

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

APPROVED  
Regular Meeting #2047  
Board Room  
October 7, 2009  
5:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Mann called the meeting to order at 5:05 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

**Trustees Absent:**

Jane Howard, Area 7

MOTION #2047-1 by President Mann that the Board approve the absence of member Howard. Vice President seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Howard absent.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

President Mann asked Vijaya Verma, Employee of the Month, to led the pledge of allegiance.

c. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION #2047-2 by member Di Salvo to adopt agenda as presented. Member Mah seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Howard absent.

2. RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH: VIJAYA VERMA, SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER OF SEVERE DISABILITIES, SANTA TERESA CLUSTER, STUDENT SERVICES BRANCH

Member Mah introduced Vijaya Verma, October's Employee of the Month. She noted Vijaya's contributions, presented a plaque and an engraved pen in recognition of her work, and introduced Carolina Lluria, Principal at Santa Teresa School, who spoke of Vijaya being a master at all she does and a great mentor. Vijaya thanked her colleagues and friends for the recognition.

3. PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing on the Charter School Petition for Downtown College Prep-Alum Rock Charter School

President Mann 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.

Dr. Jennifer Andaluz, lead petitioner for Downtown College Prep – Alum Rock Charter School, gave a presentation on the merits of the petition:

The following individuals spoke in support of Downtown College Prep – Alum Rock Charter School:

- Kenya Chavez, student at Downtown College Preparatory (DCP)
- Maggie Villavalzo, DCP alumni
- Juanita Chavez, DCP parent
- Mark Walker, Applied Materials, corporate partner of DCP
- The Honorable Rebecca Morgan, Morgan Family Foundation
- Jose Luna, DCP student

Board members asked clarifying questions.

Recess

The Board broke for recess at 6:12 p.m. and convened into Open Session at 6:20 p.m.

4. CLOSED SESSION

The Board convened into Closed Session at 6:22 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 – 9:01 p.m.

5. REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

President Mann reported that, in the matter of Agenda Item 4, "*Public Employee Performance Evaluation, Title: County Superintendent of Schools*" there were no reportable actions.

6. 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.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Letter dated September 21, 2009 addressed to President Mann and the Board of Education from Patricia Mahan, Mayor and Jennifer Sparacino, City Manager of Santa Clara City, requesting that the SCCOE fully evaluate the merits of a request of the neighborhood bounded by Saratoga Avenue, Winchester Blvd, Pruneridge Avenue and Stevens Creek Blvd, to change school district boundaries from the Campbell Union School Districts to the Santa Clara Unified School District.

Dr. Cary Dritz, Deputy Superintendent, answered questions from the Board regarding Mayor Mahan and Ms. Sparacino's request.

8. CONSENT ACTION ITEM

- a) Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 16, 2009 (#2046)
- b) Approval of County Superintendent's Monthly Expenses
- c) Request Acceptance of Grant Award Notifications
- d) Request Approval of Purchase Order Exceeding \$100,000

MOTION #2047-3 by Vice President Song that the Board approve Consent Action Items A through D. Member Mah seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Howard absent.

9. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION

- a. Conduct a Public Hearing and Request Adoption of Resolution Regarding Sufficiency of Textbooks and Instructional Materials

President Mann opened the hearing for public comment. No one wished to address the Board.

MOTION #2047-4 by Vice President Song that the Board adopt the resolution regarding sufficiency of textbooks and instructional materials. Member Mah seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Howard Absent.

The resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

NAES: -none-

ABSENT: member Howard

ABSTAIN: -none-

b. Public Hearing on 2009-10 Gann Appropriations Limit and Adoption of Resolution Establishing 2009-10 Gann Appropriations Limit

President Mann opened the hearing for public comment. No one wished to address the Board.

Doug Coffman, Director of Internal Business Services provided some background on the 2009-10 Gann Appropriations Limit.

MOTION #2047-5 by member Ho that the Board adopt the resolution establishing 2009-10 Gann Appropriations Limit. Member Beauchman seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Howard absent.

The resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

NAES: -none-

ABSENT: member Howard

ABSTAIN: -none-

10. STUDY ACTION ITEMS

a. Adopt the Budget Revisions for the Period Ending August 31, 2009

Mr. Coffman provided an overview of budget revisions for the period ending August 31, 2009 and answered questions.

MOTION #2047-6 by member Di Salvo that the Board adopt the budget revisions for the period ending August 31, 2009. Vice President Song seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Howard absent.

b. Accept the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending August 31, 2009

Mr. Coffman presented the monthly financial report for the period ending August 31, 2009.

