

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

APPROVED
Regular Meeting #2058
Board Room
May 5, 2010
5:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Song called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

a. Roll Call

Members Present:

Grace Mah, Area 1
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
Helen Yu, Student Board Member

Members Absent:

Ricardo Gonzalez, Student Board Member

b. Pledge of Allegiance

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

c. Adoption of Agenda

President Song requested that the agenda be reviewed in the following order: Items 1 through 5, Study Action Items 6C, 6D, 6E, 6G, Closed Session #8 and then return to Study Action Item 6.A and continue with the remaining agenda items.

MOTION #2058-1 by member Beauchman to adopt the agenda with requested changes. Member Mann seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

2. EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH: DONNA KREIN, SCHOOL OFFICE
COORDINATOR, GATEWAY

Member Mann introduced Donna Krein, May's Employee of the Month. He noted Donna's contributions, presented a plaque and an engraved pen in recognition of her work, and introduced Laurene Beto, Principal of the Gateway Cluster, who compared Donna to "Fred" from *The Fred Factor* book by author Mark Sanborn. She spoke about Donna's collaborative spirit. Donna thanked Ms. Beto 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.

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

4. CORRESPONDENCE

- The Board was copied on a letter dated April 21, 2010 from attorney Paul Minney of Middleton, Young & Minney addressed to law offices of John Yeh of Dannis, Woliver & Kelly regarding "Discovery Charter School—Proposition 39, 2010-2011."
- Letter dated May 5, 2010 from Mike Lee, Teacher, Redemption Academy Community School, regarding his concerns with administrators in the Alternative Schools Program.

5. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- a. Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of April 21, 2010 (#2057)
- b. Request Approval of County Superintendent's Monthly Expenses

President Song requested the following corrections to the minutes of Regular Meeting of April 21: (1) President Song's name should be replaced with Vice President Mah under "Call to Order", "Pledge of Allegiance", and Public Comments of Persons Desiring to Address the Board or to Present Petitions"; (2) under Study Action 7.A. Motion #2057-3 should read: by Vice President "Mah" and not by Vice President "May"; (3) under Study Action Item 7.H., add "President Song requested that a thank you letter be sent to the Walden West Foundation from President Song on behalf of the Board and Dr. Weis."

MOTION #2058-2 by member Mann that the Board approve Consent Action Items A and B with noted corrections. Member Beauchman seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

CHANGE IN AGENDA

6. STUDY ACTION ITEMS

c. Request Adoption of Resolution in Support of the Local Control of Local Classrooms Funding Act

Vice President Mah provided background information on the Local Control of Local Classrooms Funding Act. Board members deliberated.

MOTION #2058-3 by member Mann that the Board adopt the Resolution in Support of the Local Control of Local Classrooms Funding Act. Member Di Salvo seconded the motion and it carried 5-2 with members Ho and Howard voting no.

d. Request Adoption of the Budget Revisions for the Period Ending March 31, 2010

Doug Coffman, Director of Internal Business Services, answered questions.

MOTION #2058-4 by member Mann that the Board adopt the budget revisions for the period ending March 31, 2010. Member Howard seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

e. Request to Accept the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending March 31, 2010

MOTION #2058-5 by member Mann that the Board accept the monthly financial report for the period ending March 31, 2010. Member Howard seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

g. Request Approval of Selected Bidder to Review the Alternative Education Program; Request for Approval to Transfer \$100,000 from Fund 800 Reserves; and Request Approval of Purchase Order Exceeding \$100,000

Member Di Salvo recapitulated the decision to hire an outside consulting group to assess the quality of SCCOE's current Alternative Education Program. He and Vice President Mah discussed the qualifications of the selected bidder (WestEd). Dr. Cary Dritz, Deputy Superintendent, Vice President Mah and member Di Salvo, answered questions from the Board.

MOTION #2058-6 by member Mann that the Board approve the WestEd proposal to review SCCOE's Alternative Education Programs; Approve the transfer of \$100,000 from Fund 800 reserves and Approve a purchase order of \$100,000 to WestEd. Member Di Salvo seconded the motion. **Voting was deferred until after Closed Session.**

8. CLOSED SESSION

The Board convened into Closed Session at 5:47 p.m. to discuss a “Public Employee Performance Evaluation” Title: County Superintendent of Schools
(Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) permits Boards to conduct a closed session for evaluation of performance of a public employee.)

OPEN SESSION – 7:00 p.m.

President Song reported that in the matter of Study Action Item 6.G. “Request Approval of Selected Bidder to Review the Alternative Education Program; Request for Approval to Transfer \$100,000 from Fund 800 Reserves; and Request Approval of Purchase Order Exceeding \$100,000” the following action was taken:

MOTION #2058-6 by member Mann that the Board approve the WestEd proposal to review SCCOE’s Alternative Education Programs; Approve the transfer of \$100,000 from Fund 800 reserves and Approve a purchase order of \$100,000 to WestEd. Member Di Salvo seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

(Member Mann left the meeting at 7:03 p.m.)

