

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

APPROVED  
Regular Meeting #2061  
Board Room  
June 16, 2010  
5:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Song called the meeting to order at 5:09 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 (*joined the meeting at 5:40 p.m.*)

Anna Song, Area 5

Craig Mann, Area 6

Jane Howard, Area 7

Helen Yu, Student Board Member (*joined the meeting at 5:10 p.m.*)

Members Absent:

Ricardo Gonzalez, Student Board Member

b. Pledge of Allegiance

President Song asked Vice President Mah to lead the pledge of allegiance.

c. Adoption of Agenda

Member Ho requested that Agenda Item #2 "*Hearing—Subject Matter: Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student (Resident District: San Benito County School District, Desired District: Gilroy Unified School District)*" be deleted from the agenda since the student appeal was resolved.

MOTION #2061-1 by member Howard that the board adopt the agenda with requested change. Member Beauchman seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Di Salvo absent.

2. CLOSED SESSION

*Hearing—Subject Matter: Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student (Resident District: San Benito County School District, Desired District: Gilroy Unified School District)*

This item was deleted from the agenda.

3. REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

There was no report since Closed Session was deleted.

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

President Song opened the hearing for public comment.

Alicia Salas, community member, taxpayer and voter in Trustee Area 6, spoke regarding member Mann's email message (to quite a few people) that expressed his dissatisfaction with the appointment of the hiring of the new Chief Business Officer. She found the contents of the email to be both distasteful and unprofessional and said she could never vote for member Mann because he did not represent her.

Dawn Martin, ASD Teacher, conveyed her passion for teaching in the Alternative Schools Department and spoke about the issues impeding the learning process of students. She believes bringing personnel issues to board meetings has had a negative impact in the learning process.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- Email from President Song to the Board, dated June 9, regarding Dr. Weis' email to the Board, subject: "Written Communication to the Board"
- Email form President Song to the Board, dated June 9, regarding Dr. Weis' email to the Board, subject: "(2) Written Communication to the Board"
- Email from President Song to member Beauchman (Board of Education copied), titled: "RE: Leon's Board Agenda Item Request"

April Carlson, Special Education Services at SCCOE, asked why confidential emails are being made public.

Marilyn DeRouen, Liaison, Foster Youth Services, pointed out that recent behaviors displayed by some Board members have caused her great embarrassment in the community.

6. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- a. Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 2, 2010 (#2060)
- b. Request Approval of County Superintendent's Monthly Expenses
- c. Request Acceptance of Donations

MOTION #2061-2 by member Beauchman that the Board approve Consent Action Items A-C. Vice President Mah seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Di Salvo absent.

7. STUDY ACTION ITEMS

a. Discussion on Staff Compensation Spreadsheet on Director Positions and Above

Member Mann explained his request for salary of director positions and above. Given the budget gap in the Alternative Schools Department, he asked if SCCOE had conducted an efficiency study on administrative overhead. Dr. Weis, County Superintendent of Schools, answered questions from the Board.

b. Adopt the Budget Revisions for the Period Ending April 30, 2010

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

MOTION #2061-3 by member Howard that the Board adopt the budget revisions for the period ending April 30, 2010. Member Beauchman seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Di Salvo absent.

c. Request to Accept the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending April 30, 2010.

MOTION #2061-4 by member Ho that the Board accept the monthly financial report for the period ending April 30, 2010. Member Beauchman seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Di Salvo absent.

d. Request Approval of a Resolution to Authorize Temporary Borrowing Between Funds of the County Office of Education for Fiscal Years 2009-2010 and 2010-2011

Cal Scheid, Controller, provided background on the request to authorize temporary borrowing between funds of the County Office of Education for Fiscal Years 2009-10 and 2010-11 and answered questions.

MOTION #2061-5 by member Beauchman that the Board adopt the resolutions to authorize temporary borrowing between funds of the County Office of Education for fiscal years 2009-10 and 2010-2011. Member Howard seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Di Salvo absent.

e. Request Approval for the Submission of Support for English Language Learners Through Afterschool Programs Competitive Grant

Dr. Weis explained the submission of support for English Language Learners through Afterschool Programs competitive grant for \$800,000 and answered questions from the Board.

