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

AGENDA
Regular Meeting #2074
Open Session at 5:30 p.m. — San Jose Conference Room
March 2, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER
 - A. Roll Call (Including Action on Absences if Necessary)
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance
 - C. Adoption of Agenda
2. Employee of the Month Recognition: Sandra Yellenberg, Coordinator of Science Curriculum & Instruction
3. [County Superintendent Report](#)
The county superintendent will give reports on any activities related to his duties as the County Superintendent of Schools.
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS OF PERSONS DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OR TO PRESENT PETITIONS
At this time members of the public may address the Board on any issue within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board or agenda item. Members of the public may also address the Board on an agenda item before or during the Board's consideration of the item. No action can be taken on an item not on the agenda at this time, but may be referred to the administration or put on a future agenda. In accordance with Board Bylaw 8370, individual remarks will be limited to 3 minutes each, unless otherwise stipulated.
5. [CORRESPONDENCE](#)
*Correspondence addressed to the Santa Clara County Board of Education.
Correspondence addressed to individual board members will be mailed to them directly.*
 - Correspondence from Ed Richards of Santa Clara via the SCCOE's website, RE: A request for the Board to 'shelve for a time' the subject of web streaming meetings due to these uncertain economic times

6. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- * A. [Request Approval of Minutes of Special Board Meeting of February 9, 2011 \(#2072-S1\)](#)
- * B. [Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of February 16, 2011 \(#2073\)](#)

7. ACTION ITEM

- * A. [Decision on the Charter School Petition for Communitas Charter High School](#)
On December 15, 2010, the Charter Schools Department, County Office of Education received a petition from Communitas Charter High School to operate a countywide school to serve 400 students, grades nine through twelve, when the full complement of grade levels has been completed. On February 2, 2011, the Santa Clara County Board of Education held a public hearing, at which 18 speakers spoke in support of the charter school and its approval. Administration recommends approval with existing deficiencies in the petition which can be addressed in a contract with the petitioner.
- * B. [Decision on the Charter School Petition for San Jose Charter Academy](#)
On December 15, 2010, the County Office of Education received a petition from Marcus Garvey Public Charter Schools. Marcus Garvey Public Charter Schools proposes to operate the San Jose Charter Academy, a 6th-8th grade middle school in the San Jose Unified School District with a projected enrollment of 250-450 students "at full capacity." The petition was denied by the San Jose Unified School District Board of Education on November 9, 2010 and was submitted to the Santa Clara County Board of Education on appeal. The Santa Clara County Board of Education held a public hearing on February 2, 2011. Only one person, the lead petitioner Nedir Bey, spoke in favor of the petition. Administration recommends that the Santa Clara County Board of Education deny the charter for the San Jose Charter Academy.
- * C. [Request Approval of Submission of the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Competitive Grant Application](#)
The Early Learning Services Department, Head Start/Early Head Start Program, has been invited to apply for a Large Tool Box grant from the Lowe's Foundation to enhance Outdoor Classroom environments. This grant will serve 2,150 pre-school children and 88 toddlers in Santa Clara and San Benito Counties. If granted, these funds will be available upon award through April 30, 2012. An administration recommends approval of the submission of the Lowe's Charitable and Educational competitive grant application.

- * D. [Request Adoption of HOLT Life and Earth Sciences Textbooks: Grades 9-12](#)
In spring 2010, the Alternative Education science curriculum committee reviewed three text books. The committee consisted of six teachers, one administrator and the Educational Services Science coordinator. The committee recommended piloting the HOLT Life and Earth Sciences textbooks. Materials were piloted at three sites. The program materials are aligned with the science content standards. Administration recommends adoption of the Holt Life and Earth Sciences textbooks: Grades 9-12.

- * E. [Request Approval of Resolution to Provide Temporary Loans to School Districts](#)
Given the current California State fiscal crisis and its impact on K-12 school districts, a school district's ability to meet requirements for cash-on-hand for payroll can be strained. In order to respond to that possibility existing in a Santa Clara County school district, administration recommends that the Board adopt the attached resolution authorized by California Education (EC). This Resolution, pursuant to EC 42621 and EC 42622, will allow the County Superintendent to loan up to, but not exceed, a total of \$5.0 million from the County School Service Fund to one or more individual school districts in Santa Clara County experiencing a cash-flow emergency.

