

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

APPROVED  
Minutes of Regular Meeting #2089  
Open Session — San Jose Room  
November 16, 2011

1. Call to Order

President Di Salvo called the meeting to order at 5:40 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

President Di Salvo requested to amend the agenda as follows: Place Action Items 9A, 9B and 9C after Information Item 5.A., then hear Public Hearing 8.B. on Rocketship Si Se Puede, and then follow the remaining agenda items.

MOTION #2089-1 by member Mann to adopt agenda with amended changes requested by President Di Salvo. Member Hover-Smoot seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

President Di Salvo led the pledge of allegiance.

2. Student Recognition: Carlos Cotero, Rouleau Center and LeyVa COE Inclusion

Member Beauchman introduced Carlos Cotero, recipient of the SCCOE student recognition, and presented him with an iPod and a plaque in recognition of his achievements. Member Beauchman introduced Dr. Jane Lubin-Cate, Carlos' principal who spoke of Carlos being an inspiration to everyone he meets with his "can do" attitude. Ms. Isabel Mallari, Carlos' teacher, spoke on Carlos' attributes and said he was a very special individual. Carlos expressed gratitude for the recognition.

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

Don Renwick, Vice President of the Association of County Educators (ACE), spoke about his concern that an important Special Board meeting was scheduled during the Thanksgiving holiday week where many ACE members would not be able to participate and requested that the meeting be put off until after Thanksgiving.

Karen Spychala, Secretary of ACE, addressed her concern on segregation of severely handicapped students in charter schools.

4. Santa Clara County Office of Education 2010-2011 Annual Financial Audit Report

Kenneth Shelton, Chief Business Officer, introduced Leonard Danna of Vavrinke, Trine, Day & Co., LLP. Mr. Danna reported on the Annual Financial Audit and answered questions from the Board.

5. Anti-Bullying Advisory Council

Judy Chirco, former San Jose City Council member and Vice Mayor, along with Ellen Wheeler, Mountain View Whisman board member and Dr. Paul Madarang, retired educator, presented their findings and recommendations of the anti-bullying advisory council, which was formed by Board President Joseph Di Salvo.

The following individuals from "People Acting in Community Together" (PACT) spoke in support of the Anti-Bullying Task Force and thanked the Advisory Council and Board President Di Salvo for all their work:

- Karen Fillmore
- BJ Larock
- Susan Price-Jang
- Micaela Hoskins

President Di Salvo requested that staff bring an action item regarding anti-bullying to the February 1, 2012 board meeting.

CHANGE IN AGENDA

9. Action Items

a. Decision on Countywide Charter Petition for Rocketship 6

President Di Salvo explained the decision process and Dr. Charles Weis, County Superintendent of Schools, presented a staff report on Rocketship 6.

Rocketship petitioners Preston Smith—Co-Founder and Chief Academic Officer and Evan Kohn—Sr. Policy Manager, addressed staff findings and answered questions from the Board.

The following individuals spoke in support of Rocketship Education:

- Jaime Lee
- TN Robinson
- Hilda Aguilera
- Maria Serrano
- Ms. Moreno
- Karen Martinez
- Nellie Gutierrez

Mr. Renwick stated that the ACE executive board was advised that by law “a county may only approve a charter only if it finds services cannot be provided through a district charter.” He requested that the county board of education adhere to staff’s recommendation and the law. He also expressed his concern in not seeing any charter school students with severely special needs represented at board meetings.

Board members asked clarifying questions.

MOTION #2089-2 by member Mann to approve the countywide charter petition for Rocketship 6. Member Song seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

*(The board broke for Recess at 8:17 p.m. and reconvened into Open Session at 8:25 p.m.)*

b. Decision on Countywide Charter Petition for Rocketship 7

Dr. Weis, County Superintendent of Schools, presented a staff report on Rocketship 7.

Mr. Kohn stated that he dittoed what he had said on Rocketship 6 for Rocketship 7.

Dr. Vincent Matthews, Superintendent of San Jose Unified, addressed his issue on the process of a countywide charter school petition coming directly to the Santa Clara County Board of Education rather than first coming to a school district.

