

93SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
1290 Ridder Park Drive
San Jose, California 95131

APPROVED
Regular Meeting #2036
Board Room
March 18, 2009
5:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Mann at 5:00 p.m.

a) Roll Call

Trustees Present:

Grace Mah, Area 1 (*arrived at 5:12 p.m.*)
T.N. Ho, Area 2
Leon Beauchman, Area 3
Joseph Di Salvo, Area 4
Anna Song, Area 5
Craig Mann, Area 6
Jane Howard, Area 7

b) Pledge of Allegiance

President Mann asked Mari Ju, recipient of SCCOE's Student Recognition, to lead the pledge of allegiance.

c) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION #2036-1 by member Beauchman that the agenda be adopted as submitted. Vice President Song seconded the motion and it carried 6-0 with member Mah absent.

2. SCCOE STUDENT OF THE MONTH: MARI JU, GUNN HIGH SCHOOL,
NORTH COUNTY REGIONAL OCCUPATIONAL PROGRAM (NCROP)

Vice President Song introduced Mari Ju and presented her with an iPod and a plaque in recognition of her achievements. Vice President Song introduced Cindy Peters, Mari's culinary arts teacher, who spoke of Mari's positive attitude, ability to accomplish goals and interpersonal skills. Mari thanked her teachers for their support and for the recognition.

(Grace Mah joined the meeting – 5:12 p.m.)

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS OF PERSONS DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OR TO PRESENT PETITIONS

President Mann opened the hearing for public comment.

Ralph Wigginton, a teacher in the Alternative Schools Department, spoke regarding his concerns on the issues surrounding the process of establishing new community schools.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter dated March 11, 2009, titled “*Feb 11th Decision of the Santa Clara County Committee of School District Organization*”, from N. “Aru” Arunasalam, Georgia Lee and Diane Shaff

Mr. Aru Arunasalam spoke regarding his concern on the denial process of his transfer petition to the Santa Clara County Committee of School District Organization.

CHANGE IN AGENDA

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

b. County Committee on School District Organization

Board members discussed their concerns based on the contents of a correspondence letter dated March 11 from Mr. Arunasalam, Ms. Lee and Ms. Shaff. Perimeters and oversight of the County Committee on School District Organization were also discussed. The Board has requested a written response from the County Committee to the March 11 letter. Superintendent Weis answered questions from the Board as well as Mr. Arunasalam.

5. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- a) Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 4, 2009 (#2035)
- b) Request Approval of Purchase Order Exceeding \$100,000
- c) Request Acceptance of Grant Award Notifications
- d) Request Approval of Purchase Order Exceeding \$100,000
- e) Request Approval to Submit a Non-Competitive Application for the Education for Homeless Children and Youth

MOTION #2036-2 by member Mah that the Board approve Consent Action Items A through E. Vice President Song seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Public Hearings on the Disclosure Statement of the Tentative Agreement for a Successor Contract between the County Superintendent of Schools and the Psychologists' and Social Workers' Association

President Mann opened the hearing for public comment.

No one wished to address the Board or the County Superintendent at this time.

- b. Public Hearing on the Disclosure Statement of the Tentative Agreement for a Successor Contract between the County Superintendent of Schools and the Association of County Educators/California Teachers Association (ACE/CTA)

President Mann opened the hearing for public comment.

No one wished to address the Board or the County Superintendent at this time.

7. STUDY ACTION ITEM

- a. Approval of the Second Interim Financial Report for the Fiscal Year 2008-09

Doug Coffman, Director of Internal Business Services, provided an overview of the second interim financial report for the fiscal year 2008-09.

MOTION #2036-3 by member Ho that the Board *authorize the County Superintendent to sign the report on behalf of the Board*. Member Mah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- b) Approval of the 2009-10 Indirect Rates

Superintendent Weis reported on the 2009-10 indirect rates.

MOTION #2036-4 by member Howard that the Board approve the indirect rates for 2009-10. Vice President Song seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

c. Subcommittee to Recommend Law Firm to Represent the Office in Matters of Property Acquisition

Superintendent Weis explained the need for the Board to have legal representation in property acquisition. The Board discussed the recommendation and selection process.

MOTION #20365-5 by Vice President Song that the Board authorize President Mann to select and contract with an attorney for property acquisition. Member Howard seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Recess

The Board broke for recess at 6:45 p.m. and reconvened at 6:52 p.m.

8. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

d) Update on Inclusion Collaborative

Joe Fimiani, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services introduced the inclusion collaborative program and introduced Janice Battaglia, Manager of Inclusion Collaborative and Jean Gallagher, Director of Special Education at Alum Rock Union School District, who presented accomplishments of the Inclusion Collaborative. Ms. Battaglia and Ms. Gallagher answered questions.

c) Board Committee Reports

Jane Howard

Joint Committee on Child Care (JCCC)

- Inquired on the status of the next JCCC meeting

Anna Song

Policy Development Subcommittee

- Announced an upcoming Board Policy meeting

Craig Mann

Joint Legislative Advisory Committee (JLAC)

- Attended a JLAC meeting

T.N. Ho

Joint Legislative Advisory Committee (JLAC)

- Attended a JLAC meeting

Leon Beauchman

- California School Boards Association (CSBA)
- California County Boards of Education (CCBE)
- Juvenile Justice System Collaborative (JJSC)
 - Announced an upcoming CSBA Legislative Action conference
 - Announced an upcoming CCBE conference call
 - Attended a JJSC meeting

d) County Board of Education Member Reports

Joseph Di Salvo

- Reported on his collaborative partnership with Congressman Mike Honda's office on a resolution for the Department of Peace and Non-Violence. Congressman Honda is scheduled to attend the September 2 Board meeting.
- Discussed his recent article contribution on the San Jose Inside Post

Grace Mah

- Visited schools in the south county with Dr. Weis
- Attended the Annual Academic Success Conference for English Language Learners
- Attended a Cupertino Union School Board meeting
- Attended a Challenge Team meeting in Sunnyvale and Mountain View
- Attended a school tour with the San Francisco Chinese Education Council

Jane Howard

- Announced an upcoming People Acting in Community Together (PACT) meeting
- Received an email from a grant writer at the Morgan Hill Unified School District regarding a south county history grant
- Attended a Gilroy Chamber of Commerce Breakfast meeting
- Attended a Gilroy Dispatch Editorial Board meeting

Anna Song

- Participated in a Head Start self-assessment

Leon Beauchman

- Attended an American Leadership forum at the Mexican Heritage Plaza on American Green Economy
- Met with Bullis Charter School and Los Altos School District staff regarding facilities
- Informed the Board that Bill Ever's (*former Board member*) is interested in presenting his Washington, D.C. experience with the Board

T.N. Ho

- Announced that the Distinguished Citizen's Society group is interested in re-establishing a selection of US educators to visit the education system in Taiwan
- Spoke to a group of Chinese officials from the Shangdong Province on the topic of US government and education systems and also accompanied them on a tour to Osborne School
- Attended a meeting with the San Francisco Chinese Education Consul in Dr. Weis' Office and accompanied the Consul on school visits to Ohlone Elementary School, Palo Alto High School and Bullis Charter School

d) County Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Weis presented the following information relative to the activities of the Office:

Dr. Weis commended the Board for the endeavors in their community.

- *DA to Investigate Whether MACSA Broke Laws*, Gilroy Dispatch, March 2, 2009
- *Detailed Anonymous Tip Triggers Questions About East Side Union High School District Finances*, Mercury News, March 2, 2009
- Thank you letter to Dr. Weis from Jack O'Connell, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, dated 2/25/09, thanking Dr. Weis for hosting the budget town hall meeting on February 4, 2009
- Thank you letter from Dr. Horejs, superintendent of Union School District, dated 3/10/09, thanking SCCOE's Instructional Services Branch for their assistance in designing an excellent inquiry process that helped with Union School District's mid-year review
- Teacher Recruitment Fair, Saturday, March 21, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- California Department of Education's General Waiver Request – Montebello Elementary School District
- History Day Competition, Sunday, March 29, History Park at Kelly Park
- Santa Clara County School Boards Association's 25th Anniversary Hoffman Awards dinner, Wednesday, April 22, 6:00 p.m. social hour, 7:00 p.m. dinner, Michaels on Shoreline Blvd.
- Chandler Tripp Carnival, Friday, May 29, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- State Budget – LAO Report
- Participated as a panelist on the "*Budget Crisis, Saving the Classroom*" forum with Jack O'Connell and Scott Plotkin
- Hosted a Leadership Team meeting at SCCOE

Dr. Dritz, Deputy Superintendent, presented an update on the proposed deaf and hard of hearing school site at Oster School.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Fiscal Oversight: AB139, AB1200 & AB2756 – May 20 (Grovenburg & Johal)
- Gang Prevention Efforts – April 15 (Mitchell & Fimiani)
- High School Dropout Prevention Planning – May 6 (Fimiani)
- Evaluation for Head Start Program & Standard Kindergarten Readiness – May 20 (Fimiani & Trujillo)

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Charles Weis, County Superintendent of Schools
Ex-Officio Secretary

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