

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

APPROVED
Regular Meeting #2081
Closed Session — Board Room
Open Session – San Jose Conference Room
June 15 2011

1. Call to Order

President Di Salvo called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

a. 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. Adoption of Agenda

Member Mann requested to place Action Items 11.A. through 11.E. before Public Hearing Item 10.A.

MOTION #2081-1 by member Mann that the agenda be adopted with requested change. Vice President Chang seconded the motion and it carried 5-1-1. President Di Salvo dissented and member Mah was absent.

2. Closed Session

The expulsion appeal filed on behalf of student was withdrawn.

The Board adjourned into a Special Board Meeting (#2081-S1) at 4:10 p.m. Please refer to minutes of Special Meeting #2081-S1.

(Member Mah arrived at approximately 4:30 p.m. during Special Board Meeting #2081-S1)

3. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

There were no actions to report since the appeal filed on behalf of student was withdrawn.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

President Di Salvo asked Larry Aceves, former Superintendent of Franklin-McKinley School District, to lead the pledge of allegiance.

5. County Superintendent Report

- Alternative Education Graduation, June 6
- California School Boards Association (CSBA) Golden Bell Award
- Update on California State Budget
- Attendance & Enrollment for Community Schools, May 4 – June 1, 2011
- Appointment of Linda Aceves to Chief Schools Officer beginning July 1, 2011
- Email dated June 10, 2011 from Denise Clay, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, Moreland School District, Subject: SCCOE—Parent Engagement Initiative

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

No one wished to address the Board or the County Superintendent of Schools.

7. Correspondence

- Letter dated June 3, 2011 from Superintendent Benjamin Picard, re: Application of Rocketship Education to Open Additional Sites—Sunnyvale School District
- Letter dated June 3, 2011 from Ken Moore, Board Chair of Bullis Charter School addressing the May 26, 2011 letter from Nancy Gill (attached) re: Bullis Charter School (Boutique Charter)
- Letter dated June 7, 2011 from Katherine Gomez, Superintendent-Elect, Evergreen School District, re: Application of Rocketship Education to Open Additional Sites—Evergreen School District
- Letter dated June 13, 2011 from Dr. John Porter, Superintendent of Franklin-McKinley School District, re: Rocketship Education proposal into a strategic plan for SJ2020

8. Consent Action Items

- a. Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of June 1, 2011 (#2080)
- b. Request Approval of Purchase Order Exceeding \$100,000
- c. Request Approval of Submission for a Non-Competitive Grant Application to The David and Lucile Packard Foundation
- d. Request Approval of Purchase Order Exceeding \$250,000
- e. Request Approval to Submit a Supplemental Application Grant to the Administration for Children and Families to Continue Head Start Expansion Services
- f. Request Approval of Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for 2011-12

MOTION #2081-2 by member Mann that the Board approve Consent Action Items 9.A. through 9.F. Member Song seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

9. Public Hearing and Action

a. Public Hearing and Adoption of the 2011-12 County School Service Fund Budget

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

MOTION #2081-3 by member Mann that the Board adopt the 2011-12 budget. Member Hover-Smoot seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

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

MOTION #2081-4 by member Mann that the Board approve to receive unrestricted Tier III program funds and approve changes in use of funds for specific programs. Member Hover-Smoot seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Kenneth Shelton, Chief Business Officer, publicly acknowledged Doug Coffman's, Director of Internal Business Services, retirement and thanked him for his 31 years of service to the SCCOE. Board members expressed their appreciation as well.

CHANGE IN AGENDA

11. Action Items

a. Request to Amend the Contract for Rocketship Education to Include the Name Rocketship Los Suenos for Rocketship Three and to Include Rocketship Five

MOTION #2081-5 by member Mann to approve the request to amend the contract for Rocketship Education to include the names Rocketship Los Suenos (Rocketship Three Countywide) and Rocketship Discovery Prep (Rocketship Five Elementary School). Member Beauchman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

c. Approve the Contract for the Operation of Summit Public School: Tahoma for the Period July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012

Dr. Lucretia Peebles, Director of Charter Schools, answered questions from the Board.

MOTION #2081-6 by member Mah to approve the contract for the operation of Summit Public School: Tahoma for the Period of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012. Vice President Chang seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- d. Approve the Contract for the Operation of Silicon Valley Flex Academy for the Period of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2014

Dr. Lucretia Peebles, Director of Charter Schools, answered questions.