The following individuals spoke in support of Rocketship Education:

- Susan Price-Jang
- Lorna Chang

Board members asked clarifying questions.

MOTION #2089-3 by member Mann that the Board approve the Countywide Charter Petition for Rocketship 7. Member Hover-Smoot seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The Board's attorney \_\_\_\_\_ County Counsel, will provide written findings for Rocketship 6, 7 and 8 for the Board's approval, which will be presented at the December meeting.

c. Decision on Countywide Charter Petition for Rocketship 8

Dr. Weis, County Superintendent of Schools presented a staff report on Rocketship 8.

Mr. Kohn stated that he dittoed what he said on Rocketship 6 for Rocketship 8.

Dr. Vincent Matthews, Superintendent of San Jose Unified, dittoed his previous comment, which he made on Rocketship 7.

Mr. Renwick reiterated his concern on whether or not parents of severely handicapped students are being given the choice to send their children to a charter school.

MOTION #2089-4 by member Mann that the Board approve the Countywide Charter Petition for Rocketship 8. Member Mah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

8. Public Hearing

b. Public Hearing on the Renewal Charter of Rocketship Si Se Puede

President Di Salvo explained the hearing process and invited staff to present a report on the charter renewal for Rocketship Si Se Puede. Dr. Weis presented the report.

Lead petitioners, Andrew Elliott-Chandler- Principal and Melissa McGonegle, former principal and now Regional Director of Schools of Rocketship Education, spoke on the merits of Rocketship Si Se Puede. A video clip was shared with the Board.

The following individuals spoke in support of Rocketship Si Se Puede:

- Anna Nava
- Patricia Vidales
- Maria Teresa Barceles

*(The Board broke for recess at 9:35 p.m. and reconvened into Open Session at 9:43 p.m.)*

6. Public Hearing

a. Public Hearing on the Countywide Charter School Petition for Rocketship 9

President Di Salvo opened the public hearing and explained the hearing process and invited staff to present a report on the Countywide Charter School Petition for Rocketship 9. Dr. Weis presented the report for Rocketship #9 through #28.

Lead petitioners, Alyssa Segal—Academic Dean at Rocketship Mosaic Elementary; Preston Smith; Evan Kohn; and Melissa McGonegle, spoke on the merits of Rocketship 9.

The following individuals spoke in support of Rocketship Education:

- Genevieve Ruiz
- Ms. Hernandez
- Carrie Greco
- Susan Price-Jang
- Jennifer Lyons

The board asked clarifying questions.

b. Public Hearing on the Countywide Charter School Petition for Rocketship 10

President Di Salvo opened the public hearing and stated that the hearing process for Rocketship 10 would be the same as Rocketship 9. Dr. Weis presented a brief staff report.

Mr. Kohn dittoed his previous presentation and answered questions.

c. Public Hearing on the Countywide Charter School Petition for Rocketship 11

President Di Salvo opened the public hearing and stated that the hearing process for Rocketship 11 would be the same as Rocketship 9. Dr. Weis presented a brief staff report.

Mr. Kohn dittoed his previous presentation and answered questions.

Member Song raised her issue regarding Rocketship 11, 15 and 21, which will be near the Franklin McKinley School District (FMSD). She reminded board members about the statement made by Board President Keith Nguyen's—FMSD at a previous SCCBOE meeting. President Nguyen informed the Board that FMSD has been working collaboratively with Rocketship Education and asked that they be '*permitted to go at their own speed*' with Rocketship Education. Member Song asked the petitioner to address this matter.

d. Public Hearing on the Countywide Charter School Petition for Rocketship 12

President Di Salvo opened the public hearing and stated that the hearing process for Rocketship 12 would be the same as Rocketship 9. Dr. Weis presented a brief staff report.

Mr. Kohn dittoed his previous presentation.

e. Public Hearing on the Countywide Charter School Petition for Rocketship 13

President Di Salvo opened the public hearing and stated that the hearing process for Rocketship 13 would be the same as Rocketship 9. Dr. Weis presented a brief staff report.

