

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

APPROVED  
Regular Meeting #2070  
Board Room — 5:45 p.m.  
December 8, 2010

County Board of Education Induction Ceremony (San Jose Room) – 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

1. Call to Order

President Song called the meeting to order at 5:47 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  
Damariz Reyes, Student Board Member

b. Pledge of Allegiance

President Song asked member Di Salvo to lead the pledge of allegiance.

c. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION #2070-1 by member Mann that the Board approve the agenda as submitted. Member Beauchman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2. Employee of the Month: Noel Victoria, Information Systems Center/Network Services

Member Mah introduced Noel Victoria, December's Employee of the Month. She noted Noel's contributions, presented a plaque and an engraved pen in recognition of his work and introduced Dr. Kelly Calhoun, Chief Technology Officer, who spoke of Noel's outstanding customer service skills. Dr. Calhoun introduced Phil Benfield, Senior Network Engineer, Noel's supervisor, who spoke of Noel's outstanding teamwork. Mr. Benfield introduced Adolfo Pando, Planning & Support Manager, Head Start, who expressed his gratitude for Noel's expertise and helpfulness. Noel thanked his colleagues for the recognition and recognized his family for their support.

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

Lorrie Amezquita, Head Start teacher, expressed her concern on behalf of the Food Service Assistants, regarding their loss of employment.

Angie Cardoza, self, thanked the Board for their dedication and service and asked that all grievances be set aside for the New Year. She also spoke in support of member Mah for President.

Don Renwick, teacher at Foothill High School Annex, requested information from the School Site Council regarding Title I expenditures.

4. Annual Organizational Meeting

a. Election of President of the County Board of Education

President Song called for nominees for the new President of the Santa Clara County Board of Education.

MOTION #2070-2 by member Mann that the Board elect member Di Salvo for Board President. President Song seconded the motion.

Ellen Wheeler, board member of the Mountain View Whisman School District, welcomed the two new board members and voiced her support for member Mah as President.

Don Renwick requested that the Board elect a member to the President seat who has refrained from accusations and sanctions on other Board members.

Board members deliberated on the nomination.

Member Mann read a statement, which stated he did not support member Mah as President (*statement attached*).

Member Di Salvo recognized all students in the audience and said it was an honor to be nominated as President.

MOTION #2070- 2 carried 5-2 with the following roll call vote:

AYES: President Song, members Mann, Chang, Hover-Smoot, and Di Salvo

NOES: Vice President Mah and member Beauchman

ABSTAIN: -none-

ABSENT: -none-

Damariz Reyes, student board member, voted yes.

b. Election of Vice-President of the County Board of Education

Newly elected President Di Salvo called for nominees for the Vice President of the Santa Clara County Board of Education.

MOTION #2070-3 by member Mann that the Board appoint member Chang as Board Vice President.

Board members deliberated.

MOTION #2070-3 carried 5-2 with the following roll call vote:

AYES: President Di Salvo, members Mann, Chang, Hover-Smoot, and Song

NOES: Vice President Mah and member Beauchman

ABSTAIN: -none-

ABSENT: -none-

Damariz Reyes, student board member, voted yes.

c. Setting of Day and Time for Regular County Board of Education Meetings for 2011

MOTION #2070-4 by member Mann that the Board approve the regular board dates as presented for 2011. Member Song seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

d. Discussion of Board Appointments to Subcommittees for 2011

President Di Salvo requested that all Board members submit their appointment preferences for committee assignments to him by Friday, December 10, 2011.

e. Approval of Board Routine Travel Items

MOTION #2070-5 by member Mann that the Board approve the routine travel items for 2011. Member Hover-Smoot seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

f. Request Approval to Increase Board Compensation

MOTION #2070-6 by member Mann that the Board carry this item over to the January 12, 2011 meeting. Member Song seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Board broke for recess at 7:04 p.m. and reconvened into Open Session at 7:10 p.m.

President Di Salvo dedicated the meeting to John Lennon, Elizabeth Edwards and Anna Song.

5. Correspondence

- Erwin Morton, dated November 17, 2010, Subject: *Please support and continue county superintendent of schools Dr. Charles Weis*
- Delaine Eastin, dated November 25, 2010, Subject: *Support for Grace Mah*
- Ellen Wheeler, dated November 30, 2010, Subject: *Supporting Vice President Grace Mah as Your Next Board President*
- Sophia Schillings, dated December 1, 2010, *supporting Vice President Mah as the next Board President*
- Camille Townsend, dated December 1, 2010, Subject: SCCBOE President Selection Agenda Item – Grace Mah
- Board Member Craig Mann, dated December 2, 2010, Addressed to Board Member T.N. Ho, Subject: *Letter of Demand – Reimburse the Santa Clara County Office of Education*
- Kathy Swartz, dated December 4, 2010, Subject: Supporting Grace Mah as next President of the Board
- Steve Stavis, District Superintendent, Santa Clara Unified School District, dated November 30, 2010, letter sent to Tim Saka, Principal of Magnolia Science Academy, Subject: Magnolia Science Academy—Facilities Request

6. Consent Action Items

- a. Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 17, 2010 (#2069)
- b. Request Approval of County Superintendent's October and November 2010 Expenses

MOTION #2070-7 by member Mann that the Board approve Consent Action Items as presented. Member Hover-Smoot seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

7. Action Items

- a. Decision on the Charter Petition for Summit Public School: Tahoma

MOTION #2070-8 by member Song to adopt the resolution approving the charter petition of Summit Public School: Tahoma Charter School. Member Mann seconded the motion.

