1. Call to Order

President Di Salvo called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m.

a. Roll Call

Member(s) 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

President Di Salvo requested that Information Item 11.B. “Study of County Board of Education Trustee Area Boundaries” be placed after Consent Item 5.A. “Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of October 5, 2011 (#2086).”

MOTION #2087-1 by member Mann to adopt agenda with requested amendment. Member Hover-Smoot seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Song absent.

c. Pledge of Allegiance

President Di Salvo asked Angela & Dianne Nora to lead the pledge of allegiance.

2. County Superintendent’s Report

Evan Kohn, Manager of Regional Policy of Rocketship Education, addressed the “Timeline for Charter Petition Review (Renewals and Approvals)” from the County Superintendent’s Report. He informed the Board that Rocketship Education has submitted notices to school districts on Rocketship’s upcoming 20 charter petitions.
• Attendance and Enrollment for Community Schools, September 7-28, 2011
• Head Start Monthly Reports to the Board
• Letter from Rosaleen Zisch, Education Outreach Coordinator—League of Women Voters, dated October 4, 2011, thanking Dr. Weis for serving on a panel entitled, “The Federal Role in Public Education”
• Timeline for Charter Petition Review (Renewals and Approvals)
• SJ/SV 2020
• Memo from Barrett Snider, Director of Governmental and Public Affairs, School Innovations & Advocacy (SI&A), dated October 16, 2011, RE: Governor’s Final Actions on Legislation
• Email from Don Bolce—Program Director, Special Projects-Office of the Superintendent, dated October 17, 2011, Subject: FW District-Charter Compact Round 2 Timeline and Check-In
• Email from Raania Moshen—Executive Director of Cities Association of Santa Clara County, dated October 17, 2011, Subject: Cities Association—Thank You
• Email dated October 19, 2011 from Lisa Zuegel, of Agilent Technologies, thanking Dr. Weis for the time he spent with Agilent emerging leaders at the Community Leaders Dinner last week

(Member Song arrived at the meeting at approximately 5:42 p.m.)

President Di Salvo dedicated the meeting to all the leaders who made the release of Israeli and Palestinian prisoners possible on Tuesday, October 18, 2011.

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

Crystal Pretel, parent, spoke about the ordeal she and her 7-year old daughter have experienced with the Santa Clara Unified School District regarding her interdistrict transfer request and the negative impact it has had on her daughter. She requested that the County Board of Education look into the situation.

The following individuals thanked the Board and the County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Charles Weis, for the financial relief on healthcare costs:
• Ana Rosa Rodriguez, Head Start representative
• Carmen Vega, Head Start representative

Pedro Calvillo, parent, addressed the Board regarding bathroom facility issues at Hellyer School—Franklin-Mckinley School District.

David Cortright addressed the Board on Bullis Charter School issues.
4. Correspondence

- Email from Dave Cortright, dated October 10, 2011, subject: RE: Back up your Bullis Charter vote with your own county resources
- Email from Joyce Musselman, dated October 10, 2011, subject: The Renewal of the BCS
- Fax transmittal from Rosanne Park, received October 5, 2011 after business hours, RE: Bullis Charter School
- Email from David Pefley, dated October 15, 2011, Subject: RE: Newspaper coverage of the BCS renewal decision
- Email from Serge Bonte, dated October 19, 2011, Subject: Fwd: Feedback on findings for approval of countywide charter petitions

5. Consent Action Items

a. Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of October 5, 2011 (#2086)

MOTION #2087-2 by member Mann to approve Consent Action Item 5.A. Member Mah seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CHANGE IN AGENDA

11. Information Item

b. Study of County Board of Education Trustee Area Boundaries

Suzanne Carrig, Administrative Program and Evaluation Specialist, presented an update on the County Committee on School District Organization’s public hearing and the process for redistricting. Ms. Carrig and attorney Thomas Griffin, answered questions from the Board.

6. Closed Session

The Board adjourned into Closed Session to consider the following item:

a. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
   (Cal. Govt. Code § 54956.9(b)(1))
   One Potential Case
7. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

President Di Salvo reported that there were no reportable actions.

8. Discussion and Action Item

a. Study Session on Developing Guidelines for Approval of Countywide Charter Schools

Pam Parker, President of the Santa Clara County School Boards Association (SCCSBA), inquired on some areas found in Roman numeral “I” of page #1 of the Countywide Charter Schools Guideline.

Don Renwick, Vice President of the Association of County Educators, requested that the Board approve the Countywide Charter Schools Guideline as written by County Counsel.

Board members discussed the guidelines and Greta Hansen, County Counsel, answered questions.