Mr. Kohn dittoed his previous presentation.

f. Public Hearing on the Countywide Charter School Petition for Rocketship 14

President Di Salvo opened the public hearing and stated that the hearing process for Rocketship 14 would be the same as Rocketship 9. Dr. Weis presented a brief staff report.

Mr. Kohn dittoed his previous presentation.

g. Public Hearing on the Countywide Charter School Petition for Rocketship 15

President Di Salvo opened the public hearing and stated that the hearing process for Rocketship 15 would be the same as Rocketship 9. Dr. Weis presented a brief staff report.

Mr. Kohn dittoed his previous presentation.

Member Song dittoed her previous comment made under Rocketship 11 regarding the Franklin-McKinley School District.

h. Public Hearing on the Countywide Charter School Petition for Rocketship 16

President Di Salvo opened the public hearing and stated that the hearing process for Rocketship 16 would be the same as Rocketship 9. Dr. Weis presented a brief staff report.

Mr. Kohn dittoed his previous presentation.

i. Public Hearing on the Countywide Charter School Petition for Rocketship 17

President Di Salvo opened the public hearing and stated that the hearing process for Rocketship 17 would be the same as Rocketship 9. Dr. Weis presented a brief staff report.

Mr. Kohn dittoed his previous presentation.

j. Public Hearing on the Countywide Charter School Petition for Rocketship 18

President Di Salvo opened the public hearing and stated that the hearing process for Rocketship 18 would be the same as Rocketship 9. Dr. Weis presented a brief staff report.

Mr. Kohn dittoed his previous presentation.

Member Song urged Rocketship Education to go directly to Santa Clara Unified School District with Rocketship 18.

k. Public Hearing on the Countywide Charter School Petition for Rocketship 19

President Di Salvo opened the public hearing and stated that the hearing process for Rocketship 19 would be the same as Rocketship 9. Dr. Weis presented a brief staff report.

Mr. Kohn dittoed his previous presentation.

l. Public Hearing on the Countywide Charter School Petition for Rocketship 20

President Di Salvo opened the public hearing and stated that the hearing process for Rocketship 20 would be the same as Rocketship 9. Dr. Weis presented a brief staff report.

Mr. Kohn dittoed his previous presentation.

m. Public Hearing on the Countywide Charter School Petition for Rocketship 21

President Di Salvo opened the public hearing and stated that the hearing process for Rocketship 21 would be the same as Rocketship 9. Dr. Weis presented a brief staff report.

Mr. Kohn dittoed his previous presentation.

Member Song dittoed her previous comment made under Rocketship 11 regarding the Franklin-McKinley School District.

*(Vice President Chang left the meeting at approximately 10:10 p.m.)*

n. Public Hearing on the Countywide Charter School Petition for Rocketship 22

President Di Salvo opened the public hearing and stated that the hearing process for Rocketship 22 would be the same as Rocketship 9. Dr. Weis presented a brief staff report.

Mr. Kohn dittoed his previous presentation.

o. Public Hearing on the Countywide Charter School Petition for Rocketship 23

President Di Salvo opened the public hearing and stated that the hearing process for Rocketship 23 would be the same as Rocketship 9. Dr. Weis presented a brief staff report.

Mr. Kohn dittoed his previous presentation.

p. Public Hearing on the Countywide Charter School Petition for Rocketship 24

President Di Salvo opened the public hearing and stated that the hearing process for Rocketship 24 would be the same as Rocketship 9. Dr. Weis presented a brief staff report.

Mr. Kohn dittoed his previous presentation.



q. Public Hearing on the Countywide Charter School Petition for Rocketship 25

President Di Salvo opened the public hearing and stated that the hearing process for Rocketship 25 would be the same as Rocketship 9. Dr. Weis presented a brief staff report.

Mr. Kohn dittoed his previous presentation.

r. Public Hearing on the Countywide Charter School Petition for Rocketship 26

President Di Salvo opened the public hearing and stated that the hearing process for Rocketship 26 would be the same as Rocketship 9. Dr. Weis presented a brief staff report.

