

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

APPROVED
Regular Meeting #2049
Board Room
November 18, 2009
5:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Mann called the meeting to order at 5:04 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
Helen Yu, Student Board Member (*arrived at 6:10 p.m.*)

b. Pledge of Allegiance

President Mann asked Jymn Meier, recipient of Employee of the Month, to lead the pledge of allegiance.

c. Adoption of Agenda

Dr. Weis requested that Information Item 10.C. "*Alternative Schools Department Update – The Road to Success*" be placed after Study Action Item 9.A. "*Downtown College Prep-Alum Rock Charter School Petition*" in order to accommodate the many presenters under Information Item 10.C.

MOTION #2049-1 by member Howard to adopt agenda with request to place Information Item 10.C. after Study Action item 9.A. Member Di Salvo seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

2. EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH: JYMN MEIER, ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION SPECIALSIT, WALDEN WEST CENTER

Vice President Song introduced Jymn Meier, November's Employee of the Month. She noted Jymn's contributions, presented a plaque and an engraved pen in recognition of his work, and introduced Anita Parsons, Director of Environmental Education, who spoke of Jymn's passion for teaching kids and of his above and beyond service. Jymn said he was humbled by the recognition and expressed his gratitude to colleagues and friends.

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

President Mann opened the hearing for public comment. No one wished to address the Board or Dr. Weis.

4. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 5:26 p.m. to hear the following item:

- a. Public Employee Performance Evaluation
Title: County Superintendent of Schools

OPEN SESSION – 6:10 p.m.

(Helen Yu, Student Board Member arrived at 6:10 p.m.)

5. REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

President Mann reported that, in the matter of Agenda Item 4, “*Public Employee Performance Evaluation, Title: County Superintendent of Schools*” there were no reportable actions.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- Email dated November 6, 2009, from Dale Warner, addressed to the Board of Education, et al, titled: “The Racially Charged Roll-Out of SJ2020: Part One”
- Email dated November 9, 2009, from Dale Warner, addressed to the Board of Education, et al, titled: “The Racially Charged Roll-Out of SJ2020: Part Two”
- Email dated November 11, 2009, from Dale Warner, addressed to the Board of Education and et al, titled: “The Racially Charged Roll-Out of SJ2020: Part Three”
- Email dated November 13, 2009, from Dale Warner, addressed to the Board of Education, et al, titled: “The Racially Charged Roll-Out of SJ2020: Part Four”

7. CONSENT ACTION ITEM

- a) Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of October 21, 2009 (#2048)
b) Request Approval of Purchase Order Exceeding \$100,000
c) Request Acceptance of Grant Award Notifications

MOTION #2049-2 by Vice President Song that the Board approve Consent Action Items A through C. Member Mah seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

8. PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Public Hearing and Sunshine on the Reopener Proposal from the Association of County Educators / California Teachers Association (ACE/CTA) to the County Superintendent

President Mann opened the hearing for public comment. No one wished to address the Board or Dr. Weis.

- b. Public Hearing and Sunshine on the Reopener Proposal from the County Superintendent of Schools to the Association of County Educators / California Teachers Association (ACE/CTA)

President Mann opened the hearing for public comment. No one wished to address the Board or Dr. Weis.

9. STUDY ACTION ITEMS

- a. Downtown College Prep-Alum Rock Charter School Petition

Board Members asked clarifying questions of staff.

MOTION #2049-3 by Vice President Song that the Board approve the appeal petition from Downtown College Prep—Alum Rock Charter School for an initial period of five years of school operation, commencing July 1, 2010 and continuing through June 30, 2015. Member Howard seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

The resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYE: President Mann, Vice President Song and members Beauchman, Ho, Mah, Di Salvo and Howard

NO: -none-

ABSTAIN: -none-

ABSENT: -none-

PREFERENTIAL VOTE: Helen Yu, Student Board Member

Recess

The Board broke for recess at 6:35 p.m. and reconvened into Open Session at 6:41 p.m

CHANGE IN AGENDA

10. INFORMATION

c. Alternative Schools Department Update – “The Road to Success”

Joe Fimiani, Chief Schools Officer, provided an introduction to the Alternative Schools Department update and Paula Mitchell, Director of Alternative Schools Department provided a history on the programs of the Alternative Schools Department and the vision for 2020. Ms. Mitchell introduced the following individuals who provided an overview of their program and partnership:

Staff

- Joyce Farnum, teacher, Blue Ridge School (James Ranch)
- Lisa Politeo, teacher-in-charge, Muriel Wright
- Amy Sinnott, teacher-in-charge, Osborne School
- Maria Magana, teacher, Stonegate
- David Sharp, teacher, Success Camp
- Loretta Ramos, teacher, Terra Bella
- Chris Clark, teacher, Sunol site (formerly the Foundry School)
- Ralph Wigginton, teacher, Sunol site (formerly the Foundry School)
- Eric Meyer, teacher, Santa Clara Community Campus
- Jesus Meraz, lead teacher, Snell school site
- Michael Hughes, science teacher, Snell school site
- Dawn Martin, teacher-in-charge, Calero School
- Ken Johnson, lead teacher, South County Community School
- Sonia House, Foster Youth Coordinator

(Helen Yu, Student Board Member left the meeting – 8:15 p.m.)

