

SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
1290 Ridder Park Drive  
San Jose, California 95131-2398

APPROVED  
Minutes of Regular Meeting #1031  
November 5, 2003  
5:00 p.m.

Members Present: T.N. Ho, President  
Anna Song, Vice President  
Margaret Abe-Koga  
Alex Bantis  
Leon Beauchman  
Don Kruse  
Anthony Muñoz

The meeting was called to order by Board President Ho at 5:09 p.m.

Setting the Agenda

President Ho invited discussion on the agenda, and then called for a motion.

MOTION #1031-1 by Mr. Bantis, seconded by Ms. Abe-Koga, that the agenda be adopted as submitted.

MOTION #1031-1 carried by a 6-0-1 vote, with Vice President Song absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Ho led the Pledge of Allegiance.

*Vice President Song arrived at the meeting.*

Recognition of COE Employee

Ms. Abe-Koga introduced the COE Employee of the Month for November 2003, Ms. Ellie Lykins. Due to family illness, Ms. Lykins was unable to attend the recognition. Mr. Jim Mills, Principal, Rouleau School, accepted an engraved pen and plaque on behalf of Ms. Lykins. Mr. Mills spoke about Ms. Lykins' dedication and hard work.

Hearing of Persons Desiring to Address the Board or to Present Petitions

President Ho invited members of the public to address the Board. The following individual addressed the Board regarding the County Teacher's Association's desire for increased salary and benefits.

Ms. Elisa Mijnen, President, Association of County Teachers  
(ACT/CTA)

The following individual addressed the Board regarding his dissatisfaction with his local school:

Mr. Duc Hoang, Parent

Consent Action Items

MOTION #1031-2 by Vice President Song, seconded by Mr. Beauchman, that the following Consent Action Items be approved:

- Minutes of Regular Meeting of October 15, 2003 (#1030)
- Non-Competitive North County ROP Perkins Consortium Grant for 2003-2004
- Non-Competitive South County ROP Perkins Consortium Grant for 2003-2004
- Submission of Non-Competitive Continuing Grant Application to the State Department of Education: Safe and Healthy

MOTION #1031-2 carried by a 7-0 vote.

Study Action Items

Request Approval for the Submission of a Competitive Application to be the Host Agency to Administer the Inclusion of Young Children in Early Education Implementation Plan

Mr. Joe Fimiani, Assistant Superintendent, Student Services, summarized the application and answered questions from the Board.

MOTION #1031-3 by Ms. Abe-Koga, seconded by Vice President Song, to approve the submission of a competitive application to be the host agency to administer the inclusion of young children in early education implementation plan.

MOTION #1031-3 carried by a 7-0 vote.

Corrections to Bullis Charter School Charter

The following individuals addressed the Board regarding the working relationship between the County Office of Education and the Bullis Charter School:

Ms. Diana Neiman, Bullis Charter School  
Mr. Peter Evans, Bullis Charter School

Dr. Porter Sexton, Executive Director, Center for Educational Planning, gave an overview of the corrections to the Bullis Charter School charter and answered questions from the Board.

MOTION #1031-4 by Ms. Abe-Koga, seconded by Mr. Bantis, to discuss the Bullis Charter School site preference during the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) process.

MOTION #1031-4 failed by a 3-4 vote, with President Ho, Vice President Song, and Members Beauchman and Muñoz voting no.

MOTION #1031-5 by Mr. Beauchman, seconded by Vice President Song, to approve the Bullis Charter School charter with the corrections submitted by staff.

MOTION #1031-5 carried by a 5-2 vote, with Ms. Abe-Koga and Mr. Bantis voting no.

Request Approval for the Submission of a Competitive Grant for the Arts in the Classroom Professional Development Program

Dr. Bonnie Plummer, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services Branch, summarized the details for the grant application and answered questions from the Board.

MOTION #1031-6 by Mr. Bantis, seconded by Ms. Abe-Koga to approve the submission of the competitive grant.

MOTION #1031-6 carried by 7-0.

Information Items

Blue Ribbon Task Force Subcommittee Update

Superintendent Wilcox reported on the status of the Blue Ribbon Task Force Subcommittee on a ballot initiative and answered questions from the Board.

