

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

APPROVED
Special Meeting #2129-S1
November 20, 2013
San Jose Room
5:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

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 (*arrived at 6:49 p.m.*)
Julia Hover-Smoot, Area 7

b. Adoption of Agenda

President Mah requested that item 3.B. *Public Hearing on the Charter School Petition for Morgan Hill Prep School* be moved before item 3.A.

MOTION #2129-S1-1 by member Song to adopt the agenda with requested amendment. Member Di Salvo seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Green absent.

c. Pledge of Allegiance

President Mah asked member Di Salvo to lead the pledge of allegiance.

2. Hearing of Persons Desiring to Address the Board

The following individuals spoke in support of charter schools:

- Heather Poore, parent
- Cheryl Dracott, parent

The following individuals spoke against charter schools:

- Glen Webb, parent
- James Levis, parent
- Pam Hunter, teacher

CHANGE IN AGENDA

3. Public Hearings

B. Public Hearing on the Charter School Petition for Morgan Hill Prep School

President Mah explained the hearing process.

Lead petitioner, James Dent, Executive Director of Navigator Schools, spoke on the merits of the charter school petition for Morgan Hill Prep School and introduced his colleagues.

Interim district Superintendent Steve Betando and board member Shelly Thomas of the Morgan Hill Unified School District addressed their concerns on the charter school petition for Morgan Hill Prep School.

The following individuals spoke against the petition:

- Matt Monaco, parent
- Daniel Armendariz, parent
- Rebecca Balestrieri, parent
- Denise Simmons, teacher
- Diane Wilson, teacher
- Kim Matt, teacher
- Jennifer Kingman, parent
- Elvia Teixeira, principal
- Haydee Perez Rojo, student
- Jennifer Clayton, youth pastor
- Joan Daniels, parent
- Eddie Atkins, parent
- Paula Scotney Castle, parent
- Sarah Valencia, teacher
- Raquel Diaz, parent
- Nancy Altman, teacher
- Maria Bruhns, teacher
- Debra Chappell, parent
- Aracelia Esquivel, parent
- Brett Bymaster, community member
- Alex Asen, teacher
- Teresa Colbert, teacher
- Joan Best, Morgan Hill resident
- Mary Alice Callahan, teacher
- Ron Woolf, board member, Morgan Hill Unified School District
- Daisy Martinez, student
- Lila Salinas, mother
- Dennis Raj, South Bay Labor Council
- Michelle Kepari, teacher
- Teresa Navarro, teacher

The following individuals spoke in support of the petition:

- Roberta Garcia Kracht, clinical social worker
- John Glover, Alpha Schools
- Tiffany Mendoza, student
- Sharon Waller, teacher
- Robin Horne, teacher
- Tina Sweeney, teacher
- Caitlin Travaille, teacher
- Armando Benevides, attorney
- Sue Stapleton, parent
- Angelica Dandenberg, parent
- Aida Cazares, parent
- Elizabeth Seminar, parent
- Elidia Alvarado, parent
- Teresa Steengrate, parent
- Tania Marujo, parent
- Rosa Rojas, parent
- Delia Gomez, parent
- Erica Marquez, parent
- China Nave, parent
- Kathlyn Greubel, parent
- Orlando Orosco, student
- Jessie Hill, teacher
- Melyssa Corral, teacher
- Tiara Ndao, student
- Dr. Elena Hernandez, retired educator
- Rick Badillo, board member, Morgan Hill Unified School District

The Board asked clarifying questions from petitioner and school district.

A. Public Hearing on the Charter School Petition for Rocketship Morgan Hill Charter School

President Mah explained the hearing process.

The following individuals spoke in support of the petition:

- Santiago Romero, parent
- Anayeli Romero, parent
- Monica Garcia, parent
- Guillermina Martinez, parent
- Daniella Martinez, student
- Tony Saenz, Morgan Hill resident
- Robert Benich, Morgan Hill resident
- Wendy Sandoval, student
- Suzie S., student
- Roberto Aguirrez, parent

Lead petitioner, Preston Smith of Rocketship, spoke on the merits of the charter school petition for Rocketship Morgan Hill Charter School.

Interim district Superintendent Steve Betando and board member Shelly Thomas of the Morgan Hill Unified School District addressed their concerns on the charter school petition for Rocketship Morgan Hill Charter School.

The following individuals spoke against the petition:

- Teresa Colbert, teacher
- Connor Rounds, student
- Tracy Murphy, teacher
- Andrea Kusanovich, teacher
- Jeanie Wallace, teacher (read Teresa Sage's [teacher] portion)
- Virginia Barrera, teacher
- Jenna Mittleman, principal
- Jan Martin, teacher
- Dana Redmond, Morgan Hill resident
- Janet Lammers, teacher
- David Craig, retired teacher
- Mo Davies, retired teacher
- Donna Ruebusch, retired teacher
- Ron Woolf, board member, Morgan Hill Unified School District
- Patrick Buchser, teacher
- Michelle Getty, parent
- Ted Thomes, counselor (spoke on behalf of Teresa Silverstein)
- Moira Barker, principal, Morgan Hill Unified School District
- Bob Benevento, board member, Morgan Hill Unified School District
- Brendan O'Connor, teacher
- Sarah Yates, teacher
- Lori Shoemaker, teacher
- Mario Banuelos, parent
- Jennifer Niemann, teacher
- Dennis Raj, South Bay Labor Council
- Terri Knudsen, parent
- Chris Mink, employee of the Morgan Hill Unified School District
- Gemma Abels, teacher
- Terri Craig, teacher
- Sara Martinez, parent
- Kelly Patterson, teacher
- Lynda Schultz, teacher
- Darcie Foster, Morgan Hill resident
- Lori Ross, teacher

The following individual spoke in support of the petition:

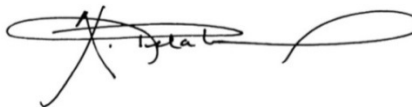
- Robert Aguirrez, parent

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4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "X. De La Torre", with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

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

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