

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

APPROVED
Regular Meeting #2065
Board Room
September 15, 2010
5:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Song called the meeting to order at 5:10 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

b. Pledge of Allegiance

President Song asked Dr. Cary Dritz, Deputy Superintendent, to lead the pledge of allegiance.

c. Adoption of Agenda

Vice President Mah requested that Consent Action Item 7.B. "*Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 1, 2010 (#2064)*" be pulled for discussion.

MOTION #2065-1 by member Di Salvo that the Board adopt the agenda with requested change. Member Howard seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

2. SCCOE TEACHER OF THE YEAR RECOGNITION: AMY SINNOTT,
ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS, VICE PRINCIPAL AT VIEW SIDE ACADEMY

Board President Song and Dr. Charles Weis, County Superintendent of Schools, introduced the SCCOE Teacher of the Year for 2010 – Ms. Amy Sinnott, Alternative Schools, Vice Principal at View Side Academy. They spoke of Ms. Sinnott's accomplishments and brought Ms. Sinnott to the podium. David Wong, Principal, spoke about Ms. Sinnott's attributes and said it was an honor and pleasure working with her. Ms. Sinnott thanked the Board and her colleagues for the recognition.

3. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 5:28 p.m. to hear the following item:

Subject Matter: Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student
(Resident District: East Side Union High School District
Desired District: Campbell Union High School District)

OPEN SESSION – 6:00 p.m.

4. REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

President Song reported that, in the matter of Agenda Item 3.A. “Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student (Resident District: East Side Union High School District, Desired District: Campbell Union High School District)” there was a motion (#2065-2) by member Mann and seconded by Vice President Mah that the Board uphold the student appeal based on Factor 1 “*The pupil’s psychological or physical well-being*” until the completion of the student’s 12th grade school year. Motion carried 7-0.

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

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

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- Email from Leslie Reynolds to member Di Salvo, dated July 29, 2010, Subject: Your Letter to the Editor
- Email from member Di Salvo in response to Leslie Reynolds, dated July 29, Subject: RE: Your Letter to the Editor
- Letter from Alicia Salas, Area 6 Community Member, dated September 11, 2011, Subject: Brown Act Violation

7. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- a. Request Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting of August 25, 2010 (#2063-S1)
- b. Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 1, 2010 (#2064)
- c. Request Approval of the County Superintendent’s July and August 2010 Expenses
- d. Request Acceptance of Grant Award Notification

MOTION #2065-3 by member Mann that the Board approve Consent Action Items A, C and D. Vice President Mah seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

Vice President Mah requested to add board member reports to the September 1 Minutes, which were not mentioned by board members Di Salvo and Howard at the September 1 meeting regarding their meetings with member Mann. After deliberation, Board members concluded that the minutes should not be modified to reflect on something that was not said.

MOTION #2065-4 by member Ho that the Board approve Consent Action Item 8.B. with no amendments. Member Howard seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

8. STUDY ACTION ITEMS

a. Request Approval of the Santa Clara County Office of Education Seal of Bilingual Award

Linda Aceves, Chief Academic Officer, and Dr. Yee Wan, Coordinator of Multilingual/BTTP, answered questions from the Board.

MOTION #2065-5 by President Song that the Board approve the Santa Clara County Office of Education Seal of Bilingual Award. Vice President seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

b. Request Approval to Adopt Resolution to Support Educare of California in Silicon Valley

Dr. Weis provided background information on the resolution in Support of the Educare of California in Silicon Valley. Dr. Lisa Kaufman, Early Learning Services Director, answered questions from the Board. Member Di Salvo requested an amendment to the fourth WHEREAS in the resolution; it should read: WHEREAS, the “*achievement gap*” for low-income children becomes apparent as early as age 18 months and this is a major initiative of the Santa Clara County Office of Education with the City of San Jose called SJ2020.

MOTION #2065-6 by member Mann that the Board adopt the resolution in Support of Educare of California in Silicon Valley with the requested amendment to the fourth WHEREAS. Vice President Mah seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

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

MOTION #2065-7 by member Mann that the Board approve the Purchase Order exceeding \$250,000 to the WestEd/Advancing Excellence in Early Education (E3) Institute & the Santa Clara County Office of Education. Member Di Salvo seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

- d. Request Delaying Payment of the 2010-2011 California School Boards Association (CSBA) Membership Dues Until the Findings from an Independent Financial Systems Review and an Independent and Comprehensive Compensation Review Report is Submitted to the CSBA Board

Member Di Salvo explained his agenda item request to the Board.

Dr. Laura Canciamilla, Board of Director Region 7, CSBA, read a statement on behalf of Josephine (Jo) Lucey, Board of Director Region 20, CSBA, which stated that Ms. Lucey and the CSBA Board of Directors recognized the seriousness of the situation regarding Scott Plotkin. Dr. Canciamilla answered questions from the Board.

Board members deliberated.

