

SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

1290 Ridder Park Drive
San Jose, California 95131

APPROVED

Minutes of Regular Meeting #1096

Board Room

March 21, 2007

5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Gary Rummelhoff, President
Jane Howard, Vice President
Craig Mann
Leon Beauchman
Anna Song

Members Absent: T.N. Ho

The meeting was called to order by President Rummelhoff at 5:15 p.m.

Setting the Agenda

MOTION #1096-1 by Mr. Mann, seconded by Ms. Song, that the agenda be approved as submitted.

MOTION #1096-1 carried by a vote of 5-0-0-1 with member Ho absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Rummelhoff asked Rose Filicetti, Executive Director of the Santa Clara County School Boards Association to lead the pledge of allegiance.

President Rummelhoff acknowledged members of the audience, Barbara Spreng, Grace Mah and Rose Filicetti, board candidates for Trustee Area 1.

Hearing of Persons Desiring to Address the Board or to Present Petitions

President Rummelhoff invited members of the public to address the Board.

No one wished to address the Board at this time.

Consent Action Items

MOTION #1096-2 by Mr. Mann, seconded by Vice President Howard, that the following Consent Action Items be approved:

- Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 7, 2007 (#1095)
- Request Approval of Special Meetings of February 23 & 24, 2007 (#1094-S1)
- Request Acceptance of Donations
- Request Approval for Submission of Non-Competitive Grant Application to Intel Foundation
- Approval of 2006-07 Career Technical Education Non-Competitive Grant Allocations

MOTION #1096-2 carried by a vote of 5-0-0-1 with member Ho absent.

Study Action Items

Approval of Second Interim Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2006-2007

Mr. Doug Coffman, Director, Internal Business Services, gave a summary of the Second Interim Financial Report and answered questions from the Board.

MOTION #1096-3 by Vice President Howard, seconded by Mr. Mann that the Board approve the request of Second Interim Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

MOTION #1096-3 carried by a vote of 5-0-0-1 with member Ho absent.

Consolidation of Elections: Saratoga Fire Protection District

Superintendent Wilcox provided an overview of the consolidation of elections of the Saratoga Fire Protection District.

MOTION #1096-4 by Mr. Mann, seconded by Ms. Song that the request to support the Saratoga Fire Protection District and write letter of input be approved.

MOTION #1096-4 carried by a vote of 5-0-0-1 with member Ho absent.

Approval to withdraw from the Santa Clara County Schools' Insurance Group JPA Property and Liability Programs

Mr. Coffman and Mr. Steve Somsen, Risk Manager, reported on COE's property and insurance coverage protection with the Santa Clara County Schools Insurance Group (SCCSIG) and announced that staff has analyzed coverage with SCCSIG versus an alternative provider and has concluded that it will be more cost effective to seek coverage elsewhere. Mr. Somsen answered questions from the Board.

MOTION #1096-5 by Mr. Mann, seconded by Ms. Song that the request for COE's withdrawal from the SCCSIG property and liability program effective June 30, 2007 be approved.

MOTION #1096-5 carried by a vote of 5-0-0-1 with member Ho absent.

Request Approval of Purchase Order Exceeding \$250,000

Superintendent Wilcox discussed the Purchase Order Exceeding \$250,000 on the distribution of early childhood education stipends to child care workers via West Ed and answered questions from the Board.

MOTION #1096-6 by Ms. Song, seconded by Mr. Mann that the Purchase Order Exceeding \$250,000 be approved.

MOTION #1096-6 carried by a vote of 5-0-0-1 with member Ho absent.

Request Approval of Procedures that Assure High Quality in Head Start and Early Head Start Programs

Joe Fimiani, Assistant Superintendent, Student Services, explained that a Head Start audit recently determined that the County Board of Education needed to annually approve procedures that assure high quality programs. Mr. Fimiani and Ana Trujillo, Director of Children's Services Department, answered questions from the Board.

MOTION #1096-7 by Vice President Howard, seconded by Mr. Mann that the Procedures that Assure High Quality in Head Start and Early Head Start Programs be approved.

MOTION #1096-7 carried by a vote of 5-0-0-1 with member Ho absent.

Request Approval of Planning Procedures in Head Start and Early Head Start Programs

Mr. Fimiani provided an overview of the planning procedures in Head Start and Early Head Start programs which require annual Board approval and answered questions from the Board.

MOTION #1096-8 by Mr. Mann, seconded by Vice President Howard that the planning procedures in Head Start and Early Head Start Programs be approved.

MOTION #1096-8 carried by a vote of 5-0-0-1 with member Ho absent.

Approval of Resolution in Support of April 15-21 as National Public Schools Volunteer Week

Superintendent Wilcox introduced the Resolution in Support of April 15-21 as National Public Schools Volunteer Week and Lisa Ketchum, Volunteer Coordinator and answered questions.

MOTION #1096-9 by Ms. Song, seconded by Mr. Beauchman that the Board approve the resolution in Support of April 15-21 as National Public Schools Volunteer Week.

