

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

APPROVED
Regular Meeting #2060
Board Room
Teleconference Location:
Residential Address:
1637N 750W, Jasper, IN, 47546
June 2, 2010
5:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

a. Roll Call

Members Present:

Grace Mah, Area 1

T.N. Ho, Area 2

Joseph Di Salvo, Area 4

Anna Song, Area 5

Craig Mann, Area 6

Jane Howard, Area 7 (*joined the meeting via teleconference @ 6:40 p.m.*)

Members Absent:

Leon Beauchman, Area 3

Helen Yu, Student Board Member

Ricardo Gonzalez, Student Board Member

Member Ho respectfully asked the Santa Clara County Board of Education to dedicate the June 2 meeting in memory of Abby Sobrato.

MOTION #2060-1 by member Ho that the June 2, 2010 meeting be dedicated in memory of Abby Sobrato. Member Di Salvo seconded the motion and it carried 5-0-2 with members Howard and Beauchman absent.

Member Ho stated the following in Ms. Sobrato's memory:

Abby joined the Walden West Foundation 15 years ago, and served as its president until her untimely death last week.

She is credited as the driving force behind the construction of the swimming pool, cabin and stately lodge. Her vision of a state-of-the-art Walden West Science Center was bolstered by her tireless efforts to fundraise for the project. Abby and her husband, John, donated over a million dollars to the Science Center, and she developed countless donor contacts in support of the Center.

It was our good fortune to have Abby's support, inspiration and vision. We extend our sympathy to her family and friends.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

President Song asked Dr. Charles Weis, County Superintendent of Schools, to lead the pledge of allegiance.

c. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION #2060-2 by member Mann that the board adopt the agenda as presented. Vice President Mah seconded the motion and it carried 5-0-2 with members Howard and Beauchman absent.

2. SCCOE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH RECOGNITION: MIKE MCGAUGHEY, SUPERVISOR, MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS

Member Ho introduced Mike McGaughey, June's Employee of the Month. He noted Mike's contributions, presented a plaque and an engraved pen in recognition of his work, and introduced Cathy Grovenburg, Chief Business Officer, who spoke about Mike's active listening and problem solving skills. Mike thanked the Board for the recognition and acknowledged the contributions of the individuals he supervises.

3. RECOGNITION OF MIKE DELMONICO OF THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Dr. Weis and Vice President Mah presented Mike Delmonico, Santa Clara County Federal Credit Union, a sculpted ceramic piece for his office, in recognition of his thoughtful contributions to the SCCOE. Mr. Delmonico thanked the Board for the recognition and gave a brief history of the Santa Clara County Federal Credit Union's sponsored events for the SCCOE. He introduced his colleagues Andrea Boutte, Vice President of Marketing and Business Development, and Amador Torralba, Marketing Specialists and thanked them for all their contributions.

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

President Song opened the hearing for public comment.

Lorrie Amesquita, Association of County Educators, spoke on behalf of the Head Start teachers' concern on the recent Head Start teacher reassignments.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to the Board of Education.

6. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- a. Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 19, 2010 (#2059)
- b. Request Approval to Submit a Non-Competitive Grant to the Administration for Children and Families: Head Start Expansion, Year Two

MOTION #2060-3 by member Mann that the Board approve Consent Action Items 6.A. and 6.B. Vice President Mah seconded the motion and it carried 5-0-2 with members Howard and Beauchman absent.

7. STUDY ACTION ITEMS

- a. Request Adoption of English Language Learners (ELL) Textbooks

Dr. Cary Dritz, Deputy Superintendent, answered questions from the Board regarding the textbook selection process of the English Language Development program.

Betzy Barrón, Pathfinder Academy, spoke regarding the selection process on the ELL textbooks.

MOTION #2060-4 by member Di Salvo that the Board approve the adoption of the Gardes 9-12 EDGE Reading, Writing and Language textbook. Member Ho seconded the motion and it carried 5-0-2 with members Howard and Beauchman absent.

- b. Request Approval of Purchase Order Exceeding \$250,000 – Blade Server System

Dr. Kelly Calhoun, Chief Technology Officer, presented the key elements of the future technology plan of SCCOE. Dr. Calhoun and Phil Benfield, Senior Network Engineer, answered questions from the Board.

