

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

APPROVED
September 4, 2013
Minutes of Regular Meeting #2125
Board Room
5:00 p.m.

1. 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

Member(s) Absent:

Julia Hover-Smoot, Area 7

b. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION #2125-1 by member Song to adopt the agenda as submitted. Member Di Salvo seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Hover-Smoot absent.

c. Pledge of Allegiance

President Mah asked Gerry Lopez, recipient of the Employee of the Month recognition, to lead the pledge of allegiance.

2. Employee of the Month: Gerry Lopez, Migrant Education Manager, Student Services Branch

Member Green introduced Gerry Lopez, September's Employee of the Month. She noted Gerry's contributions, presented a plaque and an engraved pen in recognition of his work. Deborah Abello, Director of Migrant Education, spoke about Gerry's attributes and her appreciation for him. Gerry thanked the Board for the recognition and shared his recognition with everyone in the Migrant Education department.

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

No one wished to address the Board.

4. Closed Session

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

- a. Subject Matter: Inter-District Transfer Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student
Resident District: Ravenswood City School District (San Mateo County)
Desired District: Mountain View Whisman School District

5. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

President Mah reported that on the matter of Closed Session Item 4A, Vice President Chang made a motion (#2125-2) to uphold the appeal based on Factor 2 “*A danger to the pupil’s health or safety must be supported by the written statement of a qualified health expert, by police reports, by school records, or by other documentation,*” and Factor 12 “*Other exceptional or extraordinary circumstances which would weigh heavily in favor of the appellate pupil.*” Member Green seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Hover-Smoot absent.

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

No one wished to address the Board.

7. Correspondence

- Email, dated Aug 16, 2013, Serge Bonte, Subject: 2 modest (and ecumenical) suggestions for your “Universal Preschool Initiative”
- Email, dated Aug 16, 2013, forwarded by Grace Mah, Subject: BCS Letter to LASD Requesting Joint Meeting Regarding Facilities Use Agreement
- Email, dated Aug 16, 2013, forwarded by Grace Mah, Subject: Bullis Charter School— Message from Ken Moore, BCS Board Chair
- Letter, dated Aug 19, 2013, San Jose City Mayor Chuck Reed, RE: Support of Alpha Public School’s request for a middle school charter from the Alum Rock Union School District

8. Superintendent’s Report

- Participated in the Silicon Valley Leadership Group’s (SVLG) Education Summit, Sept 4
- Joined Congressman Mike Honda on a Head Start class visit, Aug 30
- Announced the upcoming Young Artist Showcase, Sept 12
- Announced that the Santa Clara County Office of Education has received a Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accreditation certificate

9. Consent Action Items

- a. Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of August 21, 2013 (#2124)
- b. Request Adoption of Resolution Declaring October 11, 2013 as “College Day”
- c. Request Approval to Accept Kaiser Permanente’s Violence Prevention Grant
- d. Acceptance of Donations
- e. Request Approval of Revised Parent Notification Letters of English Learner Student Classification and Program Options for 2013-14 (Addendum to the SCCOE Master Plan for Services to English Learners – Forms EL 5.3, EL 5.5 and EL 5.6)
- f. Request Approval of Revised Reclassification Criteria of English Learner Students with Disabilities for 2013-14 (Addendum to the SCCOE Master Plan for Services to English Learners – Form EL 15.1)

MOTION #2125-3 by member Song to approve Consent Action Items 9A through 9F. Member Di Salvo seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Hover-Smoot absent.

10. Public Hearing

a. Public Hearing on the Charter School Petition for Alpha Middle School

President Mah opened the public hearing and explained the hearing process.

Lead petitioner John Glover, founder of Alpha Public Schools, spoke on the merits of Alpha Middle School.

The following Alum Rock Union School District (ARUSD) representatives spoke in opposition of Alpha Middle School:

- Dr. Thomas Green, Director of School Transformation, ARUSD
- Jocelyn Merz, President, Alum Rock Education Association
- Jackie Montejano, Principal, Lee Matheson Middle
- Barbara Camp, Principal, George (Joseph) Middle School
- Doug Kleinhenz, Principal, Renaissance Academy
- Vince Iwasaki, Academic Dean, Renaissance Academy

The following individuals spoke in support of Alpha Middle School:

- Maria Carrasco, parent
- Linda Lopez, student
- Tina Morgado, parent

- Mayra Luna, student
- Leti Alvarez, parent
- Maria Teresa Barcenas, parent
- Marcela Toscano, parent
- Jose Ochoa, student
- Gloria Sermeño, parent
- Rodrigo Chavez, student
- Krystine Ngo, parent
- Jerry Simmons, attorney for Alpha Public Schools — Young, Minney & Corr Law Offices

The Board asked clarifying questions.

