

SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

1290 Ridder Park Drive
San Jose, California 95131

APPROVED

Minutes of Regular Meeting #2013

San Jose Room

January 23, 2008

5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Jane Howard, President
Craig Mann, Vice President
Leon Beauchman
Grace Mah
Anna Song
Gary Rummelhoff
T.N. Ho

The meeting was called to order by President Howard at 5:10 p.m.

Setting the Agenda

President Howard requested that Information Item #10.A. be moved before Public Hearing 8.A.

MOTION #2013-1 by Mr. Ho, seconded by Vice President Mann, that the agenda be approved with the request to move Information Item 10.A. before Public Hearing 8.A.

MOTION #2013-1 carried 6-0-0-1 with Ms. Song absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Howard asked Matthew Altamirano, recipient of COE's Student recognition, to lead the pledge of allegiance.

(Ms. Anna Song arrived at the meeting.)

COE Student Recognition: Matthew Altamirano, South Regional Occupational Program, Sobrato High School in Morgan Hill

Vice President Mann introduced Matthew Altamirano of Sobrato High School and presented him with an iPod and a plaque in recognition of his achievements. Vice President Mann introduced Mr. Gary Harmon, Matthew's teacher in Advanced Multimedia, who stated that Matthew exemplifies everything that the Regional Occupational Program is meant to encourage. A movie trailer from "Glory Days", which Matthew created, was played for the audience.

COE November 2007 Employee of the Month: Louise Villareal, Human Resources Specialist

Mr. Ho introduced Louise Villareal the November 2007 Employee of the Month. He noted Louise's contributions and presented a plaque and an engraved pen in recognition of her work... Mr. Ho introduced Cathy Boverio, Human Resources Manager, who spoke of Louise's calm and cheerful attitude and her expertise in Human Resources. Mr. Mark Miller, Human Resources Director spoke of Louise as an invaluable asset to the Human Resources Department. Louise thanked Board members and her colleagues for this recognition.

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

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

No one wished to address the Board at this time.

Consent Action Items

MOTION #2013-2 by Mr. Beauchman, seconded by Ms. Song that the following Consent Action Items be approved:

- Request Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting of January 9, 2008 (#2012)
- Request Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting of January 15, 2008 (#2012-S1)
- Approval of Continuation of a Non-Competitive Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) Grant

MOTION #2013-2 carried unanimously: 7-0-0-0

CHANGE IN AGENDA

Information Items

Update on SCCOE Goal #1 Advocacy and Leadership

Kevin Gordon, School Innovations & Advocacy, COE's legislative advocate, presented an update on the state budget and addressed topics on legislative platforms and collaboration with local government. Mr. Gordon answered questions from the Board.

Public Hearing

Public Hearing on the Appeal of the South Bay Preparatory Charter School Petition

President Howard reviewed the process for the public hearing and opened the hearing for public comment.

Staff presented a report on the South Bay Preparatory Charter School Petition.

Ms. Felicia Gershberg, petitioner from South Bay Preparatory Charter School, gave a presentation on the merits of the petition.

The following representatives from the Campbell Union High School District and Campbell Union School District gave a brief presentation on their opposition to the petition:

- Dr. Rhonda Farber, Superintendent, Campbell Union High School District
- Ms. Patti Gregory, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum/Instruction
- Ms. Johanna VanderMolen, Superintendent, Campbell Union School District

Board Members asked clarifying questions from petitioner and school representatives.

The following individuals spoke in support of South Bay Preparatory Charter School:

- Ms. Coleen Wagner – proposed Board President, South Bay Prep Charter School
- Mr. Tom Hyatt – Aveson Charter School--Altadena, California
- Mr. Adam Musch – CFO of Edtec
- Mr. Jerry Simmons – petitioner’s attorney, Law firm of Spector, Middleton, Young & Minney
- Ms. Andrea Kulkarni – proposed board member, South Bay Prep Charter School
- Ms. Vicky Gray-Clark – proposed board member, South Bay Prep Charter School
- Ms. Stephanie Brown – Campbell Union High School District resident
- Ms. Crystal Speed – parent
- Mr. John Kennedy – Campbell Union High School District resident
- Mr. Bill Bruns – Cupertino Union School District resident
- Mr. Andrew Strauss – Parent, Child Teacher (PACT) student
- Mr. Paul Strauss – parent
- Ms. Lisa Naderzad – Campbell Union School District resident
- Ms. Margaret Copley – Sunnyvale School District resident
- Mr. Andrew Leary – Campbell Union School District resident
- Ms. Kathleen Newby – Fremont High School District resident
- Student Chiara Caraccio – Washington Open Elementary student, Santa Clara Unified School District
- Student Khoi Le – Washington Open Elementary student, Santa Clara Unified School District

- Ms. Nieves Diaz – parent
- Mr. Matthew Dean – CUHSD Board Member
- Mr. Kevin Robins – Cupertino Union School District resident
- Mr. Nick Driver – California charter Schools Association
- Laia Diaz – Parent, Child Teacher (PACT) student

The following individuals spoke against the South Preparatory Charter School:

- Ms. Pam Parker, Campbell Union High School District Board Member
- Mr. Ed Sklar, school district's attorney, Lozano Smith P.C.