MOTION #2061-6 by member Howard that the Board approve the request for the submission of Support for English Language Learners through Afterschool Programs competitive grant. Vice President Mah seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Di Salvo absent.

- f. Request Approval for the Submission of a California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention (CalGRIP) Competitive Grant

*(Member Di Salvo arrived at the meeting at approximately 5:40 p.m.)*

Dr. Weis explained the request for the submission of a California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention (CalGRIP) competitive grant that would provide funding to implement Career Technical Education (CTE) programs at Novo, Pathfinder, Redemption and South County Community Schools. Dr. Weis answered questions from the Board.

MOTION #2061-7 by member Beauchman that the Board approve the request for the submission of the CalGRIP competitive grant. Vice President Mah seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Di Salvo abstaining. Student member Helen Yu voted yes.

- g. Approve the Contract for the Operation of ACE Charter School for the Period July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011

Dr. Lucretia Peebles, Director of Charter Schools, presented an overview on the ACE contract for the period of July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011 and answered questions.

MOTION #2061-8 by member Beauchman that the Board approve the contract for the operation of ACE Charter School for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. Member Howard seconded the motion and it carried 7-0. Student member Helen Yu voted Yes.

- h. Approve the Contract for the Operation of Bullis Charter School for the Period July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2012

Dr. Lucretia Peebles commented on the contract for the period of July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011 on Bullis Charter School and answered questions.

MOTION #2061-9 by member Beauchman that the Board approve the contract for the operation of Bullis Charter School for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2012. Vice President Mah seconded the motion and it carried 7-0. Student member Helen Yu voted Yes.

- i. Approve the Contract for the Operation of Discovery Charter School for the period July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2013.

Dr. Lucretia Peebles answered questions from the Board.

MOTION #2061-10 by member Howard that the Board approve the contract for the operation of Discovery Charter School for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013. Vice President Mah seconded the motion and it carried 5-2 with President Song and member Di Salvo voting no. Student member Helen Yu voted Yes.

- j. Approve the Contract for the Operation Leadership Charter School for the period July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2012.

Dr. Lucretia Peebles reviewed the contract for the operation of Leadership Charter School for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2012.

MOTION #2061-11 by Vice President Mah that the Board approve the contract for the operation of Leadership Charter School for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2012. Member Beauchman seconded the motion and it carried 7-0. Student member Helen Yu voted Yes.

- k. Approve the Contract for the Operation University Preparatory Academy for the period July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2013.

Dr. Lucretia Peebles reviewed the projected enrollment for University Preparatory Academy and answered questions.

MOTION #2061-12 by member Howard that the Board approve the contract for the operation of University Preparatory Academy for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013. Vice President Mah seconded the motion and it carried 7-0. Student member Helen Yu voted Yes.

- l. Approve the Contract for the Operation Magnolia Science Academy—Santa Clara for the period July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2013.

Dr. Lucretia Peebles answered questions from the Board.

MOTION #2061-13 by member Beauchman that the Board approve the contract for the operation of Magnolia Science Academy—Santa Clara for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013. Member Howard seconded the motion and it carried 4-3 with President Song, and members Ho and Di Salvo voting no. Student member Helen Yu voted Yes.

- m. Approve the Contract for the Rocketship for the period July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2013.

Dr. Lucretia Peebles briefed the Board on Rocketship's contract for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013 and answered questions.

MOTION #2061-14 by member Ho that the Board approve the contract for the operation of Rocketship for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013. Vice President seconded the motion and it carried 7-0. Student member Helen Yu voted Yes.

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

Anita Parsons, Director of Environmental Education, explained that the purchase order exceeding \$250,000 would cover construction of a new science lab at Walden West. Ms. Parsons and Richard Reid, Supervisor of Business Operations and Support Services at Walden West, answered questions from the Board.

