

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

APPROVED
Minutes of Regular Meeting #1074
Board Room
February 1, 2006
3:00 p.m.

Members Present: T.N. Ho, President
Gary Rummelhoff, Vice President
Leon Beauchman
Jane Howard
Anna Song
Anthony Muñoz
Bill Evers

The meeting was called to order by President Ho at 3:08 p.m.

CHANGE IN AGENDA

Setting the Agenda

MOTION #1074-1 by Ms. Howard, seconded by Ms. Song that the agenda be adopted as submitted.

MOTION #1074-1 passed unanimously.

Closed Session

The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 3:10 p.m.

OPEN SESSION — 3:53 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Ho asked Joe Fimiani, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, to lead the pledge of allegiance.

Report of Closed Session Actions

President Ho reported that, in the matter of Agenda Item 2.A., Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation. Discussion of anticipated litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(b): ACLU, there was no reportable action.

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

President Ho invited members of the public to address the Board.

No one wished to address the board at this time.

Consent Action Items

Mr. Beauchman requested that the following corrections be made to Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 18, 2006 (#1073). Under Pledge of Allegiance, “*President Beauchman*” should be deleted and be replaced with “*Vice President Rummelhoff*”. Under Hearing of Persons Desiring to Address the Board or to Present Petitions, “*President Beauchman*” should be deleted and be replaced with “*Vice President Rummelhoff*”. Under Consent Action Items, motion should read: *MOTION #1073-2 by Mr. Beauchman, seconded by Ms. Howard, that the following Consent Action Items be approved*”.

MOTION #1074-2 by Ms. Howard, seconded by Mr. Rummelhoff, that the following Consent Action Items be approved with the noted corrections:

- Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 18, 2006 (#1073)

MOTION #1074-2 passed unanimously.

Study Action Items

Appeal of Discovery Charter School Petition

President Ho invited members of the public to address the Board.

The following individuals spoke on behalf of the Discovery Charter School:

- Andee Isaacs, Discovery Charter School Parent
- Gail Cavanaugh, Discovery Charter School Parent
- Debbie Devini, Discovery Charter School Parent
- Suzy Fredrickson, Discovery Charter School Parent
- Rose Borst, Moreland School District Parent
- Carla Breunling, Moreland School District Parent
- Ingrid Brand, Discovery Charter School Parent
- Annie Black, Moreland School District Parent

- Laura Schoderbek, Eastbrook Discovery School Parent
- Iztok Stajner, Discovery Charter School Parent
- Anita Gara, Easterbrook Discovery School Parent
- Kimberly Cox, Discovery Charter School Parent
- Michelle Gay, Discovery Charter School Parent
- Laura Santana, Easterbrook Discovery School Parent
- Brian Santana, Castro Middle School Student
- Laura Davis, Discovery Charter School Parent
- Susan Michels, Moreland School District Parent
- Lisa Armenta, Discovery Charter School Parent
- Jeff Alvaro, Moreland School District Parent
- Brian Wing, Moreland School District Parent
- Nick Driver, California Charter Schools Association
- Rani Aviananda, Moreland School District Parent
- Paul Minney, Law Offices of Spector, Middleton, Young & Minney, LLP — Legal counsel for the Discovery Charter School petitioners

The following individual spoke in opposition of the Discovery Charter School:

- Les Adelson, Moreland School District Superintendent

Superintendent Wilcox briefly explained staff's recommendation on the Discovery Charter School petition and Board members deliberated.

MOTION #1074-3 by Mr. Evers, seconded by Mr. Muñoz that the County Board of Education does hereby approve the appeal conditional on the successful negotiation during the following month of a Memorandum of Understanding between the charter board and the County Office of Education.

Amendment to Motion #1074-3 by Mr. Ho, seconded by Ms. Song, that enrollment preference, in case of over subscription, be given top priority to Moreland School District residents.

The following roll call vote was taken for the amendment:

AYE: President Ho, member Song
NO: Members Evers, Rummelhoff, Beauchman, Howard and Muñoz
ABSENT: -none-
ABSTAIN: -none-

The Amendment was defeated by a 2-5-0-0 vote.

The following roll call vote was taken on Motion #1074-3:

AYE: President Ho, Vice President Rummelhoff, members Beauchman, Howard, Muñoz, and Evers
NO: Member Song
ABSENT: -none-
ABSTAIN: -none-

MOTION #1074-3 carried by a 6-1-0-0 vote with member Song voting no.

Status of Leadership Public Schools – Campbell

Superintendent Wilcox reported on the signed MOU from Leadership Public Schools – Campbell.

No action was taken.

Request Approval for the Submission of a Competitive Teaching American History Grant

Linda Aceves, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services Branch, provided a synopsis of the Competitive Teaching American History Grant.

MOTION #1074-4 by Ms. Howard, seconded by Ms. Song, that the Board approve the submission of the Competitive Teaching American History Grant.

MOTION #1074-4 carried by a vote of 6-0-0-1 with member Beauchman absent for this vote.

Information Items

Update Overview Preschool for All (PFA) Act

Superintendent Wilcox introduced the efforts underway for the Preschool for All Act. Joe Fimiani, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, introduced staff on the cross branch Preschool Coordinating Committee and presented an overview of the components and planning activities of the PFA Act. Ms. Aceves and Mr. Fimiani answered questions from the Board.

California High School Exit Exam Intervention for the Alternative Schools and Special Education Departments

Mary-Anne Bosward, Director, Special Education Department and Paula Mitchell, Director, Alternative Schools Department, gave a summary of the efforts being made in both the Alternative Schools and Special Education Departments to assist students to pass the exit exam.

Santa Clara County School Plan Update

This item was tabled.

Establishment of Position

Ms. Laura Kidwiler, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Branch, presented information on the establishment of a position.

Board Committee Reports

There were no board committee reports.

County Board of Education Travel

Bill Evers

- Attended Senator Joe Simitian's Education Roundup

Anna Song

- Attended the December 2005 Board Retreat
- Met with Dr. Wilcox for lunch

Leon Beauchman

- Attended a meeting with Senator Joe Simitian
- Working with the Santa Clara Alliance of Black Educators to organize a "Community Empowerment Education Conference" on March 18 at Oakgrove High School

Jane Howard

- Met with Dr. Wilcox and Susan Valenta, President of the Gilroy Chamber of Commerce, for lunch

Anthony Muñoz

- Attended a meeting with the San Jose Redevelopment Agency
- Attended a meeting at YMCA Saratoga
- Attended a meeting with Pathfinder Staff
- Attended a District Advisory Council Meeting at Evergreen
- Attended a Martin Luther King Breakfast

Gary Rummelhoff

- Attended a Santa Clara County School Board Association Meeting
- Attended a Head Start Task Force Planning Meeting
- Attended an Association of California School Administrators Presentation on the State Budget
- Attended a Fit for All Committee Meeting
- Attended a Joint Venture Silicon Valley Index Presentation

Superintendent's Report

There was no superintendent report given.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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