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Recess

The Board broke for recess at 8:45 p.m. and reconvened at 9:00 p.m.

Study Action Items

Request Approval of Monthly Financial Report and Budget Revisions for the Period Ending November 2007

Mr. Doug Coffman, Director, Internal Business Services, answered questions from the Board.

MOTION #2013-3 by Vice President Mann, seconded by Ms. Song, that the monthly financial report and budget revisions for the period ending November 2007 be approved.

MOTION #2013-3 carried unanimously 7-0-0-0.

Request for Approval to Transfer \$161,518 from Fund 990 Reserves

Ms. Joni Sanborn, Supervisor, Transportation Services, Interim Superintendent Fimiani and Mr. Coffman answered questions.

MOTION #2013-4 by Vice President Mann, seconded by Mr. Rummelhoff that the transfer of \$161,518 from Fund 990 Reserves be approved.

MOTION #2013-4 carried unanimously: 7-0-0-0.

Request Attendance of Board Members at the 2008 EdSource Forum on California Education Policy

MOTION #2013-5 by Vice President Mann, seconded by Ms. Song that the request for Board attendance at the 2008 EdSource Forum on California Education Policy be approved.

MOTION #2013-5 carried unanimously: 7-0-0-0.

Request Approval to Submit a Non-Competitive Head Start/Early Head Start Grant Application for 2008-09

Mr. Coffman answered questions from the Board.

MOTION #2013-6 by Vice President Mann, seconded by Mr. Rummelhoff that the submission of the Head Start/Early Head Start application for 2008-09 be approved.

MOTION #2013-6 carried unanimously: 7-0-0-0.

Information Items

Williams Complaint Report

Interim Superintendent Fimiani gave a brief summary of the Williams Complaints Report.

No Williams complaints have been received.

Discussion on Board Self-Evaluation in 2008

President Howard explained that on February 23 & 24, 2007, the Board reviewed its governance culture and protocols. Board members reviewed notes from those meetings and discussed a board self-evaluation for 2008.

Discussion on Talley & Associates

Vice President Mann presented a synopsis on Talley & Associates and board members discussed using Talley and Associates to provide a COE organizational climate study.

Update on Superintendent Search

Board members briefly reviewed updates on the Superintendent search.

Board Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

County Board of Education Reports

Leon Beauchman

- Attended various Martin Luther King Jr. events
- Announced an upcoming community empowerment conference of the Santa Clara County Alliance of Black Educators, March 1

Anna Song

- Met with Interim Superintendent Fimiani
- Visited Bullis Charter School
- Announced the recent trustee appointment of Wade Ellis to the West Valley-Mission Community College District

Gary Rummelhoff

- Asked staff questions regarding the San Jose Education Foundation
- Attended the Fit for Learning Kick-Off event
- Participated in a phone interview with John Fenzterwald of the Mercury News

Grace Mah

- Attended a Menlo Park School District Board meeting
- Attended a Palo Alto Unified School District Board meeting
- Met with the Los Altos School District Superintendent
- Met with South Bay Preparatory petitioners

Craig Mann

- Attended various Martin Luther King Jr. events

Jane Howard

- Participated in a phone interview with John Fenzterwald of the Mercy News
- Announced Jack O'Connell's visit to the Gilroy Rotary Club

Superintendent's Report

- Homeland Insecurity, "Why Children Must Be a Priority in the 2008 Presidential Campaign"
- Wachovia Foundation supports AVID
- Teacher Recruitment Fair, March 15, 9 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Recent Fit for Learning event, Tech Museum
- Silicon Valley Reads, *The Distant Land of My Father*, author Bo Caldwell at SCCOE, Feb 5 at 10:30 a.m.
- Announced an upcoming meeting with district CBOs
- Announced the recent passing away of Fred Rowe, Print Services Supervisor

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned in memory of Fred Rowe at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Joe Fimiani, Interim Superintendent
Ex-Officio Secretary

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