

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

APPROVED  
Board Agenda  
June 4, 2014  
Regular Meeting #2140  
San Jose Room  
5:00 p.m.

Teleconference Location:  
Residential  
11747 SW Military Lane  
Portland, OR 97219

1. Call to Order

a. Roll Call

Member(s) Present:

Grace Mah, Area 1  
Leon Beauchman, Area 3  
Joseph Di Salvo, Area 4  
Anna Song, Area 5 (*arrived at approximately 6:30 p.m.*)  
Darcie Green, Area 6

Member(s) Absent:

Michael Chang, Area 2  
Julia Hover-Smoot, Area 7

MOTION #2140-1 by Vice President Green to excuse member Chang from the June 4, 2014 regular board meeting. Member Mah seconded the motion and it carried 4-0-3 with members Song, Hover-Smoot and Chang absent.

MOTION #2140-2 by member Di Salvo to excuse board members who were not able to attend the May 30, June 1 and 2 special board meetings. Member Mah seconded the motion and it carried 4-0-3 with members Song, Hover-Smoot and Chang absent.

b. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION #2140-3 by member Di Salvo to adopt the agenda as presented. Member Mah seconded the motion and it carried 4-0-3 with members Song, Hover-Smoot and Chang absent.

c. Pledge of Allegiance

President Beauchman asked Osvaldo Santiago, recipient of the Student Recognition, to lead the pledge of allegiance.

2. Employee of the Month Recognition: Sung Park, Teacher, Severe Disabilities, Milpitas High School, Ridder Park Cluster

Member Mah introduced Sung Park, June's Employee of the Month. She noted Sung's contributions, presented a plaque and an engraved pen in recognition of his work. Member Mah introduced Nancy Guerrero, Director of Special Education, who spoke about Sung's caring and inspiring nature. Sung thanked his colleagues for the recognition.

3. Student Recognition: Osvaldo Santiago, East Side Union High School District, San Jose Conservation Corps, Migrant Education

Member Di Salvo introduced Osvaldo Santiago, recipient of the SCCOE student recognition for Migrant Education, and presented him with an iPod and a plaque in recognition of his achievements. Member Di Salvo introduced Veronica Ramos, Director of Migrant Education, who read kudos from the Migrant Education team regarding Osvaldo. Antonia Romo, Migrant Education Advocate and Mary Bravo, Program Manager from the San Jose Conservation Corps Youth Build AmeriCorps, spoke about Osvaldo's volunteer background, his reliability, integrity and friendly disposition. Osvaldo thanked everyone for the recognition and said he wants to help make San Jose a better place to reside.

4. Public Comments of Persons Desiring to Address the Board

There were no public comments.

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

- a) Conference with Legal Counsel – Potential Litigation Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) (one case)

6. Report of Actions taken in Closed Session

There were no reportable actions.

*(Member Anna Song arrived at approximately 6:30 p.m.)*

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

The following individuals spoke in support of the Alum Rock Union School District's decision to deny the charter school petition for Rocketship Alum Rock:

- Maria Martinez, teacher
- Lois Moore, teacher
- Wendy Bosshardt, teacher

8. Correspondence

- Email, May 16, 2014, Serge Bonte, Subject: Recent US DOJ/DOE “Dear Colleague” Letter
- Email, May 18, 2014, Serge Bonte, Subject: (another more) recent US DOE (Office for Civil Rights) “Dear Colleague” Letter
- Memo, May 27, 2014, Gemma M. Abels, RE: Rocketship Education Alum Rock

9. Superintendent’s Report

- Acknowledged Carmen Aminzadeh for 10 years of service to the County Office of Education
- Congratulated board members, community partners and staff for meeting with elected and appointed leaders in the State Capital on June 1 and 2 regarding current legislative priorities
- Attended the Alternative Education graduation ceremony. Acknowledged the incredible work and dedication of teachers, staff and administrators in the Alternative Education Department. Thanked President Beauchman, Vice President Green and members Di Salvo and Mah for attending the ceremony.
- Attended the Champions for Leadership Ceremony
- Attended the Special Education Ceremony
- Congratulated Dr. Angelica Ramsey, Chief Academic Officer and Dr. Yee Wan, Director of Multilingual Education, for their recent published work in *Perspectives* — the National Association for Bilingual Education (NABE) magazine
- Announced Educare’s groundbreaking on the new Educare Silicon Valley facility and thanked Dr. Matt Tinsley for his incredible work and dedication to the project
- Announced her upcoming engagement as keynote speaker for Pacifica Institute Topic: Opportunities, Challenges and Promises to Keep in Regards to Education

CHANGE IN AGENDA

*(Items 10, 11 and 12 will be tabled for the June 11 meeting.)*

13. Consent Action Items

- a. Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of May 21, 2014 (#2139)
- b. Request Acceptance of Donations
- c. Request Approval to Accept the Non- Competitive Grant from FIRST 5, Santa Clara County
- d. Request Acceptance of Title III Year 2 and 4 Technical Assistance Grant
- e. Request Approval for Contract Exceeding \$100,000

MOTION #2140-4 by member Di Salvo to approve Consent Action Items 13.A. through 13.E. Member Song seconded the motion and it carried 5-0-2 with members Hover-Smoot and Chang absent.

