

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

APPROVED

January 15, 2020

Regular Meeting #2255

San Jose Room

5:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

a. Roll Call

Trustee(s) Present:

Grace Mah, Area 1

Kathleen King, Area 2 (Vice President)

Rosemary Kamei, Area 3

Joseph Di Salvo, Area 4

Anna Song, Area 5

Peter Ortiz, Area 6

Claudia Rossi, Area 7 (President)

b. Set the Agenda

MOTION #2255-1 by Trustee Ortiz and seconded by Trustee Mah to set the agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0 with following roll call vote:

Ayes: President Rossi, Vice President King and Trustees Ortiz, Mah, Di Salvo, Kamei, and Song

Noes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

c. Pledge of Allegiance

Superintendent Steve Betando of Morgan Hill Unified School District led the pledge of allegiance.

2. EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Trustee Di Salvo introduced Josephine Dy-Liacco Employee of the Month. He noted Josephine's contributions, present a plaque and an engraved pen in recognition of her work, and introduced Jas Sohal, Manager of Purchasing and Warehouse Services. Mr. Sohal who spoke about Josephine's exemplary skills as a team player and her synergy. He fee very fortunate to have her on the team. Josephine thanked the Board for the recognition and recognized her colleagues, family, and her boss, Jas Sohal.

3. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, County Superintendent of Schools, and Board President Claudia Rossi introduced the nine recipient of the California School Boards Association (CSBA) prestigious Golden Bell Awards for 2019. A brief description of the recipients' programs was cited. The following school districts were honored:

1. Metropolitan Education District -- Fire Science/First Responder

2. Morgan Hill Unified School District-- Local Control and Accountability Plan and School Plans for Student Achievement
 3. Alum Rock Union Elementary School District --Ocala Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) Academy
 4. Milpitas Unified School District -- Love4Literacy
 5. Oak Grove School District -- Sobrato Early Academic Language
 6. Santa Clara Unified School District -- 49ers Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Leadership Institute
 7. Sunnyvale School District -- Social-Emotional Learning Program
 8. Moreland School District – Academic Empowerment for Student Success
 9. Santa Clara County Office of Education -- My Name, My Identity
4. PUBLIC HEARING
- a. Public Hearing on the Disclosure Statement of the Tentative Agreement for ACE/CTA

Dr. Dewan conducted a hearing of the Disclosure Statement of the Tentative Agreement for ACE/CTA. She opened the hearing for public comment. No one wished to comment. After hearing no comments, the public hearing was closed.

- b. Public Hearing on the Disclosure Statement of the Tentative Agreement for SEIU Local 521

Dr. Dewan conducted a hearing of the Disclosure Statement of the Tentative Agreement for SEIU Local 521. She opened the hearing for public comment.

Marilyn De Rouen made a public comment. She noted that 98 percent of the SEIU members approved the agreement and M DeRouen looks forward to future collaboration with the office.

5. 2018-19 ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT
- a. Santa Clara County Office of Education 2018-19 Annual Financial Audit Report

Ahmad Gharaibeh of Varinek, Trine, Day and Company, LLP presented an overview of the financial statements of the Santa Clara County Office of Education for the year ended June 30, 2019 and answered questions from the Board.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS OF PERSONS DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

The following individuals voiced their gratitude to Dr. Dewan and the Board for the rewriting of 6159.4 AR Behavioral Interventions for Special Education Students to ban the use of prone restraint.

1. Kristin Brown
2. Tiffany Maciel

BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Appointments to the 2020 Board Committees

President Rossi explained that Board Committee reports have been placed closer to the beginning of the agenda to give board members an opportunity to share their committee work with the public. President Rossi referred the Board to the list of committee assignments for 2020.

- b. Committee chairs/representatives may provide a report of recent committee activity.

Anna Song

- Announced the Silicon Valley Reads (SVR) kick-off, which will be held on January 23, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. at De Anza College in the Visual and Performing Arts Center. Author Julian Guthrie will be joining the panel discussion, and Trustee Song welcomed board members to join the event.

Kathleen King

- Attended a Strong Start Coalition meeting. The meeting reviewed the County of Santa Clara's Children Budget, which focuses on all children and youth-oriented programs and services in the County of Santa Clara; and the governor's budget for early learning and special education. Vice President King reported that the next Strong Start coalition meeting will be held on February 11, 2020.

8. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of December 11, 2019 (#2254)
- Request Adoption of Resolution Against Legislative Diversions of School Property Taxes

Motion #2255-2 by Trustee Mah and seconded by Trustee Ortiz to approve Consent Action Items 8A-8B. Motion carried with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: President Rossi, Vice President King and Trustees Song, Kamei, Ortiz, Mah, and Di Salvo

Noes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

(The Board broke for Recess at approximately 6:25 p.m. and reconvened into Open Session at approximately 6:35 p.m.)

9. ACTIONS ITEMS

- Renewal of the Alpha: Cornerstone Academy Preparatory School Charter for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025

President Rossi explained the decision process and Dr. Dewan introduced Dr. Michelle Johnson, Director of the Charter School Department. Dr. Johnson provided an opening statement from staff.

Shara Hegde, petitioner, presented merits of the petition and answered previous questions made by the Board at the November 20, 2019 Public Hearing.

