

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

APPROVED
Regular Meeting #2072
San Jose Conference Room
Open Session at 5:30 p.m.
February 2, 2011

1. Call to Order

President Di Salvo called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present:

Grace Mah, Area 1
Michael Chang, Area 2
Leon Beauchman, Area 3
Joseph Di Salvo, Area 4
Anna Song, Area 5
Craig Mann, Area 6
Julia Hover-Smoot, Area 7

b. Pledge of Allegiance

President Di Salvo asked Arman Akhenaton to lead the pledge of allegiance.

President Di Salvo announced the resignation of student board member Damariz Reyes. Member Hover-Smoot read Damariz's resignation letter (*attached*).

Member Song and President Di Salvo requested a meeting with Damariz Reyes. They requested to meet with her by the end of February.

President Di Salvo asked for a moment of silence in memory of Sam LaCara, Principal at Louisiana Schnell School in Placerville.

President Di Salvo dedicated the meeting to Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass and Frances Teresa Di Salvo (President Di Salvo's mother).

c. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION #2072-1 by member Mann that the Board approve the agenda as presented. Member Song seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2. Employee of the Month Recognition: Monica Dvorsky, Network Enterprise Engineer, Information Systems Center

Member Chang introduced Monica Dvorsky, February's Employee of the Month. He noted Monica's contributions. Monica will be receiving a plaque and an engraved pen in recognition of her work. Member Chang introduced Phil Benfield, senior network engineer (Monica's supervisor), who spoke of Monica's professionalism and outstanding customer service skills. Monica thanked everyone for the recognition and recognized her colleagues and family.

3. Student Board Member Report

There was no student board member report.

4. County Superintendent Report

- a. Best Source Justification for County Committee Services—Ed Tec
- b. Attendance and Enrollment for Community Schools: December 8, 2010 through January 26, 2010
- c. Memo from Ana Trujillo, Director of Head Start/Early Start, dated January 24, 2011, subject: Follow-up to January 12, 2011 Board Meeting – Head Start Student Observations

Member Song requested additional information on the process for choosing EdTec. President Di Salvo thanked Bruce Houseman, Conference Center Coordinator, for his assistance in setting up the San Jose conference room for board meetings, which is a work in progress.

5. Public Comments of Persons Desiring to Address the Board or to Present Petitions

There were no public comments.

6. Correspondence

- Letter from Nancy Markowitz, Professor and Lurie College, Director from Education Center for Reaching & Teaching the Whole Child, dated February 1, 2011, subject: Support for Communitas High School Charter petition

7. Consent Action Items

- a. Request Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting of January 7, 2011 (#2070-S1)
- b. Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of January 12, 2011
- c. Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of January 19, 2011
- d. Request Approval of Superintendent's December 2010 Expenses

MOTION #2072-2 by member Mann that the Board approve Consent Action Items 7.A. through 7.D. Member Beauchman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

8. Public Hearings

- a. Public Hearing on the Charter School Petition for Communitas Charter High School

President Di Salvo explained the hearing process and invited staff to present a report on Communitas Charter High School petition. Dr. Lucretia Peebles, Director of Charter Schools, presented the report.

Lead petitioners, Theodore Timpson, Matt Mazerik and Peeyush Jain, spoke on the merits of Communitas Charter High School.

Board members asked clarifying questions.

The following individuals spoke in support of Communitas Charter High School:

- Yasheen Husain, parent
- Shelly McCarthy, parent
- Cydney Abatecda, parent
- Dalila Rojas, parent
- Kate Grant, parent
- Mimi Lawler, teacher
- Laura Whitmore, parent
- Marisa Whitmore, student
- Michelle Baker, parent
- Elijah Mohsin, student
- Lisa Mingus, parent
- Scott Pynu, parent
- Maria Laughlin, parent
- Barbara Knaster, Communitas Founder
- Rika Pennigton, parent
- Susan Miller, parent
- Bruce Smith, Communitas supporter
- Alicia DeValliere, parent

Board members continued their discussion on the Communitas Charter High School petition.

The Board broke for recess at 7:30 p.m. and reconvened into open session at approximately 7:42 p.m.

b. Public Hearing on the Charter School Petition for San Jose Charter Academy

President Di Salvo explained the hearing process and invited staff to present a report on San Jose Charter Academy. Dr. Peebles presented the report.

Lead petitioner, Nedir Bey, spoke on the merits of San Jose Charter Academy.

