

Santa Clara County

School Boards Association

**Minutes of the
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, February 18, 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, Albert Gonzalez, Judy Hannemann, Barbara Klausner, Jo Lucey, Grace Mah, Chris Miller, Nancy Newkirk, Nancy Newton, Mary Noel, Pam Parker, Leslie Reynolds, George Sanchez, Anna Song, Kathleen Sullivan, Dana Tom, Michele van Zuiden, Phyllis Vogel, Dr. Charles Weis, Ellen Wheeler, guests, Andrea Urton and Eleanor Castillo Sumi from EMQ, and Rose Filicetti, Executive Director

Excused: Merrilee Claverie, Danielle Cohen, Bob Ramirez,

Absent: Leon Beauchman, Linda Chen, Linda Chung, Janice Compton, Joseph Di Salvo, Bud Fellom, Jeff Fischer, Michael Gipe, Mark Good, Cindy Goodsell, Marsha Grilli, Ben Liao, David Luskin, Jim Macfarlane, Peter Mandel, Dolores Marquez, Antonio Perez, Tricia Rasmussen, Ken Riley, Susan Sweeley

Call to Order – Leslie Reynolds, President

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

Guest Speaker: Muhammed Chaudhry, President and CEO of Silicon Valley Education Foundation (SVEF), spoke about the success of the one year old merger of the San Jose Education Foundation and the Santa Clara County Education Foundation. The organization was formed to appeal to corporate donors, to advocate for education, and to bundle resources. They currently seek corporate funding for several programs: STEM, Stepping Up to Algebra, Lessonopoly.org, Teacher Innovation Grants, Teacher Recruitment, and School Readiness. Muhammed and Vice President Lisa Gonzales distributed flyers for upcoming education forums on the budget and universal preschool.

Minutes of Wednesday, January 29, 2009

A motion was made by Nancy Newkirk to approve the Minutes of the Wednesday, **January 29, 2009** meeting, as submitted. **The motion passed, unanimously.**

Treasurer's Report – Pam Parker

Presented the February budget vs. actuals, using a new format in Quicken, which shows income of \$17,574 from dues and events, and expenses of \$10,508. The current bank balance is \$24,309. The report was filed.

President's Report – Leslie Reynolds

Reported that she attended the recent forum with State Superintendent Jack O'Connell, where he reminded school districts to keep the achievement gap at the forefront of budget decisions. She also attended the SVEF Forum on High School Dropouts. She would like to see county-wide action taken at these meetings.

Time was spent to develop questions for our state and federal legislators for our upcoming Legislative Brunch. Federal legislators will be asked to speak about the new stimulus package, "No Child Left Behind", and funding for Special Education. State legislators will be asked to speak about budget cuts, flexibility, the proposed budget, the Federal stimulus package, and cash flow.

Committee Reports/Old Business

2009 Hoffmann Awards – Dana Tom, Chair, reported that visits have or will be made to the three nominees to finalize them as award winners.

Legislative Brunch – Michelle van Zuiden, Chair, reported that the event will be held on Saturday, March 7, at the Mission College Hospitality Room. Please confirm whether you will attend

Spring Dinner – Frank Biehl, VP and Chair, distributed a menu and asked those present to recommend choices for the April 22nd dinner.

CSBA Update – Jo Lucey, Region 20 Director, reminded districts to please vote for representatives for Delegate Assembly. CSBA's Legislative Action will be held on May 17 and 18 in Sacramento and she encourages everyone to attend.

Executive Director's Report – Rose Filicetti

Reported that she will be attending the EdSource Forum on April 17 in Irvine, as part of her continuing education approved by SCCSBA. She also reported that the link will be posted in the newsletter for the recent School Services' Budget 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. She gave an update on the vote for the state budget.

New Business

Committee's Presentation of the Nominees for President, Vice President, Treasurer – Judy Hannemann, representing the committee of past presidents, Jo Lucey, Nancy Newton, and herself, reported that **Frank Biehl** has been nominated for President, **Dana Tom** for Vice President, and **Pam Parker** to continue as Treasurer for the 2009-2010 school year. There were no nominations from the floor.

Networking News/Announcements

Ellen Wheeler reported on an upcoming League of Women Voters' forum on education.

Andrea Urton and Eleanor Castillo Sumi from EMQ reported on a promising practice of Positive Behavior Support for autism and distributed flyer on an upcoming forum. **Jo Lucey** reported that Cupertino will go out for a special mail in ballot parcel tax election in May and asked for a resolution from SCCSBA. **Judy Hannemann** reported that Mountain View/Los Altos UHSD will go out for a mini-GEO bond in 2010 for "green schools". **Kathleen Sullivan, Leslie Reynolds and Chris Miller** reported on positive budget presentations made to their communities. **Rose Filicetti** reported that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 25, and will feature **Dr. Charles Weis**, speaking on the "State of the County Schools".

A motion was made by Judy Hannemann to adjourn the meeting and the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m. by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted

Rose Marie Filicetti
Executive Director