

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

APPROVED  
Regular Meeting #2054  
Board Room  
March 3, 2010  
5:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Song called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

a. Roll Call

**Trustees Present:**

Grace Mah, Area 1  
T.N. Ho, Area 2  
Joseph Di Salvo, Area 4  
Anna Song, Area 5  
Craig Mann, Area 6  
Jane Howard, Area 7

**Board Member Absent:**

Leon Beauchman, Area 3  
Helen Yu, student board member  
Ricardo Gonzalez, student board member

b. Pledge of Allegiance

President Song asked Spencer Sanborn, teacher at Osborne School, to lead the pledge of allegiance.

c. Adoption of Agenda

Member Mann requested to place Study Action Item 6.F “*Request Approval of RFP Language to Hire a Consulting Group to Evaluate and Make Recommendations to the SCCOE’s Alternative Education Program*” after Study Action Item 6.A. “*Request Approval for the New Names for Alternative School Sites.*”

Vice President Mah requested to pull out Consent Action Item 5.C “Request to Receive Non-Competitive Grant from American Institute of Research (AIR)” for further clarification and discussion.

MOTION #2054-1 by member Mann to adopt the agenda with amendments. Member Di Salvo seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Beauchman absent.

2. SCCOE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH: JIVAN DHALIWAL,  
MATHEMATICS COORDINATOR, CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Member Howard introduced Jivan Dhaliwal, March's Employee of the Month. She noted Jivan's contributions, presented a plaque and an engraved pen in recognition of her work, and introduced Linda Aceves, Chief Academic Officer, who spoke of Jivan's incredible contribution and leadership. Ms. Aceves introduced Eddie Mourtos, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, who spoke about Jivan's "can do" attitude and passion for math and teaching. Jivan thanked the Board, Dr. Weis and her colleagues for the recognition and recognized Gary, her significant other.

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

President Song opened the hearing for public comment.

Loretta Ramos, SCCOE teacher, spoke about students' needs not being served by administration at Terra Bella Academy and her employment concern.

Dr. Jason Ramos, private citizen, spoke about member Ho's response when asked why he joined the County Board of Education by the CSBA facilitator at the Special Board meeting of February 23, 2010. Mr. Ramos also spoke about current issues within the alternative education program.

Lorrie Amezquita, Head Start, spoke about the hiring of two new teachers in Head Start and her concern on the hiring process and thanked the Board and Dr. Weis for the recent pay increase.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter dated February 13, 2010 from Virginia (Ginny) Sampson regarding Ms. Sampson's concern on school aides having to pass a test by June 2010 which includes algebra and geometry
- Email dated February 17, 2010 from Mike Lee, titled "Leadership Update"
- Email dated February 18, 2010 from Dr. Weis responding to Kathleen Bays, titled "RE: Concern"
- Letter dated February 25, 2010 to Virginia (Ginny) Sampson responding to her February 13, 2010 letter

5. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- a. Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of February 17, 2010 (#2053)
- b. Request Approval to Submit Non-Competitive Grant for Identifying Summer Learning Programmatic Best Practices and Challenges to Inform Localized Technical Assistance Delivery
- d. Request Approval of SCROP/Workability II ARRA Contract for 2009-2010 Non-Competitive Grant

MOTION #2054-2 by member Mann to approve Consent Action Items A, B and D. Member Howard seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Beauchman absent.

- c. Request to Receive Non-Competitive Grant from American Institute of Research (AIR)

Linda Aceves, Chief Academic Officer, answered questions from the Board.

MOTION #2054-3 by member Mah that the Board approve the non-competitive grant from the American Institute of Research. Member Mann seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Beauchman absent.

6. STUDY ACTION ITEMS

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

Juan Oliverez, teacher; Manuel Alacon, student; and Dawn Martin, teacher-in-charge, presented the new name for Calero Community School — *Redemption Academy Community School*.

MOTION #2054-4 by member Ho that the Board approve the new name of Redemption Academy Community School to replace the former name of Calero Community School. Member Mann seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Beauchman absent.

Mark Shadduck, teacher and Jessica Vickers, student, presented the new name for the Foundry/Sunol site school — *Novo Community School*.

MOTION #2054-5 by member Di Salvo that the Board approve the new name of Novo Community School to replace the former name of the Foundry/Sunol Site school. Vice President Mah seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Beauchman absent.

Michael Hughes, teacher, presented the new name for the Snell/Pathfinder school — *Pathfinder Academy Community School*.

MOTION #2054-6 by member Howard that the Board approve the new name of Pathfinder Academy Community School to replace the former name of Snell/Pathfinder. Member Ho seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Beauchman absent.

Todd Barr, Principal and John Herrera, student presented the new name for South County — *Odyssey Community School*.

MOTION #2054-7 by Vice President Mah that the Board adopt and approve the new name of Odyssey Community School to replace the former name of South County. Member Mann seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Beauchman absent.

Students Celina Castelleros, Giovanni Mate, and Jasmin Teo presented the new name for Terra Bella — *View Side Academy Community School*.