14. Public Hearing on Charter School Petition for Rocketship Alum Rock

President Beauchman explained the hearing process and Ms. Toni Cordova, Chief Strategy Officer, presented the staff report.

Preston Smith, CEO/Co-Founder, Rocketship Education (RS), and Maricela Guerrero, anticipated Principal of proposed Rocketship Alum Rock, presented the merits of Rocketship Alum Rock.

Stephen Fiss, Superintendent of Alum Rock Union Elementary School District (ARUSD) expressed his concern of approving the charter school petition for Rocketship Alum Rock.

The following individuals commented on the charter petition for Rocketship Alum Rock:  
(S = In support of petition, A = Against the petition)

Wendy Sandoval, student (S)  
Dolores Marquez, board member, ARUSD (A)  
Michael Hickey, United Teachers of Santa Clara (A)  
Rodrigo Chavez, student (S)  
Freddie Hernandez, parent, ARUSD (A)  
Shawn Swiss, teacher, ARUSD (A)  
Heather Mumy, Sunnyvale Education Association (A)  
Rev. April Lussier, People Acting in Community Together (PACT) (S)  
Jocelyn Merz, President—Alum Rock Education Association (A)  
Mayela Razo, parent, PACT (S)  
Rita Minster, teacher, ARUSD (A)  
Flor De Leon, parent (A)  
Cathy Flores, teacher, ARUSD (A)  
Kathleen Leal, teacher, RS (S)  
Eric Flores, parent (S)  
Amy Vu, student (S)  
Emma Lu, parent (S)  
Salvador Magaña, parent (S)  
Juan Mateos, teacher, RS (S)  
Jennifer Andaluz, Downtown College Prep (S)  
Jordan Wise, teacher, RS (S)  
Andrew Chandler, Principal—Si Se Puede (S)  
Alicia Ross, National Parent Leadership of RS (S)  
Andrea Martinez, teacher, RS (S)  
Michael Yeung, teacher, RS (S)  
Jason Colon, teacher, RS (S)  
Edith Vazquez, student (S)  
Alliyah Ramirez, student (S)  
Bryant Santa Rosa, student (S)  
Austin Chung, teacher (S)  
Matt Hammer, Executive Director—Innovative Schools (S)

Kelun Zhang, Director of Growth, RS (S)  
Lety Gomez, parent (S)  
Dr. Roxana Marachi, San Jose State (A)  
Elizabeth Plancarte, student (S)  
Guadalupe Gutierrez, parent (A)  
Lily Casillas, parent (A)  
Rosanna Lara, parent (S)  
Sebastian Gutierrez, student (S)  
Valera Guitierrez, student (S)  
Gemma Abels, teacher, Morgan Hill Unified School District (A)  
Laura Correa, teacher, ARUSD (A)  
Claudia De La Torre, parent (S)  
Fadi Saba, teacher (A)  
Carmen Davala, teacher, RS (S)

The Board asked clarifying questions.

*(The Board broke for Recess at 9:35 p.m. and reconvened at 9:49 p.m.)*

15. Action Items

A. Request Approval of the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) Local Educational Agency (LEA) Plan

Dr. Dewan, Interim County Superintendent of Schools, presented the SCCOE Local Educational Agency Plan. Dr. Dewan and Mary Ann Burke, Director of Categorical & Special Projects, answered questions from the Board.

MOTION #2140-5 by member Di Salvo to approve the SCCOE Local Educational Agency Plan. Member Song seconded the motion and it carried 5-0-2 with members Hover-Smoot and Chang absent.

B. Request Adoption of Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Property located at 38 N. Almaden Blvd #1800, San Jose, CA 95110 and Designating Signee for Full Reconveyance

MOTION #2140-6 by member Di Salvo to adopt the resolution authorizing the sale of property located at 38 N. Almaden Blvd #1800, San Jose, CA 95110 and designating signee for full reconveyance. Vice President Green seconded the motion and it carried 5-0-2 with members Hover-Smoot and Chang absent.

C. Request Adoption of Resolution Pertaining to Consolidation of Elections

Member Di Salvo voiced his disappointment of a twenty percent voter turnout on the recent elections.

MOTION #2140-7 by member Di Salvo to adopt the resolution pertaining to consolidation of elections. Member Mah seconded the motion and it carried 5-0-2 with members Hover-Smoot and Chang absent.

16. Information Item

A. Alternative Education Department Court and Community Schools Update

Dr. Dewan introduced the Alternative Education Department Court and Community Schools update and Yvette Irving, Director III of the Alternative Education Department, presented the current status of the department, progress made on key initiatives during the 2013-14 school year and anticipated changes for the 2014-15 school year.

Member Di Salvo requested that the Alternative Education Department be revisited with teachers and students present.

17. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Requested items by Board members may be addressed at this time.

- Educate Our State, July 16 (Vice President Green)
- STRIVE and Collective Impact (Member Di Salvo)
- Charter Schools Workshop (President Beauchman)
- Foster Vision (Member Mah)
- Charter School Annual Report, July 2014 (All)
- Branch Reports (Member Mah)

18. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, Interim County Superintendent of Schools  
Ex-Officio Secretary

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