

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

APPROVED

Regular Meeting #2052

Board Room

Teleconference Location:

Hampton Inn Manhattan/Times Square South

Reservations Under: T.N. Ho

337 West 39th Street, New York, NY, 10018

February 3, 2010

5:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Song called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m.

a. Roll Call

Trustees Present:

Grace Mah, Area 1

T.N. Ho, Area 2

Leon Beauchman, Area 3

Joseph Di Salvo, Area 4

Anna Song, Area 5

Jane Howard, Area 7

Helen Yu, student board member

Ricardo Gonzalez, student board member

Board Member Absent:

Craig Mann, Area 6

b. Pledge of Allegiance

President Song asked Dr. Charles Weis, County Superintendent of Schools, to lead the pledge of allegiance.

c. Adoption of Agenda

Dr. Weis requested that item 9.A. "*Request Approval for the New Names for Alternative School Sites*" be postponed.

President Song requested that the agenda be adjourned in memory of Richard Stampolis and Timothy Joseph Martino.

MOTION #2052-1 by member Howard to adopt the agenda with requested revisions. Member Di Salvo seconded the motion and it carried 5-0-2 with members Ho and Mann absent.

2. EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH: CHRISTIAN MUNOZ, HEAD START

Member Beauchman introduced Christian Munoz, February's Employee of the Month. He noted Christian's contributions, presented a plaque and an engraved pen in recognition of her work, and introduced Adolfo Pando, Planning and Support Manager, Head Start, who spoke of Christian's analytical skills. Mr. Pando introduced Bea Martinez, Administrative Services Supervisor, Head Start, who spoke of her appreciation for Christian's many contributions to Head Start. Christian thanked the Board and her colleagues for the recognition.

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

President Song opened the hearing for public comment.

April Carlson, President of the Association of County Educators, spoke about her concern on the anti-union sentiments that were voiced by panelists at the recent SCCOE Charter School Summit.

Dr. Ina Bendis, private citizen, addressed the Board on how Magnolia Charter School misrepresented themselves to the County Board of Education and asked that the Board rescind Magnolia Charter School.

4. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 5:25 p.m. to hear the following item:

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
(Gov't Code Section 54956.9(b): Two (2) potential cases

Recess

The Board broke for recess at 6:15 p.m. and reconvened into Open Session at 6:23 p.m.

OPEN SESSION – 6:23 p.m.

5. REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

President Song reported that, in the matter of Agenda Item 4 “*Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Gov’t Code Section 54956.9(b): Two (2) potential cases*” there were no reportable actions.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no Board correspondence.

7. CONSENT ACTION ITEM

- a) Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 13, 2010 (#2051)
- b) Request Approval of County Superintendent’s Monthly Expenses
- c) Request Acceptance of Grant Award Notifications
- d) Request Approval to Submit a Non-Competitive Head Start/Early Head Start Application for 2010-11 Including Addendum

MOTION #2052-2 by member Howard that the Board approve Consent Action Items A through D. Member Di Salvo seconded the motion and it carried 5-0-2 with members Ho and Mann absent.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Public Hearing on the Charter School Petition for K12 Academy Silicon Valley Charter School, on Behalf of Flex Public Schools

(Member Ho joined the meeting via teleconference from New York.)

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

Dr. Lucretia Peebles, Director of Charter Schools, Student Services Department, presented staff’s analysis on the petition.

Mark Kushner, lead petitioner for Flex Public Schools, gave a presentation on the merits of the petition.

Board members asked clarifying questions.

The following individuals spoke in support of K12 Academy Silicon Valley Charter School:

- Nick Driver, California Charter Schools Association
- Todd McPeck, math teacher, proposed K12 Academy Silicon Valley Charter School

Board members discussed petition.

9. STUDY ACTION ITEMS

a. Request Approval for the New Names for Alternative School Sites

This item was postponed.

b. Update and Discussion on Correspondence to the Board—Safety and Facility Issues and Enrollment at Alternative Schools

Norma Bayless, School Office Coordinator at Terra Bella Academy, addressed a letter written by a Terra Bella staff member regarding incidences at Terra Bella and requested that these allegations be investigated. She felt that most of the allegations were not true.

