

# Santa Clara County

## School Boards Association

**Minutes of the  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday, January 27, 2010**  
Santa Clara County Office of Education  
Oak Grove Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor South  
1290 Ridder Parkway, San Jose

### **Roll Call**

Present: Sylvia Alvarez, Frank Biehl, Daniel Bobay, Merrilee Claverie, Cynthia Chang, Michael Gipe, Albert Gonzalez, Judy Hannemann, Esau Herrera, Barbara Klausner, Bryan Loomas, Jo Lucey, Peter Mandel, Patricia Martinez-Roach, Chris Miller, Nancy Newkirk, Nancy Newton, Pam Parker, Leslie Reynolds, George Sanchez, Anna Song, Kathleen Sullivan, Dana Tom, Michele van Zuiden, Ellen Wheeler, and Rose Filicetti, Executive Director

Excused: Danielle Cohen, Dennis Hawkins, Mary Noel, Doug Smith, Phyllis Vogel, Karen Whipple

Absent: Leon Beauchman, Tom Bundros, Linda Chen, Linda Chung, Cindy Goodsell, Marsha Grilli, Ben Liao, Dolores Marquez, Diane Matlock, Antonio Perez, Bob Ramirez, Sheryl Shirley, Susan Sweeley

### **Call to Order – Frank Biehl, President**

Called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m., and welcomed all present. Self introductions were made.

**Discussion Topic: Constitutional Convention** began with a presentation by Alonzo Gonzalez, Political Director of Repair California, who explained their process for selecting delegates to the Convention and took questions from the members. Handouts were provided.

### **Minutes of Wednesday, November 18, 2009**

**A motion was made by Jo Lucey** and seconded by Kathleen Sullivan to approve the Minutes of the Wednesday, November 18, 2009 meeting, as corrected to show that George Sanchez was excused rather than absent. **The motion passed, unanimously, as amended.**

### **Treasurer's Report – Pam Parker**

Presented the January budget vs. actuals, which shows income of \$18,318 from dues and events, and expenses of \$9,645. The report was filed.

### **President's Report – Frank Biehl**

Reported that the Association is considering the design of a logo and will discuss what we are about and an appropriate symbol at our February meeting. From that, we will form a committee to bring back examples for approval at our March meeting.

### **Committee Reports/Old Business**

2010 Hoffmann Awards – Nancy Newkirk, Co- Chair, reported that they received 19 applications and five were selected this year for Hoffmann Awards. The next step is that site visits for the nominees will be made. Esau Herrera, Co-Chair, reported that he and Frank Biehl have been successful in their efforts for obtaining local grants for small financial awards to the winners, and have raised \$4,000 of the \$5,000 goal.

Legislative Brunch – Michelle van Zuiden, Chair, reported that the event will tentatively be held on Saturday, March 27, but the Mission College Hospitality Room construction may not be complete. We should know in early February. MetroED is also not available. There was a brief discussion of other venues or dates.

CSBA Update –Jo Lucey, Region 20 Director, reported that the recent CSBA directors' meeting was mainly a discussion of the dire state budget for education, with some discussion of the Race for the Top program. It is imperative that we speak with our local legislators about the cuts that you district will have to make. CSBA's Legislative Action will be held on May 23 and 24 (not the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, as reported) in Sacramento and she encourages everyone to attend.

### **Executive Director's Report – Rose Filicetti**

Reported that the recent CSBA Budget Forecast is on their website. She attended an Association of Bay Area Governments Forum on City/Schools Collaboration in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties. She was disappointed that only one board member from San Mateo county was in attendance.

She requested that the board consider the review and approval of articles of incorporation for an application for non-profit 501C3 status, so we can continue to receive grants from large donors, such as Chevron and PG&E. The SCCOE will no longer accept checks on our behalf. There was a lively discussion of the pros and cons of non-profit status. A committee of Esau Herrera, Frank Biehl and Rose Filicetti will investigate the process and the pros and cons for presentation at the February meeting.

### **New Business**

Spring Dinner – Dana Tom, VP and Chair, reported that the dinner will be held on Wednesday, April 28, at Arya Global Cuisine, Cupertino, There was a discussion of whether or not to include student entertainment for the social hour.

Appointment of a Nominating Committee – Frank Biehl announced that he had appointed past Presidents Jo Lucey (Chair), Leslie Reynolds and Judy Hannemann to serve as this year's nominating committee. **A motion to approve was made by Nancy Newton** and seconded by Michele van Zuiden. The motion carried, unanimously.

Introduction of Candidates for Delegate Assembly – Jo Lucey introduced the following candidates for Delegate Assembly. Each made a brief statement of introduction and qualifications: **Frank Biehl** (incumbent – East Side Union HSD), **Cynthia Chang** (incumbent – Los Gatos-Saratoga Jt. Union HSD), **Michael Gipe** (Saratoga Union SD), **Judy Hannemann** (appointed incumbent – Mtn. View – Los Altos Union HSD), **Esau Herrera** (Alum Rock Union ESD), **Patricia Martinez-Roach** (East Side Union HSD), **Nancy Newkirk** (Sunnyvale SD), **Kathleen Sullivan** (incumbent – Morgan Hill USD), **Buu Thai** (Franklin McKinley SD), **Dana Tom** (incumbent – Palo Alto USD), and **Ellen Wheeler** (Mountain View Whisman SD) Each delegate will serve for a two year term. The voting will take place in February and an announcement will be made in March.

### **Networking News/Announcements**

Nancy Newkirk reported that Kids in Common is drafting a children's bill of rights. Cynthia Chang suggested that boards develop an organization chart and salary schedule for use with the public. Leslie Reynolds reported that SCCSBA VP Dana Tom was recently named the President of the Asia Pacific Islanders School Boards Association. Anna Song announced the upcoming Charter School Summit and encouraged everyone to attend. George Sanchez and Sylvia Alvarez discussed the importance of the upcoming Census and the accurate counting of Latinos. Patricia Martinez- Roach spoke about a study of Latinas and cancer. Esau Herrera reported that the CSBA website has a sample resolution on the Census.

**A motion was made by Jo Lucey** and seconded by Esau Herrera to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried, unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Rose Marie Filicetti  
Executive Director