

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

APPROVED  
Minutes of Special Meeting #2083-S1  
August 25, 2011  
Board Room  
3:00 p.m. Closed Session  
4:00 p.m. Open Session

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Di Salvo at 3:02 p.m.

A. Roll Call

Trustees 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

MOTION #2083-S1-1 by member Song to adopt the agenda as submitted. Vice President Chang seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

CHANE IN AGENDA

4. Closed Session

A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation  
(Cal. Govt. Code § 54956.9(b)(1))  
One Potential Case

*(Grace Mah arrived at approximately 3:14 p.m.)*

Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

President Di Salvo reported that, in the matter of Agenda Item 4.A., *Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation*, there were no reportable actions.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Di Salvo asked John Danner, co-founder of Rocketship Education, to lead the pledge of allegiance.

President Di Salvo dedicated the meeting to Martin Luther King Jr.

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

The following individuals addressed their concerns on health care cost and asked for relief:

- Marilyn DeRouen, SCCOE employee
- Linda Genna, SEIU
- Enrique Munoz, SEIU
- Sandra Fakaosi, SEIU
- Sherry Tejada, SEIU
- Gaylan Sabir, SEIU

5. Public Hearing

Public Hearing on Countywide Charter Petition for Rocketship Discovery Prep

President Di Salvo explained the hearing process and invited staff to present a report on the countywide charter petition for Rocketship Discovery Prep. Dr. Lucretia Peebles, Director of Charter Schools, presented the report.

MOTION #2083-S1-2 by President Di Salvo to open the public hearing. Member Mann seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Lead petitioners, Evan Cohen and Rich Billings, spoke on the merits of Rocketship Discovery Prep.

The following individuals spoke in support of Rocketship Discovery Prep:

- Maria Flores, parent
- Joya Deutsch, Principal, Rocketship

Michael Gallagher, Assistant Superintendent—Human Resources, Sunnyvale School District, spoke regarding his concern on the process and transparency of the petition.

Stephan McMahon, President of San Jose Teachers Association, voiced his frustration on the broken process of strategically targeting students with the greatest educational needs.

Board members asked clarifying questions.

6. Action Item

Decision Regarding Countywide Charter Petition for Rocketship Discovery Prep

MOTION #2083-S1-3 by member Beauchman that the Board approve the countywide charter petition for Rocketship Discovery Prep. Member Mann seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

7. Public Hearings

A. Public Hearing on Countywide Charter Petition for Rocketship 6

This item was carried to a subsequent open meeting.

B. Public Hearing on Countywide Charter Petition for Rocketship 7

This item was carried to a subsequent open meeting.

C. Public Hearing on Countywide Charter Petition for Rocketship 8

This item was carried to a subsequent open meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