- * F. [Request Approval of the Selection of the Santa Clara County Office of Education's Independent Financial Auditor: Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP](#)
In accordance with BP 3460 and the Head Start Act, Section 642, Posers and Functions of Head Start Agencies; the County Board of Education shall approve the selection of the Santa Clara County Office of Education's independent financial auditor. Administration recommends the approval of the Santa Clara County Office of Education's selection of independent financial auditor: Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP.

- * G. [Request Approval of Purchase Order Exceeding \\$250,000](#)
***Study Action Items G through L relate to the same new construction at SCCOE's Special Education program at McCollam Elementary School in the Alum Rock Union School District. This purchase order will cover general trade.** The lowest responsible selected bidder is Rodan Builders. Administration recommends approval of purchase order exceeding \$250,000 for Rodan Builders to conduct the specific work.*

- * H. [Request Approval of Purchase Order Exceeding \\$250,000](#)
This purchase order will cover electrical. The lowest responsible selected bidder is Best Electric. Administration recommends approval of purchase order exceeding \$250,000 for Best Electric to conduct the specific work.

- * I. [Request Approval of Purchase Order Exceeding \\$250,000](#)
This purchase order will cover mechanical and plumbing. The lowest responsible selected bidder is Foothill Mechanical. Administration recommends approval of purchase order exceeding \$250,000 for Foothill Mechanical to conduct the specific work.
- * J. [Request Approval of Purchase Order Exceeding \\$250,000](#)
This purchase order will cover concrete. The lowest responsible selected bidder is Robert A. Bothman Co. Administration recommends approval of purchase order exceeding \$250,000 for Robert A. Bothman Co. to conduct the specific work.
- * K. [Request Approval of Purchase Order Exceeding \\$250,000](#)
This purchase order will cover grading, paving and UG utilities. The lowest responsible selected bidder is JJ Albanese. Administration recommends approval of purchase order exceeding \$250,000 for JJ Albanese to conduct the specific work.
- * L. [Request Approval of Purchase Order Exceeding \\$250,000](#)
This purchase order will cover underground utilities. The lowest responsible selected bidder is MK Pipelines. Administration recommends approval of purchase order exceeding \$250,000 for MK Pipelines to conduct the specific work.
- * M. [Request Travel Reimbursement and Conference Registration Approval for Board Members to Attend the Silicon Valley Latino Report Card Conference on March 18, 2011](#)
President Di Salvo has requested attendance approval for Board members to attend the Silicon Valley Latino Report Card conference on March 18, 2011, which is being sponsored by the Hispanic Foundation of Silicon Valley. Since the Hispanic Foundation of Silicon Valley is currently not an approved routine travel item, this conference is being brought to the Board for approval. Administration recommends approval of travel reimbursement and conference registration for board members to attend the Silicon Valley Latino Report Card conference on March 18, 2011.

8. INFORMATION

- * A. [Discussion of Board Priorities for the Year](#)
President Di Salvo has requested a discussion of Board priorities for the year. Board members will present one or two of their priorities.
- * B. [SCCOE Board Budget and Expenditure Patterns](#)
With the uncertainty of the funding implications to SCCOE related to the California State budget crisis coupled with the planning for updated Board priorities, the Superintendent recommends that the Board receive a report on their current and past budget and spending for regular operations and special initiatives.

C. Board Committee Reports on:

Committee members may provide or report on recent committee activities.

1. Budget Study Committee (*Superintendent Weis*)
2. Policy Development Subcommittee (*Vice-President Chang*)
3. Joint Legislative Advisory Committee (*member Hover-Smoot*)
4. Head Start Policy Council (*member Beauchman*)
5. Santa Clara County School Boards Association Executive Board (*member Song*)
6. Joint Committee on Child Care (JCCC) (*member Mah*)
7. California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate (*member Beauchman*)
8. California County Boards of Education (CCBE) Board of Directors (*member Beauchman*)
9. Juvenile Justice System Collaborative (JJSC) (*President Di Salvo*)

D. County Board of Education Member Reports

The members of the Board may give reports on any activities related to their duties as members of the Santa Clara County Board of Education.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Requested items by Board members may be addressed at this time.

- Champions for Leadership Program (Grace Mah)
- Branch department updates, (Grace Mah)
- Alternative Education budget, 3/16 (Joseph Di Salvo)
- Civil Grand Jury Report on School District Consolidation (Joseph Di Salvo)
- Discussion on having a meeting between the County Board of Education and the County Board of Supervisors (Joseph Di Salvo)
- County Superintendent Contract Extension (Board)

10. ADJOURNMENT

The next Board of Education meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2011. For Board agendas and meeting minutes please see our Web site at www.sccoe.org.