

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

APPROVED
Regular Meeting #2086
Closed Session — Board Room
Open Session — San Jose Room
October 5, 2011

1. Call to Order

President Di Salvo called the meeting to order at 4:47 p.m.

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
Craig Mann, Area 6
Julia Hover-Smoot, Area 7

b. Adoption of Agenda

Member Mann requested to move Public Hearing Item 19.A, Public Hearing and Action Item 20.A. and 20.B. before Closed Session Item 11.A.

MOTION #2086-1 by member Mann to adopt agenda with requested amendments. Member Mah seconded the motion and it carried 5-0-2 with Vice President Chang and member Hover-Smoot absent.

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

Chris Stampolis, Trustee of the West Valley-Mission Community College District Board, addressed the Board regarding “SJ/SV2020 Closing the Achievement Gap” found in Consent Item 10.C. “*Request Adoption of SCCOE’s 2011-12 Organizational Objectives.*” Mr. Stampolis thanked the Board and Dr. Weis for changing the name from SJ2020 to SJ/SV2020 and asked if Don Bolce, Project Director from the Office of the Superintendent, would address the West Valley-Mission Community College District Board on the Achievement Gap. In November, the City of San Jose will be hosting a statewide conference for community colleges. He would like to push the topic of the “Achievement Gap” at the conference but would first welcome having his board members hear about the achievement gap.

(Vice President Chang arrived at the meeting at approximately 4:52 pm.)

3. Closed Session

The Board adjourned into Closed Session to consider the following items:

a. Hearing

Subject Matter: Inter District Transfer Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student
(Resident District: Ravenswood School District
Desired District: Palo Alto Unified School District)

(Member Hover-Smoot arrived at the meeting at approximately 5:18 p.m.)

4. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

President Di Salvo reported out on the following Closed Session item:

In the matter of Closed Session Item 3.A. member Mah motioned (#2086-2) to uphold the interdistrict transfer appeal on behalf of a student (Resident District: Ravenswood School District, Desired District: Palo Alto Unified School District) based on Factor 3 “*A specialized and specific academic program or service, unavailable in the district of residence, but necessary to the pupil’s career or academic objectives*” through 8th grade and high school years. Member Mann seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Hover-Smoot abstaining.

5. Pledge of Allegiance

President Di Salvo asked Sydney, a student at Bullis Charter School, to lead the pledge of allegiance.

President Di Salvo dedicated the meeting to the late Steve Jobs, former CEO of Apple.

6. Employee of the Month: Debbie Boer, Office Coordinator, Human Resources

President Di Salvo introduced Debbie Boer, October’s Employee of the Month. He noted Debbie’s contributions, presented a plaque and an engraved pen in recognition of her work and introduced Kathy Sealana, Manager of Organization Development, who spoke of Debbie’s dependability, reliability and competence. Debbie thanked her colleagues for the recognition.

7. County Superintendent's Report

- Attendance and Enrollment for Community Schools, August 24 through September 21, 2011
- SJ/SV2020 Update
- Charter Compact Update
- Parent Engagement Conference

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

No one wished to address the Board of the County Superintendent of Schools.

9. Correspondence

- Letter dated September 21, 2011 from Superintendent Benjamin Picard, Sunnyvale School District, subject: Sunnyvale School District Student Achievement
- Email dated September 22, 2011 from Ms. Buffy Poon, Subject: The "So What"
- Email dated September 23, 2011 from member Anna Song in response to Ms. Buffy Poon's email dated September 22, 2011, Subject: The "So What"
- Email dated September 27, 2011, from Mary Feliz, Subject: Anna Song's communication to BCS: Brava!
- Email dated September 27, 2011, from Joe Seither, Subject: RE: your recent letter to BCS
- Email dated September 29, 2011, from Jay Gill, Subject: Bullis Charter School Renewal
- Email from Rose Filicetti dated September 29, 2011, Subject: The renewal of the Bullis Charter
- Email dated October 1, 2011 from Serge Bonte, Subject: BCS Enrollment Preference and Attendance disparities
- Email dated October 1, 2011 from David Pefley, Subject: Comments on BCS letters
- Email dated October 4, 2011 from Tamara Logan, Subject: Bullis Charter School Renewal
- Email dated October 5, 2011 from Tamara Logan, Subject: Bullis Charter School Renewal
- Email dated October 5, 2011 from David Spector, Subject: Bullis Charter School – Charter Renewal and Relevant Census Information
- Email dated October 5, 2011 from Maryam Kamarei, Subject: Bullis Charter School
- Email dated October 5, 2011 from Meri-Beth Bird, Subject: Bullis Charter School
- Electronic Letter dated October 5, 2011 from Wanny Hersey, Superintendent/Principal of Bullis Charter School, Subject: Bullis Charter School Renewal

