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

Ms. Leslie Anido, Association of County Teachers (ACT), encouraged the negotiating team to come to the table.

(Anna Song arrived at approximately 5:15 p.m.)

Closed Session

2. The Board held a Closed Session to consider the following item:

a. Public Employee Performance Evaluation
   Title: County Superintendent of Schools

Open Session

3. Report of actions taken in Closed Session

President Mah reported that in the matter of Closed Session Item 2A, Public Employee Performance Evaluation: County Superintendent of Schools, there were no reportable actions.

President Mah reported that in Closed Session on November 28, 2012, with all members of the Board present, the Board unanimously, and the Superintendent jointly authorized the initiation of the following litigation: (1) The SCCOE is intervening in litigation in the case Morgan Hill Economic Development Corp. et al. v. Office of the State Controller et al., Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 34-2012-80001284, to seek to have returned to the affected taxing entities—including schools—the assets of the Morgan Hill RDA that were transferred to the Morgan Hill EDC and City. (2) The initiation of litigation in two other matters was authorized; once litigation has formally commenced in those matters, pursuant to the Brown Act, upon inquiry, the SCCOE will disclose the action, parties, and other relevant information.
4. Call to Order

a. Roll Call
   Member(s) Present:
   Grace Mah, Area 1
   Michael Chang, Area 2
   Leon Beauchman, Area 3
   Anna Song, Area 5
   Darcie Green, Area 6
   Julia Hover-Smoot, Area 7

   Member(s) Absent:
   Joseph Di Salvo, Area 4

   MOTION #2111-1 by Vice President Chang to excuse member Di Salvo from the January 9, 2013 board meeting. Member Hover-Smoot seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

b. Adoption of Agenda

Dr. Xavier De La Torre, County Superintendent of Schools, requested that Action Item 10.A. Renewal of the Charter for Magnolia Science Academy—Santa Clara Countywide Benefit Charter School, be pulled from the agenda and placed on the January 23, 2013 agenda due to Magnolia Science Academy requesting an extension.

   MOTION #2111-2 by member Hover-Smoot that the Board approve the agenda with requested amendment. Vice President Chang seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

President Mah asked Dr. De La Torre to lead the pledge of allegiance.

5. Employee of the Month: Irene Aguilar (Administrative Assistant, Alternative Education, Student Services)

   This item was tabled to the January 23, 2013 meeting.
6. Public Comments of Persons Desiring to Address the Board or to Present Petitions

There were no public comments.

7. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to the Board.

8. Superintendent’s Report

- Met with Frank Carbajal, Founder of Estiempo
- Met with Sebastian Thrun, CEO of Udacity
- Announced an upcoming meeting with Rafael Reyes, Bay Area Climate Collaborative
- Met with Mayor Ron Gonzales
- Visited SCCOE schools with Linda Aceves, Chief Schools Officer (Dorsa, Fischer and Slonaker)
- Has been meeting with all SCCOE branches to share what they can anticipate in the next several months
- Interviewed by Edsource regarding the recent $500 million contribution by Mark Zuckerberg, CEO of Facebook, to the Silicon Valley Community Foundation project related to health and education. Interview question was, “What would you do with $500 million?”

9. Consent Action Item

a. Acceptance of Donations

MOTION #2111-3 by member Hover-Smoot that the Board approve Consent Action Item 9A. Member Green seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

10. Action Items


This item was pulled and will be revisited at the January 23, 2013 meeting.
11. Information Items

a. Board Self-Evaluation

President Mah introduced the board self-evaluation topic and invited the board for discussion.

Members Hover-Smoot, Green and Mah agreed to be on an Ad Hoc committee, which will present a “proposal for process for the board’s self-evaluation” at the January 23 meeting.

b. Review Board Subcommittee Assignments

Board members reviewed their 2013 subcommittee assignments.

c. County Board of Education Member Reports

Anna Song
• Participated in an educational trip to China sponsored by Hanban in December 2012

Leon Beauchman
• Attended the Student Voice program at the Mexican Heritage Plaza. He suggested that the Board, at some point, might want to view the video of the Student Voice program.

Michael Chang
• Announced an upcoming Civic Leadership program meeting

Julia Hover-Smoot
• Briefed the board on a San Jose Mercury News article regarding the City Council’s action regarding the Rocketship/Tamien site

Darcie Green
• Attended a Policy Academy Retreat sponsored by the Young Elected Officials Network

Grace Mah
• Attended a Rocketship Education meeting
• Announced the upcoming April 2013 National School Boards Association (NSBA) conference in San Diego, CA
12. Future Agenda Items
   • Review of Gates Collaborative, January 9, 2013 (Joseph Di Salvo)
   • Foster Youth Update, First Quarter in 2013 (Joseph Di Salvo)
   • Early Learning Services Update, January 9, 2013 (Joseph Di Salvo)
   • Alternative Education Update, February 2012 (Joseph Di Salvo)

The following items were added to the future agenda items list:
   • Debrief of China trip sponsored by Hanban (Anna Song)
   • District Realignment Study (Leon Beauchman)
   • Dr. Kelly Calhoun’s technology presentation at the recent CSBA conference (Anna Song)

13. ADJOURNMENT

   The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Xavier De La Torre, County Superintendent of Schools
Ex-Officio Secretary

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