MOTION #2065-8 by member Howard that the Board *delay* payment of the 2010-2011 California School Boards Association's (CSBA) membership dues until the findings from a "*Independent Financial Systems Review*" and an "*Independent and Comprehensive Compensation Review Report*" is submitted to the CSBA Board; and the County Board of Education reviews the findings before membership payment is made; and a letter addressing the County Board of Education's concerns be sent to Frank Pugh, President of CSBA. Member Mann seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

Member Di Salvo thanked Dr. Canciamilla for answering questions and complemented the Board and Dr. Weis for their bold action in addressing this topic.

The Board broke for recess at 7:12 p.m. and reconvened into Open Session at 7:20 p.m.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. Annual Report to the Board : ACE Charter School

Greg Lippman, Executive Director and Vanessa Sifuentes, Principal, of ACE Charter School presented highlights from their 2010-2011 annual report to the Board of Education and answered questions.

- b. Annual Report to the Board: Bullis Charter School

Wanny Hersey, Superintendent/Principal from Bullis Charter School, along with teachers Lisa Stone, Lauren Saunders, and Jessica Lura presented highlights from their 2010-2011 annual report to the Board of Education and answered questions.

c. Walden West Outdoor School Foundation Submits Grant Request to California State Parks for Prop 84 Funding — Fund 850 (Environmental Education)

Anita Parsons, Director of Environmental Education, explained Prop 84 funding for environmental education and the proposed renovation plans for Walden West and answered questions from the Board. Member Ho and President Song suggested that Dr. Weis look into a possible resolution supporting a 30-year lease for a Science and Sustainability Center should the Walden West Foundation be granted funds from the California State Park under Prop 84.

d. Williams Complain Report

Dr. Weis reported that no Williams complaints were received during the April 1 through June 30, 2010 reporting period.

e. Board Committee Reports

Grace Mah

- Attended a Policy Subcommittee meeting

Dr. Charles Weis

- Attended a Joint Legislative Action Committee meeting

T.N. Ho

- Attended a Joint Legislative Action Committee meeting

Jane Howard

- Announced an upcoming October 2010 meeting of the Santa Clara County Regional Occupational Program (SCCROP)

Anna Song

- Announced an upcoming September 22, 2010 meeting of the Santa Clara County School Boards Association (SCCSBA)

Leon Beauchman

- Announced an upcoming California County Boards of Education (CCBE) Board of Directors meeting in Monterey on October 1-3, 2010 — Dr. Weis added that the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) has been invited by CCBE to present. The SCCOE will be presenting on the Ozone project—technological support for teachers.
- Reported that he was not able to attend last week's meeting of the Juvenile Justice System Collaborative (JJSC)

f. County Board of Education Member Reports

Jane Howard

- Met with member Mann for lunch
- Attended a Business in Education meeting—discussed goals and objectives for the new year
- Met with County Board candidates, Julia Hover-Smoot and Adam Escoto

Joseph Di Salvo

- Met with member Mann twice, in the past 8 weeks, on a wide array of subjects
- Attended a planning meeting for the September 22 Prop 39 Roundtable event

Grace Mah

- Attended the Juvenile Justice Commission meeting as an observer
- Attended a planning meeting for the September 22 Prop 39 Roundtable event
- Attended a meeting of the League of Women Voters (Mt. View/Los Altos) – announced the upcoming September 29 “Teen Justice One-on-One” education panel

Leon Beauchman

- Attended a San Jose Chamber of Commerce Education Committee meeting
- Attended a meeting on SJ2020 with the San Jose Youth Commission
- Attended a meeting with the Santa Clara County Alliance of Black Educators
- Attended a Black Leadership Kitchen Cabinet event at the San Jose California Theatre

Anna Song

- Reported on Bracher School’s 2010 API score, which is at 894

g. County Superintendent’s Report:

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

- Black Kitchen Cabinet
- United Way – Eliminating the Achievement Gap
- Letter from Helene Popenhagen, Foreperson, 2010-2011 Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury, dated September 2, 2010, thanking Dr. Weis for his presentation to the Civil Grand Jury on August 25, 2010
- Attendance and Enrollment for Community Schools, August 18 through September 1, 2010
- Email from Dana Bunnett, Director of Kids in Common, dated September 8, 2010, Subject: Thank you
- Gateway Construction
- SCCOE’s Vitality program

President Song clarified that she has not met with Mr. Mann in the last two years.

12 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Champions for Leadership Program (Grace Mah)
- Branch Department Updates – January 2011 (Grace Mah)
- Civil Grand Jury Report on School District Consolidation (Joseph Di Salvo)
- Approval of Governance Handbook & Protocols (Grace Mah)
- First Reading on Board Policies 0000, 1000, 3000, 5000, 6000, 7000 for the October 6, 2010 meeting (Grace Mah)
- Second Reading on Board Policies 0000, 1000, 3000, 5000, 6000, 7000 for the October 20, 2010 meeting (Grace Mah)

- First Reading on Board Policies 2000, 9000 for the October 20 meeting (Grace Mah)
- Second Reading on Board Policies 2000, 9000 for the November 3 meeting (Grace Mah)

10. CLOSED SESSION

This item was postponed until the October 6, 2010 meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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