

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

APPROVED
October 19, 2013
Minutes of Special Meeting #2128-S1
San Jose Room
8:30 a.m. (PST)

Teleconference Location:
Leon Beauchman
1925 S. Street NW, Apt A
Washington, D.C.
11:30 a.m. (EST)

1. Call to Order

a. Roll Call

Member(s) Present:

Grace Mah, Area 1
Michael Chang, Area 2
Leon Beauchman, Area 3 (*participated via teleconference*)
Joseph Di Salvo, Area 4
Anna Song, Area 5
Darcie Green, Area 6
Julia Hover-Smoot, Area 7

b. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION #2128-S1 by member Hover-Smoot to adopt the agenda as submitted. Member Song seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

c. Pledge of Allegiance

President Mah asked Stephen McMahon, Chief Business Officer, from San Jose Unified School District, to lead the pledge of allegiance.

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

Steve McMahon addressed the Board on collaboration and the need for better schools and not more schools.

Brett Bymaster, community member, addressed the Board concerning the community level impact when approving countywide charter schools.

3. Charter Schools Study Workshop

Toni Cordova, Chief Strategy Officer, presented an overview on Charter Schools.

Board members discussed Board Policy 0420.4(a) and their views about petitions received from charter schools. Staff answered questions.

The following individuals voiced their thoughts on charter school petitions, collaboration, and what defines an excellent, quality school.

- Stephen McMahon, CBO, San Jose Unified School District (SJUSD)
- Karen Martinez, Board Member, Alum Rock Union School District (ARUSD)
- John Glover, Founder, Alpha Charter Schools
- Brett Bymaster, community member
- Erwin Morton, Sixth District PTA
- Tamara Logan, Board Member, Los Altos School District (LASD)
- Doug Kleinhenz, Principal, Renaissance Academy School (ARUSD)
- Barbara Hansen, member of People Acting in Community Together (PACT)
- Tom Fenstermacher, community member, LASD
- Gloria Sermeño, parent, Alpha Middle School 2

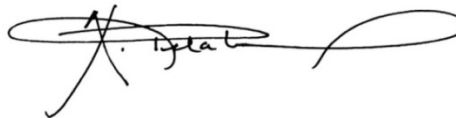
Jessica Garcia Kohl, Rocketship, thanked and acknowledged the Board for their progress and bold leadership.

Staff will bring back the guidelines and the annual template at a future meeting for further discussion. Board Policy 0420.4(a) will be brought to the Policy Development Committee and issues on charter schools will be addressed by the Joint Legislative Advisory Committee (JLAC) with the Santa Clara County Office of Education's (SCCOE) lobbyists.

4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

:ca