

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

APPROVED
Regular Meeting #2045
Board Room
September 2, 2009
5:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Mann called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

a. Roll Call

Trustees Present:

Grace Mah, Area 1
Leon Beauchman, Area 3
Joseph Di Salvo, Area 4
Anna Song, Area 5
Craig Mann, Area 6

Trustees Absent:

T.N. Ho, Area 2
Jane Howard, Area 7

MOTION #2045-1 by Vice President Song that the Board excuse the absence of members Ho and Howard due to personal emergencies. Mr. Beauchman seconded the motion and it carried 5-0-2 with members Ho and Howard absent.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

President Mann asked Dr. Weis to select a newly hired manager to lead the pledge of allegiance. Dr. Kelly Calhoun, Chief Technology Officer led the pledge of allegiance.

c. Adoption of Agenda

Member Di Salvo requested to have Consent Action Item 7.C. "*Request Acceptance of Grant Award Notifications*" moved from Consent Action Items for separate discussion. Dr. Weis requested to have the closed session on the "*Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student*" cancelled since the matter has been resolved.

MOTION #2045-2 by Vice President Song that the agenda be adopted with noted requests. Member Mah seconded the motion and it carried 5-0-2 with members Ho and Howard absent.

2. EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH: STEVE MONTESANO, MAINTENANCE MECHANIC, FACILITIES SERVICES

President Mann introduced Steve Montesano, September's Employee of the Month. He noted Steve's contributions and presented a plaque and an engraved pen in recognition of his work and introduced Joe Beretta, Manager of Facilities Services, who spoke of Steve's dedication and skills. Steve expressed his appreciation for his colleagues' attendance at his recognition.

3. CLOSED SESSION: Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student

This item was cancelled.

4. REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

There were no actions taken since Closed Session was cancelled.

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

President Mann opened the hearing for public comment.

Joe Solorzano, field representative from the Foundation for Fair Contracting, provided an update on the findings of the Foundry School's modulars—stating the possibility of out of compliance issues.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- Email dated August 16, 2009 from Terri Balandra titled "*Proposed SRO Sunol Ct next to Foundry School*" addressed to State Superintendent of Public Instruction , Jack O'Connell, Board of Education et al
- Email dated August 25, 2009 from Terri Balandra titled "*Sunol Court next to the Foundry School*" addressed to the Board of Education
- Letter dated August 27, 2009 from Board of Directors of the Shasta Hanchett Park Neighborhood Association addressed to Dr. Weis regarding the Sunol Court SRO development
- Email dated August 31, 2009 from Terri Balandra titled "*Sunol Court Near Foundry School*" addressed to the Board of Education
- Email dated August 31, 2009 from Terri Balandra titled "*FW: Sunol Court/CORE Affordable Project Next to the Foundry School*" addressed to Dr. Weis
- Email dated August 31, 2009 from Jean Dresden titled "*Item 2: Development Next to Former Foundry*" addressed to Dr. Weis
- Email dated August 30, 2009 from Daniel Williams titled "*SRO Sunol Court Development*" to the Board of Education

7. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- a) Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 12, 2009 (#2044)
- b) Request Approval of County Superintendent's Monthly Expenses
- d) Request Approval of Purchase Order Exceeding \$100,000

MOTION #2045-3 by member Mah that the Board approve Consent Action Items A, B and D. Member Di Salvo seconded the motion and it carried 5-0-2 with members Ho and Howard absent.

- c) Request Acceptance of Grant Award Notifications

Member Di Salvo requested background information on Consent Action Item 6.C. "Request Acceptance of Grant Award Notifications" on School Community Violence Prevention. Joe Fimiani, Chief Schools Officer, provided an overview on the grant.

MOTION #2045-4 by member Di Salvo that the Board approve Consent Action Item C "Request Acceptance of Grant Award Notifications." Vice President Song seconded the motion and it carried 5-0-2 with members Ho and Howard absent.

8. PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing and Sunshine on the Reopener Proposal from the County Superintendent of Schools to the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 521

President Mann opened the hearing for public comment and no one wished to address the Board or Dr. Weis.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEWLY HIRED MANAGERS

Dr. Weis introduced Dr. Kelly Calhoun, Chief Technology Officer.

Linda Aceves, Chief Academic Officer introduced: Melissa Christie, Coordinator for Focus on Math; Dr. Lisa Gonzales, Coordinator of Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA); Lisa Pruitt, Coordinator for Reading/Language Arts; Jesse Ramos, Coordinator for Categorical Programs/Special Projects; Socorro Shiels, Program Director of District and School Support; Sheila Walters, Coordinator for Regional Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID); Alyssa Lynch, Director for Career Technical Education (CTE); and Dr. Diana Wilmot, Coordinator for Assessment and Accountability.

Mr. Fimiani introduced Dr. Lucretia Peebles, Director of Charters Schools and Dr. Lisa Kaufman, Director of Preschool Services.