The Following individuals spoke about their concerns on Calero Community School's leadership and safety for staff and students:

- Mike Lee, teacher, Calero
- Roberto Palomo, teacher, Calero
- Vivek Sharma, teacher, Calero
- Juan Oliverez, teacher, Calero

Loretta Ramos, teacher-in-charge at Terra Bella Academy, spoke about students' needs not being served by Terra Bella administration.

Cassandra Vickers, parent, spoke about her overall concern within the Alternative Schools Department, and hoped that an outside consultant would be hired to review the SCCOE's Alternative Education Program.

John Malloy, People Acting in Community Together (PACT), presented a video on students from Pathfinder, which displayed their thoughts on Pathfinder.

(Helen Yu, student board member, left the meeting – 8:00 p.m.)

The following individuals spoke in support of Pathfinder:

Pedro Suarez, former Pathfinder student
Sade, former Pathfinder student

Betsy Barron, math teacher at Pathfinder and union rep of SCCOE's community schools, spoke on the issues of safety protocols at the community schools and the lack of leadership.

Reverend April Lussier, PACT, addressed the concerns presented by SCCOE teachers.

Board members discussed the issues of the Alternative Schools Department and Dr. Dritz and Dr. Weis answered questions.

(Member Ho signed off from his teleconference participation.)

c. Adopt the Budget Revisions for the Period Ending December 31, 2009

Doug Coffman, Director of Internal Business Services, provided an overview of budget revisions for the period ending December 31, 2009.

MOTION #2052-3 by member Howard that the Board adopt the budget revisions for the period ending December 31, 2009. Member Beauchman seconded the motion and it carried 5-0-2 with members Ho and Mann absent.

d. Accept the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending December 31, 2009

Mr. Coffman presented the monthly financial report for the period ending December 31, 2009 and answered questions from the Board.

MOTION #2052-4 by member Howard that the Board accept the monthly financial report for the period ending December 31, 2009. Member Di Salvo seconded the motion and it carried 5-0-2 with members Ho and Mann absent.

e. Approval of Resolution Recognizing the Month of February 2010 as National African American History Month

Member Beauchman announced an upcoming Santa Clara County Alliance of Black Educators event at the Mexican Heritage Plaza on February 26, 2010.

MOTION #2052-5 by member Beauchman that the Board approve the resolution recognizing the month of February 2010 as National African American History Month. Member Howard seconded the motion and it carried 5-0-3 with Vice President Mah, members Ho and Mann absent. *(Vice President Mah had momentarily stepped out.)*

f. Request Approval of Submission for Arts Competitive Grant to the William & Flora Hewlett Foundation

Dr. Weis presented a summary on the submission for the arts competitive grant to the William & Flora Hewlett Foundation and Linda Aceves, Chief Academic Officer, answered questions.

MOTION #2052-6 by Vice President Mah that the Board approve the submission for the arts competitive grant to the William & Flora Hewlett Foundation. Member Howard seconded the motion and it carried 5-0-2 with members Ho and Mann absent.

g. Request Approval of 2009-2010 Consolidated Application, Part II

Dr. Weis introduced Jesse Ramos, Coordinator of Categorical Special Projects and thanked him for his work. Ms. Aceves provided an overview of the consolidated application and answered questions.

MOTION #2052-7 by member Beauchman that the Board approve the 2009-10 Consolidated Application, Part II. Vice President Mah seconded the motion and it carried 5-0-2 with members Ho and Mann absent.

h. Request Approval of the 2009-10 Single Plan for Student Achievement

Ms. Aceves explained the *2009-10 Single Plan for Student* for SCCOE schools and answered questions from the Board.

MOTION #2052-8 by member Beauchman that the Board approve the four 2009-2010 Single Plan for Student Achievement for the SCCOE Schools. Member Di Salvo seconded the motion and it carried 5-0-2 with members Ho and Mann absent.

