

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

APPROVED  
Regular Meeting #2062  
Board Room  
July 21, 2010  
5:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Song called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

a. Roll Call

Members 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 approximately 5:40 p.m.)

b. Pledge of Allegiance

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

c. Adoption of Agenda

President Song informed the Board that the parents of the student appellant, regarding Item #4 “*The Board will hear an Expulsion Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student (Resident District: Evergreen School District)*”, have requested to move the hearing to Closed Session.

MOTION #2062-1 by member Ho that the board adopt the agenda with requested change. Member Beauchman seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Howard absent.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS TO *fit for learning*<sup>™</sup> PROGRAM

Dr. Weis accepted two checks totaling over \$5,000 in support of the Santa Clara County Office of Education’s *fit for learning* program from Carl Guardino, President and CEO of Silicon Valley Leadership Group and Kerry Adams-Hapner, City of San Jose.

3. DR. WEIS WILL INTRODUCE DR. MAURICE GHYSELS, NEWLY HIRED CHIEF SCHOOLS OFFICER

Dr. Weis introduced Dr. Maurice Ghysels, newly hired Chief Schools Officer, and provided a background on his career. Dr. Ghysels thanked everyone for a warm welcome and stated it was a privilege and an honor to be chosen for the position of Chief Schools Officer.

4. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 5:12 p.m. to hear the following item:

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

5. The Board continued in Closed Session to deliberate on the Expulsion Appeal filed on Behalf of Student (Resident District: Evergreen School District)

*(Member Howard arrived at the meeting at approximately 5:40 p.m.)*

*(Member Mann left the meeting at approximately 6:00 p.m.)*

OPEN SESSION – 6:57 p.m.

6. REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

President Song reported that, in the matter of Agenda Item 4.A. “*Expulsion Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student (Resident District: Evergreen School District)*”, the County Board of Education voted unanimously, MOTION #2062-2, (with member Howard abstaining because she was not present for the full hearing and member Mann absent) to affirm the decision of the district’s governing board. The County Board of Education found no basis to reverse the decision or grant a de novo hearing. Accordingly, there is also no basis to order a remand.

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

No one wished to address the Board or Dr. Weis.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- Email from John Briscoe, Dated June 29, 2010, titled: Attention: Don't Violate CA Law using Public Email Property for Private/Political Use
- Email from Chris Stampolis, Dated July 2, 2010, titled: Written Communication to the board: Magnolia Science Academy—Santa Clara
- Email from Dr. Charles Weis (send by Carmen Aminzadeh), Dated July 7, 2010, titled: FW: Written Communication to the Board: Magnolia Science Academy—Santa Clara
- Letter from member Mann, Dated June 15, 2010, addressed to the Board of Education and Dr. Weis, Subject: Letter of Apology

9. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- a. Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 16, 2010 (#2061)
- b. Request Approval for the Submission of \$100,000 Non-Competitive Grant Application to the David and Lucille Packard Foundation in Collaboration with the Bounce Network
- c. Request Approval for the Submission of a High School Graduation Initiative Competitive Grant
- d. Request Approval for the Submission of Carol M. White Physical Education Program (PEP) Competitive Grant
- e. Request Adoption of Resolution and Approval and Signature of Federal Certifications
- f. Request Adoption of Resolution for Signature Authorizations on Contract Between the California Department of Education (CDE) and the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE)
- g. Request Approval for the Submission of a Competitive Grant to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Head Start (OHS): Early Learning Mentor Coaches—ARRA Grant

Member Di Salvo requested that Consent Item 9.C. “Request Approval for the Submission of a High School Graduation Initiative Competitive Grant” be pulled for discussion.

MOTION #2062-3 by member Ho that the Board approve Consent Action Items A-B and D-G. Vice President Mah seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Mann absent.

Dr. Cary Dritz, Deputy Superintendent, answered questions from the Board regarding the submission of a high school graduation initiative competitive grant.

MOTION #2062-4 by member Beauchman that the Board approve the submission of a high school graduation initiative competitive grant. Vice President Mah seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Mann absent.

10. STUDY ACTION ITEMS

a. Request Adoption of the Budget Revisions for the Period Ending May 31, 2010

MOTION #2062-5 by Vice President Mah that the Board adopt the budget revisions for the period ending May 31, 2010. Member Beauchman seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Mann absent.

b. Request to Accept the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending May 31, 2010

Doug Coffman, Director of Internal Business Services, answered questions.

MOTION #2062-6 by member Howard that the Board accept the monthly financial report for the period ending May 31, 2010. Vice President Mah seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Mann absent.

c. South Bay Preparatory Charter School: Review of Status of Charter School's Remediation of Violations of Its Charter Petition and Possible Issuance of Notice of Intent to Revoke Charter

Dr. Weis explained that South Bay Preparatory School Board of Trustees approved a resolution at its board meeting of July 15, 2010 to close the school effective June 30, 2010 and recommends that the Board continue with the revocation of South Bay Preparatory Charter School.

MOTION #2062-7 by member Di Salvo that the Board issue a Notice of Intent to Revoke South Bay Prep's charter, pursuant to Education Code Section 47607 (d). Member Beauchman seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Mann absent.

d. Request Approval of the 2010-2011 Consolidated Application, Part I

Dr. Weis provided an overview of the 2010-2011 Consolidated Application, Part I.

MOTION #2062-8 by member Ho that the Board approve the 2010-2011 Consolidated Application, Part I. Member Howard seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Mann absent.

e. Request Approval to Carry Over Head Start Funds to Program Year 2010-2011

Ana Trujillo, Director of the Head Start Program, answered questions from the Board.