MOTION #2061-15 by member Ho that the Board approve the purchase order exceeding \$250,000 for the construction of a new science lab at Walden West. Member Di Salvo seconded the motion and it carried 7-0. Student member Helen Yu voted Yes.

- o. Request Approval of Board Resolution to 1) Delegate Authority Signature Authority and 2) Submit Application for 2010-13 Workability II Program Contract with Department of Rehabilitation

Dr. David Matuszak, Director of Santa Clara County ROP, explained the Single Plan for Student Achievement for 2010-2013 and answered questions.

MOTION #2061-16 by member Di Salvio that the Board approve the resolution to delegate signature authority and submit 2010-13 Workability II contract with Department of Rehabilitation. Member Howard seconded the motion and it carried 7-0. Student member Helen Yu voted Yes.

- p. Request Approval of Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for 2010-2012

Dr. Weis provided presented the Single Plan for Student Achievement for 2010-2012 and Jesse Ramos, Coordinator of Categorical and Special Projects, answered questions from the Board.

April Carlson, SCCOE teacher in Special Education, commented on the untimely meeting notifications of the Special Education Site Council and on a process issue.

MOTION #2061-17 by member Beauchman that the Board approve the Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for 2010-2012. Member Di Salvo seconded the motion and it carried 7-0. Student member Helen Yu voted Yes.

q. Request Approval of Purchase Order Exceeding \$100,000

Dr. Weis provided an overview of the purchase order exceeding \$100,000 that will cover desktop computers for math and ELA classrooms to support selected web-based intervention programs in the Alternative Education Department. Dr. Cary Dritz, Deputy Superintendent, answered questions from the Board.

MOTION #2061-18 by member Ho that the Board approve the purchase order exceeding \$100,000 to purchase desktop computers from Western Blue. Member Howard seconded the motion and it carried 7-0. Student member Helen Yu voted Yes.

Recess

The Board broke for recess at 7:24 p.m. and reconvened into Open Session at 7:36 p.m.

8. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTIONS

a. Public Hearing and Adoption of the 2010-2011 County School Service Fund Budget

President Song opened the hearing for public comment. No one wished to address the Board or Dr. Weis.

Dr. Weis recognized Laurie Book, Senior Accountant—Budget Office, for her outstanding work in developing the Annual Budget Report for her Champions for Leadership project. Ms. Book recognized several colleagues that assisted her in the development of the report. Cathy Grovenburg, Chief Business Officer, introduced the annual budget report and Mr. Coffman provided additional information and answered questions.

MOTION #2061-19 by member Ho that the Board adopt the 2010-2011 County School Service Fund Budget as submitted by Dr. Weis. Member Beauchman seconded the motion and it carried 7-0. Student member Helen Yu voted yes.

b. Public Hearing to Receive Unrestricted Tier III Program Funds and Approve Changes in Use of Funds for Specific Programs

President Song opened the hearing for public comment.

Dr. Weis introduced the proposed use of Tier III program funding. Mr. Coffman answered questions from the Board.

MOTION #2061-20 by member Ho that the Board approve receipt of funds and approve new uses of funds for specified programs. Member Howard seconded the motion and it carried 7-0. Student member Helen Yu voted yes.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Head Start Program Changes and the Impact on Permit Teachers

Laura Kidwiler, Chief Human Resources Officer and Mark Miller, Director of Human Resources, explained the Head Start Program changes and the impact it has had on permit teachers. Ms. Kidwiler and Mr. Miller answered questions.

Lorrie Amezquita, Head Start teacher, thanked the Board and Dr. Weis for investigating the virtual bid board process.

Carmen Vega-Martinez, Head Start teacher, thanked Philip Gordillo for being available in the evenings for evening meetings with Head Start teachers and aides.

