

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

APPROVED
Regular Meeting #2059
Board Room
May 19, 2010
5:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Song called the meeting to order at 5:30 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

Members Absent:

Jane Howard, Area 7
Helen Yu, Student Board Member
Ricardo Gonzalez, Student Board Member

b. Pledge of Allegiance

President Song asked Hugo Iboa, recipient of SCCOE's student recognition, to lead the pledge of allegiance.

c. Adoption of Agenda

President Song requested that Closed Session Item 4.B. be heard before Closed Session Item 4.A.

MOTION #2059-1 by member Mann that the board adopt the agenda with requested change. Vice President Mah seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Howard absent.

2. SCCOE STUDENT RECOGNITION: HUGO IBOA, PATHFINDER ACADEMY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

President Song introduced Hugo Iboa and presented him with an iPod and a plaque in recognition of his achievements. President Song introduced Jesus Meraz, Pathfinder's Lead Teacher and Hugo's history and boxing teacher, who spoke of Hugo's artistic accomplishments. Mr. Meraz introduced Betsy Barron, Hugo's math teacher who spoke of Hugo's incredible potential. Hugo introduced his family, thanked them for their support, and acknowledged the support of his teachers.

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

President Song opened the hearing for public comment.

Karen Spychala, Secretary, Association of County Educators, addressed the Board on two concerns — first, the process in selecting the interview panel for the Director of the Alternative Schools Department and second, on the OLA survey instrument.

4. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 5:51 p.m. to hear the following items:

- b. Subject Matter: Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student
(Resident District: Franklin-McKinley School District
Desired District: San Jose Unified School District)

(Vice President Mah left the meeting at approximately 6:50 p.m.)

- a. Subject Matter: Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student
(Resident District: Santa Clara Unified School district
Desired District: Fremont High School District)

OPEN SESSION – 7:51 p.m.

5. REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

President Song reported that, in the matter of Agenda Item 4.B. *“Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student (Resident District: Franklin-McKinley School District, Desired District: San Jose Unified School District)”* there was a motion (#2059-2) by member Di Salvo and seconded by member Mann to uphold the appeal based on Factor 1 *“The pupil’s psychological or physical well-being”* and Factor 12 *“Other exceptional or extraordinary circumstances which would weigh heavily in favor of the appellate pupil.”* Motion carried 4-2-1 with Vice President Mah and member Ho voting no and member Howard absent.

In the matter of Agenda Item 4.A. “*Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student (Resident District: Santa Clara Unified School District, Desired District: Fremont High School School District)*” there was a motion (#2059-3) by member Mann and seconded by member Di Salvo to deny the appeal based on Factor 8 “*The financial impact of educating the pupil [district of desired attendance] or of losing the pupil [district of resident]*” and Factor 10 “*Lack of space for the pupil in the receiving district.*” Motion carried 4-1-2 with President Song voting no and Vice President Mah and member Howard absent.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter dated May 17, 2010 from Loretta Ramos, regarding her concern on changes to the Life Science curriculum at View Side Academy

Norma Bayless, School Officer Coordinator, View Side Academy, commented on Loretta Ramos’ letter to the board dated May 17, 2010.

7. CONSENT ACTION ITEM

- a. Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 5, 2010 (#2058)

MOTION #2059-4 by member Mann that the Board approve Consent Action Item 7.A. Member Beauchman seconded the motion and it carried 5-0-2 with Vice President Mah and member Howard absent.

8. STUDY ACTION ITEMS

- a. Request Approval of Purchase Order Exceeding \$250,000

MOTION #2059-5 by member Mann that the Board approve the purchase order exceeding \$250,000. Member Beauchman seconded the motion.

Board members deliberated on the purchase order exceeding \$250,000 that covers a Phase II improvement plan to accommodate eight new classrooms for Pathfinder Academy’s Alternative Schools program. Dr. Weis answered questions and suggested that he present Item 2.b. from his Superintendent’s Report (Information Item 9.f.) since Item 2.b. ties into the purchase order exceeding \$250,000.

CHANGE IN AGENDA

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

f. County Superintendent's Report

Dr. Weis presented an update on the Alternative Schools Department financial shortfall from his Superintendent's Report and answered questions.

8. STUDY ACTION ITEMS

a. Request Approval of Purchase Order Exceeding \$250,000

Board members continued their deliberation on the purchase order exceeding \$250,000.

(Vice President Mah joined the meeting at 9:01 p.m.)

MOTION #2059-5 by member Mann that the Board approve the purchase order exceeding \$250,000. Member Beauchman seconded the motion and it carried 4-2-1 with President Song and member Di Salvo voting no and member Howard absent.

9. INFORMATION

a. Digital School Board

Dr. Kelly Calhoun, Chief Technology Officer, presented an update on the digital school board project and answered questions.

(Member Mann left the meeting at 10:04 p.m.)

b. Williams Complain Report

Loretta Ramos, ASD Teacher, referred to her letter dated May 17, 2010 that was addressed to the Board regarding her concern on changes to the Life Science curriculum at View Side Academy.

Dr. Weis answered questions from the Board on the Williams complaints.

c. County Committee on School District Organization

Dr. Weis reported on two current territory transfer reviews – San Jose Unified School District to Santa Clara Unified School District, and a citizens' request for 15 parcels in Lakeside Joint School District to Loma Prieta Joint Union School District.

d. Board Committee Reports

This item was deferred to the next board meeting.

e. County Board of Education Member Reports

This item was deferred to the next board meeting.

f. County Superintendent's Report:

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

- SCCOE receives a STEPS certificate of recognition at a recent 'Healthier California Santa Clara County Recognition' event
- SCCOE awarded \$5,000 from Kaiser Permanente Santa Clara to supports its year-long Coordinated School Health Trainings in 2010
- Round II of the Federal 'Race to the Top' application
- Alternative Schools Department financial shortfall
- Alternative Schools Department — Community School Site Council Meetings
- Alternative Schools Department—Incident Reports from 5/8/10 to 5/16/10
- Attendance & Enrollment for Community Schools – April 14 to May 12, 2010
- SJ2020 Investing in Innovation (i3) Grant Executive Summary
- Head Start Monthly Reports to the Board
- Lawsuit against State of California over public education funding

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)
- Conduct a board meeting at an SCCOE community school site (requested by Grace Mah)
- Setting a date for a governance workshop meeting (requested by Grace Mah)

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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