President Di Salvo explained the decision process and Dr. Lucretia Peebles, Director of Charter Schools and Dr. Maurice Ghysels, Chief Schools Officer, provided a report and explained the revision of the resolution that approves Summit Public School-Tahoma without conditions.

David Richards, proposed Executive Director of Summit Public School Tahoma, provided merits of his school.

The following individuals spoke in support of Summit Public School–Tahoma:

- Jerry Simmons, Attorney for Summit Public School—Tahoma
- Irma Gonzalez, parent
- Rolando Loera, parent
- Pam Goodman, parent
- Mary Dominguez, parent
- Sylvia Garza, parent
- Radha Bala, parent
- Yvette Sarnowski, parent

Board members asked clarifying questions.

MOTION #2070-8 passed unanimously by the following roll call vote:

AYES: President Di Salvo, Vice President Chang and members Mah, Beauchman, Song, Mann and Hover-Smoot

NOES: -none-

ABSTAIN: -none-

ABSENT: -none-

- b. Renewal of the Charter for ACE Charter School for the Period July 1, 2011 Through June 30, 2016

President Di Salvo explained the decision process and Dr. Peebles provided a report on ACE Charter School.

Vanessa Si Fuentes, Principal of ACE Charter School, answered questions from the Board.

MOTION #2070-9 by member Song that the Board approve the renewal petition for ACE Charter School for the period from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2016. Member Mann seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

*(Student Board Member Damariz Reyes left the meeting at approximately 8:27 p.m.)*

c. Adopt the Budget Revisions for the Period Ending October 31, 2010

Kenneth Shelton, Chief Business Officer, answered questions from the Board.

MOTION #2070-10 by member Mann that the Board approve Action Item 7.C. "Adopt the Budget Revisions for the Period Ending October 31, 2010 and Action Item 7.D. "Accept the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending October 31, 2010." Member Song seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

d. Accept the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending October 31, 2010

See vote on Action Item 7.C.

e. Nominate a Santa Clara County Board of Education Member to the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly Seat for 2011

Board members agreed to have member Beauchman continue his CSBA Delegate Assembly term through March 2012.

f. Request Adoption of Organizational Objectives

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

Board members discussed the adoption of organizational objectives.

MOTION #2070-11 by member Mah that the Board adopt the organizational objectives. Vice President Chang seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Mann absent.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. First Interim Financial Report for the Fiscal Year 2010-2011

Mr. Shelton reported on the First Interim Financial Report. Mr. Shelton and Doug Coffman, Director of Internal Business Services, answered questions.

b. 2010 Annual Williams Report

Dr. Weis presented the annual Williams Report and answered questions.

c. Williams Complaint Report

Dr. Weis briefed the Board on the Williams Complaint Report and said there were no complaints received during the July 1 through September 30, 2010 reporting period.

CHANGE IN AGENDA

e. County Superintendent's Report:

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

- Early Learning Master Plan
- Jack O'Connell – Certificate Recognizing the Board of Education's Adoption of the 'Seal of Biliteracy'
- Meeting with Governor Jerry Brown
- Letter from Frank Pugh, President of the California School Boards Association (CSBA), dated October 21, 2010, thanking Dr. Weis for his participation as a member of CSBA's Superintendents Advisory Council
- Letter from Gerry DeYoung, Chair of the San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce, thanking Dr. Weis for serving on the San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors
- Memo from Don Bolce, Program Director of Special Projects, dated November 29, 2010, regarding the "Schedule for Implementation of SJ2020 Working/Leadership Committees
- Process for Evaluating the County Superintendent
- Attendance & Enrollment for Community Schools: October 27, 2010 through November 17, 2010

d. County Board of Education Member Reports

Leon Beauchman

- Attended the annual CSBA conference and CSBA Delegate Assembly meeting
- Attended the California County Boards of Education (CCBE) meeting
- Complimented Superintendent Weis and staff on the Preschool Master Plan program meeting, which he attended
- Attended the WestEd preliminary report meeting

Michael Chang

- Connected some parents to board members in the East Side Union High School District (ESUHSD) regarding Chinese language education and attended ESUHSD's board meeting
- Attended the annual CSBA conference

Anna Song

- Participated in a teleconference with a board member from the Santa Clara Unified School District regarding their superintendent search
- Discussed the correspondence from the Santa Clara Unified School District regarding Magnolia Charter School

Grace Mah

- Attended the Preschool Master Plan program meeting
- Attended the WestEd Preliminary Report meeting
- Attended the annual CSBA conference
- Announced that the Palo Alto Unified School District moved the Mandarin immersion pilot program to an ongoing status
- Announced that Alameda COE approved a Mandarin immersion charter school

Julia Hover-Smoot

- Joined Dr. Weis and board members for dinner at the annual CSBA conference

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Champions for Leadership Program (Grace Mah)
- Branch Department Updates (Grace Mah)
- Civil Grand Jury report on School District Consolidation (Joseph Di Salvo)
- Alternative Education Budget (Joseph Di Salvo)
- WestEd Report – January 2011 (Joseph Di Salvo)
- Discussion on having a meeting between the County Board of Education and the County Board of Supervisors

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. in memory of Don Phillips, former Superintendent of the Palo Alto Unified School District.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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