April Carlson, President of the Association of County Educators, thanked Dr. Weis for the follow-up on of the virtual bid board process and thanked Ms. Kidwiler and Mr. Miller for their public apology to the permit teachers. She provided some additional information on inaccuracies stated in the background section of the transmittal for Agenda Item 9.A.

b. Discussion on Hiring Process and Policy

MOTION #2061-21 by Vice President Mah to defer the discussion on “*Hiring Process and Policy*” to the July 21 meeting to allow staff time to present backup material. Member Ho seconded the motion and it carried 5-2 with President Song and member Di Salvo voting no. Student Member Helen Yu voted yes.

c. Discussion on Human Resources Policy on Teacher Evaluation Process, Personnel Files and Non-Reelect Process

MOTION #2061-22 by Vice President Mah to defer the discussion on “*Discussion on Human Resources Policy on Teacher Evaluation Process, Personnel Files and Non-Reelect Process*” to the July 21 meeting to allow staff time to present backup material. Member Howard seconded the motion and it carried 6-1 with member Ho voting no. Student Member Helen Yu voted yes.

d. Alternative Education Facilities Update

Dr. Weis provided a progress report on the alternative facilities placement for Pathfinder Academy and answered questions.

Dr. Weis and the Board presented Student Member Helen Yu with a cake in recognition of her service as a student board member during 2009–2010.

*(Student Member Helen Yu left the meeting at 8:50 p.m.)*

Recess

The Board broke for recess at 9:07 p.m. and reconvened into Open Session at 9:16 p.m.

e. Alternative Schools Department Update

Dr. Weis presented an update on the Alternative Schools Department and answered questions.

Betsy Barron, teacher at Pathfinder Academy, provided information on a recent incident at Pathfinder Academy.

f. Review of Current Policy on Board's Attorney

Board members discussed the Board President's role in seeking legal counsel for Board related matters. This topic will be brought to a future Policy Development Subcommittee meeting.

g. County Committee on School District Organization

Dr. Weis provide an update on the County Committee on School District Organization and answered questions.

h. Board Committee Reports

Jane Howard

- Announced the upcoming graduation of the Dental Assistance program at Gavilan College in Morgan Hill

Leon Beauchman

- Attended a recent California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly meeting
- Announced the upcoming Annual CSBA Conference in December in San Francisco
- Announced the upcoming CCBE fall conference in October in Monterey

i. County Board of Education Member Reports

Leon Beauchman

- Attended a San Jose Chamber of Commerce meeting where Bonnie Reiss, Secretary of Education, spoke
- Spoke on CreaTV regarding education issues
- Attended an American Leadership Forum – the American Leadership Forum is focusing on establishing a youth forum in conjunction with SJ2020
- Attended a Santa Clara County Alliance of Black Education event
- Attended the Flame Keepers Student Recognition event

T.N. Ho

- Attended the Special Education graduation

Anna Song

- Thanked retiring cabinet members for their years of service to the Santa Clara County Office of Education – Retirees: Joe Fimiani, Chief Schools Officer; Cathy Grovenburg, Chief Business Officer; and Patti Murphy, Executive Director of the Communications Department

Jane Howard

- Attended the monthly Gilroy Work Force Preparation Committee meeting

Joseph Di Salvo

- Met with Linda Murray, former Superintendent of San Jose Unified
- Presented an update on the upcoming West Ed community forum – West Ed is an external consulting group that has been hired to evaluate the SCCOE's Alternative Schools Department.

Grace Mah

- Attended an LPC meeting
- Attended the Special Education graduation
- Attended a Policy Review meeting
- Participated in the Champion for Leadership graduation
- Announced plans to attend the upcoming Alternative Schools Department graduation

f. County Superintendent's Report:

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

- ASAPconnect--\$855,000 Packard Grant (2 years)
- Two Tech Prep Demonstration Grants--\$100,000 Per Grant California Department of Education—Perkins (1 year)

10. CLOSED SESSION

The Board convened into Closed Session at 10:04 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 – 10:38 p.m.**

11. REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

President Song reported that, in the matter of Agenda Item 10, “*Public Employee Performance Evaluation, Title: County Superintendent of Schools*” there were no reportable actions.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Discussion on how to increase the number of math teachers in Silicon Valley – July (requested by Joseph Di Salvo)

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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