The following roll call was taken:

AYE: President Rummelhoff, Vice President Howard, members Beauchman
Song and Mann
NO: -none-
ABSTAIN: -none-
ABSENT: member Ho

MOTION #1096-9 carried by a vote of 5-0-0-1 with member Ho absent.

Public Hearing

Public Hearing and Sunshine on the Initial Proposal from the Santa Clara County Superintendent of Schools to the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 521 Non-Classified Substitute Workers Unit.

President Rummelhoff invited members of the public to address the Board.

No one wished to address the Board at this time.

Information Items

Filling of Board Vacancy

President Rummelhoff asked for clarification on the process for board candidate interviews for the March 28 meeting. Superintendent Wilcox summarized the interview process and answered questions from the Board.

President Rummelhoff discussed a possible legal challenge regarding a conflict of interest relating to a board candidate associated with the Santa Clara County School Boards Association. Dick Noack, counsel from Hopkins & Carley, summarized the concerns and answered questions from the Board.

Rose Filicetti addressed the concerns raised by board members and asked questions.

Pathfinder Update

Ms. Paula Mitchell, Director of Alternative Schools Department, and Mr. Fimiani updated the Board on Pathfinder's operations and answered questions.

Williams Complaints Report

Superintendent Wilcox gave a brief summary of the Williams Complaints Report. No Williams complaints have been received.

Board Committee Reports

Craig Mann

- Attended the Joint Legislative Advisory Committee

Jane Howard

- Stated she is looked forward to reviewing the report from the latest Joint Committee on Child Care meeting

Gary Rummelhoff

- Attended the Joint Committee on Child Care (JCCC) meeting which focused on roles and responsibilities
- Attended a public hearing by the Local Early Education Planning Council (LPC) meeting which focused on priorities

County Board of Education Travel

Craig Mann

- Attended the Santa Clara County School Boards Association Legislative Brunch
- Attended the Teacher Recruitment Fair
- Visited two County Offices of Education – participating in a CBO training

Jane Howard

- Attended a Board recognition meeting for former Superintendent Diaz of Gilroy and presented him a certificate of recognition and appreciation
- Chaired the Quarterly Citizen's Oversight Committee meeting for Gilroy Unified

Anna Song

- Had a phone conversation with Ms. Ina Bendis, newly elected board member from Santa Clara Unified

Leon Beauchman

- Attended the Dream Keepers Program at Oak Grove Union School District
- Attended the Santa Clara County School Boards Association Legislative Brunch
- Attended an Alliance of Black Educator's meeting – their annual student recognition event will be held at Parkside Hall, San Jose, April 29 at 3:00 p.m.

Gary Rummelhoff

- Participated with Superintendent Wilcox in a conversation with a facilitator for the Long Range Plan. President Rummelhoff and members Song and Mann will participate in the task force.
- Attended the Santa Clara County School Boards Association Legislative Brunch.
- Had a telephone conversation with a Bullis Charter School parent

Superintendent's Report

- Public Safety and Justice Committee
- 8th Grade Leadership Awards Ceremony and Dinner

Disclosure of Items to be Discussed in Closed Session

President Rummelhoff reported that the Board will hold a Closed Session to consider the following items.

- A. Discussion with Unrepresented Employee (Gov. Code Section 54957.6), Superintendent

Closed Session

The Board convened into Closed Session at 7:50 p.m.

OPEN SESSION – 8:08 pm

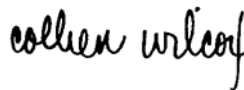
Report of Closed Session Actions

President Rummelhoff reported that, in the matter of Agenda Item 9.A., there was no reportable action.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Colleen B. Wilcox, Ph.D., Superintendent
Ex-Officio Secretary

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**RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING APRIL 15-21, 2007
AS
NATIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL VOLUNTEER WEEK
SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION No. 1096-1**

WHEREAS, The Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) values its volunteers; and

WHEREAS, recognizes that volunteers are important in an overall quality education; and

WHEREAS, volunteers promote cooperation and build teams among students, parents, staff and community; and

WHEREAS, volunteers enhance student potential and achievement; and

WHEREAS, volunteers support our mission, vision and goals by sharing their skills and experiences with our students and staff; and

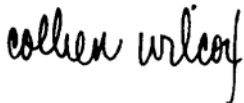
WHEREAS, throughout the school year our volunteers serve as chaperones, tutors, and classroom helpers; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools recognize and commend volunteers and join the nation in celebrating National Public School Volunteer Week, April 15-21, 2007

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools encourage activities to recognize volunteers this week.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on March 21, 2007 by the following vote:

AYES: President Rummelhoff, Vice President Howard, members Beauchman, Song and Mann
NOES: -none-
ABSTAIN: -none-
ABSENT: member Ho



Colleen B. Wilcox, Ph.D.
County Superintendent of Schools



Gary Rummelhoff, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education