MOTION #2062-9 by member Ho that the Board approve to carry over Head Start funds to program year 2010-2011. Member Beauchman seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Mann absent.

f. Request Adoption of Resolution in Support of the California Jobs Budget

Dr. Weis discussed the resolution in support of the California Jobs Budget and board members deliberated.

MOTION #2062-10 by member Di Salvo that the Board approve the resolution in support of the California Jobs Budget. Member Beauchman seconded the motion and it failed 3-0-3-1 with Vice President Mah and members Howard and Ho abstaining and member Mann absent.

g. Request Adoption of Resolution in Support of Robles-Wong vs. California, Litigation Challenging the State's School Finance System

Vice President Mah provided background information on the resolution in support of Robles-Wong vs. California, which she had requested be brought to the Board for consideration.

MOTION #2062-11 by member Howard that the Board adopt the resolution in support of Robles-Wong vs. California. Vice President Mah seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Mann absent.

h. Consider Sanctions Against Board Member Craig Mann

Pam Parker, Board Trustee, Campbell Union High School District, expressed her concern on member Mann's comments about SCCOE employees and believes member Mann breached the Brown Act Law by sending emails regarding Dr. Weis' employment to all Board members, community leaders and the media.

Angie Cardoza, read a letter on behalf of Teresa Alvarado, resident of Oakgrove School District, stating Ms. Alvarado's concern over member Mann's public behavior.

Rogelio Ruiz from Rehon and Roberts (Board's attorney) briefed the Board on the process of censuring a board member and answered questions.

Board Members deliberated. President Song requested that member Mann receive an audio copy of Study Action 10.H. of the July 21 meeting.

MOTION #2062-12 by member Ho that President Song provide a formal notice to member Mann regarding a special meeting on August 25 to consider sanctions against member Mann, at which time member Mann will have an opportunity to rebut the allegations. Vice President Mah seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Mann absent.

Recess

*(Member Ho left the meeting at approximately 8:50 p.m.)*

The Board broke for recess at 8:48 p.m. and reconvened into Open Session at 8:55 p.m.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Alternative Schools Update

Dr. Weis and Dr. Cary Dritz, Deputy Superintendent, reported on the 2010-2011 community school programs, staffing, budget implications, professional development and the recruitment process for the Director of Alternative Education and answered questions from the Board.

b. Discussion on Hiring Process and Policy

Board members reviewed and discussed materials presented on the hiring process and policy and requested that additional recruitment postings be added to SSCOE's recruitment postings list.

c. Discussion on Human Resources Policy on Teacher Evaluation Process, Personnel Files and Non-Reelect Process

Laura Kidwiler, Chief Human Resources Officer, answered questions from the Board regarding policies on the teacher evaluation process, personnel files and on the non-reelect process.

d. County Committee on School District Organization

There were no reports.

e. Board Committee Reports

Grace Mah

- Has not attended a Policy Development Subcommittee meeting but attended a “policy review meeting” with the California School Boards Association (CSBA) — policies that have been reviewed at this meeting will be brought to a Policy Development meeting.

Leon Beauchman

- Announced an upcoming teleconference with the California County Boards of Education (CCBE) members regarding the upcoming CCBE meeting in October

f. County Board of Education Member Reports

Jane Howard

- Working on broadening Gilroy Gardens’ “Science Days K-2” program in Santa Clara County – member Howard is a board member of Gilroy Gardens
- Working on the Garlic Festival event

Joseph Di Salvo

- Announced his upcoming meeting with Laura Kidwiler on the topic of increasing math teachers in Santa Clara County
- Attended a planning meeting for the next roundtable of the Charter School Task Force

Grace Mah

- Participated in a professional ESL development program for ASD teachers
- Attended a West Ed forum
- Attended a new member orientation for LPC
- Attended a planning meeting for the next roundtable of the Charter School Task Force
- Attended the Early Learning Quality Improvement Rating System (ELQIRS) town hall meeting at Franklin-McKinley regarding the quality improvement system for early child education
- Attended a Magnolia Charter School information meeting

Leon Beauchman

- Attended a Juvenile Justice Systems Collaborative meeting

f. County Superintendent's Report:

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

- June 16, 2010 – Head Start Monthly Reports to the Board
- June 24, 2010 – Letter from Catherine Atkin, President of Preschool California, thanking Dr. Weis for speaking at their annual Early Learning Advocacy Day gathering on June 15 in Sacramento.
- June 2, 2010 – Letter from Patti Yomantas, Chair of Special Committee for Arts Education of the California State PTA, thanking Dr. Weis for speaking at the 111<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention.
- June 7, 2010 – Letter from Peter K. Fagen of Fagen Friedman & Fulfrost LLP, thanking Dr. Weis for his “tremendous leadership” provided to the Association of California School Administration (ACSA) during Dr. Weis’ ACSA presidency.
- July 1, 2010 – Letter from David Brown, Executive Director of Accrediting Commission for Schools, informing Melissa McGonegle, Principal of Rocketship Si Se Puede Academy that Rocketship has been granted initial accreditation during the WASC Summer Commission meeting.
- July 2010 – News article from The Chamber Advocate featuring Dr. Weis in the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Pioneers & Purpose event.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Discussion on how to increase the number of math teachers in Silicon Valley (Joseph Di Salvo)
- Strategic Planning Discussion (Anna Song & Grace Mah)
- Champions for Leadership Program (Grace Mah)
- Follow-Up Special Board Meeting on Governance – September 1 (Anna Song)
- Updates on Charter Schools – commencing fall of 2010
- Branch Department Updates – commencing fall of 2010

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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