

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

APPROVED  
Regular Meeting #2074  
San Jose Conference Room  
Open Session at 5:30 p.m.  
March 2, 2011

1. Call to Order

President Di Salvo called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present:

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

Member(s) Absent:

Leon Beauchman, Area 3

President Di Salvo announced that member Beauchman had requested to be excused from the March 2, 2011 meeting due to his attendance at a rotary meeting.

MOTION #2074-1 by member Mann that the Board excuse member Beauchman from the March 2, 2011 meeting. Member Mah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

President Di Salvo asked April Carlson, President of the Association of County Educators (ACE), to lead the pledge of allegiance in honor of what is going on in Wisconsin and the importance of the teachers.

c. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION #2074-2 by member Song that the Board approve the agenda as presented. Member Mann seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2. Employee of the Month Recognition: Sandi Yellenberg, Coordinator of Science Curriculum & Instruction

Member Hover-Smoot introduced Sandi Yellenberg, March's Employee of the Month. She noted Sandi's contributions, presented a plaque and an engraved pen in recognition of her work and introduced Linda Aceves, Chief Academic Officer, who spoke of Sandi's incredible contributions and passion for science concepts. Ms. Aceves introduced Edith Mourtos, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, who described Sandi as viral, collaborative and caring. Sandi thanked everyone for the recognition and introduced her family.

President Di Salvo also dedicated this meeting to the late Daniel Lairon, former principal of Seven Trees Elementary School (now named Daniel Lairon Elementary) in the Franklin McKinley School District.

3. County Superintendent Report

- Attendance & Enrollment for Community Schools, January 18, 2011 – February 16, 2011
- Announced the upcoming March 16, 2011 Budget Study Committee meeting
- Announced his upcoming participation in an informational hearing of the Assembly Education Committee on the implementation of the common core state standards –Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at 1:30 p.m., in Sacramento

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

The following individuals spoke about the paperwork issue in Head Start:

- Lorrie Amezquita, teacher
- Deborah Graham, teacher

5. Correspondence

- Correspondence from Ed Richards of Santa Clara via the SCCOE's website, RE: A request for the Board to 'shelve for a time' the subject of web streaming meetings due to these uncertain economic times

6. Consent Action Items
  - a. Request Approval of Minutes of Special Board Meeting of February 9, 2011 (#2072-S1)
  - b. Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of February 16, 2011 (#2073)

MOTION #2074-3 by member Mann that the Board approve Consent Action Items 6.A. and 6.B. Vice President Chang seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

7. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Decision on the Charter School Petition for Communitas Charter High School

President Di Salvo explained the decision process and Dr. Lucretia Peebles, Director of the Charter Schools Department, presented a staff report on Communitas Charter High School.

Petitioners Theodore Timpson, Steven Fitz and Peeyush Jain, responded to the finding in the staff report.

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

- Matt Hammer, community leader
- Monica Nunez, parent
- Julie Walukiewicz, teacher
- Wendy Chellew, teacher
- Laura Reeve, school administrator
- Shelly McCarthy, parent
- Doreen Williams, teacher
- Matthew Rada, student
- Thomas Rada, student
- Laura Whitmore, parent
- Michelle Baker, parent
- Alicia DeValliere, parent
- Barbara Knaster, parent

Board members asked clarifying questions.

*(The Board broke for recess @ 7:26 p.m. and reconvened into Open Session at 7:32 p.m.)*

Board members deliberated and asked the petitioners if they would consider a 30-day extension to work out the Board's concerns in the charter petition. Petitioners requested a 10-minute recess to consider the request.

*(The Board broke for recess @ 7:37 p.m. and reconvened into Open Session at 7:48 p.m.)*

Board members and petitioners agreed to place the decision of the Charter School petition for Communitas Charter High School on the March 16, 2011 agenda.

b. Decision on the Charter School Petition for San Jose Charter Academy

President Di Salvo explained the decision process and Dr. Lucretia Peebles, Director of the Charter Schools Department, presented a staff report on San Jose Charter Academy.

Petitioners Natalie Payton and Nadar Bey, responded to the findings in the staff report.

The Board asked for clarifying questions and deliberated.

MOTION #2074-4 by Vice President Chang to deny the charter school petition for San Jose Charter Academy. Member Hover-Smoot seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Beauchman absent.

c. Request Approval of Submission of the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Competitive Grant Application

MOTION #2074-5 by member Mann to approve the submission of the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Competitive grant application. Member Song seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Beauchman absent.

d. Request Adoption of HOLT Life and Earth Sciences Textbooks: Grades 9-12

MOTION #2074-6 by member Mann to approve the adoption of HOLT Life and Earth Sciences Textbooks: Grades 9-12. Member Hover-Smoot seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Beauchman absent.

e. Request Approval of Resolution to Provide Temporary Loans to School Districts

Kenneth Shelton, Chief Business Officer, answered questions from the Board.

MOTION #2074-7 by member Mann to adopt the resolution for short-term cash loans to school districts in Santa Clara County. Member Hover-Smoot seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Beauchman absent.

f. Request Approval of the Selection of the Santa Clara County Office of Education's Independent Financial Auditor: Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP

MOTION #2074-8 by member Mann to approve the selection of independent financial auditor: Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP. Member Hover-Smoot seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Beauchman absent.

g. Request Approval of Purchase Order Exceeding \$250,000

Dr. Weis presented a summary on purchase orders exceeding \$250,000 for the McCollam Elementary School project found in Action Items 7.G through 7.L.

MOTION #2074-9 by member Mann to approve the purchase order exceeding \$250,000 for Rodan Builders. Member Hover-Smoot seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Beauchman absent.

h. Request Approval of Purchase Order Exceeding \$250,000

MOTION #2074-10 by member Mann to approve purchase order exceeding \$250,000 for Best Electric. Member Mah seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Beauchman absent.

i. Request Approval of Purchase Order Exceeding \$250,000

MOTION #2074-11 by member Mah to approve purchase order exceeding \$250,000 for Foothill Mechanical. Member Mann seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Beauchman absent.

j. Request Approval of Purchase Order Exceeding \$250,000

MOTION #2074-12 by member Song to approve purchase orders exceeding \$250,000 for Robert A. Bothman Co, JJ Albanese, and MK Pipelines in Action Items 7.J. through 7.L. Member Mann seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Beauchman absent.

k. Request Approval of Purchase Order Exceeding \$250,000

See vote on Action Item 7.J. above.

l. Request Approval of Purchase Order Exceeding \$250,000

See vote on Action Item 7.J. above.

m. Request Travel Reimbursement and Conference Registration Approval for Board Members to Attend the Silicon Valley Latino Report Card Conference on March 18, 2011

President Di Salvo presented his request for board members to attend the Silicon Valley Latino Report Card conference on March 18, 2011.

MOTION #2074-13 by member Song that the board approve travel reimbursement and conference registration approval for board members to attend the Silicon Valley Latino Report Card conference on March 28, 2011. Member Mann seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Beauchman absent.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Discussion of Board Priorities for the Year

This item was tabled

b. SCCOE Board Budget and Expenditure Patterns

This item was tabled.

c. Board Committee Reports

There were no reports.

d. County Board of Education Member Reports

There were no reports.

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Champions for Leadership Program (Grace Mah)
- Branch department updates, (Grace Mah)
- Civil Grand Jury report on School District Consolidation (Joseph Di Salvo)
- Alternative Education budget, 3/16 (Joseph Di Salvo)
- Discussion on having a meeting between the County Board of Education and the County Board of Supervisors
- Superintendent Contract Extension (Board of Education)

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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