Partners

- Connie Hernandez-Robbins, San Jose State University
- Judge Patrick Tondreau, presiding judge of Juvenile Court, Santa Clara County Superior Court
- Laura Wegl, probation manager of Muriel Wright Center, Santa Clara County Probation Department
- Carl Tadamura, probation manager at Juvenile Hall, Santa Clara County Probation Department
- Robert DeJesus, probation manager of Community Services, Santa Clara County Probation Department
- Lindley Zink, assistant sheriff, Santa Clara County Sheriff’s Department
- George Sanchez, East Side Union High School District
- Patrick Soricone, Alternative Education Collaborative
- Bruce Davis, Silicon Valley Arts council

- Diem Jones, Silicon Valley Arts Council
- Chike Nwoffiah, Silicon Valley Arts Council
- Misu Kumagai, Silicon Valley Arts Council
- Steve Johnson, Santa Clara University

Alternative School Counselors

- Paul Cachopo
- Angela Aguilar
- Oscar Lamas

Alternative School Principals

- Teri Marrow
- David Wong
- Carey Johnson
- Trucker Clark

Alternative School Students

- Derrick Chuspa
- Jorge Jimenez
- Jessica Vickers
- Tori Barber, teacher, on behalf of student Brittney Boyd

Alternative School Parent

- Dena Ramirez

The following individuals spoke about their concerns regarding the Snell and Sunol School sites and other issues surrounding the Alternative Education program:

- Cassandra Vickers, parent
- Juan Hernandez, former Pathfinder student
- Pedro Suarez, student
- Barbara Hansen, People Acting in Community Together (PACT)
- Mr. and Mrs. Bravo, parents

Board Members asked questions from staff and public speakers.

Recess

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

(Member Howard left the meeting – 10:10 p.m.)

9. STUDY ACTION ITEMS

- b. Request Adoption of Resolution for Signature Authorizations on Contract Between the California Department of Education and the Santa Clara County Office of Education

MOTION #2049-4 by member Ho that the Board adopt the resolution for signature authorizations on contract between the California Department of Education and the Santa Clara County Office of Education. Member Beauchman seconded the motion and it carried 5-0-2 with Vice President Song and member Howard absent.

- c. Adopt the Budget Revisions for the Period Ending September 30, 2009

This item was tabled to the next meeting.

- d. Accept the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending September 30, 2009

This item was tabled to the next meeting.

- e. Request Approval of Purchase Order Exceeding \$250,000

MOTION #2049-5 by member Mah that the Board approve the purchase order exceeding \$250,000 for Western Blue. Member Di Salvo seconded the motion and it carried 5-0-2 with Vice President Song and member Howard absent.

- f. Second Reading and Adoption of New 4000 Personnel Board Policies

This item was tabled for the next meeting

- g. Second Reading and Adoption of New Board Bylaws 9000

This item was tabled for the next meeting.

- h. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised Board Bylaw 9111 (formerly BB8210)

This item was tabled for the next meeting.

10. INFORMATION

- a. Legal Matters/Issues – Letter from Rogelio Ruiz, Rehon & Roberts, in response to member Beauchman’s Request for Additional Clarity on the Sunol Matter (see October 21, 2009 Agenda)

Dr. Weis provided a summary on the letter from Rogelio Ruiz of Rehon & Roberts in response to member Beauchman’s request for additional clarity on the Sunol matter. Mr. Beauchman commented on the contents of the letter.

- b. Legal Matters/Issues – Letter from the Board President to County Superintendent of Schools Regarding Conflict of Interest Inquiry

President Mann read the letter addressed to Dr. Weis.

- d. AB 139 Update

Dr. Weis explained that the AB 139 review continues and hopes to have the report by mid to late December.

- e. Santa Clara County Board of Education’s Quaterly Expenses

Board members reviewed their quarterly expenses.

- f. County Committee on School District Organization

Dr. Cary Dritz, Deputy Superintendent, provided an update on the activities of the County Committee on School District Organization.

- g. Board Committee Reports

Leon Beauchman
Juvenile Justice System Collaborative (JJSC)
▪ Attended a recent meeting on JJSC

T.N. Ho
Joint Legislative Advisory Committee (JLAC)
▪ Attended a JLAC meeting prior to today’s Board meeting

h. County Board of Education Member Reports

There were no reports.

i. County Superintendent's Report:

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

- Letter dated September 17, 2009 from Sue Murphy, MHA and Susan Smarr, M.D. of Kaiser Permanente, thanking Dr. Weis for attending their third annual "Celebratory Partnership Luncheon" with their grantees and partners on September 11, 2009
- Letter received October 23, 2009 from Elaine Chin, Dean of San Jose State University, providing Dr. Weis with an update to the doctoral program in Educational Leadership in the Connie L. Laurie College of Education at San Jose State University
- Electronic memo dated November 5, 2009 from Michael Ricketts of California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA), subject: California "Race to the Top" grant application and ballot referendum on changes to the State budget process
- Letter dated November 10, 2009 from Dr. Lucretia Peebles, Director of Charter Schools at SCCOE, to Felicia Gershberg, Board President of South Bay Preparatory Academy regarding "Notice of Violations of South Bay Preparatory Academy's Charter and Various Legal Requirements"
- Annual Report – Juvenile Justice Court
- Head Start Monthly Reports to the Board – October 2009
- South Bay Prep Update
- Follow-Up to Report on Staff Diversity at SCCOE
- Attendance & Enrollment for Community Schools – reports dated: October 14 – November 10

15. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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