Self-Insurance Workers' Compensation Program

Mr. Doug Coffman, Director, Internal Business Services, and Mr. Michael Chan, Risk Manager gave an overview of the Self-Insurance Workers' Compensation program and answered questions from the Board.

Establishment and Elimination of Positions

Ms. Laura Kidwiler, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, reported on the establishment and elimination of positions and answered questions from the Board.

Board Committee Reports

Mr. Beauchman reported on the Alternative Schools Collaborative and addressed the Finance Work Group report which reported on findings that showed that all Alternative Schools are losing money. However, no conclusions have been made yet. They are looking to share recommendations with the Board in mid-December.

Mr. Kruse reported on the Strategic Planning Task Force. He reported that they have met twice and will have three more meetings. They plan to have a complete report to the Board in December.

Ms. Abe-Koga reported on the Head Start Planning Task Force. The main discussion was regarding how to get kids ready for school. A more detailed report to the Board was discussed and planned for February.

County Board of Education Travel – Committee Member Reports

Board Members reported on the following:

Don Kruse

- Attended a Strategic Planning Task Force Meeting
- Attended a Blue Ribbon Task Force meeting at Synopsi

Margaret Abe-Koga

- Met with Doug Winslow, the new District Director for Assemblywoman Sally Lieber
- Attended the Fall Hoffmann Awards Dinner
- Attended Project Cornerstone's Annual Breakfast
- Attended Supervisor Liz Kniss' Asian Heroes luncheon
- Met with three candidates for Foothill-De Anza and discussed multi-cultural issues
- Attended a Strategic Planning Task Force Meeting
- Attended the "Be Our Guest" tour
- Attended Mountain View's "State of the City"
- Participated in the Head Start Planning Task Force
- Met with Larry Carr regarding the Blue Ribbon Task Force
- Attended an Alternative Schools Collaborative Meeting

Leon Beauchman

- Attended the Alliance of Black Educators "Back to School Social"
- Visited Walden West
- Attended a board meeting of the Walden West Foundation
- Attended the "Be Our Guest" Tour
- Visited the "Parents Helping Parents" Organization
- Attended Blue Ribbon Task Force meetings at Synopsi
- Attended the Fall Hoffmann Awards Dinner
- Attended Project Cornerstone's Annual Breakfast

Anthony Muñoz

- Attended the Annual Fall Hoffmann Awards Dinner
- Attended the "Be Our Guest" Tour

- Attended the Silicon Valley Manufacturing Group's Annual Luncheon
- Attended a Blue Ribbon Task Force meeting at Synopsis

Alex Bantis

- Attended the Annual Fall Hoffmann Awards Dinner
- Attended the Alternative Schools Collaborative Meeting

T.N. Ho

- Attended a Strategic Planning Task Force Meeting

#### Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Wilcox reported on the following items:

- YMCA Annual Breakfast
- Appointment of the Alternative Schools Grant Writer
- Revised COE Organization Charts
- Use of Alternative Schools Reserves
- Board Secretary transition

#### Disclosure of Items to be Discussed in Closed Session

President Ho noted that the Board would hold a Closed Session to discuss the following:

- A. Discussion with Unrepresented Employee (Gov. Code Section 54957.6), Superintendent

#### Recess

The Board broke for recess at 8:26 p.m. and reconvened at 8:33 p.m.

#### Closed Session

The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 8:34 p.m.

### **OPEN SESSION – 8:58 p.m.**

#### Report of Closed Session Actions

President Ho reported that there was no reportable action.

#### Study Action Item, Continued

Request Approval of Addendum to Memorandum of Understanding Between the Santa Clara County Board of Education and Santa Clara County Superintendent of Schools

The board discussed the following changes to the addendum of the County Superintendent's Memorandum of Understanding; extending of contract to 2007; increasing the car allowance by \$100 per month; one-time addition of 50 days of sick leave; establishment of longevity pay of 1% of base and in 2005 an additional 1% of base. Changes would be effective July 2003.

MOTION #1031-7 by Vice President Song and seconded by Ms. Abe-Koga, that the Board approve the addendum to the County Superintendent's Memorandum of Understanding.

MOTION #1031-7 carried by 7-0.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Colleen B. Wilcox, Ph.D., Superintendent  
Ex-Officio Secretary

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