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

   No one wished to address the Board

Closed Session

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

   Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Gov Code Sec. 54956.9(c))
Four (4) Potential Matters

Open Session

3. Report of actions taken in Closed Session

   There were no reportable actions.

4. Call to Order

   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
      Darcie Green, Area 6
      Julia Hover-Smoot, Area 7

   b. Adoption of Agenda

      Dr. Xavier De La Torre, County Superintendent of Schools, requested to have Consent
      Action Item 9.C. pulled for further discussion and placed after Action Item 11.A.

      MOTION #2109-1 by member Song that the Board approve the agenda with requested
      amendment. Member Beauchman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
C. Pledge of Allegiance

President Di Salvo asked students America and Aleaha to lead the pledge of allegiance.

5. Student Recognition: Onna Bejarano-Perkins, Sanders Elementary School, Special Education

Member Mah introduced Onna Bejarano-Perkins, recipient of the SCCOE student recognition, and presented her with an iPod and a plaque in recognition of her achievements. Member Mah introduced Jeff McCahan, Onna’s therapist, who commented on Onna’s resiliency and successes. He introduced Juanita Garcia, Para-Educator, and Victor Cromwell, teacher. Onna said it was an honor to receive this recognition and acknowledged her teachers, family and friends.

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

The following residents in the Washington School area voiced their disagreement in having another elementary school (Rocketship Education) in their area and stated that a secondary school was much more needed:

- Marlen Monrraoy
- Mirna Sandoval
- Victoria Cuenca
- Julian Lopez
- Zuyin Ortega
- Graciela Leon
- Juan Torres
- Maria Marcelo
- Dr. Angela Bymaster

The following Bullis Charter School representatives provided a brief report on their facilities request as presented to the Los Altos School District on November 5, 2012:

- Peter Evans, Board of Directors
- Fred Gallagher, parent
7. Correspondence

- Email, November 13, 2012, Julia Hover-Smoot, Subject: Please put BCS growth plans on your agenda
- Email, November 13, 2012, Dave Cortright, Subject: Please put BCS growth plans on your agenda
- Email, November 12, 2012, Julia Hover-Smoot, Subject: Please put BCS growth plans on your agenda
- Email, November 11, 2012, Barb Eagle, Subject: Thank you
- Email, November 10, 2012, Dave Cortright, Subject: Please put BCS growth plans on your agenda
- Email, November 10, 2012, Jeff Fixler, Subject: BCS Growth Data and CA Ed Code/Regulation Info
- Email, November 9, 2012, Julia Hover-Smoot, Subject: BCS Growth Data and CA Ed Code/Regulation Info
- Email, November 9, 2012, Jeff Fixler, Subject: BCS Growth Data and CA Ed Code/Regulation Info

8. Superintendent’s Report

- Acknowledged member Beauchman’s participation at the recent Student Voices event held at the Mexican Heritage Plaza – discussions entailed how to improve the public school system
- Spoke at Silicon Valley Community Foundation’s “Connecting Ready Kids to Ready Schools” annual conference in San Mateo, CA. Dr. De La Torre had an opportunity to promote SCCOE’s early learning master plan and acknowledged the work of Linda Aceves, Chief Schools Officer, and Dr. Lisa Kaufman, Director of Early Learning Services
- Attended the Southeast Consortium for Special Education (an executive Special Education Local Plan Area [SELPA] council meeting)
- Spoke about the work and commitment to SJ/SV 2020 to both the Los Altos School District and the Gilroy Unified School District
- Announced the upcoming 2012 Annual Education conference of the California School Board Association, November 29, 2012 through December 1, 2012 at Moscone West in San Francisco

9. Consent Action Items

a. Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of November 7, 2012 (#2108)
b. Request to Submit Grant to Heising-Simmons Foundation to Fund a Birth through Third Grade Family Engagement and Leadership Institute

MOTION #2109-2 by member Song that the Board approve Consent Action Items 9A and 9B. Member Beauchman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
10. Public Hearing

a. Public Hearing on the Countywide Charter School Petition Renewal for Magnolia Science Academy – Santa Clara, and Opening of a Second Campus in Milpitas and a Third Campus in East San Jose

President Di Salvo explained the public hearing process. Dr. De La Torre introduced the public hearing on Magnolia Science Academy (MSA) and introduced Dr. Lucretia Peebles, Director of the Charter Schools Department, who presented the Administration’s report on MSA. Dr. De La Torre provided additional clarity to the process and explained what the Board can expect in the next several weeks.