9. STUDY ACTION ITEMS

a. Request Adoption of Resolution Supporting a Federal Department of Peace and Non-Violence

Member Di Salvo introduced Albert Beltran, aide to Congressman Mike Honda, who provided some background on the resolution to support a federal Department of Peace and Non-Violence. Mr. Beltran provided a 3-minute video, which featured Congressman Honda addressing the Board on the resolution supporting a Federal Department of Peace and Non-Violence, and answered questions. (*Resolution attached*)

MOTION #2045-5 by Vice President Song that the Board adopt the resolution to support a Federal Department of Peace and Non-Violence. Member Beauchman seconded the motion and it carried 4-1-2 with member Mah voting no and members Ho and Howard absent.

The resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: President Mann, Vice President Song, members Beauchman and Di Salvo

NAES: member Mah

ABSENT: members Ho and Howard

ABSTAIN: -none-

b. Sunol Court Project, File #PDC08-34, City of San Jose

Dr. Weis introduced Mr. Fimiani who reported on the proposed Sunol Court Project next to the Foundry School and answered questions.

Chris Neale, developer from Core Affordable Housing, provided an overview of the Sunol Court Project, which addressed the public's concerns on the project and answered questions.

(*Grace Mah left the meeting – 6:30 p.m.*)

The following individuals spoke against the proposed Sunol SRO Project:

- Brian Ward, Buena Vista Neighborhood Association
- Terri Balandra, D6 Planning & Land Use
- Yolanda Reynolds, private citizen
- Helen Chapman, President of Shasta Hanchett Neighborhood Association
- Norman Koepernik, property owner
- Sam Blackferd, business property occupant
- Harry Miller, W. San Carlos Neighborhood Business Association

Board members deliberated and asked clarifying questions of Mr. Fimiani, Mr. Neale and Dick Noack, attorney for the Santa Clara County Office of Education.

MOTION #2045-6 by Mr. Beauchman, seconded by Mr. Di Salvo that the Board does not take a position in the Sunol Court Project and directs the Superintendent to prepare a letter to address the concerns raised by the Board for the September 9 Public Hearing of the City of San Jose's Department of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement and successive meetings of the City of San Jose's Planning Commission and the City of San Jose's Council where the Sunol Court Project is agendized. Carried 4-0-3 with members Mah, Howard and Ho absent.

Recess

The Board broke for recess at 7:16 p.m. and reconvened at 7:25 p.m.

CHANGE IN AGENDA

10. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Gang Awareness and Prevention in San Jose

Mr. Fimiani provided an introduction to the Gang Awareness presentation and introduced Paula Mitchell, Director of Alternative Schools, who introduced School Principals David Wong, Carey Johnson and Teri Morrow. Also introduced were Deputy Octavio Garcia and Rick Sheridan.

Marc Buller, Chief Assistant District Attorney, presented a history on gangs and answered questions from the Board with the assistance of attorney Julia Alloggiamento. Deputies Garcia and Sheridan also answered questions.

9. STUDY ACTION ITEMS

c. Second Reading of New and Revised Board Policies 6000 Instruction

MOTION #2045-7 by Vice President Song that the Board table Study Action Items C and D. Member Di Salvo seconded the motion and it carried 4-0-3 with members Ho, Howard and Mah absent.

d. Second Reading of New Board Policy 6146.1 on High School Graduation Requirements

This item was tabled.

10. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

b. First Reading of New Board Policies 6000 Instruction

MOTION #2045-8 by member Di Salvo that the Board table Information Items B, C and D. Member Beauchman seconded the motion and it carried 4-0-3 with members Ho, Howard and Mah absent.

c. First Reading of New Board Bylaw 9150 and Revised Board Bylaw 9110

This item was tabled.

d. First Reading of Revised Board Bylaw 9250 (formerly Board Bylaw 8260)

This item was tabled.

f. County Committee on School Districts Organization

Dr. Weis reported that the County Committee on School District Organization has forwarded a memo (dated August 20, 2009) to school district superintendents regarding the County Committee's preliminary study on the issue of trustee areas for school districts.

g. Board Committee Reports

Dr. Weis

Budget Study Committee

- Reported on today's, September 2, Budget Study Committee meeting

Anna Song

Policy Development Subcommittee

- Requested that the Board receive an email inquiring if it would be alright "not to duplicate policies in the packet" in an effort to save paper

Joint Committee on Child Care (JCCC)

- Attended a Joint Committee on Child Care meeting. The appointment of Vice President has been deferred until the new Chair is appointed.

