

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

APPROVED  
October 2, 2013  
Minutes of Regular Meeting #2127  
San Jose Room  
5:30 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  
Julia Hover-Smoot, Area 7

b. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION #2127-1 by Member Di Salvo to adopt the agenda as submitted. Member Song seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

c. Pledge of Allegiance

President Mah asked Jonathan Muñoz, recipient of the Employee of the Month, to lead the pledge of allegiance.

2. Employee of the Month: Jonathan Muñoz, Classified Personnel Specialist II, Human Resources branch

Member Song introduced Jonathan Muñoz, October's Employee of the Month. She noted Jonathan's contributions, presented a plaque and an engraved pen in recognition of his work. Sheila Lopez, Director of Classified Personnel Services, spoke about Jonathan's initiative to solve problems and his positive attitude. Jonathan thanked the Board, County Superintendent and his colleagues for the recognition.

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 items:

- a. Subject Matter: Inter-district Transfer Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student  
Resident District: Los Gatos Union School District  
Desired District: Saratoga Union School District

5. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

President Mah reported that in the matter of Closed Session Item 4A, member Song made a motion (#2127-2) to uphold the appeal based on Factor 1 “*The pupil’s psychological or physical well-being,*” and Factor 2 “*A substantial danger to the pupil’s health or safety*” for the duration of middle school. Vice President Chang seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

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

No one wished to address the Board.

7. Correspondence

- Email, Sept 17, 2013, forwarded by Grace Mah, Subject: A letter from neighborhood of BCS and Egan

8. Superintendent’s Report

- Hosted the annual Teacher Recognition Celebration, Sept 26, 2013
- Thanked Dr. Angelica Ramsey and her staff for their work on the SJ/SV 2020 Symposium, Sept 25, 2013
- Participated as a keynote speaker at the *Parent Empowerment* conference, Sept 21, 2013
- Attended the *Funding the Next Generation* conference, Sept 27, 2013

9. Consent Action Items

- a. Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of September 18, 2013 (#2126)
- b. Request Approval of SCCOE Local Educational Agency Plan
- c. Request Approval to Accept a Non-Competitive Grant from the Heising-Simon Foundation to Support Partners with Birth through Third Grade Family Engagement Planning Efforts
- d. Acceptance of Donations

MOTION #2127-3 by member Di Salvo to approve Consent Action Items 9A through 9D. Member Green seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

#### 10. Public Hearing and Action

- a. Conduct a Public Hearing on 2013-14 Gann Appropriations Limit and Adopt Resolution Establishing 2013-14 Gann Appropriations Limit

President Mah opened the hearing for public comment. No one wished to address the Board.

Micaela Ochoa, Chief Business Officer, briefly explained the 2013-14 Gann Appropriations Limit.

MOTION #2127-4 by Vice President Chang to adopt the resolution establishing the 2013-14 Gann Appropriations Limit. Member Song seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

#### 11. Information Item

- a. Renaissance Academy School – Alum Rock Union School District (ARUSD)

Doug Kleinhenz, Principal at Renaissance Academy, offered testimonials on Renaissance Academy via a video presentation. Vince Iwasaki, Math Teacher at Renaissance Academy, presented performance data and answered questions.

Also giving testimony to the merits of Renaissance Academy were:  
Randy Barber, Alum Rock Educational Association  
John Glover, Founder of Alpha Public Schools

The following individuals from the Alum Rock Union School District spoke about the history of Renaissance Academy and the plans on building future schools like it:

Dolores Marquez, Board President  
Karen Martinez, Board Member  
Andrea Flores Shelton, Board Member  
Thomas Green, Chief School Transformation & Support Officer

#### 12. Action Item

- a. Decision on the Charter School Petition for Alpha Middle School 2

President Mah explained the decision process.

Toni Cordova, Chief Strategy Officer, presented an oral report from staff and answered questions from the Board.

Thomas Green and John Glover provided comments based on the oral report.

Board members asked clarifying questions.

The following individuals spoke in support of Alpha Middle School 2:

- Nhi Le, student
- Gloria Sermeño, parent
- Ana Wallace, student
- Velinda Wallace, student
- Sophia Campos, student
- Ishmael Gallegos, uncle of Alpha student
- Aranzazu Medellin Guerrero, coach at Alpha
- Robert Serrano, student
- Blanca Espinosa, parent
- Carrie Greco, parent
- Selena Gonzales, student
- Karen Martinez, board member, ARUSD
- Marcela Toscano, parent
- Maria Teresa Barcenas, parent
- Hiliary Harmssen, Managing Regional Director, California Charter Schools Association

The following individuals spoke against Alpha Middle School 2:

- Dena Lopez, teacher, Ocala Middle School
- Natan Bulatan, teacher, Renaissance Academy
- Doliene Slater, teacher, Alum Rock Union School District
- Maria Elena Ruiz, parent, Ocala Middle School
- Dolores Marquez, Board President, Alum Rock Union School District
- Randy Barber, teacher, Renaissance Academy

Board members deliberated.

