

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

APPROVED
Regular Meeting #2057
Board Room
April 21, 2010
5:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

a. Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Grace Mah, Area 1
Leon Beauchman, Area 3
Joseph Di Salvo, Area 4
Anna Song, Area 5 (*arrived at 5:26 p.m.*)
Craig Mann, Area 6 (*arrived at 5:20 p.m.*)
Jane Howard, Area 7

Board Members Absent:

T.N. Ho, Area 2
Ricardo Gonzalez, student board member
Helen Yu, student board member

b. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice President Mah asked Lydia Cabrera, Employee of the Month recipient, to lead the pledge of allegiance.

c. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION #2057-1 by member Beauchman to adopt the agenda as presented.
Member Di Salvo seconded the motion and it carried 4-0-3 with President Song and members Ho and Mann absent.

2. EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH: LYDIA CABRERA, APPLICATION
SUPPORT ANALYST FOR THE REGIONAL TECHNOLOGY CENTER

Vice President Mah introduced Lydia Cabrera, April's Employee of the Month. She noted Lydia's contributions, presented a plaque and an engraved pen in recognition of her work, and introduced Dr. Kelly Calhoun, Chief Technology Officer, who spoke about Lydia's caring service to others. Mark Ashley, Applications Support & Programming Manager and Cindy Buck, Applications Support Analyst spoke about Lydia's dedication, resourcefulness and creative approach to her job. Lydia acknowledged the gracious support of her past and present supervisors and all her colleagues. She thanked them for the honor of the recognition.

3. NOMINEES FOR CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Dr. Weis provided background on the State's Classified Employee of the Year program. Vice President Mah and Dr. Weis introduced the six Santa Clara County nominees submitted by the SCCOE and presented a plaque to each nominee in recognition of their accomplishments.

(Member Mann arrived at the meeting – 5:20 p.m.)

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

Vice President Mah opened the hearing for public comment.

Brian Singer, teacher at View Side Academy, addressed the Board on his positive prospective on students and administration at View Side Academy.

April Carlson, teacher, spoke about the Board's decision process on charter schools. She thanked SCCOE for resolving the NCLB SEIU issue by establishing a new job classification.

Matthew Cottrell, SEIU Local 521, thanked SCCOE for arriving at an agreement with SEIU regarding the NCLB issue with instructional assistants.

(President Song arrived @ 5:26 p.m.)

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter dated April 18, 2010 from Mike Lee, teacher at Redemption Academy Community School, regarding his concerns in respect to Dr. Weis and Dr. Dritz.

6. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- a. Request Approval of Regular Meeting of April 7, 2010 (#2056)
- b. Request Approval of Member Ho's Absence from the April 21, 2010 Meeting
- c. Request Approval of Purchase Order Exceeding \$100,000
- d. Request Approval for the Submission of a Non-Competitive Grant Application to the Office of Head Start 1.84% COLA increase
- e. Request Acceptance of Donation from Walden West Foundation (Environmental Education)

MOTION #2057-2 by member Howard that the Board approve Consent Action Items A-E. Vice President Mah seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Ho absent.

7. STUDY ACTION ITEMS

a. Request Approval for Material Revision to Downtown College Prep—Alum Rock Charter Petition

Dr. Weis provided an introduction to the material revision request from Downtown College Prep—Alum Rock Charter School and Dr. Peebles, Director of the Charter Schools Department, answered questions.

MOTION #2057-3 by member Vice President Mah that the Board approve the request for material revision to Downtown College Prep—Alum Rock Charter. Member Howard seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Ho absent.

b. Review Status of Magnolia Science Academy—Santa Clara Charter School’s Remediation of Charter Petition Violation #5 and Discussion/Action Regarding Initiation of Proceedings Pursuant to Education Code Section 47607 (e) to Issue Notice of Intent to Revoke the Charter Petition

Dr. Peebles explained that Magnolia Science Academy remedied Violation #5 within the allotted timeline and therefore sees no grounds for revocation.