MOTION #2087-3 by member Mann to approve the Countywide Charter Schools Guidelines with recorded modifications noted by county counsel. Member Hover-Smoot seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The Board broke for recess at 8:41 p.m. and reconvened into Open Session at approximately 8:48 p.m.

9. Public Hearing

a. Public Hearing on Countywide Charter Petition for Rocketship 6

President Di Salvo opened the hearing for public comment.

Juanita Rodriguez, parent, spoke in support of Rocketship 6.

President Di Salvo explained the hearing process and introduced Dr. Lucretia Peebles, Director of Charters Schools Department, who presented a staff report on Rocketship 6. Preston Smith, lead petitioner of Rocketship 6, spoke on the merits of Rocketship 6.
b. **Public Hearing on Countywide Charter Petition for Rocketship 7**

President Di Salvo opened the hearing for public comment.

President Di Salvo explained the hearing process and introduced Dr. Lucretia Peebles, Director of Charters Schools Department, who present a staff report on Rocketship 7. Preston Smith, lead petitioner of Rocketship 7, spoke on the merits of Rocketship 7.

c. **Public Hearing on Countywide Charter Petition for Rocketship 8**

President Di Salvo opened the hearing for public comment.

President Di Salvo explained the hearing process and introduced Dr. Lucretia Peebles, Director of Charters Schools Department, who present a staff report on Rocketship 8. Preston Smith, lead petitioner of Rocketship 8, spoke on the merits of Rocketship 8.

10. **Action Item**

a. **Adoption of a Revised Budget for the Quarter Ending September 30, 2011**

Kenneth Shelton, Chief Business Officer, answered questions.

MOTION #2087-4 by member Mann to adopt the revised budget revisions for the period ending September 30, 2011. Member Mah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

b. **Request Approval for Staff to Enter into a Contract with Ray and Associates, Inc. as the Firm to Conduct the Search for the Santa Clara County Superintendent of Schools**

President Di Salvo and members Mah and Mann explained the interview process in selecting Ray and Associates, the executive firm that will perform the recruitment of candidates for the position of County Superintendent of Schools. The other firms that were interviewed were: McPherson & Jacobson; Leadership Associates; and Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates.

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

MOTION #2087-5 by member Mann to approve for staff to enter into a contract with Ray and Associates, Inc. as the firm to conduct the search for the Santa Clara County Superintendent of Schools. Member Mah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
11. Information Items

a. Champions for Leadership Program

Philip Gordillo, Executive Director of Human Resources, introduced the Champions for Leadership Program and introduced Kathy Sealana, Director of Workforce and Organization Development, who provided an overview of the program and results to date.


Mr. Shelton introduced Cal Scheid, Director of Internal Business Services, who presented the final 2010-11 financial report, which included unaudited actual revenues, expenditures and fund balances.

d. First Reading of New, Updated and Revised 2000 Board Policies and 9000 Board Bylaws

Vice President Chang presented the First Reading of the new, updated and revised 2000 Board Policies and 9000 Board Bylaws and stated that the Second Reading of the policies and bylaws would be brought to the November 2 board meeting for a vote.

e. Santa Clara County Board of Education’s Quarterly Expenses

Board members reviewed their quarterly expenses.

f. Board Committee Reports

Anna Song
• Attended a lunch get-together sponsored by the Santa Clara County School Boards Association (SCCSBA)

Leon Beauchman
• Reported on an alternative education program that is being developed by the California County Boards of Education (CCBE)
g. Board Committee Reports

Craig Mann
- Attended a ribbon cutting ceremony at Rocketship Mosaic Elementary School

Leon Beauchman
- Informed the Board that Summit Tahoma had a recent media event

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Board meeting at Anne Darling School – Update on Special Education, Date: TBD (Grace Mah)
- Report on SCCOE’s use of ARRA Funds for Positions, November 16 (Joseph Di Salvo)
- Report on the effects of Early Learning as students enter kindergarten, Nov 16 (Anna Song)
- Discussion on having a meeting between the County Board of Education and the County Board of Supervisors, 2012 YR (Joseph Di Salvo)
- Recognize substitute teachers for each program, Spring 2012 (Joseph Di Salvo)
- STAND Program Cuts and City Gang Prevention Task Force, Dec 2011 (Joseph Di Salvo)
- Career Technical Education (CTE) Presentation, 2012 YR (Joseph Di Salvo)
- Whistle Blower Policy—City of San Jose, 2012 YR (Joseph Di Salvo)
- Roll of County Office of Education with Community Colleges, 2012 YR (Joseph Di Salvo)

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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