

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

APPROVED  
Regular Meeting #2063  
Board Room  
August 11, 2010  
5:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Song called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

a. Roll Call

Members Present:

Grace Mah, Area 1

Leon Beauchman, Area 3 (*Arrived at approximately 5:07 p.m.*)

Joseph Di Salvo, Area 4

Anna Song, Area 5

Craig Mann, Area 6

Jane Howard, Area 7

Members Absent:

T.N. Ho, Area 2

President Song informed the Board that member Ho had requested to be excused from the August 11, 2010 meeting.

MOTION #2063-1 by member Mann that the Board approve member Ho's absence request for the August 11, 2010 meeting. Member Howard seconded the motion and it carried 5-0-2 with members Beauchman and Ho absent.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

President Song asked Vice President Mah to lead the pledge of allegiance.

c. Adoption of Agenda

Vice President Mah requested that Consent Action Item 6.B. be pulled for correction.

MOTION #2063-2 by member Howard that the Board adopt the agenda with requested change. Vice President Mah seconded the motion and it carried 5-0-2 with members Beauchman and Ho absent.

*(Member Beauchman arrived at the meeting at approximately 5:07 p.m.)*

2. CLOSED SESSION

a. Hearing

Subject Matter: Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student  
(Resident District: La Honda-Pescadero Unified in San Mateo County  
Desired District: Palo Alto Unified School District)

3. REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

President Song reported that in the matter of Closed Session Item 2.A.,  
*“Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student (Resident District: La Honda-Pescadero Unified in San Mateo County, Desired District: Palo Alto Unified School District”, there was a motion (#2063-3) by member Beauchman and seconded by member Howard, to uphold the appeal for the duration of high school attendance as long as the residence and mother’s work location remains the same, also citing Factor 12, “Other exceptional or extraordinary circumstances which would weigh heavily in favor of the appellate pupil.” Motion carried 5-1 with Vice President Mah voting no and member Ho absent.*

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

George Tyson, self, announced his candidacy for Trustee Area 2.

Alicia Salas, community member, taxpayer and voter in Trustee Area 6, thanked member Beauchman for bringing the censure issue regarding member Mann to the Board, and asked if it was the will of the Board to have legal counsel work on the censure procedure. Ms. Salas requested that the public be provided the cost of legal fees for the censure procedure at the August 25 Special Board meeting.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

6. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- a. Request Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting of July 8, 2010 (#2061-S1)
- b. Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of July 21, 2010 (#2062)
- c. Request Approval of Superintendent’s May and June 2010 Expenses

- d. Request Adoption of Resolution and Approval of Signature of Federal Certifications—Infant Toddler Resource
- e. Request Adoption of Resolution and Approval of Signature of Federal Certifications—PreKindergarten and Family Literacy Program
- f. Request Approval of Resolution to Withdraw from School’s Excess Liability Fund (SELF)
- g. Request Adoption of Resolution in Support of Repayment of Loan to Facilities Fund and Approve an Inter-Fund Transfer

MOTION #2063-4 by Vice President Mah that the Board approve Consent Action Items 6.A, and 6.C through 6.G. Member Howard seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Ho absent.

Board members discussed Consent Item 6.B. and requested corrections to the following: Vice President Mah requested corrections to the motion under Study Action Item 10.F. Motion should show Vice President Mah and members Howard and Ho *abstaining*. Vice President Mah requested correction to her board report under Information Item 11.F. Her report should read, “*Participated in a professional ESL development program for ASD teachers.*” Member Beauchman requested a correction to his committee report under Information Item 11.E.— his report should read: *Announced an upcoming teleconference with the California County Boards of Education (CCBE) members regarding the upcoming meeting in October.* President Song requested corrections to the motion under Study Action Item 10.G.—should read: *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.*

MOTION #2063-5 by member Beauchman that Consent Item 6.B. be approved with requested changes. Vice President Mah seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Ho absent.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Public Hearing on the Revocation of South Bay Preparatory Charter School’s Charter

President Song opened the hearing for public comment.