MOTION #2047-7 by member Beauchman that the Board accept the monthly financial report for the period ending August 31, 2009. Vice President Song seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Howard absent.

c. Approve Notice to Release Retained Funds for Foundry Portable Project

Dr. Dritz reported that all issues and concerns regarding the Foundry Portable Project have been resolved. He met with Jim Holmer of Local 270; Joe Solozarno of Foundation for Fair Contracting (FFC); Joe Cassibba and Joe Beretta of Santa Clara County Office of Education; and Kathy Lobb of Western Contracting Services (WCS). Dr. Dritz also had a phone conversation with Neil Struthers, CEO of Building and Trades Council of Santa Clara and San Benito Counties. All agreed to release retained funds for the Foundry Portable Project.

MOTION #2047-8 by Member Di Salvo that the Board approve the notice to release retained funds for the Foundry Portable Project. Member Ho seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Howard absent.

CHANGE IN AGENDA

11. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. 2008-09 Annual Financial Report with Unaudited Actuals through June 30, 2009

Mr. Coffman provided an overview of the final 2008-09 report, which included unaudited actual revenues, expenditures and fund balances and answered questions from the Board.

10. STUDY ACTION ITEMS

d. Request Approval of Bylaws for the Santa Clara County School Attendance Review Board (SARB)

Dr. Dritz presented background on the role of the County School Attendance Review Board and Joe Fimiani, Chief Schools Officer, answered questions.

MOTION #2047-9 by Vice President Song that the Board approve the Bylaws for the Santa Clara County School Attendance Review Board. Member Di Salvo seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Howard absent.

11. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

b. Santa Clara County Board of Education's Quarterly Expenses

President Mann announced the Santa Clara County Board of Education's quarterly expenses.

c. Board Members Report on Visitations and Interactions with District Boards

MOTION #2047-10 by member Mah that the Board table 'Board members Report on Visitations and Interactions with District Boards' to the October 21 meeting. Vice President Song seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Howard absent.

d. County Committee on School District Organization

Dr. Dritz provided a written report on the activities of the County Committee on School District Organization.

e. Board Committee Reports

Anna Song

Policy Development Subcommittee

- Attended a Policy Development meeting today (October 7)

Grace Mah

Head Start Policy Council

- Attended a several Head Start Policy Council meetings and will forward a status report to Board members

Leon Beauchman

California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly

California County Board of Education (CCBE) Board of Directors

Juvenile Justice System Collaborative (JJSC)

- Announced the upcoming December CSBA Delegate Assembly meeting
- Attended a recent CCBE meeting in Monterey, CA
- Member Beauchman mentioned that he was not able to attend today's (October 7) JJSC committee meeting – Mr. Fimiani who was able to attend, provided an update to the Board

h. County Board of Education Member Reports

Joseph Di Salvo

- Attended the Bay Area Municipal Elections Commission (BAYMEC) dinner where an award was presented to U.S. Representative Mike Honda
- Spoke regarding his blog on LGBT issues— middle school students
- Attended a Lincoln High School foundation dinner
- Visited SCCOE's Snell School site
- Attended the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Santa Clara County Teacher Recognition ceremony
- Met with Dr. Weis and Vice President Song on issues that arose regarding the Charter School Task Force

Grace Mah

- Attended a preschool working group meeting
- Attended Head Start's risk management, parent policy council, and planning task force meetings
- Attended the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Santa Clara County Teacher Recognition ceremony

T.N. Ho

- Attended the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Santa Clara County Teacher Recognition ceremony
- Attended a teacher recognition event of the Association of Northern California Chinese Schools
- Gave a speech at Home of Christ Church about UC admission changes

Leon Beauchman

- Attended a First Act Silicon Valley presentation of prospective programs
- Attended a Santa Clara County Alliance of Black Educators meeting and announced the alliance's upcoming October 20<sup>th</sup> event at SCCOE
- Attended the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Santa Clara County Teacher Recognition ceremony

Anna Song

- Met with Dr. Weis and Joseph Di Salvo on issues that arose regarding the Charter School Task Force

Craig Mann

- Attended and participated in the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Santa Clara County Teacher Recognition ceremony
- Announced his completion of his first teacher performance assessment

g. County Superintendent's Report:

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

- Announced an upcoming board item for the October 21 meeting – public hearing and approval of a waiver to the State Board of Education to strike out a section of the Education Code to release SCCOE's basic aide tax revenue
- SJ2020 Roll out, October 29 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the San Jose City Council Chamber
- Announced the upcoming paperless board meetings
- Announced that the Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent and Chiefs front parking space has now been changed to 20-Minute parking stalls

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
  - Alternative Schools –New Vision, November 18
  
13. ADJOURNMENT  
The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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