

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

APPROVED

Regular Meeting #2076

Closed Session 5:00 – 5:30 p.m. — Board Room

Open Session 5:30 p.m. — San Jose Conference Room

April 6, 2011

1. Closed Session 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 4:00 p.m. to hear the following item:

- A. Public Employee Performance Evaluation
Title: County Superintendent of Schools

OPEN SESSION – 5:45 p.m.

2. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

President Di Salvo reported that, in the matter of Agenda Item 1.A. *Public Employee Performance Evaluation, Title: County Superintendent of Schools*, there were no reportable actions.

3. Call to Order

President Di Salvo called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present:

Grace Mah, Area 1
Michael Chang, Area 2
Leon Beauchman, Area 3
Joseph Di Salvo, Area 4
Anna Song, Area 5
Craig Mann, Area 6
Julia Hover-Smoot, Area 7

- b. Pledge of Allegiance

President Di Salvo asked Don Bolce, Project Director of the Office of the Superintendent, to lead the pledge of allegiance.

c. Adoption of Agenda

Dr. Charles Weis, County Superintendent of Schools, requested that Action Item 10.A. “*Request Approval for the Submission of a National Semiconductor Poser of Education Program Competitive Grant*” be pulled from the agenda because Texas Instruments bought National Semiconductor and no monies are available for this grant.

MOTION #2076-1 by member Mann to approve the agenda with noted requests. Member Beauchman seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

4. Employee of the Month Recognition: Ann Redd-Oyedele, Administrator/Fiscal Analyst, District Business and Advisory Services (DBAS)

Member Mah introduced Ann Redd-Oyedele, April’s Employee of the Month. She noted Ann’s contributions, presented a plaque and an engraved pen in recognition of her work and introduced Ken Shelton, Chief Business Officer, who said it is a pleasure to work with Ann. Cathy McKim, DBAS manager and Nimrat Johal, Director of DBAS, spoke about Ann’s amazing leadership skills. Ann thanked her colleagues for the recognition and thanked her family for their support.

President Di Salvo dedicated the meeting to labor workers in general and especially to the late civil rights and labor leader, César Chávez.

5. County Superintendent Report

- Announcement of Laura Kidwiler’s, Chief Human Resources Officer, retirement – June 30, 2011
- Federal Government Shutdown
- Announcement of upcoming student appeals
- Head Start Monthly Reports to the Board for March 2011
- Memo to Dr. Charles Weis, County Superintendent of Schools, dated March 18, 2011 from Dr. Maurice Ghysels, Chief Schools Officer, Subject: Response to the Board’s Request for Information on Amount of Paperwork (documentation of children’s progress toward school readiness)
- Letter from Laura Kidwiler, Chief Human Resources Officer, dated March 18, 2011, to Ms. Arnold, RE: questions pertaining to the recruitment of teachers and aides hired from the Philippines.
- Article entitled “*Teaching Closes the Gap*” from the Magna Awards 2011 magazine

- Attendance & Enrollment for Community Schools, February 23, 2011 through March 23, 2011
- Qualified second interim certification regarding the fiscal solvency of school districts
- CDE Response to First Interim Financial Report for the Fiscal Year 2010-11
- Chart on charter schools approved by County Board of Education and grade configuration of charter schools
- Proposed offsite board meeting at Anne Darling Annex School on May 18, 2011

6. Public Comments of Persons Desiring to Address the Board or to Present Petitions

There were no public comments.

7. Correspondence

- Letter dated March 18, 2011 from Dave Cortese, President, Board of Supervisors, District 3, RE: Resolution request from the Cupertino Sanitary District regarding their regularly scheduled election date for directors
- Email dated March 22, 2011 from Dana Bunnett, Director of Kids in Common, Subject: Follow-up from the Alternative Education Department Roundtable

8. Consent Action Items

- a. Request Approval of Minutes of Special Board Meeting of March 10, 2011 (#2074-S1)
- b. Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of March 16, 2011 (#2075)
- c. Request Approval of Minutes of Special Board Meeting of March 17, 2011 (#2075-S1)
- d. Request Acceptance of Donations

MOTION #2076-2 by member Mann that the Board approve Consent Action Items 8.A through 8.D. Member Hover-Smoot seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

9. Public Hearing

- a. Public Hearing and Sunshine on the Initial Proposal from the Association of County Educators/California Teachers Association to the County Superintendent of Schools

President Di Salvo opened the hearing for public comment. No one wished to address the Board or the County Superintendent.