10. INFORMATION

a. Update on the SJ2020 Initiative

Dr. Weis reported on the SJ2020 Initiative and answered questions from the Board. President Song nominated member Beauchman to be the Board member for SJ2020.

b. Santa Clara County Board of Education's Quarterly Expenses

The Board reviewed the Board's quarterly expenses.

c. Williams Complaint Report

Dr. Weis reported that there were no Williams complaints received during the October 1 through December 31, 2009 reporting period.

d. County Committee on School District Organization

Dr. Weis presented an update on the activities of the County Committee on School District Organization.

e. Board Committee Reports

Jane Howard

Santa Clara County Regional Occupational Program (SCCROP)

- Attended a SCCROP meeting

f. County Board of Education Member Reports

Anna Song

- Thanked all individuals who participated in the recent Charter School Summit

g. County Superintendent's Report:

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

- "Audit Blames East Side Board, Not Former Superintendent Bob Nunez, for Lapses", Mercury News, February 2, 2010
- Extraordinary Audit of the East Side Union High School District
- Email dated January 28, 2010 from Patty Murphy, Executive Director of Communications to Dr. Weis, commenting on the kick-off success of Silicon Valley Reads 2010
- Glen Thomas, Secretary of State, Resignation Announcement
- California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA) – Status Report regarding County Superintendents Legal Dispute with CalPERS
- "A Look at Learning: Guide to Observation of ELD and SDAIE Settings"
- Magnolia Schools Quarterly Newsletter
- On January 28, 2010, Austin Walsh, a Daily Post staff writer from Palo Alto, sent a request to Larry Slonaker, SCCOE's Public Information Officer, requesting the "total compensation of all Santa Clara County Office of Education employees during the 2009 calendar year and the previous two years" per the California Public Records Act (Gov Code Section 6250 et seq) – information to include: employees' full name, regular pay, overtime pay, retirement payouts, hired date and dates of termination
- Announcement of 360 Feedback for 2010

- Announcement of upcoming February events where Dr. Weis is speaking or serving on a panel
- First Interim Certifications – School Districts
- Attendance & Enrollment for Community Schools – reports dated: December 16, 2009 to January 6, 2010
- Head Start Monthly Reports to the Board – December 2009

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m. in memory of the following individuals:

Richard Stampolis, father-in-law of Trustee Anna Song. Richard served California's education community in Los Angeles as a Secondary and Middle School Vice-Principal, a math teacher, a communications teacher and a longtime drama coach. He was an award-winning playwright, winning honors for his one-act play "Two Men and a Plane." Richard passed away February 1, 2010, in Los Angeles at age 78. He leaves two children, their spouses and four grandchildren, in addition to hundreds of grateful students over the decades.

Timothy Joseph Martino (June 12, 1957 – January 29, 2010), brother-in-law of Trustee Joseph Di Salvo. Timothy Joseph Martino entered into eternal rest after a very courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Tim, a hard working, dedicated family man, was born in San Jose. His parents Leticia and Anthony Martino preceded him in death. Tim attended St. Patrick's Elementary School and Mitty High School. Tim leaves behind his daughter Natalie Martino, sister, Christine Martino Di Salvo, brothers Anthony and Michael Martino, nephew Zachary Di Salvo, nieces Sarah Manoguerra, Rebekah and Rachael Martino, great niece Isabella Manoguerra, brother-in-law Joseph Di Salvo and sister-in-law, Marilyn Martino. We will miss Tim for his wisdom, love and Chiramonte sausage barbecuing skills every year on Christmas Eve. He was a gentle man and gentleman. A memorial service will be held to celebrate Tim's life at Archbishop Mitty High School's Chapel, 5000 Mitty Way, San Jose, Friday, February 5, 4:00 p.m. The family requests that any memorial contributions be made to the Natalie Martino's Education Trust Fund at P.O. Box 8688, San Jose, CA 95155.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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