MOTION #2057-4 by member Beauchman that the Board approve the recruitment and enrollment revisions on pages 8-9 and pages 66-67 in the Magnolia Science Academy-Santa Clara Charter petition. Vice President Mah seconded the motion and it carried 4-2-1 with President Song and member Di Salvo voting no and member Ho absent.

c. Request Authorization to Approve the Master Plan for Services to English Learners

Dr. Weis provided an overview of the Master Plan for Services to English Learners.

Dr. Yee Wan, Coordinator, Multilingual Programs, Dr. Linda Aceves, Chief Academic Officer, Mary-Anne Bosward, Director of Special Education, Dr. Cary Dritz, Deputy Superintendent and Teri Morrow, Principal, Alternative Schools Department answered questions.

MOTION #2057-5 by member Howard that the Board approve the Master Plan for Services to English Learners. Vice President Mah seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Ho absent.

d. Request Approval of SCCOE Local Educational Agency Plan

Dr. Weis provided an introduction to the SCCOE Local Education Agency Plan and Dr. Dritz and Dr. Martha Martinez, Director of District & School Support Services answered questions.

MOTION #2057-6 by Vice President Mah that the Board approve the SCCOE Local Educational Agency Plan. Member Howard seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Ho absent.

e. Request Submission of Competitive Grant to Kaiser Permanente Community Engagement Programs to Reduce Alcohol Abuse

Dr. Weis gave a summary of the competitive grant to Kaiser Permanente Community Engagement Programs to reduce alcohol abuse. Michelle Mount, Coordinator of Title IV and *fit for learning*TM answered questions.

MOTION #2057-7 by member Mann that the Board approve the submission of competitive grant to Kaiser Permanente Community Engagement Programs to reduce alcohol abuse. Vice President Mah seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Ho absent.

Recess

The Board broke for recess at 6:28 p.m. and reconvened into Open Session at 6:35 p.m.

f. Request to Submit the Competitive Tech Prep Construction Trades Pathway Grant

Dr. Weis provided a precursor on the competitive Tech Prep Construction Trades Pathway Grant.

MOTION #2057-8 by member Mann that the Board approve the submission of competitive tech prep construction trades pathway grant. Member Di Salvo seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Ho absent.

g. Request to Submit the Competitive Tech Prep Arts and Media Pathway Grant

Dr. Weis explained the competitive tech prep arts and media pathway grant.

MOTION #2057-9 by Vice President Mah that the Board approve the submission of the competitive tech prep arts and media pathway grant. Member Howard seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Ho absent.

h. Request Approval of Use of Reserves – Fund 850 (Environmental Education) and Fund 800 (Support Services and Operations)

Dr. Weis thanked Anita Parsons, Director of Environmental Education, and her staff for finding the teacher who went missing after wondering off at a recent visit to Walden West. Dr. Weis explained the use of reserves, which will be used to construct a new science lab at Walden West. The Board recognized the contributions by the Walden West Foundation, which have played in the success of Walden West. Ms. Parsons and Margaret Nanda, Walden West Board Member, answered questions. President Song requested that a thank you letter be sent to the Walden West Foundation on behalf of the Board and Superintendent.

MOTION #2057-10 by member Beauchman that the Board approve the use of reserves – Fund 850 (Environmental Education) and Fund 800 (Support Services and Operations). Vice President Mah seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Ho absent.

i. Request Approval of the Head Start Self-Assessment Action Plan

Ana Trujillo, Director of Children's Services, provided some background on the annual Head Start self-assessment action plan. Ms. Trujillo and Dr. Lisa Kaufman, Director of Preschool Services answered questions from the Board.

MOTION #2057-11 by Vice President Mah that the Board approve the Head Start Self-Assessment Action Plan. Member Howard seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Ho absent.

j. Request approval of resolution in Support of May 12, 2010 as California Day of the Teacher

Dr. Weis provided an overview of the resolution in support of May 12, 2010 as California Day of the Teacher.

Steve Trujillo, Association of County Educators, spoke about the California Day of the Teacher and commented on Mike Lee's April 18th letter to the Board.

MOTION #2057-12 by member Beauchman that the Board approve the resolution in support of May 12, 2010 as California Day of the Teacher. Vice President Mah seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Ho absent.

k. Request Approval of Resolution in Support of May 12, 2010 as National School Nurse Day

MOTION #2057-13 by Vice President Mah that the Board approve the resolution in support of May 12, 2010 as National School Nurse Day. Member Di Salvo seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Ho absent.