Mr. Kohn dittoed his previous presentation.

s. Public Hearing on the Countywide Charter School Petition for Rocketship 27

President Di Salvo opened the public hearing and stated that the hearing process for Rocketship 27 would be the same as Rocketship 9. Dr. Weis presented a brief staff report.

Mr. Kohn dittoed his previous presentation.

t. Public Hearing on the Countywide Charter School Petition for Rocketship 28

President Di Salvo opened the public hearing and stated that the hearing process for Rocketship 28 would be the same as Rocketship 9. Dr. Weis presented a brief staff report.

Mr. Kohn dittoed his previous presentation.

MOTION #2089-5 by member Mann to extend the meeting. Member Song seconded the motion and it carried 5-1-1 with member Hover-Smoot voting no and Vice President Chang absent.

7. Information Item

c. Annual Report to the Board: Leadership Public Schools

Vanessa Sifuentes, Principal of Leadership Public Schools, presented highlights from Leaderships 2011-12 annual report and answered questions from the Board.

8. Public Hearing

a. Public Hearing on the Renewal Charter of Leadership Public Schools—San Jose

President Di Salvo explained the hearing process and invited staff to present a report on the charter renewal for Leadership Public Schools—San Jose. Dr. Weis presented the report.

Lead petitioners, Louise Waters, Superintendent and CEO of Leadership Public Schools, and Vanessa Sifuentes, spoke on the merits of Leadership Public Schools and answered questions.

*(Member Hover-Smoot left the meeting at approximately 11:40 p.m.)*

7. Information Item

a. Study of County Board of Education Trustee Area Boundaries

Dr. Weis introduced Suzanne Carrig, Senior Research Analyst, who presented an update on the recent County Committee meeting and answered questions.

9. Action Item

d. Gates Foundation District—Charter Compact Initiative

Dr. Weis provided an introduction of the Gates Foundation District—Charter Compact Initiative and Don Bolce, Project Director, answered questions from the Board.

MOTION #2089-6 by member Beauchman that the Board approve to submit the SCCOE-Charter Compact by the November 18, 2011 deadline with the understanding that the final compact will be submitted for Board approval in December 2011. Member Mann seconded the motion and it carried 5-0-2 with Vice President Chang and member Hover-Smoot absent.

12. Consent Action Items

- a. Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of November 2, 2011 (#2088)
- b. Request Approval to Increase the Alfa Tech Contract for Data Center Design Services
- c. Request Approval to Submit Non-Competitive Grant for Advancing Summer Matters Initiative through Technical Assistance Capacity Building

MOTION #2089-7 by member Mann to approve Consent Action Items 12A, 12B and 12C. Member Beauchman seconded the motion and it carried 5-0-2 with Vice President Chang and member Hover-Smoot absent.

10. County Superintendent Report
  - SJ/SV2020 Update
  - Attendance and Enrollment for Community Schools, October 5-November 2, 2011
  
11. Correspondence
  - Correspondence from Crystal A. Pretel—Parent in Santa Clara Unified School District
  
7. Information Item
  - b. Annual Report to the Board: Rocketship Education

Melissa McGonegle, Regional Director of Schools of Rocketship Education, presented highlights from Leaderships 2011-12 annual report and answered questions from the Board.
  
13. Information Item
  - a. Board Committee Reports

There were no board committee reports.
  - b. County Board of Education Member Reports

There were no member reports.
  
14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
  - Board meeting at Anne Darling School – Update on Special Education, Date: TBD (Grace Mah)
  - Discussion on having a meeting between the County Board of Education and the County Board of Supervisors, 2012 YR (Joseph Di Salvo)
  - Recognize substitute teachers for each program, Spring 2012 (Joseph Di Salvo)
  - Career Technical Education (CTE) Presentation, 2012 YR (Joseph Di Salvo)
  - Whistle Blower Policy—City of San Jose, 2012 YR (Joseph Di Salvo)
  - Roll of County Office of Education with Community Colleges, 2012 YR (Joseph Di Salvo)

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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