

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

APPROVED
Regular Meeting #2051
Board Room
January 13, 2010
5:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Song called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m.

a. Roll Call

Trustees Present:

Grace Mah, Area 1
T.N. Ho, Area 2
Leon Beauchman, Area 3
Joseph Di Salvo, Area 4
Anna Song, Area 5
Craig Mann, Area 6
Jane Howard, Area 7 (*arrived at 6:55 p.m.*)

Board Member Absent:

Helen Yu, Student Board Member

b. Pledge of Allegiance

President Song asked Dena Lopez, recipient of Employee of the Month, to lead the pledge of allegiance.

c. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION #2051-1 by member Beauchman to adopt the agenda as submitted. Member Ho seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Howard absent.

2. EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH: DENA LOPEZ, RECEPTIONIST, HUMAN RESOURCES BRANCH

Member Di Salvo introduced Dena Lopez, January's Employee of the Month. He noted Dena's contributions, presented a plaque and an engraved pen in recognition of her work, and introduced Laura Kidwiler, Chief Human Resources Officer, who stated that Dena exemplifies the very best of customer service. Ms. Kidwiler introduced Mark Miller, Director of Human Resources, who spoke of Dena's attributes. Mr. Miller introduced Karen Bacica, Supervisor of Administrative Services, who spoke of Dena being a 'people person' and going above and beyond her duties. Dena thanked the Board and Ms. Bacica for the recognition.

3. SCCOE STUDENT RECOGNITION: DIEGO RODRIGUEZ, SAN BENITO

Vice President Mah introduced Diego Rodriguez and presented him with an iPod and a plaque in recognition of his achievements. Vice President Mah introduced Tom Agan, Diego's automotive instructor, who spoke of Diego's patience, resourcefulness and being a top student in his class. Diego thanked the Board and school districts for offering the ROP program and also expressed his appreciation for his parents' and Mr. Agan's support. Diego accepted the recognition on behalf of Mr. Agan and himself.

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

President Song opened the hearing for public comment. No one wished to address the Board or County Superintendent, Dr. Weis.

5. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 5:30 p.m. to hear the following item:

- a. Subject Matter: Expulsion Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student
(Resident District: Campbell Union High School District)

OPEN SESSION – 6:53 p.m.

6. REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

President Song reported that, in the matter of Agenda Item 5.A. "*Expulsion Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student (Resident District: Campbell Union High School District)*", the Board was asked to consider whether the late filed brief from the student appellant should be part of the record and considered by the Board in resolving this appeal. The Board decided to not consider the late filed brief of the student appellant nor the responses submitted by the school district or the student appellant. The Board took action in closed session to deny the appeal of the student appellant. There was a motion (#2051-2) by member Mann and seconded by member Di Salvo, to deny the appeal. Motion carried 6-0-1 with member Howard absent.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

(Member Jane Howard arrived – 6:55 p.m.)

- Email dated December 10, 2009 from Cassandra Vickers

April Carlson, President of the Association of County Educators (ACE), read her letter addressed to the Board, which addressed a complaint letter written to the Board on November 18, 2009. Ms. Carlson stated that the ACE distances itself from the November 18 letter.

8. CONSENT ACTION ITEM

- a) Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of December 9, 2009 (#2050)
- b) Request Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting of December 16, 2009 (#2050-S1)
- d) Request Acceptance of Grant Award Notifications
- e) Request Acceptance of Donations

MOTION #2051-3 by member Mann that the Board approve Consent Action Items A, B, D and E. Member Di Salvo seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

- c) Approval of County Superintendent's Monthly Expenses

Dr. Weis respectfully requested a revision to his monthly expenses.

MOTION #2051-4 by member Mann that the Board approve Consent Item 7.C. as amended. Member Howard seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

- f) Request Approval of Purchase Order Exceeding \$250,000

Dr. Weis answered member Di Salvo's question on the \$185,304 funds that will be expended to SCCOE's professional development and training programs.