1. Approval of Resolution in Support of the Week of May 16-22, 2010 as Classified School Employee Week

MOTION #2057-14 by member Howard that the Board approve the resolution in support of the week of May 16-22, 2010 as Classified School Employee Week. Vice President Mah seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Ho absent.

8. INFORMATION

a. Update – Alternative Schools

Mike Lee, teacher at Redemption Academy, spoke about his concern on issues in SCCOE alternative schools and the county superintendent's compensation package.

Juan Oliverez, teacher at Redemption Academy, spoke about his possible non-reelection.

Dr. Weis provided an update on the alternative schools program and the following staff members answered questions: Todd Farr; Principal at Blue Ridge School; Teri Marrow, Principal in Alternative Schools Dept; Amy Sinnott, teacher in Alternative Schools Dept; Linda Aceves, Chief Academic Officer; Juan Oliverez, teacher in Alternative Schools Dept and Dr. Dritz, Deputy Superintendent.

b. Santa Clara County Board of Education's Quarterly Expenses

Dr. Weis provided an overview of the board's quarterly budget and answered questions.

c. Discussion on Resolution in Support of the Local Control of Local Classrooms Funding Act

Vice President Mah introduced the resolution in support of the Local Control of Local Classrooms Funding Act and board members agreed to bring the resolution to the May 5, 2010 meeting for a vote.

d. County Committee on School District Organization

Dr. Weis presented an update on the County Committee on School District Organization.

e. Board Committee Reports

Grace Mah

- Attended the April 21 Budget Study Committee meeting
- Attended the Joint Committee on Child Care (JCCC)

Leon Beauchman

- Announced the upcoming CSBA Delegate Assembly and Legislative Action conference
- Attended a Juvenile Justice System Collaborative meeting

Jane Howard

- Attended the April 21 JCCC meeting

f. County Board of Education Member Reports

Jane Howard

- Attended the Mock Trial Champions Recognition ceremony
- Joined Dr. Weis and other board members on school site visits to SCCOE community schools

Joseph Di Salvo

- Attended the Mock Trial Champions Recognition ceremony
- Participated in the Chief Schools Officer interviews

Grace Mah

- Participated in the Chief Schools Officer interviews
- Attended the Mock Trial Champions Recognition ceremony
- Announced her upcoming attendance to the 21st Century Class seminars
- Announced her upcoming attendance to CSBA Self-Evaluation & Superintendent Evaluation class

Leon Beauchman

- Attended the annual Silicon Valley Leadership Group trip to Sacramento
- Attended an American Leadership Forum meeting
- Attended an Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority regional conference

g. County Superintendent's Report:

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

- 2010 Outstanding Legislator of the Year
- Bullis Charter School—Enrollment Demographical Information
- SCCOE response to the Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury on the topic of job openings
- Announced that the disproportionment minority contact work group has begun (this is part of the Juvenile Justice Systems Collaborative [JJSC])

9. CLOSED SESSION

The Board convened into Closed Session at 8:55 p.m. to discuss a “Public Employee Performance Evaluation” Title: County Superintendent of Schools
(Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) permits Boards to conduct a closed session for evaluation of performance of a public employee.)

OPEN SESSION – 9:25 p.m.

10. REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

President Song reported that, in the matter of Agenda Item 9, “Public Employee Performance Evaluation, Title: County Superintendent of Schools” there were no reportable actions.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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**RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING MAY 12, 2010
AS THE DAY OF THE TEACHER**

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION No. 2057-1**

WHEREAS, teachers demonstrate and share their love of learning in the classroom every day, and act as listeners, explorers, role models, motivators and mentors; and, by doing so, are partners with parents and the community in inspiring students' dreams and laying the foundation for them to be good citizens; and

WHEREAS, the success of more than 250,000 students in Santa Clara County depends on the skills, knowledge, encouragement and attitudes of dedicated teachers; and

WHEREAS, teachers work collaboratively with their Boards of Education, Superintendents, colleagues, parents and others in support of society's commitment to quality education for all youth; and

WHEREAS, teachers at the Santa Clara County Office of Education, in particular, educate and motivate students who have special needs that require unique skills, or students who have not succeeded in other educational settings; and