MOTION #2054-8 by member Di Salvo that the Board approve the new name of View Side Academy Community School to replace the former name of Terra Bella. Member Mann seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Beauchman absent.

Member Ho congratulated students who participated in selecting their new school name. Dr. Weis thanked staff for inviting parents and community members to participate in the name selection process.

#### CHANGE IN AGENDA

- f. Request Approval of RFP Language to Hire a Consulting Group to Evaluate and Make Recommendations to the SCCOE's Alternative Education Program

Dr. Weis presented the Request for Proposal (RFP) language and board members discussed the language and requested various revisions.

MOTION #2054-9 by member Mann that the Board approve the RFP language to hire a consulting group to evaluate and make recommendations to the SCCOE's Alternative Education Program with requested revisions and appoint member Di Salvo and Vice President Mah to serve on the interviewing panel. Member Di Salvo seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Beauchman absent.

*(Member Mann left the meeting 6:12 p.m.)*

Recess

The Board broke for recess at 6:12 p.m. and reconvened into Open Session at 6:20 p.m.

The following individuals from Pathfinder Academy thanked the Board for supporting their school and presented their banner and logo:

- Jesus Meraz, lead teacher
- Hector Meza, student
- Alejandro Morales, student

b. Adopt the Budget Revisions for the Period Ending January 31, 2010

Doug Coffman, Director of Internal Business Services, provided an overview of budget revisions for the period ending January 31, 2010 and answered questions.

MOTION #2054-10 by member Ho that the Board adopt the budget revisions for the period ending January 31, 2010. Member Howard seconded the motion and it carried 5-0-2 with members Beauchman and Mann absent.

c. Accept the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending January 31, 2010

Mr. Coffman presented the monthly financial report for the period ending January 31, 2010.

MOTION #2054-11 by member Di Salvo that the Board accept the monthly financial report for the period ending January 31, 2010. Vice President Mah seconded the motion and it carried 5-0-2 with members Beauchman and Mann absent.

d. Request Approval of Submission for an “Arts in Education Model Development” Competitive Grant to the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Innovation and Improvement

Ms. Aceves answered questions.

MOTION #2054-12 by member Ho that the Board approve the submission of the competitive grant for an Arts in Education Model Development. Vice President Mah seconded the motion and it carried 5-0-2 with members Beauchman and Mann absent.

- e. Request Approval for a Board Member to Attend the Annual Service-Learning Conference on March 24-27, 2010 in San Jose, CA

MOTION #2054-13 by member Di Salvo that the Board approve Mr. Beauchman's request to attend the Annual Service-Learning Conference on March 24-27, 2010 in San Jose, CA. Vice President Mah seconded the motion and it carried 5-0-2 with members Beauchman and Mann absent.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Public Hearing on the Disclosure Statement of the Reopener Tentative Agreement Between the County Superintendent of Schools and the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 521

President Song opened the hearing for public comment.

No one wished to address the Board or Dr. Weis.

Laura Kidwiler, Chief Human Resources Officer, answered questions from the Board.

8. INFORMATION

- a. Update – Alternative Schools

The following individuals addressed the Board with concerns on the food program and staff issues surrounding the Alternative Schools Department:

Juan Oliverez, teacher  
Loretta Ramos, teacher  
Mike Lee, teacher

Dr. Weis presented updates on SCCOE's alternative schools and answered questions from the Board.

- b. Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) Update

Ms. Aceves provided an introduction to the Visual and Performing Arts and Lisa Gonzales, VAPA Coordinator, presented the four key focus areas and answered questions.

c. Discussion on the California County Boards of Education (CCBE) Policy Platform

This item was tabled for the March 17 meeting.

d. County Committee on School District Organization

Dr. Weis provided a brief report on the County Committee on School District Organization.

e. Board Committee Reports

Dr. Weis

- Announced the upcoming Budget Study Committee meeting of March 17

Grace Mah

- Attended a Policy Development Committee
- Attended a Head Start self-assessment interview via telephone

f. County Board of Education Member Reports

T.N. Ho

- Spoke on a Chinese radio station regarding the State budget and its impact on public education

Joseph Di Salvo

- Recently invited to speak at Blue Ridge High School
- Announced that Mitsu Kumagai (former SCCOE employee) is being recommended for an honor from the City of San Jose
- Announced an upcoming ArtsConnect event at Santa Clara University

Grace Mah

- Attended the Seal of Biliteracy Committee meeting
- Participated in Head Start's Self-Assessment
- Participated in Read Across America in the Alum Rock School District
- Attended the Silicon Valley Education Forum on the Achievement Gap and Race
- Requested Dr. Weis' Office to schedule community school site visits for the Board

Anna Song

- Attended a Warmenhoven Advisory Board meeting

g. County Superintendent's Report:

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

- Announced Rogelio Ruiz' recent accident
- Participated in Read Across America
- Results of the January 2010 Extraordinary Audit of the East Side Union High School District
- Attendance & Enrollment for Community Schools – reports dated: January 27 through February 24, 2010
- Resolutions and how to link to SCCOE goals
- Flyers on: “Career Technical Education” and “Artspiration”

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Discussion on how to recruit math teachers – July (Joseph Di Salvo)

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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