10. Action Items

- a. Request Approval for the Submission of a National Semiconductor Power of Education Program Competitive Grant

This item was pulled from the table.

- b. Request Adoption of Resolution in Support of Senate Constitutional Amendment 5 (Simitian)

Dr. Charles Weis, County Superintendent of Schools, provided a summary of the resolution in support of Senate Constitutional Amendment 5 (Simitian), and explained that it proposes to allow local school districts to approve a local parcel tax with a 55 percent majority rather than the two-thirds majority currently required.

MOTION #2076-3 by member Hover-Smoot that the Board adopt the resolution in support of Senate Constitutional Amendment 5 (Simitian). Member Mah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. SCCOE 2011-12 Proposed Program-Budget Study/Presentations

Kenneth Shelton, Chief Business Officer, presented a study session, which included an overview of budget concepts and definition for county offices of education tailored for specific programs and services provided by SCCOE. This presentation featured the Board, Superintendent's Office, Business Services Branch and the Human Resources Branch budgets. Mr. Shelton answered questions from board members.

(The Board broke for recess @ 7:39 p.m. and reconvened into Open Session at 7:49 p.m.)

b. Second Interim Financial Report for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2010-11

Mr. Doug Coffman, Director of Internal Business Services, presented the second interim financial report for the fiscal year 2010-11, which covered actual revenues and expenses from July 2010 through January 2011 and answered questions from the Board.

c. Educare of California at Silicon Valley Proposal Reviewed and Approved

Dr. Lisa Kaufman, Director of Early Learning Services Department, reported on the submitted proposal to host an Educare school, as part of the Bounce Network of Educare schools, on the campus of Santee Elementary School in the Santee neighborhood of San Jose. Dr. Kaufman and Ana Trujillo, Director of the Head Start Program, answered questions from the Board.

(Member Song left the meeting at approximately 8:11 p.m.)

d. Report on Alternative Education Stakeholder Input

Mr. Don Bolce, Projector Director of the Office of the Superintendent, provided a summary report of community stakeholder input on SCCOE's Alternative Education program and answered questions.

(Member Mann left the meeting at approximately 8:35 p.m.)

e. Presentation on the Economic Impact of the Achievement Gap in America's Schools from the McKinsey & Company Report

Dr. Weis briefed the Board on the *Economic Impact of the Achievement Gap in America's Schools* from the McKinsey & Company Report at the request of President Di Salvo.

f. Discussion of Board Priorities for the Year

The Board discussed their priorities for the year. The following is a summary of their input:

Grace Mah

- Early Learning
- SJ2020

Michael Chang

- Alternative Education
- Making our leadership at SCCOE more reflective of our community

Leon Beauchman

- Alternative Education
- SJ2020

Julia Hover-Smoot

- Alternative Education (being WASC Accredited)
- Improve connection with charter schools to share best practices

Joseph Di Salvo

- Alternative Education
- Reduction of Bullying
- Charter Schools
- Teacher Collective Bargaining Issues (seniority, tenure, not paying for performance)

g. Board Committee Reports

There were no Board committee reports.

h. County Board of Education Member Reports

Julia Hover-Smoot

Member Hover-Smoot clarified her “no” vote on the resolution in support of Wisconsin’s Public Employees, which was voted on at the March 16, 2011 board meeting. Member Hover-Smoot stated that she is and always will be a strong supporter of organized labor, but felt the resolution, as it was written, was fatally flawed since it stated that union labor is the backbone of America. Although member Hover-Smoot believes that union labor is a large and vital backbone of America, she feels our country is bigger than just our unions – it consists of a lot more people.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Champions for Leadership Program (Grace Mah)
- Board meeting at an SCCOE school site (Grace Mah)
- Branch department presentations, (Grace Mah)
- Civil Grand Jury report on School District Consolidation, May 4 (Joseph Di Salvo)
- Discussion on having a meeting between the County Board of Education and the County Board of Supervisors
- County Superintendent Contract Extension (Board of Education)

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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