Dr. Weis provided an introduction to the public hearing on the revocation of South Bay Preparatory and Dr. Lucretia Peebles, Director of the Charter Schools Department, reported on staff findings.

Coleen Wagner, a founder of South Bay Prep, spoke regarding the unethical and fiscally irresponsible manner in which the board of South Bay Prep is managing the closure of the charter school. Ms. Wagner requested that the Santa Clara County Board of Education hire a consultant to oversee South Bay Prep’s closure.

Eileen McKenna, parent at South Bay Prep, spoke regarding the mis-handling of parents' pledges by South Bay Prep's board members.

Dr. Weis requested that the SCCOE look into seizing assets of South Bay Prep based on the new information received at the August 11 Board meeting.

8. STUDY ACTION ITEMS

a. Request Approval of the Santa Clara County Seal of Biliteracy Award

Dr. Weis provided an introduction to the Santa Clara County Seal of Biliteracy Award and Linda Aceves, Chief Academic Officer explained the award. Ms. Aceves and Dr. Yee Wan, Coordinator of English Language Learners, answered questions from the Board.

MOTION #2063-6 by member Howard that the Board defer the approval of the Santa Clara County Seal of Biliteracy Award until the September 15, 2010 Board meeting to allow staff time to include identified current resources. Member Mann seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Ho absent.

*(Member Mann left the meeting at approximately 7:02 p.m.)*

The Board broke for recess at 7:02 p.m. and reconvened into Open Session at 7:11 p.m.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. 2010-2011 Charter School Board Presentation Schedule

Dr. Peebles presented the 2010-2011 charter school presentation schedule and answered questions.

b. County Committee on School District Organization

Dr. Weis provided a summary on the activities of the County Committee on School District Organization.

c. Board Committee Reports

Leon Beauchman

- Commented on the recent change of leadership at the California School Boards Association (CSBA) and the announcement of Scott Plotkin's, *former executive director of CSBA*, resignation and the disclosure of his vast compensation and bonuses package, which came under scrutiny and caused his resignation
- Reported on having a phone conference with the California County Boards of Education (CCBE) and reported on having quorum challenges
- Reported on attending a couple of meetings at the Juvenile Justice System Collaborative (JJSC)

d. County Board of Education Member Reports

Jane Howard

- Reported that charter school applicants at Gilroy Unified were interviewed by the Gilroy Dispatch Editorial board — member Howard is a member of the board

Joseph Di Salvo

- Has been working on the new Charter School Roundtable on Prop 39
- Announced he would follow-up with West Ed on SCCOE's Alternative Education Program assessment
- Discussed his San Jose Inside blog topics on SJ2020 not receiving the i3 innovation grant and the importance of the learning gap during summer
- Inquired when correspondence to the Board should be made public
- Met with Dr. Weis for a game of tennis

Grace Mah

- Has been working on the new Charter School Roundtable on Prop 39 — announced the upcoming September 22, 2010 meeting

Leon Beauchman

- Inquired if the Board had received their invitation to the upcoming SJ2020 meetings (Board members will be forwarded the email invitation)
- Attended a meeting with Dr. Weis at the Children's Zone in the Franklin-McKinley School District
- Met with Vincent Matthews, new San Jose Unified Superintendent

e. County Superintendent's Report:

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

- Letter from Ana Marsh, Administrator from the California Department of Education, Dated July 13, 2010, Subject: 2007-08 Special Education Self-Review – successful completion of corrective actions
- Letter from Ana Marsh, Administrator from the California Department of Education, Dated July 13, 2010, Subject: 2007-08 special Education Self-Review –Closure Notice
- Reported on the EduCare Program, which is an early learning project
- Shared some photos on the Foothill Project and mentioned the ribbon cutting ceremony on October 20 at 10:30 a.m.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Discussion on how to increase the number of math teachers in Silicon Valley (Joseph Di Salvo)
- Champions for Leadership Program (Grace Mah)
- Branch Department Updates – commencing fall of 2010
- SCC Model of EduCare Program

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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