11. Information Items

a. City of San Jose Council Agenda – June 18, 2013, Item 11.3

Toni Cordova, Chief Strategy Officer, introduced Councilmember Donald Rocha who presented his interest in collaborating with the Santa Clara County Office of Education in developing reasonable land use regulations for new school sites.

b. Update on Fiscal Oversight of Gilroy Unified School District (GUSD)

This item was tabled to the September 18, 2013 meeting.

c. Migrant Education Program

This item was tabled to the September 18, 2013 meeting.

d. First Reading Revised Conflict of Interest of BB 9270 and E 9270

Dr. De La Torre briefed the Board on the Conflict of Interest of BB 9270 and E 9270. Philip Gordillo, Executive Director of Human Resources, answered questions.

e. County Board of Education Members Reports

Anna Song

- Participated in a Head Start class visit in Milpitas where Congressman Mike Honda visited
- Met with Alum Rock Union School District principals
- Attended a Joint Committee on Child Care (JCCC) meeting

Leon Beauchman

- Attended a Juvenile Justice System Collaborative meeting
- Met with Alum Rock Union School District principals

Michael Chang

- Visited Alpha Blanca Alvarado Middle School

Darcie Green

- Attended the Silicon Valley Leadership Group (SVLG) education summit at Microsoft
- Participated in a Head Start class visit in Milpitas where Congressman Mike Honda visited

Joseph Di Salvo

- Attended a Joint Committee on Child Care (JCCC) meeting
- Participated in a Head Start class visit in Milpitas where Congressman Mike Honda visited
- Met with Dr. De La Torre

Grace Mah

- Participated as an interview panelist for the Chief of Schools position
- Met with Alum Rock Union School District staff
- Attended a Los Altos School District/Bullis Charter School discussion meeting

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Strategic Plan Progress, 2nd Meeting of the Month starting Sept 18
- Update on Revolution Foods, Jan 15 (Member Di Salvo)
- Strategic Planning Group, Nov/Dec (President Mah)
- Quarterly Update on Universal Preschool, Nov 13 (Member Green)
- SCCOE Comparability Study (President Mah)
- STRIVE and Collective Impact (Joseph Di Salvo)
- Discussion on Strategic Plan with Respect to Serving Districts and Supporting Charter Schools (Member Green)
- Alternative Education Department (AED) Academic and Counseling Resources Over Weekends (Member Di Salvo)

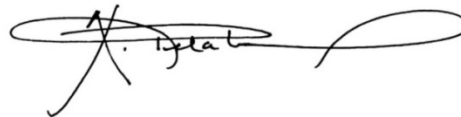
Request for Future Agenda Items:

- Update on Legislative Climate, Nov 13 (Member Green)
- Follow-up on a \$55M bond funds for Special Education Sites (Member Di Salvo)

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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RESOLUTION
DECLARING OCTOBER 11, 2013 AS COLLEGE DAY
SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION NO: 2125-1

Whereas, today's students must be prepared with the skills and knowledge required in the 21st century economy; and

Whereas, preparation for college and career success for all students are key outcome measures in SJ/SV2020; and

Whereas, the demand for educated workers will rise by 2025, with two out of five jobs requiring a college degree, and

Whereas, a Bachelor's Degree provides young people with a lifetime income gain of approximately \$1,340,000 and college graduates are 50% more likely to vote; and

Whereas, we believe every child should have a dream for college or post-secondary education; and

Whereas, when young people are on a trajectory to go to college, they have lower rates of crime and incarceration, and they are less likely to be obese or to smoke or to need social services support; and

Whereas, when adults share their belief that everyone can go to college and talk with young people about their education, they inspire young people to design their own pathway to college and demystify college for children and youth; and

Whereas, the more adults talk with young people about college, the more likely young people will aspire to college; and

Whereas, a broad coalition of organizations, including Mayor's Office, the County Office of Education, AVID, San José Unified School District, San José State University, UC Berkeley – Center for Educational Partnerships, UC Santa Cruz – Educational Partnership Center, the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, ALearn, Franklin-McKinley Children's Initiative, Sacred Heart Community Center, Breakthrough Silicon Valley, San Jose Library, and many other schools and community based organizations such as Downtown College Prep and Kids in Common, have joined together to celebrate, inspire and promote college aspirations throughout Santa Clara County through coordinated activities and dialogue on October 11, 2013;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education declares October 11, 2013 as College Day.

Be it further resolved that the Santa Clara County Board of Education encourages **every** educator, every staff person working with young people, every parent, grandparent, and neighbor, to talk about their “education journey” with the children and youth they teach, work with, and know in order to inspire the future and encourage children to believe they can go to college and have a college dream.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE Santa Clara County Board of Education in San Jose, California at a meeting held on September 4, 2013 by the following vote:

AYES: President Mah, Vice President Chang, members Beauchman, Di Salvo, Song and Green


NOES: -none-

ABSTAIN: -none-

ABSENT: member Hover-Smoot



Grace Mah, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education



Xavier De La Torre, Ed.D.
County Superintendent of Schools