Leon Beauchman

California County Boards of Education (CCBE) Board of Directors

- Announced the upcoming September 25-26 meeting

h. County Board of Education Member Reports

Joseph Di Salvo

- Discussed several concerns regarding alternative education
- Inquired about the Mountain View Zoning issue with the City
- Attended the San Jose Silicon Valley Compac BBQ event
- Attended a Charter School Task Force meeting

Leon Beauchman

- Attended the San Jose Silicon Valley Compac BBQ event
- Attended Senator Elaine Alquist's dinner event
- Attended Manny Barbara's retirement event
- Attended the Silicon Valley Leadership Group's baseball game in recognition of teachers who are being trained in the Math Initiative
- Presented a deposition in conjunction with the Bullis Charter School Prop 39 suit

Anna Song

- Attended a Charter School Task Force meeting
- Reported that Sharon Noguchi, from the Mercury News, was seeking her comments on President Obama's views on charter schools
- Responded and echoed member Di Salvo's concerns on alternative education

i. County Superintendent's Report:

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

- *The Leadership Pill*, Ken Blanchard and Marc Muchnick
- *The Fred Factor*, Mark Sanborn
- Letter dated July 29, 2009 to Dr. Weis from San Francisco Mayor, Gavin Newsom, thanking Dr. Weis for attending the California Mayors' Education Roundtable meeting with the United States Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan.
- Letter dated August 12, 2009 to Dr. Weis from County Supervisor, Third District, Dave Cortese, thanking Dr. Weis for his attendance at the Sacramento Bus Trip on June 2, 2009.
- Memo dated August 20, 2009 to School District Superintendent's from Members of the Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization, regarding the committee's preliminary study on the issue of trustee areas for school districts "in light of several events that have occurred over the last year."
- Memo dated August 25, 2009 to Dr. Weis from Chief Schools Officer, Joe Fimiani, regarding Head Start's Monthly Reports to the Board

- Letter received August 31, 2009 to Dr. Weis from Executive Director, Mary Simon, of Resource Area for Teaching (RAFT) thanking Dr. Weis, on behalf of the entire RAFT team, for participating in the opening ceremony of RAFT San Jose's Back-To-School event.
- "Let's Not Waste This Crisis," Spotlight on Schools, August 2009
- "Task Force To Tackle Accountability System," EdCal, August 17, 2009
- "Elementary Middle Strands Set at Summit," EdCal, August 17, 2009
- Correspondence between City of Mountain View Attorney, Michael Martello and Deputy Superintendent Dr. Cary Dritz regarding August 12th's Study Action Item 7.B. "Resolution to Opt Out of Mt. View Zoning"
- CALPERS Update
- Personnel Commission Appointment
- Attendance & Enrollment for Community Schools – reports dated: August 12, 19 and 26
- Meeting with United States Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan, on September 3, regarding innovation funds
- California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) – beginning to see a narrowing in the achievement gap

11. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 9:15 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 – 9:45 p.m.

12. REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

President Mann reported that, in the matter of Agenda Item 11, "Public Employee Performance Evaluation, Title: County Superintendent of Schools" there were no reportable actions.

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Alternative Schools –New Vision, November 18

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING DEPARTMENT OF PEACE H.R. 808
SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION NO: 2045-S1

WHEREAS, the education of our youth in safe schools and communities is vital to the health of Santa Clara County, to California, to our nation, our world; and

WHEREAS, on February 4, 2009 U.S. Representative Dennis Kucinich, Ohio, reintroduced legislation that would authorize a cabinet-level Department of Peace (H.R. 808); and

WHEREAS, U.S. Representative Mike Honda (15th California Congressional District), a former Santa Clara County teacher, principal, school board member, and PeaceCorp volunteer, has co-sponsored the Department of Peace legislation along with more than 60 of his House colleagues; and

WHEREAS, the proposed federal legislation to create a United States Department of Peace will establish a cabinet-level Department of Peace, which will be headed by a Secretary of Peace who will advise the President on issues that are both domestic and international in scope; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation to create a United States Department of Peace will benefit the children and families of Santa Clara County by holding peace as an organizing principle of American society; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation to create a United States Department of Peace will benefit Santa Clara County by supporting existing programs and developing new programs that relate to societal challenges in domestic violence, abuse and neglect of children, school violence, gang violence, racial and ethnic violence, school bullying incidents, and school hate crimes, which will assist members of the educational community in experiencing fewer incidents of violence or demonstrations of hatred toward any student or group of students, and

WHEREAS, the proposed federal legislation to create a United States Department of Peace will benefit Santa Clara County by promoting the development and distribution to our schools a peace curriculum and supporting materials for building communicative peace skills, nonviolent conflict resolution skills and knowledge of peace processes; and

WHEREAS, the proposed federal legislation to create a United States Department of Peace will benefit Santa Clara County by encouraging and supporting the development of nonviolent conflict resolution and violence prevention initiatives from within the community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Board of Education supports and endorses the proposed federal legislation (H.R. 808) to create a United States Department of Peace, and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, Senator Diane Feinstein, Senator Barbara Boxer and President Barack Obama.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Clara County Board of Education at a meeting held on September 2, 2009 by the following vote:

AYES: President Mann, Vice President Song and members Beauchman, and Di Salvo

NOES: member Mah

ABSTAIN: -none-

ABSENT: members Ho and Howard

Signed by:



Charles Weis, Ph.D
County Superintendent of Schools



Craig Mann, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education