MOTION #2127-5 by member Hover-Smoot to approve the charter school petition for Alpha Middle School 2 for a period of three years with the condition of 1) Alpha Middle School 2 being able to make enrollment numbers and 2) addressing all areas of concern listed within the SCCOE staff review matrix. Member Di Salvo seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Song voting no.

### 13. Information Item

#### a. Communitas Charter School

Dr. Xavier De La Torre, County Superintendent of Schools, introduced the Communitas Charter School presentation.

The following individuals addressed the issue of Campbell Union High School District not accepting earned credits acquired at Communitas Charter School:

Rich Soltero, parent  
Christina Aronen, parent  
Crystal Speed, parent  
John Kennedy, parent  
Theodore Timpson, former Board President of Communitas Charter School

Board members directed the County Superintendent to write a letter on their behalf to the Campbell Union High School District addressing the issue brought before them by former parents of Communitas Charter School.

*(Member Hover-Smoot left the meeting at approximately 11:40 p.m.)*

*(Member Song left the meeting at approximately 11:45 p.m.)*

b. 2012-13 Unaudited Actual Financial Report through June 30, 2013

Micaela Ochoa, Chief Business Officer, presented the 2012-13 unaudited actual financial report through June 30, 2013 and answered questions.

c. Williams Complaint Report

Dr. Angelica Ramsey, Chief Academic Officer, reported that no Williams complaints were received during the April through June 2013 reporting period.

d. County Board of Education Members Report

This item was tabled to the next meeting

14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

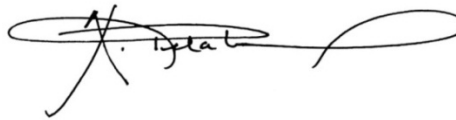
- Strategic Plan Progress, Oct 16
- Breakdown on Ethnicity—HR Report, Oct 16 (Member Beauchman)
- Ewing Study Overview, Oct 16 (Member Beauchman)
- Facilities Plan, Oct 16 (President Mah)
- Discussion on Strategic Plan with Respect to Serving Districts and Supporting Charter Schools, Oct 19, Special Board Meeting, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. (Member Green)
- Charter Schools Study Workshop, Oct 19, Special Board Meeting, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
- Update on Legislative Climate, Nov 13 (Member Green)
- Quarterly Update on Universal Preschool, Nov 13 (Member Green)
- Alternative Education Department (AED) Academic and Counseling Resources Over Weekends, Nov 13 (Member Di Salvo)
- Project Cornerstone Presentation, Nov 13 (Member Beauchman)
- Update on Revolution Foods, Jan 15 (Member Di Salvo)

- Follow-Up on \$55M Bond Funds for Special Education Sites (Member Di Salvo)
- STRIVE and Collective Impact (Member Di Salvo)

15. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "X. De La Torre", written over a horizontal line.

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

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RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING 2013-14 GANN APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT  
AND APPROPRIATING REVENUE

SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RESOLUTION NO: 2127-1

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to California Education Code 1629, on or before October 15 of each year, the Santa Clara County Board of Education (SCCOE) shall adopt a resolution to identify, pursuant to Division 9 (commencing with Section 7900) of Title 1 of the Government Code, the estimated appropriations limit for the county office of education for the current fiscal year and the actual appropriations limit for the county office of education for the preceding fiscal year. That resolution shall be adopted at a regular or special meeting of the board. Notwithstanding Section 7910 of the Government Code, documentation used in the identification of the appropriations limits shall be made available to the public on the date of the meeting at which the resolution is adopted, was posted and available to the public at the office of the SCCOE; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board has considered such documentation in determination of the appropriations limit, pursuant to Article XIII-B of the California Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, the SCCOE may have received revenue beyond what was originally appropriated in 2012-13; and

**WHEREAS**, the SCCOE may receive revenue beyond what will be appropriated in 2013-14;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** that the Gann appropriations limit for the SCCOE subject to the limitations contained in Article XIII-B of the California Constitution and Chapter 1205 of the Statutes of 1980, shall be as follows:

Gann Limit, 2012-13 (Actual):	\$101,554,776
Gann Limit, 2013-14 (Estimated):	\$103,152,881

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Santa Clara County Board of Education at a meeting held on October 2, 2013, by the following vote:

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

NOES: -none-

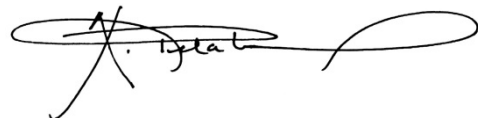
ABSTAIN: -none-

ABSENT: -none-



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Grace Mah, President  
Santa Clara County Board of Education



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Xavier De La Torre, Ed.D.  
Santa Clara County Office of Education