

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

APPROVED
Regular Meeting #2055
Board Room
March 17, 2010
5:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Song called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

a. Roll Call

Trustees Present:

Grace Mah, Area 1

T.N. Ho, Area 2

Leon Beauchman, Area 3

Joseph Di Salvo, Area 4

Anna Song, Area 5

Craig Mann, Area 6

Jane Howard, Area 7 (*arrived at 5:15 p.m.*)

Helen Yu, student board member

Board Member Absent:

Ricardo Gonzalez, student board member

b. Pledge of Allegiance

President Song asked member Mann to lead the pledge of allegiance.

c. Adoption of Agenda

Dr. Weis requested that Study Action Item 6.C. "*Request Approval of 2010-2011 Comprehensive School Safety Plans*" be pulled off the agenda until backup material can be posted on SCCOE's website.

MOTION #2055-1 by member Di Salvo to adopt the agenda with amendment. Member Mann seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Howard absent.

2. SCCOE STUDENT RECOGNITION: ELIEZER HERNANDEZ-RUIZ, LEIGH HIGH SCHOOL, MIGRANT EDUCATION

Member Di Salvo introduced Eliezer Hernandez-Ruiz, and presented him with a Wal-Mart gift card and a plaque in recognition of his achievements. Member Di Salvo introduced Lidia Vazquez, program manager for Migrant Education Region 1 who commented that Eliezer exemplifies the best in migrant education. Lorena Tariba, English Learners and Migrant Education administrator for Gilroy Unified School District spoke about Eliezer's school journey. Scott Benson, Eliezer's teacher, congratulated Eliezer for his accomplishments. Eliezer thanked the Gilroy Unified School District for the recognition.

(Member Howard arrived at the meeting – 5:15 p.m.)

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS OF PERSONS DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OR TO PRESENT PETITIONS

President Song opened the hearing for public comment.

No one wished to address the Board or Dr. Charles Weis, County Superintendent of Schools.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

5. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- a. Request Approval of Special Meeting of February 23, 2010 (#2053-S1)
- b. Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 3, 2010 (#2054)
- c. Request Acceptance of Donation

MOTION #2055-2 by member Mann that the Board approve Consent Action Items A-C. Member Howard seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

6. STUDY ACTION ITEMS

a. Approval of Second Interim Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2009-2010

Doug Coffman, Director of Internal Business Services, presented the Second Interim Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 and answered questions.

MOTION #2055-3 by member Mann that the Board approve the Second Interim Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2009-2010. Member Beauchman seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

b. Request Approval from the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) to Transfer Funds Among Budget Categories

Ana Trujillo, Director of Children's Services Department and Dr. Weis answered questions from the Board.

MOTION #2055-4 by member Ho that the Board approve request to transfer Head Start funds among budget categories. Vice President Mah seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

c. Request Approval of 2010-2011 Comprehensive School Safety Plans

This item was pulled from the agenda and will be presented at the April 7 meeting.

CHANGE IN AGENDA

f. Rescission of the Charter Contract for South Bay Prep

Dr. Weis provided a background on South Bay Prep.

The following individuals spoke in support of South Bay Prep:

- Kevin Sved, founder of the Accelerated School
- Stephanie Brown, founder and board member, South Bay Prep
- Marlee Benefiel, parent
- Tim Barnes, board member, South Bay Prep
- Eileen McKenna, parent
- Nick Driver, California Charter Schools Association

Dr. Lucretia Peebles, Director of Charter Schools, provided further background on South Bay Prep.

Board members agreed to review this item at a later date .

Recess

The Board broke for recess at 6:15p.m. and reconvened into Open Session at 6:25 p.m.

e. Consideration and/or Approval of Material Revision to Magnolia Science Academy-Santa Clara Charter Petition

Janelle Ruley, attorney from Middleton, Young & Minney, LLP, representing Magnolia Science Academy-Santa Clara Charter, explained the charter's material revision.

The following individuals spoke against the petition:

- Andrew Ratermann, Board President, Santa Clara Unified School District
- Pat Flot, Board Member, Santa Clara Unified School District
- Dr. Ina Bendis, Board Member, Santa Clara Unified School District
- Jim Canova, Board Member, Santa Clara Unified School District

Ellen Wheeler voiced her concern (*via email dated March 17, 2010*) on Magnolia Charter School's apparent attempt in getting Board approval without having followed proper procedure.

Dr. Weis and Dr. Peebles provided background on Magnolia Science Academy—Santa Clara Charter.

Board members asked clarifying questions.

This item will be deferred to the April 7, 2010 meeting.

d. Decision on the Charter School Petition for Flex Academy Silicon Valley

Dr. Weis and Dr. Peebles presented a summary on the charter school petition.