MOTION #2051-5 by member Di Salvo that the Board approve the purchase order exceeding \$250,000 to the WestEd/Advancing Excellence in Early Education (E3) Institute. Member Beauchman seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Charter School Public Hearing of Charter School Renewal: Rocketship Mateo Sheedy Elementary School

President Song reviewed the process for the public hearing and opened the hearing for public comment.

Dr. Lucretia Peebles, Director of Charter Schools, Student Services Department, provided an overview of staff's review of the petition and answered questions.

Kat Alexander, Chief Operating Officer; Maricela Guerrero, Principal; and Preston Smith, Chief Achievement Officer of Rocketship Mateo Sheedy Elementary School, gave a presentation on the merits of the petition:

Board members asked clarifying questions.

The following individuals spoke in support of Rocketship Mateo Sheedy Elementary School:

- Ruben Canales, parent
- Graciela Gome de Santos, parent

Recess

The Board broke for recess at 7:42 p.m. and reconvened into Open Session at 7:50 p.m.

b. Charter School Public Hearing of Charter School Renewal: University Preparatory Academy

President Song reviewed the process for the public hearing and opened the hearing for public comment.

Dr. Peebles provided an overview of staff's review of the petition and answered questions.

Kirk Forman, Chairman of the Board; Phil Hophan, Principal; and Jackie Guevara, Founder of University Preparatory Academy, gave a presentation on the merits of the petition:

The following individuals spoke in support of University Preparatory Academy (UPA):

- Ruben Canales, parent
- Susanne Gang-Guy, parent
- Rachel Kirkwood, student
- Vivian Shannon, math teacher at UPA

- Nia Deot, student
- Kevin Kirkwood, parent
- Myra Flagg, parent
- Bill Fowler, athletic director at UPA
- Cheryl Dayley, parent
- Jerry Welch, parent

Board members asked clarifying questions.

10. STUDY ACTION ITEMS

a. Adopt the Budget Revisions for the Period Ending November 30, 2009

Doug Coffman, Director of Internal Business Services, provided an overview of budget revisions for the period ending November 30, 2009 and answered questions.

MOTION #2051-6 by member Mann that the Board adopt the budget revisions for the period ending November 30, 2009. Member Howard seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

b. Accept the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending November 30, 2009

Mr. Coffman answered questions.

MOTION #2051-7 by member Mann that the Board accept the monthly financial report for the period ending November 30, 2009. Member Beauchman seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

c. Request Approval of Submission for a Competitive Grant Application to the David and Lucille Packard Foundation

Dr. Weis introduced Dr. Lisa Kaufman, Director of Preschool Services Department, who answered questions from the Board.

MOTION #2051-8 by member Beauchman that the Board approve the submission for a competitive grant application to the David and Lucille Packard Foundation. Member Mann seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

d. Request Approval of Contract for the Operation of South Bay Preparatory Charter School for the Period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010

Dr. Peebles presented an overview of the previously approved contract with South Bay preparatory Charter School and answered questions.

MOTION #2051-9 by member Mann that the Board approve the contract for the operations of South Bay Preparatory Charter School for the Period of July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010. Member Howard seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

e. Request Approval to Increase Board Compensation

Board members deliberated on the annual 5 percent statutory board compensation increase.

MOTION #2051-10 by member Mann that that the Board approve the statutory increase of 5% and allow individual board member to do what they wish with the increase—effective January 1, 2010. Member Di Salvo seconded the motion and it carried 5-2 with Vice President Mah and member Howard voting no.

f. Request Adoption of Bill of Rights for Children & Youth

Dr. Weis provided an overview of the Bill of Rights for Children & Youth.

MOTION #2051-11 by member Mann that the Board adopt the resolution of Bill of Rights for Children & Youth. Vice President Mah seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

g. Request Approval of CTE Month Proclamation February 1-28, 2010

Dr. Weis presented the resolution on Career and Technical Education Proclamation for February 1-28, 2010. Alyssa Lynch, Director of Career Technical Education, answered questions.