The following petitioners spoke on the merits of Magnolia Science Academy:

- Dr. Mehmet Argin, CEO
- Tim Saka, Principal
- Mekan Muhammedov, Chief Financial Officer

Dr. Tom Green, Director of School Transformation from the Alum Rock Union School District, spoke in opposition of Magnolia Science Academy and requested the Board to either deny or delay the petition.

The following individuals spoke in support of Magnolia Science Academy:

- Amanda Ehly, teacher
- Amanda Stutsman, teacher
- Maria Ramiso, teacher
- Dayana Swank, teacher
- Christy Apon, parent
- Brian La Fetra, student
- Deborah La Fetra, parent
- Bilye Felek, student
- Mahdis Bidokhti, student
- Mahmut Altun, parent
- Esra Nur Altun, student
- Ejaz Haq, parent
- Iren Llieva, student
- Sedat Altun, student
- Safia Haq, student
- Renata Pang, parent
- Murugavel Guruswami, parent
- Joshua Pang, student
- Karolin Kettler, parent
- Laura Strandberg, parent
- Abraham (no last name given), student
• Pauline Ng, parent
• Brittany (no last name given), student
• Zeynep Sen, student
• Abdul Waheed, parent
• Jofar Shenasa, parent
• Syed Lateef, parent
• Rupali Shah, parent
• Nur Omar, student
• Allison Vargas, student
• Joseph Chang, student
• Daniel Chang, parent
• Jisala Tallawajale, student
• Sai (no last name given), parent
• Nancy Escobar-Zarei, parent
• Wally Aguilar, parent
• Faith Sarigoz, parent
• Maria Aguilar, parent
• Maxine Lui, student
• Allister Leo, student
• David Kohls, parent
• Sara Noor Kazemi, student

Board members asked clarifying questions.

(The Board broke for recess at 8:09 p.m. and reconvened into Open Session at 8:21 p.m.)

11. Action Item

a. Decision on Discovery Charter School II

Dr. De La Torre presented a recap on the Discovery Charter School II petition. Dale Jones, Executive Director of Discovery Charter School, presented a summary of his meeting with Dr. Vincent Matthews, Superintendent of San Jose Unified. Mr. Jones and Ms. Lisa Corr, attorney for Discovery Charter School from Young, Minney & Corr, addressed questions from the Board.

MOTION #2109-3 by Vice President Hover-Smoot to approve the countywide charter petition for Discovery Charter School II. President Di Salvo seconded the motion and it failed with a 2-5 vote with members Beauchman, Chang, Green, Mah and Song voting no.

MOTION #2109-4 by member Beauchman to deny the countywide charter petition of Discover Charter School II. Member Song seconded the motion and it carried 5-2 with members Di Salvo and Hover-Smoot voting no.
CHANGE IN AGENDA

9. Consent Action Item

c. Request Approval of Contract Related to New Construction at Daniel Lairon County Annex in the Franklin McKinley School District – Approval of Contract Exceeding $250,000

Dr. De La Torre introduced the request approval of contract exceeding $250,000.

MOTION #2109-5 by member Song that the Board approve Consent Action Items 9C. President Di Salvo seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

12. Information Items


Dr. De La Torre introduced the 2012-13 First Quarter Financial Report and Budget Update for the Quarter Ending September 30, 2012 and Micaela Ochoa, Chief Business Officer, presented highlights of the report. Ms. Ochoa and Cal Scheid, Director of Internal Business Services, answered questions from board members.

b. Board Committee Reports

There were no Board committee reports.

c. County Board of Education Member Reports

There were no Board member reports.

13. 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)

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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