The following individuals spoke in support of Flex Academy Silicon Valley:

- Katrina Abston, K-12, Inc.—California Virtual Academies (CAVA)
- Scott Donohue, Board Member, Flex Public Schools
- Nick Driver, California Charter Schools Association

Mark Kushner, lead petitioner of Flex Academy, spoke on the merits of the petition.

Board members asked clarifying questions.

MOTION #2055-5 by member Ho that the Board defers decision until the April 7, 2010 meeting with the concurrence of the petitioner. (Mr. Kushner approved the deferral date.) Member Beauchman seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

(Board Student Helen Yu left the meeting – 8:04 p.m.)

Recess

The Board broke for recess at 8:10 p.m. and reconvened into Open Session at 8:20 p.m.

- g. Approve the Revisions to the Admissions and Enrollment Timeline for ACE Charter School

Dr. Weis and Dr. Peebles provided a summary of the revisions to the admissions and enrollment timeline for ACE Charter School.

Vanessa Sifuentes, Principal of ACE Charter School, explained the revisions request.

MOTION #2055-6 by member Mann that the Board approve the revisions to the admissions and enrollment timeline for ACE Charter School. Member Ho seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

- h. Request Approval of Travel Expenditures for a Board Member to Visit Charter Schools in Los Angeles, California

Member Di Salvo withdrew his request.

7. INFORMATION

- a. Update – Alternative Schools

Dr. Weis gave an update on alternative schools and answered questions.

Loretta Ramos, teacher in alternative education, spoke on her non re-election.

(Member Mann left the meeting – 8:57 p.m.)

b. Discussion on the California County Boards of Education (CCBE) Policy Platform

Board members discussed the California County Boards of Education Policy Platform and agreed to forward their comments to member Beauchman who in turn would forward to CCBE.

c. County Committee on School District Organization

There was no report on the County Committee on School District Organization.

d. Board Committee Reports

Dr. Weis

- Attended a Budget Study Committee meeting – March 17, 2010 and announced the next meeting for April 21, 2010

Jane Howard

- Announced a tentative upcoming meeting date of April 21, 2010 for the Joint Committee on Child Care (JCCC)

Leon Beauchman

- Announced an upcoming Joint Legislative Advisory Committee meeting for April 7, 2010
- Announced an upcoming California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly and Legislative Action conference for May 22-24, 2010

e. County Board of Education Member Reports

Jane Howard

- Attended a People Acting in Community Together (PACT) meeting

Joseph Di Salvo

- Attended a fundraiser and play sponsored by the Lincoln High School Foundation
- Participated in a Head Start self-assessment
- Invited to testify before the Civil Grand Jury

Grace Mah

- Attended a PACT meeting
- Attended a California Association for Bilingual Education (CABE) conference
- Participated in a Head Start self-assessment

- Attended the Budget Study Committee meeting – March 17, 2010
- Announced her invitation from the San Jose Chamber of Commerce to the “Access Sacramento” trip

Leon Beauchman

- Recently visited Paris, France and spoke about their schools

T.N. Ho

- Announced his invitation from the San Jose Chamber of Commerce to the “Access Sacramento” trip
- Announced his invitation from the San Jose Chamber of Commerce to attend a “Women in Leadership” event
- Announced his invitation from the Palo Alto Unified School District, to participate as an interviewer for an 8th grade project
- Participated in a jury case

Anna Song

- Attended an Asian Pacific Islander School Board Members Association (APISMA) school board meeting (*Distributed some meeting material for Board of Education members.*)
- Announced an upcoming California Asian Pacific Islander policy summit for May 3 & 4, 2010 (*Distributed some information material for Board of Education members.*)

f. County Superintendent’s Report:

Dr. Weis presented the following information relative to the activities of the Office:

- Letter dated March 3, 2010 from Patricia Sausedo, VP of Public Policy and Communication from San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce, thanking Dr. Weis for participating in their 2010 Access Forum on education.
- Email dated March 7, 2010 from Dr. Yee Wan, Coordinator of Multilingual/BTTP, subject line: 8th Annual Academic Success Institute Thank You
- Letter dated March 8, 2010 from Ms. Sampson thanking Dr. Weis for his letter dated February 25, 2010 explaining the dilemma in the educational assistants meeting the NCLB requirements.
- Attendance and Enrollment for Community Schools – reports dated: February 3, 2010 to March 10, 2010
- Head Start Monthly Reports to the Board – January and February 2010
- Announced the recent Angels on Stage performance on Jungle Book
- Reported on the Lowest Performing Schools in the State
- Attended the Synopsis Science & Technology Championship Science Fair

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Discussion on how to increase the number of math teachers in Silicon Valley – July (Joseph Di Salvo)

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Charles Weis, County Superintendent of Schools
Ex-Officio Secretary

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