MOTION #2051-12 by member Mann that the Board adopt the resolution in support of CTE Month Proclamation February 1-28, 2010. Vice President Mah seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

The resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

NAES: -none-

ABSENT: -none-

ABSTAIN: -none-

(Member Mann left the meeting. 9:13 p.m.)

h. Discuss and decide upon the content of an RFP for a consultation agreement

Member Di Salvo presented a history on the “Request for Proposal” (RFP) that would look at hiring an outside consulting firm to assess and evaluate the alternative education department and make recommendations for improvement and commendations for what is working well. Board members deliberated and Dr. Weis and Dr. Dritz answered questions

(Member Ho left the meeting. 9:25 p.m.)

MOTION #2051-13 by member Beauchman that staff draft an RFP, which would review the SCCOE’s alternative education program, and present the RFP draft to the Board at the March 3 meeting. Vice President Mah seconded the motion and it carried 5-0-2 with members Mann and Ho absent.

Recess

The Board broke for recess at 9:38 p.m. and reconvened into Open Session at 9:47 p.m.

11. INFORMATION

a. Update – Alternative Schools

Lorrie Amezquita, Association of County Educators (ACE), spoke about her concern on a Head Start position posting process.

The following individuals expressed their concerns regarding safety and facility issues at alternative education school sites:

- Steve Trujillo, ACE
- Betsy Barrón, ACE

Dr. Weis and Dr. Dritz answered questions from the Board.

b. Update on the SJ2020 Initiative

This item was tabled to the February 3 meeting.

(Member Howard left the meeting. 10:23 p.m.)

c. Review Board Subcommittee Assignments

President Song presented the 2010 subcommittee assignments of the Board.

d. County Committee on School District Organization

Dr. Weis presented an update on the activities of the County Committee on School District Organization.

e. Board Committee Reports

Leon Beauchman

Joint Legislative Advisory Committee (JLAC)

Juvenile Justice System Collaborative (JJSC)

- Attended a JLAC meeting before the January 13 Board meeting
- Attended a JJSC meeting

f. County Board of Education Member Reports

Joseph Di Salvo

- Mentioned his blog on earthquake preparedness

Grace Mah

- Working actively on the charter school task force
- Attended an English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC) meeting

Leon Beauchman

- Attended a Silicon Valley Leadership Group (SVLG) committee meeting
- Attended a San Jose Chamber of Commerce Education Committee meeting

Anna Song

- Attended an Autism project PTA holiday event
- Attended an ACE Executive Board meeting

i. County Superintendent's Report:

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

- Letter dated December 11, 2009 from Peter Fagen, of Fagen Friedman & Fulfroost, LLP to Dr. Weis, thanking Dr. Weis for participating in a presentation at the California School Boards Association conference with Kathy McKee.
- Letter dated December 16, 2009 from Rabbi Jay Miller, Executive Director of Peninsula Clergy Network to Dr. Weis, thanking Dr. Weis for participating in the Peninsula Clergy Network Clergy/Civic Leader Dialogue on education.
- Letter dated December 23, 2009 from Jeffrey Smith, County Executive and Sheila Mitchell, Chief Probation Officer of the County of Santa Clara, Office of the County Executive to Dr. Weis, announcing that the County Probation Dept has received notification from the State Corrections Standards Authority that its grant application to implement a Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Support Project has been awarded.
- Update on East Side FCMAT AB139 Study
- Attendance & Enrollment for Community Schools – reports dated: November 18, 2009 to December 16, 2009
- Silicon Valley Reads' Selected 2010 Book, "In Defense of Food", Michael Pollan
- Race to the Top Report:
 - Charter Schools that have Applied for RTT Funds:
 - Bullis
 - Rocketship Mateo Sheedy
 - Rocketship Si Se Puede
 - University Prep Academy
 - 745 LEAS have officially signed on to California's RTT program – a number exceeding most expectations (SI&A)
- ASAM Reports posted on the CDE web site
- Dr. Weis filmed on Class Action – program on education
- Bullis Charter School was added to the honor roll of the California Business for Education Excellence

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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