

Santa Clara County

School Boards Association

**Minutes of the
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, January 29, 2009**
Santa Clara County Office of Education
Oak Grove Room, 2nd floor South
1290 Ridder Parkway, San Jose

Roll Call

Present: Frank Biehl, Daniel Bobay, Cynthia Chang, Merrilee Claverie, Danielle Cohen, Janice Compton, Michael Gipe, Albert Gonzalez, Marsha Grilli, Judy Hannemann, Margot Harrigan, Esau Herrera, Barbara Klausner, Jo Lucey, Peter Mandel, Michael Mendizabal, Chris Miller, Nancy Newkirk, Nancy Newton, Pam Parker, Royce Peterson, Bob Ramirez, Leslie Reynolds, Julia Rosenberg, George Sanchez, Kathleen Sullivan, Susan Sweeley, Dana Tom, Michele van Zuiden, Phyllis Vogel, Fiona Walter, Ellen Wheeler, and Rose Filicetti, Executive Director

Excused: None

Absent: Leon Beauchman, Lizandro Carrasco, Linda Chen, Linda Chung, Joseph Di Salvo, Bud Fellom, Jeff Fischer, Mark Good, Cindy Goodsell, Ben Liao, David Luskin, Jim Macfarlane, Dolores Marquez, Mary Noel, Tricia Rasmussen, Ken Riley

Call to Order – Leslie Reynolds, President

Called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m., and welcomed all present. Self introductions were made.

Minutes of Wednesday, November 19, 2008

A motion was made by Ellen Wheeler to approve the Minutes of the Wednesday, November 19, 2008 meeting, as submitted. **The motion passed, unanimously.**

Treasurer's Report – Pam Parker

Presented the January budget vs. actuals, using a new format in Quicken, which shows income of \$17,574 from dues and events, and expenses of \$9,442. The bank balance is \$22,806. The report was filed.

President's Report – Leslie Reynolds

Reported that the County Education Coalition met with the Editorial Board of the San Jose Mercury News to discuss the budget and give tangible evidence about the cuts being made, by citing examples. She also invited everyone to attend the Silicon Valley Education Foundation's conference on High School Drop-outs.

Committee Reports/Old Business

2009 Hoffmann Awards – Dana Tom, Chair, reported that he received 20 applications and three were selected this year for Hoffmann Awards. Dana, Julia Rosenberg, Ellen Wheeler, Kathleen Sullivan, and Leslie Reynolds have or will do site visits for the nominees.

Legislative Brunch – Michelle van Zuiden, Chair, reported that the event will be held on Saturday, March 7, at the Mission College Hospitality Room. Invitations have been distributed to all local federal and state legislators and all school board members and superintendents.

Spring Dinner – Frank Biehl, VP and Chair, reported that the dinner will be held on Wednesday, April 22, as a buffet at Michaels at Shoreline in Mountain View. The price will be \$35. Dana Tom confirmed that Gunn High School Chamber Singers will be the entertainment for the social hour.

CSBA Update – Jo Lucey, new Region 20 Director, reported that she attended her first directors' meeting where she learned that representatives from CSBA met with new education leaders in the Obama administration. She expects to see full funding for IDEA and school facilities during his term in office. CSBA has been invited to attend the state constitutional congress. CSBA's Legislative Action will be held on May 17 and 18 in Sacramento and she encourages everyone to attend. If you wish to apply to be a GRC or FRC, go to the CSBA website.

Executive Director's Report – Rose Filicetti

Requested that the board consider the purchase of Quicken for the use of SCCSBA treasurers. **A motion was made by Frank Biehl** to approve the purchase of Quicken accounting software and **the motion was approved, unanimously**. She also reported that the link will be posted in the newsletter for the recent CSBA Forecast Webcast. In response to her invitation, San Mateo board members have expressed an interest in another local series of Masters in Governance and she expects Santa Clara to have the same level of interest. We need 30 new members to attend, so please notify your new board members.

New Business

Appointment of a Nominating Committee – Leslie Reynolds that she had appointed past presidents Jo Lucey, Nancy Newton, and Judy Hannemann to serve as this year's nominating committee.

Introduction of Candidates for Delegate Assembly – Jo Lucey introduced the following candidates for Delegate Assembly. Each made a brief statement of introduction and qualifications: **Danielle Cohen**, (appointed incumbent – Campbell), **Michael Gipe** (Saratoga), **Esau Herrera** (Alum Rock), **Nancy Newkirk** (Sunnyvale), **Nancy Newton**, (incumbent – Fremont UHSD), **Pam Parker**, (appointed incumbent – Campbell UHSD), **George Sanchez**, (Franklin McKinley) and **Ellen Wheeler** (Mountain View Whisman). Each delegate will serve for a two year term. The announcement will be made March 31.

Discussion Topic: Superintendent and Board Self-Evaluations

At Leslie's request, Jo Lucey and Nancy Newton made presentations on the type of superintendent's evaluation used by their boards. Cupertino uses a representative from CSBA's Single District Training to facilitate their two evaluations a year. It is based on their strategic plan, development opportunities, and board/superintendent relationships. Fremont's has evolved to a written input format. Michele van Zuiden distributed a board self-evaluation tool. A lively discussion followed.

Networking News/Announcements

Due to the time, the networking news and announcements were limited to an announcement by Rose Filicetti about the next monthly meeting to be held the third Wednesday, February 18. Silicon Valley Education Foundation will be our guest speaker. We will also frame questions for our legislators at that meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Rose Marie Filicetti
Executive Director