MOTION #2060-5 by member Mann that the Board approve the purchase order exceeding \$250,000 for a blade server system. Vice President Mah seconded the motion and it carried 5-0-2 with members Howard and Beauchman absent.

c. Request Approval of Purchase Order Exceeding \$100,000—Storage Area Network (SAN)

MOTION #2060-6 by member Mann that the Board approve the purchase order exceeding \$100,000 for a Storage Area Network (SAN). Vice President Mah seconded the motion and it carried 5-0-2 with members Howard and Beauchman absent.

d. Request Approval for the Submission of a San Jose B.E.S.T. (Bringing Everyone's Strengths Together) Competitive Grant

MOTION #2060-7 by member Mann that the Board approve the submission of a San Jose B.E.S.T. competitive grant. Member Di Salvo seconded the motion and it carried 5-0-2 with members Howard and Beauchman absent.

8. INFORMATION

a. Alternative Schools Update

Dr. Weis reviewed all items on the board transmittal to the Board and saved the discussion on the Alternative Schools budget Assumption until after public comments.

Loretta Ramos, SCCOE teacher, spoke on the lack of public inclusion on incident reports.

Betzy Barrón, Pathfinder teacher, spoke about teachers' concerns on the closing of the middle school and the placement of students into regular community schools in terms of safety and curriculum.

(Jane Howard joined the meeting via teleconference at 6:40 p.m.)

Dr. Weis continued his update and reported on the Alternative Education Department's Budget Study Session of May 25, 2010. He asked the Board for their direction on the Alternative Schools Department budget. Dr. Weis and Dr. Dritz answered questions from the Board.

The following individuals offered their input on student/teacher ratio:

- Loretta Ramos, SCCOE teacher
- Betzy Barrón, Pathfinder Academy
- Earl Thaxton, Osborne School
- Amy Senate, Osborne School

Board members continued their discussion on the budget development goals for the Alternative Schools program.

April Carlson, Association of County Educators (ACE) President, explained the reason why Head Start teachers felt they had been pressured into signing reassignment agreements.

b. Human Resources Summary

Mark Miller, Director of Human Resources, presented a human resources summary and answered questions.

c. County Committee on School District Organization

There were no updates on County Committee on School District Organization.

d. Board Committee Reports

Grace Mah

- Attended the Policy Review meeting

T.N. Ho

- Attended the Joint Legislative Advisory Committee meeting
- Attended the Head Start Policy Council meeting

Joseph Di Salvo

- Attended the Joint Legislative Advisory Committee meeting
- Attended the Policy Review meeting

Anna Song

- Attended the Policy Review meeting

e. County Board of Education Member Reports

Joseph Di Salvo

- Attended the funeral of Abby Sobrato
- Attended the West Ed kick-off meeting
- Participated in the Alternative Schools Department ArtsConnect event
- Attended the Distinguished School's event

Grace Mah

- Participated in the Campbell Union School District's 8th Grade School Exhibitions interview panel
- Participated in a Palo Alto middle school 8th Grade School Exhibitions interview panel
- Participated in the Alternative School Department ArtsConnect event
- Participated in the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) graduation
- Attended a meeting with Dr. Weis

T.N. Ho

- Attended the Distinguished School's event
- Participated in the Chief Business Officer interview panel
- Attended the West Ed kick-off meeting
- Spoke on Sing Tao Chinese Radio regarding API scores in Palo Alto and Cupertino schools

Craig Mann

- Announced his teaching credential completion
- Spoke on the critical issue of California losing teachers due to poor budget

Anna Song

- Attended the Alternative Schools Department Budget Session
- Attended a meeting with Dr. Weis

f. County Superintendent's Report:

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

- "Budget Pressure Heightens South Bay Charter-School District Disputes," Mercury News, June 2, 2010
- GAO Audit on Head Start programs, eligibility requirements

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Discussion on how to increase the number of math teachers in Silicon Valley – July (requested by Joseph Di Salvo)
- Charter Schools Updates (requested by Board)
- Branch Department Updates (requested by Grace Mah)
- Conduct a board meeting at an SCCOE community school site (requested by Grace Mah)
- Setting a date for a governance workshop meeting (requested by Grace Mah)

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned in memory of Abby Sobrato at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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