA Luncheon, Wednesday, February 25, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Decathlon Club, 3250 Central Expressway, Santa Clara, CA

- CTA/NEA Santa Clara County Service Center Council, Annual Legislative Brunch, Saturday, March 14, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Fourth Street Summit Center, 88 S. 4th Street, San Jose
- Update on North County Regional Occupational Program
- Annual Head Start Self-Assessment – week of March 2- 6, 2009
- Update on the State Budget

9. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss a “Public Employee Performance Evaluation” Title: County Superintendent of Schools (*Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) permits Boards to conduct a closed session for evaluation of performance of a public employee.*)

OPEN SESSION – 7:40 p.m.

10. REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

President Mann reported that, in the matter of Agenda Item 9, *Public Employee Performance Evaluation*, there were no reportable actions.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Update on Arts Master Plan (March 4 – Aceves)
- Gang Prevention Efforts (March 18 – Mitchell & Fimiani)
- High School Dropout Prevention Planning
- Evaluation for Head Start Program & Standard Kindergarten Readiness (Fimiani & Trujillo)

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Charles Weis, County Superintendent of Schools
Ex-Officio Secretary

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**RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING FAIR ELECTION PRACTICES – SANTA CLARA COUNTY LEAS
SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

RESOLUTION NO: 2034-1

WHEREAS the California Voting Rights Act enacted in January 2002 expands upon the federal Voting Rights Act and provides standing to a protected class of citizens who are impaired in their ability to elect a candidate of choice or influence election outcomes due to racially polarized voting and where said act provides a remedy to mitigate any violations through district-based elections; and

WHEREAS the Lawyers' Committee on Civil Rights has successfully argued in Madera County Superior Court that at-large school district elections impaired the ability of a protected class of citizens to elect a candidate of choice and to influence the election; and

WHEREAS 91% of the school districts in Santa Clara County have a system of at-large elections; and

WHEREAS the County Committee on School District Organization pursuant to Education Code 5019 is responsible for the process to establish school district trustee areas and to establish a trustee area based election method; and

WHEREAS the process of establishing trustee areas can be initiated by school district boards, the County Committee, or through a petition of 10% of registered voters of a school district; and

WHEREAS the members of the Santa Clara County Board of Education are elected by trustee area, representing seven diverse and distinct communities of interest in Santa Clara County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Board of Education supports fair election practices and the remedies to ensure fair election practices and encourages local school boards to review the process by which they (trustees) are elected to ensure the process fully supports the letter as well as the spirit of the CA Voting Rights Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Board of Education encourages the County Committee on School District Organization to include this matter in their 2009 work plan and to report their findings and recommendations in 2009.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Clara County Board of Education at a meeting held on February 18, 2009 by the following vote:

AYES: President Mann, Vice President Song, members Beauchman, Mah, Howard, Ho and Di Salvo

NOES: -none-

ABSTAIN: -none-

ABSENT: -none-

Signed by:



Charles Weis, Ph.D.
County Superintendent of Schools



Craig Mann, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING
CUPERTINO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT'S
MEASURE B ON THE MAY 5, 2009 BALLOT
SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

RESOLUTION NO: 2034-2

WHEREAS, Cupertino Union School District has not been funded adequately by the State to provide a quality educational program and the District is committed to maintaining a balanced budget; and

WHEREAS, the Cupertino Union School District has exhausted all feasible means of generating funds and without a parcel tax the District would be forced to significantly reduce basic educational services with a direct impact on the quality of instruction available to local students; and

WHEREAS, the Cupertino Union School District Board of Education has determined, in its best judgment, that in order to maintain quality education in Cupertino Union School District, stable locally-controlled revenue from a parcel tax is necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Cupertino Union School District Board of Education voted to place Measure B on the ballot to retain qualified teachers, ensure new teachers are adequately trained and supported, keep schools safe and clean, and maintain high-quality academic programs, including music and art; and

WHEREAS, Measure B will cost homeowners \$125 annually and last 6 years with an exemption available for seniors 65 years and older to ensure this measure is not a burden to those living on fixed incomes; and

WHEREAS, every penny raised by Measure B will stay in Cupertino Union School District to benefit our children and no money can be taken by the State or used for administrator salaries; and

WHEREAS, an independent citizens' oversight committee and annual audits will ensure Measure B funds are spent properly;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education does hereby resolve to endorse and declare support for Measure B and encourages voters to support Measure B on May 5, 2009.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Clara County Board of Education at a meeting held on February 18, 2009, by the following vote:

AYES: President Mann, Vice President Song, members Beauchman, Di Salvo, Mah, Ho and Howard

NOES: -none-

ABSENT: -none-

ABSTENTIONS: -none-

Signed by:



Charles Weis, Ph.D.
County Superintendent of Schools



Craig Mann, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education