Board Vice President, Maimona Afzal Berta, of the Franklin McKinley School District, spoke briefly to say she was available for any clarifying questions from the Board. Superintendent Juan Cruz, read a letter that was in response to information provided to the County Board from the petitioner at the November 20, 2019 public hearing. Letter covered the petitioner failing to serve children with moderate to severe disabilities and failing to enroll a pupil demographic that is similar to that of the Franklin McKinley School District.

The following individuals spoke in support of the petition:

1. Nidia Mejia
2. Jorge Arellano
3. Kathy Lieu
4. Bianka Mejia
5. Peggy Cheung
6. Anna Tran
7. Nicole Yamamoto
8. Alicia Santillan
9. Sha Tao
10. Victoria Gonzalez
11. Rajeev Narasimhan
12. Brian Do

The Board asked Clarifying questions and deliberated.

MOTION #2255-3 by Trustee Di Salvo and seconded by Trustee Song to approve the renewal of Alpha: Cornerstone Academy Preparatory School, and directs that SCCOE and Alpha Cornerstone and its governing organization, APS, enter into an addendum to the MOU by April 30, 2020, to include the provisions described in the MOU and addendum, adding four parents (one to represent each Alpha school) to the APS board, three of which will be appointed within one year from January 15, 2020, and other issues addressed in the Staff Report, Analysis & Findings, and to clarify and outline the SCCOE and APS/Alpha Cornerstone's agreements governing their respective fiscal, operational, and administrative responsibilities, their legal relationship, and other matters not otherwise addressed or resolved by the terms of the Charter and/or MOU. Failure to successfully enter into the addendum, including each of these terms, shall be considered grounds for revocation of the Charter. The Charter is renewed for a period of five years of school operation, commencing on July 1 2020, and continuing through and including June 30, 2025.

Motion carried 5-2 with the following roll call vote.

Ayes: Vice President King and Trustees Song, Kamei, Mah, and Di Salvo

Noes: President Rossi and Trustee Ortiz

Abstain: none

Absent: none

(The Board broke for Recess at approximately 8:25 p.m. and reconvened into Open Session at approximately 8:40 p.m.)

b. Request Approval of the Budget Revisions for the Month of December 2019

Dr. Dewan introduced Stephanie Gomez, Director of Internal Business Services, who presented the Budget Revisions for t Month of December 2019.

MOTION #2255-4 by Trustee Song and seconded by Trustee Kamei to approve the Budget Revisions for the Month of December 2019. Motion carried 7-0 with the following roll call vote.

Ayes: President Rossi, Vice President King and Trustees Song, Kamei, Mah, Ortiz, and Di Salvo

Noes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

c. Request Approval to Submit the Non-Competitive Head Start/Early Head Start Grant Application for FY 2020-21, Executive Summary and Selection Criteria

MOTION #2255-5 by Trustee Di Salvo and seconded by Trustee Kamei to approve to submit the non-competitive Head Start/Early Head Start Grant Application for FY 2020-21, Executive Summary, and Selection Criteria. Motion carried 7-0 with the following roll call vote.

Ayes: President Rossi, Vice President King and Trustees Song, Kamei, Mah, Ortiz, and Di Salvo

Noes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Charter Schools Update

Dr. Johnson presented an update on Summit Public Schools, Bullis Charter School, and upcoming charter school renewals.

11. CONSENT INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Employee Compensation Increase Exceeds the EC 1302(a) Limit

b. Disposition of Surplus Items—October 2019 to December 2019

- c. Williams Complaint Report
- d. Head Start/Early Head Start Monthly Board Reports

12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- In honor of Board Members Appreciation Month, Dr. Dewan provided board members with thank you plaques and cards from Head Start/Early Head Start students
- Attended the Women's Equality Leadership Council—the main agenda item covered the importance of an accurate 2020 Census count
- Welcomed guests at the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Reflections Awards Ceremony
- Attended the Strong Start Coalition meeting
- Announced that she has been asked to serve on a statewide technical assistance committee—the committee will look special education funding models and try to design a new model to promote more equity of support for students with disabilities

13. COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER REPORTS

- a. The members of the Board may give reports on any activities related to their duties as members of the Santa Clara County Board of Education

Joseph Di Salvo

- Visited Alpha Cornerstone in December 2019
- Congratulated Zoe Lofgren, his congresswoman, for being appointed as one of seven House managers in the impeachment trial of Donald J. Trump.

Grace Mah

- Attended a Strong Start Coalition meeting
- Attended the Alameda County Board of Supervisors meeting and spoke in support of banning flavored tobacco products

Anna Song

- Visited Alpha Cornerstone in December 2019

Peter Ortiz

- Attended a LatinX School Board Association meeting—the meeting covered teacher housing, ethnic studies, Measur E, and the possibility of having a Northern California LatinX School Board Association meeting on April 4, 2020 in Oakland (past meetings have been held in San Diego).
- Attended Assemblymember Evan Low's Pancake Breakfast—this event is used to submit bill ideas to his legislative staff

Rosemary Kamei

- Visited Alpha Cornerstone in December 2019
- Attended Assemblymember Evan Low's Pancake Breakfast
- Met with Dr. Dewan and President Rossi

Claudia Rossi

- Visited Alpha Cornerstone in December 2019
- Attended the LatinX School Board Association meeting and thanked Dr. Dewan for attending the meeting

14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

15. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.
County Superintendent of Schools
Ex-Officio Secretary

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