10. Consent Action Items
 - a. Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of September 21, 2011 (#2085)
 - b. Request Approval of Superintendent's Financial Activity Report on Travel/Conferences and Mileage Expenses for June, July and August 2011 on Job-Related Expenditures
 - c. Request Adoption of SCCOE's 2011-12 Organizational Objectives
 - d. Request Approval to Submit a Competitive Application to Silicon Valley Community Foundation's Education: Closing the Middle School Achievement Gap in Mathematics through an Out-of-School Strategy
 - e. Request Approval of Reappointment of Classified Representative to the Personnel Commission

MOTION #2086-3 by member Mann to approve Consent Action Items 10.A. through 10.E. Member Beauchman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CHANGE IN AGENDA

19. Public Hearing
 - a. Public Hearing on the Disclosure Statement of the Tentative Agreement for a Successor Contract between the County Superintendent of Schools and the Association of County Educators/California Teachers Association (ACE/CTA)

President Di Salvo opened the hearing for public comment.

No one wished to address the Board or the County Superintendent of Schools.

20. Public Hearing and Action
 - a. Public Hearing on 2011-12 Gann Appropriations Limit and Adoption of Resolution Establishing 2011-12 Gann Appropriation Limit

President Di Salvo opened the hearing for public comment.

No one wished to address the Board or the County Superintendent of Schools.

MOTION #2086-4 by member Mann to adopt the resolution establishing the 2011-12 Gann Appropriation Limit. Member Mah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

b. Conduct a Public Hearing and Request Adopt of Resolution Regarding Sufficiency of Textbooks and Instructional Materials

President Di Salvo opened the hearing for public comment.

No one wished to address the Board or the County Superintendent of Schools.

MOTION #2086-5 by member Mann to adoption the resolution regarding sufficiency of textbooks and instructional materials. Member Mah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

11. Closed Session

The Board adjourned into Closed Session to consider the following item:

- a. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
(Cal. Govt. Code § 54956.9(b)(1))
One Potential Case

12. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

President Di Salvo reported that in the Matter of Closed Session Item 11.A. “Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation”, there were no reportable actions.

13. Information Items

- a. Annual Report to the Board: Bullis Charter School

Ken Moore, board chair; John Phelps, board member; and Wanny Hersey, Superintendent/Principal of Bullis Charter School presented highlights from their 2011-12 annual report and answered questions from the Board.

The following individuals raised questions /concerns on various issues including, statistical irregularities in Bullis’s report on its student enrollment demographics (racial/ethnic)using Census data, the composition (racial/ethnic, neighborhood, terms) of the Bullis Board, the \$5000 parent contribution, and the Bullis Foundation’s fundraising methodologies:

- Mr. Stampolis,
- Dr. Ina Bendis, former Los Altos resident

The Board broke for recess at 8:04 p.m. and reconvened into Open Session at approximately 8:15 p.m.

14. Action Item

- a. Renewal of the Charter for Bullis Charter School for the Period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2017

President Di Salvo explained the decision process and Dr. Charles Weis, County Superintendent of Schools, introduced Dr. Lucretia Peebles, Director of the Charter School Department, who presented a staff report on Bullis Charter School.