WHEREAS, teachers at the Santa Clara County Office of Education have made a crucial difference in the lives of students, and are true champions for children, schools and community; and

WHEREAS, California Education Code §37222 designates the second Wednesday in May as the Day of the Teacher in recognition of the dedicated professionals entrusted with fulfilling the mission of education to prepare our students for the future; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Board of Education recognizes that the quality of all students' educational experiences depends significantly and vitally upon the quality of their teachers, because the influence of a good teacher continues long after school days are only memories:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools acknowledge the contributions of all dedicated teachers, and recognize May 12, 2010 as the Day of the Teacher; and, moreover, urge parents, students and the community to publicly show their appreciation for teachers and their contributions that improve our daily lives, our community and our futures.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Clara County Board of Education at a meeting held on April 21, 2010 by the following vote:

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

NOES: -none-

ABSTAIN: -none-

ABSENT: member Ho



Anna Song, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education



Charles Weis, Ph.D.
County Superintendent of Schools

**RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING MAY 12, 2010
AS NATIONAL SCHOOL NURSE DAY**

SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION No. 2057-2

WHEREAS, good health is essential to enabling young people to learn to the best of their ability; and school nurses play a significant role in fostering student health, safety and well-being; and

WHEREAS, school nursing is a specialized practice dedicated to promoting wellness, providing medical care and support, and addressing health problems within an educational setting; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Office of Education's school nurses often assist students ranging from infants to young adults with physical and developmental disabilities, and special needs, thus requiring unique skills and knowledge; and

WHEREAS, school nurses often serve as vital advocates for students and as liaisons among parents, teachers, administrators, doctors and other medical professionals for the benefit of students; and they deserve recognition and gratitude for their invaluable work and the difference they make in students' lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools express their gratitude and commend the school nurses of the Santa Clara County Office of Education, and join the National Association of School Nurses as well as schools and government offices across the country in recognizing May 12, 2010 as National School Nurse Day.

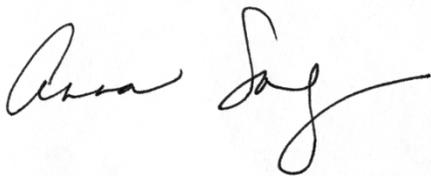
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AYES: President Song, Vice President Mah, members Beauchman, Howard, Mann and Di Salvo

NOES: -none-

ABSTAIN: -none-

ABSENT: member Ho



Anna Song, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education



Charles Weis, Ph.D.
County Superintendent of Schools

**RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING MAY 16-22, 2010
AS CLASSIFIED SCHOOL EMPLOYEE WEEK**

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION No. 2057-3**

WHEREAS, the education of our youth is imperative to our society, state, nation and world; and

WHEREAS, classified employees in our school districts, community colleges and Santa Clara County Office of Education are the “backbone” of our public education system; and,

WHEREAS, the classified school employees of Santa Clara County provide efficient and effective support and ancillary services that are essential ingredients to excellent teaching, sound administration, and high student achievement; and

WHEREAS, classified school employees are rarely in the spotlight, but are always central to the activities of our schools, serving with professionalism and dedication, and setting a high standard for care and compassion; and

WHEREAS, many classified school employees serve as paraprofessionals, providing direct assistance to certificated staff in the classroom and giving students the individual attention and support they need to succeed academically; and

WHEREAS, other classified employees perform vital clerical, transportation, food service, office support and many other functions that without which local school sites, district offices and county offices could not operate, and without which many students would not receive important educational and health-related services; and

WHEREAS, even as our system of public education depends on classified employees to serve students and staff, they often work in challenging circumstances, and, with diverse talents and true dedication, continue to nurture our students and support their colleagues:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools do hereby honor the contributions of classified school employees to quality education in Santa Clara County and recognize the week of May 16 to 22, 2010 as Classified School Employee Week, an opportunity to pay homage to these valued members of Santa Clara County’s educational teams.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Clara County Board of Education at a meeting held on April 21, 2010 by the following vote:

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

NOES: -none-

ABSTAIN: -none-

ABSENT: member Ho



Anna Song, President
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