

Santa Clara County

School Boards Association

**Minutes of the
Wednesday, March 25, 2009
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**
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, Veronica Lewis, Jo Lucey, Peter Mandel, Chris Miller, Nancy Newton, Mary Noel, Leslie Reynolds, George Sanchez, Kathleen Sullivan, Buu Thai, Michele van Zuiden, Phyllis Vogel, Dr. Charles Weis, Ellen Wheeler, and Rose Filicetti, Executive Director

Excused: Janice Compton, Barbara Klausner, Nancy Newkirk, Pam Parker, Dana Tom

Absent: Leon Beauchman, Linda Chen, Linda Chung, Joseph Di Salvo, Bud Fellom, Jeff Fischer, Michael Gipe, Albert Gonzalez, Mark Good, Cindy Goodsell, Marsha Grilli, Judy Hannemann, Ben Liao, David Luskin, Jim Macfarlane, Dolores Marquez, Antonio Perez, Bob Ramirez, 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: Dr. Charles Weis, Santa Clara County Superintendent spoke about the state of the Santa Clara County Schools 2009. He provided data that showed attendance, charter schools and enrollment, demographic shifts, languages of English Learners, physical fitness results, API, , CASHEE results, graduation rates, drop out rates, college attendance rates, AP passing rates, and college pre courses taken for the county, the state, and sometimes the nation. Santa Clara County does particularly well on most indicators. He also presented data on sub-groups, which showed we are failing our Latino and Black student populations, an ever-widening achievement gap. He described changes being made at the county level to address some of those challenges and offered assistance to school districts across the county.

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A motion was made by Frank Biehl to approve the Minutes of the Wednesday, February 18, 2009 meeting, as submitted. **The motion passed, unanimously.**

Treasurer's Report – Leslie Reynolds for Pam Parker

Presented the March budget vs. actuals, with very little activity. The report shows income of \$17,574 from dues and events, and expenses of \$13,251. The current bank balance is \$24,309. The report was filed.

President's Report – Leslie Reynolds

Reported that she attended the first of several SVLG forums with candidates for governor. State Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi spoke about education. She also attended a “Pink Friday” event with State Superintendent Jack O’Connell and a SVEF forum with Jack O’Connell, CSBA Executive Director, Scott Plotkin, and Chuck Weis on the budget. She attended a planning meeting of Create TV, Channel 28, the all education channel, and a meeting with Colleen Wilcox, who is creating a program, “Hats off to Teachers”, that will launch in April, to recognize teachers in the county.

Committee Reports/Old Business

Recap of Legislative Brunch – Michelle van Zuiden, Chair, reported that the event was well attended by legislators and aides, as well as school board members and some superintendents. Key points were staying in touch with local legislators on the federal stimulus package, giving input on the reauthorization of NCLB, and taking a stand on the May propositions that need to pass to provide funding for schools.

Spring Hoffmann Dinner – Frank Biehl, VP and Chair, distributed a menu and asked those present to recommend choices for appetizers for the April 22nd dinner. We expect 80-120 people.

CSBA Update – Jo Lucey, Region 20 Director, said that the Delegate Assembly results will be announced next Monday. CSBA’s Legislative Action will be held on May 17 and 18 in Sacramento and she encourages everyone to attend as there are more cuts to education proposed, this summer – there is no “Plan B” to the current budget propositions up for vote on May 19. CSBA is working with the state education coalition on tenure reform. With the recent changes to the State Board of Education, it is now overwhelmingly pro-charter. She also spoke about outstanding ELA dues and the 2009 Conference in San Diego, asking districts to provide workshops.

Executive Director's Report – Rose Filicetti

Recommended that dues for the coming 2009-10 year remain at the 10% reduced level. **A motion was made by Kathy Sullivan to keep dues at the current level. The motion passed, unanimously.**

On behalf of Dana Tom, the Awards Chair, she announced the following Hoffmann Award winners, who will be honored at the Spring Dinner: ADELANTE, Washington Elementary School, San Jose Unified, Grant Academy: We Believe!, Grant Academy, San Jose Unified, and Rosemary’s Rocket Time, Rosemary Elementary School, Campbell Union. After a brief discussion, the decision whether to pay for a subscription to the Cabinet Report died for lack of a motion.

New Business

Election of Officers – Leslie Reynolds asked for a motion to elect the proposed nominees for President, Vice President, and Treasurer. **A motion was made by Michele van Zuiden** to elect **Frank Biehl** for President, **Dana Tom** for Vice President, and **Pam Parker** for Treasurer for the 2009-2010 school year. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Review of endorsements for Parcel Taxes on the May ballot – Jo Lucey presented a resolution in support of local funding for local needs for the Cupertino and Moreland school districts. **Frank Biehl made a motion** to approve the resolution. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Reorganization and Installation of Officers Dinner – Frank Biehl proposed finding a sponsor for our annual dinner, but met with some resistance. Instead, there was discussion about a \$20 co-pay by attendees. The May 27 dinner will begin with a social hour at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m.

Networking News/Announcements

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

A motion was made by Kathy Sullivan to adjourn the meeting and the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m. by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted

Rose Marie Filicetti
Executive Director