The following individuals addressed their concerns regarding the renewal of Bullis Charter School:

- Kate Disney, parent
- David Cortright, Los Altos resident
- Chris Stampolis, West Valley/Mission CCD
- Dr. Ina Bendis, trustee, Santa Clara Unified School District
- Tamara Logan, trustee, Los Altos School District
- Elena Shea, parent
- Doug Smith, trustee, Los Altos School District

Ms. Sang Yoo, BBC Chair Elect, spoke on the merits of Bullis Charter School.

Board members asked clarifying questions and Ms. Hersey, Mr. Moore and Lisa Corr, Bullis Charter School's attorney from Middleton, Young and Minney, answered questions. Board members Tamara Logan and Margot Harrigan from the Los Alto School District also answered the Board's questions. Board members deliberated.

MOTION #2086-6 by member Beauchman to approve the renewal petition for Bullis Charter School for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2017, with the stipulation that noted deficiencies in the required elements be strengthened before a contract is signed. Member Mann seconded the motion and it carried 5-2 with members Mah and Song voting no.

The Board broke for recess at 10:37 p.m. and reconvened into Open Session at approximately 10:53 p.m.

MOTION #2086-7 by Vice President Chang to table "*Information Item 15.A.; Closed Session Item 16.A.; Report Out Item #17; and Discussion Item 18.A.*" to the November 2 Board meeting. Member Mann seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

15. Information Item

a. Annual Report to the Board: Magnolia Science Academy

This item was tabled to the November 2 Board meeting.

Mr. Stampolis addressed the Board on his concerns regarding Magnolia Science Academy. He noted that Magnolia Science Academy is not serving an economically and ethnically diverse student population, is not attracting the low achieving student population, and does not represent demographics of nearby school districts and continues to concentrate its enrollment in one school district. Mr. Stampolis also noted that Magnolia Science Academy does not list their API score on their website.

(Member Mann left the meeting at approximately 10:55 p.m.)

16. Closed Session

a. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

This item was tabled to the November 2 Board meeting.

17. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

This item was tabled to the November 2 Board meeting.

18. Discussion and Action Item

a. Study Session on Developing Guidelines for Approval of Countywide Charter Schools

This item was tabled to the November 2 Board meeting.

21. Information Items

a. Provide a Report on SCCOE's use of ARRA Funds for Positions

This item was tabled.

b. First Reading of New, Updated and Revised 9000 Board Bylaws

Vice President Chang presented the new, updated and revised 9000 Board Bylaws.

c. Report on Staff Diversity at the Santa Clara County Office of Education

Mark Miller, Director of Human Resources, presented the annual report on information regarding the diversity of the Santa Clara County of Education's workforce.

d. Human Resources Summary

Mr. Miller introduced the Human Resources summary report, which provides staffing information for SCCOE employee groups.

e. Williams Complain Report

Dr. Weis reported that no Williams complaints were received during the July 1 through September 30, 2011 reporting period.

f. Board Committee Reports

Anna Song

- Attended a meeting of the Santa Clara County School Boards Association (SCCSBA) where it was strongly suggested that SCCSBA hold a meeting together with the County Board of Education to discuss charter schools issues

g. County Board of Education Member Reports

There were no reports

22. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Champions for Leadership Program, October 19 (Grace Mah)
- Board meeting at an SCCOE school site – November 16 at Anne Darling School (Grace Mah)
- Report on the effects of Early Learning as students enter kindergarten (Anna Song)
- Discussion on having a meeting between the County Board of Education and the County Board of Supervisors
- Recognize substitute teachers for each program, Spring 2012 (Joseph Di Salvo)
- Update on Foster Youth Services Funding, November 16 (Anna Song)

- Report on Legal Services (Joseph Di Salvo)
- STAND Program Cuts and City Gang Prevention Task Force (Joseph Di Salvo)
- Career Technical Education (CTE) Presentation, November 2 (Joseph Di Salvo)

23. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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