MOTION #2081-7 by member Mann to approve the contract for the operation of Silicon Valley Flex Academy for the Period of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2014. Member Hover-Smoot seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- e. Approve the Contract for the Operation of Downtown College Prep-Alum Rock Charter School for the Period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2014

Dr. Lucretia Peebles, Director of Charter Schools, answered questions.

MOTION #2081-8 by member Mah to approve the contract for the operation of Downtown College Prep-Alum Rock Charter School for the period of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2014. Member Song seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- b. Request Approval for Material Revision to Magnolia Science Academy—Santa Clara Charter Petition

Barbara Young, Interim Superintendent of the Milpitas Unified School District, addressed the topic of Magnolia Science Academy's parent survey interest, which is found in their 2008 petition.

President Di Salvo explained the process of the decision meeting regarding the material revision to Magnolia Science Academy—Santa Clara countywide charter petition.

Dr. Peebles presented a staff report and answered questions.

MOTION #2081-9 by member Mann to approve the request for material revision to the Magnolia Science Academy—Santa Clara Charter Countywide Charter school petition to extend the opening of the Milpitas site to fall 2012. Member Beauchman seconded the motion and it carried 6-1 with member Song voting no.

12. Information Items

- a. Provide Board Information on the State Preschool Self-Assessment Action Plan

Dr. Weis brought the State Preschool Self-Assessment Action Plan report to the Board's attention.

10. Public Hearing

a. Public Hearing on the Material Revision of the Rocketship Education Countywide Charter

President Di Salvo explained the hearing process and invited staff to present a report on the material revision of the Rocketship Education Countywide Charter. Dr. Lucretia Peebles, Director of Charter Schools, presented the report.

The following individuals spoke on the merits of Rocketship Education Countywide Charter: Susan Hammer, former San Jose City Mayor; Dr. Linda Murray, former San Jose Unified School District Superintendent; and Sam Liccardo, San Jose City Councilmember.

The following school district representatives, who will be impacted by the material revision, provided comments:

- Darci Green, Board Clerk, Alum Rock Elementary School District
- Esau Herrera, Board Vice-President, Alum Rock Elementary School District
- Kathy Gomez, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, Evergreen School District
- Kathy Shepard, Director of Instruction, Evergreen School District
- Doug Smith, Board Clerk, Los Altos School District
- Tony Garcia, Superintendent, Oak Grove School District
- Vincent Matthews, Superintendent, San Jose Unified School District
- Benjamin Picard, Superintendent, Sunnyvale School District

The following individuals spoke in support of Rocketship Education:

- Teresa Chagoya, parent
- Alicia Gallegos, San Jose Charter Consortium
- Kevin Ngo, parent
- Sandra Soto, representing Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren
- Juanita Rodriguez, parent
- Barbara Hansen, People Acting in Community Together (PACT)
- Eduardo Gonzalez, parent
- Karen Martinez, parent
- Susan Price-Jang, PACT
- Kent Williams, Sub Children Centers
- Marisol Guerra, parent
- Donald Baker, parent
- Jason Newton, parent
- Tom Campbell, Los Altos Citizens' Advisory Committee for Finance (CACF)

The following individuals spoke in opposition of Rocketship Education

- Heather Mumy, President of the Sunnyvale Education Association
- Gayle Adams, East Side resident
- Aurelia Sanchez, self
- Brian Wheatley, Evergreen School District resident

Board members asked clarifying questions.

At the request of board member Mann, attached to the minutes is a copy of the *Letter from a Birmingham Jail* dated April 16, 1963 by the late Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Board broke for recess at 8:41 p.m. and reconvened into open session at approximately 8:55 p.m.

12. Information Items

b. Board Committee Reports

Michael Chang

- Has been meeting with legal counsel regarding board policies – policies will be taken to the Policy Subcommittee and then to the Board for review and approval in September

Leon Beauchman

- Attended a California County Boards of Education meeting – CCBE formed a committee to look at alternative education

c. County Board of Education Member Reports

There were no board committee reports.

President Di Salvo acknowledged member Beauchman's upcoming birthday and acknowledged the retirement of Laura Kidwiler, Chief Human Resources Officer and Dr. Maurice Ghysels, Chief Schools Officer. Ms. Kidwiler and Dr. Ghysels expressed their gratitude in having had the privilege to serve at SCCOE.

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Champions for Leadership Program (Grace Mah)
- Board meeting at an SCCOE school site (Grace Mah)
- Report on the effects of Early Learning as students enter kindergarten (Anna Song)
- Discussion on having a meeting between the County Board of Education and the County Board of Supervisors
- Recognize substitute teachers for each program (Joseph Di Salvo)

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles Weis".

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

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