The following individuals spoke about their concern on not being informed about substitute teaching opportunities in Head Start centers during the spring break:

Lorrie Amezquita, teacher
Deborah Graham, teacher

6. STUDY ACTION ITEMS

a Request Approval on Resolution Recognizing Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month

MOTION #2058-7 by member Di Salvo that the Board approve the resolution recognizing Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month. Member Beauchman seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Mann absent. Student vote: Helen Yu, Aye

b Request Approval of Resolutions Pertaining to Consolidation of Elections

Dr. Weis explained the consolidation of elections.

MOTION #2058-8 by member Howard that the Board approve the resolutions pertaining to consolidation of elections. Member Ho seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Mann absent. Student vote: Helen Yu, Aye

f. Request Submission of U.S. Department of Education Investing in Innovation (i3) Competitive Grant Application – SJ2020

Dr. Weis gave a summary of the U.S. Department of Education Investing in Innovation (i3) Competitive Grant Application – SJ2020. Don Bolce, Manager of Special Projects and Dr. Weis, answered questions.

MOTION #2057-9 by member Howard that the Board approve the submission of U.S. Department of Education Investing in Innovation (i3) Competitive Grant Application – SJ 2020. Vice President Mah seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Mann absent. Student vote: Helen Yu, Aye

7. INFORMATION

a. Discussion on the Board’s Budget/Expenditures and Policies on Budget

Dr. Weis presented the expenditure procedures and practices of the Board’s budget. Board members discussed existing and needed policies on Board budget.

b. Update on Alternative Schools

Dr. Weis provided an overview of the professional development proposal, emergency procedures by non-team staff, incident reports, attendance and enrollment reports in the Alternative Schools Department.

c. English Language Learners (ELL) Textbook Adoption

Dr. Weis explained that before SCCOE adopts a textbook it must publicly open a thirty-day review period for the recommended textbooks. Dr. Dritz answered questions from the Board.

d. County Committee on School District Organization

There were no reports.

e. Board Committee Reports

Dr. Charles Weis

- Attended the May 5 Budget Study Committee meeting
- Attended the Santa Clara County School Boards Association (SCCSBA) Hoffman Awards dinner

Grace Mah

- Attended the May 5 California School Boards Association (CSBA) review meeting on Board policies 3000 and 7000
- Attended the May 5 Budget Study Committee meeting

T.N. Ho

- Announced the May 18 Head Start Policy Council meeting – he was not able to attend the recent meeting
- Attended the May 5 Budget Study Committee meeting

Leon Beauchman

- Announced an upcoming California County Board of Education (CCBE) conference – date to be determined

Joseph Di Salvo

- Attended the May 5 Budget Study Committee meeting

f. County Board of Education Member Reports

Jane Howard

- Attended the Gateway School ground breaking ceremony

Joseph Di Salvo

- Reported that he is continuing “charter school” planning with Vice President Mah and Dr. Lucretia Peebles
- Attended the National School Boards Association annual meeting in Chicago

(Student Helen Yu left the meeting at 8:05 p.m.)

Grace Mah

- Attended a CSBA class on board self-evaluation and superintendent evaluation
- Participated in the Alternative Schools Department “Request for Proposal” (RFP) interviews
- Attended a charter schools meeting with member Di Salvo and Dr. Lucretia Peebles
- Attended a CSBA policies review meeting

Leon Beauchman

- Attended a trip to Sacramento with the San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce
- Attended a “Road Trip to College” event sponsored by AT&T
- Attended an American Leadership Forum at San Jose State

T.N. Ho

- Attended the May 5 Budget Study Committee meeting
- Spoke about his trip to Taiwan

Anna Song

- Reported receiving a book from an anonymous sender on “*The Incompetent Manager*” by author Adrian Furnham. President Song requested that copies of the book be ordered and given to each board member.

g. County Superintendent’s Report:

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

- City of San Jose has approved a school signage at Pathfinder but not a crosswalk
- Head Start Changes
- Chief Schools Officer, Director of Alternative Schools and Chief Business Officer Candidates Pool Report
- Lawyers Expense Report for 2008-2009 and 2009-2010
- Update on the Ohlone Towers Project
- Head Start Monthly Reports

9. REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

President Song reported that, in the matter of Agenda Item 8, “*Public Employee Performance Evaluation, Title: County Superintendent of Schools*” there were no reportable actions.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Discussion on how to increase the number of math teachers in Silicon Valley – July (requested by Joseph Di Salvo)
- Charter Schools Updates (requested by Board)
- Branch Department Updates (requested by Grace Mah)

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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