Board members asked clarifying questions.

9. Public Hearing and Action

a. Public Hearing and the Santa Clara County Board of Education's Approval for Santa Clara County Office of Education's General Waiver Request for an Extension of School Accountability Report Card (SARC) Posting February 1, 2011 Timeline

County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Charles Weis, briefly explained the SCCOE's general waiver request for an extension of School Accountability Report Card posting February 1 timeline.

MOTION #2072-3 by member Song that the Board approve the SCCOE's general waiver request for an extension of School Accountability Report Card posting February 1 timeline. Vice President Chang seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

10. ACTION ITEMS

a. Authorize Board President to Appoint a Consultant to Assist Policy Committee Evaluation of First Reading of Board Policies 2000 & 9000

Member Mann provided a summary of his request. Board members deliberated.

MOTION #2072-4 by member Song that the Board authorize the Board President to appoint a legal consult to assist the Policy Committee to evaluate Board Policies 2000 & 9000 with a \$5,000 fee limit. Member Mann seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- b. Request Approval of Resolution in Support of February 2011 as National African American History Month

Member Beauchman read the resolution in support of February 2011 as National African American History Month. (*resolution attached*)

MOTION #2072-5 by member Song to approve the resolution in support of February 2011 as National African American History Month. Member Mah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. Regional Occupational Program (ROP) Course Sequences

David Matuszak, Director of Regional Occupational Program, presented the regional occupational program courses sequences and answered questions from the Board.

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

Board members reviewed their quarterly expenses.

- c. Board Committee Reports

Dr. Charles Weis

- Reported on the Budget Study Committee meeting of February 2, 2011

Julia Hover-Smoot

- Reported on the Joint Legislative Action Committee meeting of January 19, 2011

Anna Song

- Reported that there was a meeting of the Santa Clara County School Boards Association on January 19 but was not able to attend because of a Special Board meeting on that date

d. County Board of Education Member Reports

Grace Mah

- Attended Magnolia Charter School's lottery and open house
- Attended School, Innovations & Advocacy's (SI&A) budget workshop
- Attended a Hep B Free meeting – Asian and Pacific Islanders have the highest risk of hepatitis B (HBV) of any ethnic group
- Participated as a science fair judge at J L Stanford Middle School
- Attended a meeting with alternative school principals and staff (meeting on an open education program integrating social-emotional development including Discovery, Washington Open, McCulliffe and Ohlone)

Anna Song

- Provided the Board with the reason why she has not met with Magnolia Charter School representative at their request — member Song is awaiting an apology from Magnolia Charter School regarding the comments they made about her husband's public records request on Magnolia

Julia Hover-Smoot

- Visited ACE Charter School at the invitation of Greg Lippman, Executive Director of ACE

Leon Beauchman

- Reported on his SJ2020 activities with Don Bolce
- Provided the Board on upcoming events of the Santa Clara County Alliance of Black Educators – the annual Student Recognition event will be on April 10, 2011
- Recommended that board members take time to visit Camp Anytown in the Santa Cruz Mountains -- *(The intention of the camp is to focus the attention and learning capabilities of high school youth by taking them out of their daily environment to a secluded camp site, and guiding them through intense, interactive exercises that provoke immediate, deep insight and new-found understanding and empathy for others who are different.)*

Joseph Di Salvo

- Attended a Silicon Valley FACES breakfast meeting
- Visited NOVO Community School
- Announced an upcoming article in the Silicon Valley Community Newspapers that will feature member Di Salvo
- Thanked ACE teachers for their dinner invitation with the Service Center Council
- Announced his President's Advisory Council on eradicating bullying – topic to be discussed at the February 16 board meeting
- Met with SEIU Local 521 members

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Champions for Leadership Program (Grace Mah)
- Branch department updates, 3/2 (Grace Mah)
- Civil Grand Jury report on School District Consolidation (Joseph Di Salvo)
- Alternative Education budget, 2/16 (Joseph Di Salvo)
- Discussion on having a meeting between the County Board of Education and the County Board of Supervisors
- Audio & video streaming of board meetings, 2/16 (Joseph Di Salvo & Craig Mann)
- SJ2020, 2/16 (Leon Beauchman)

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m. in memory of Berresford “Berry” Bingham a community strength coordinator for SEIU 1021, a Democratic party activist and a former school board member of the Alameda Unified School District from 1994-2002.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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