

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

APPROVED
Regular Meeting #2026
Board Room
September 17, 2008
5:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Howard at 5:05 p.m.

a) Pledge of Allegiance

President Howard asked Tom Scullion, recipient of SCCOE's Teacher of the Year recognition, to lead the pledge of allegiance.

b) Roll Call

Trustees Present:

Grace Mah, Area 1

T.N. Ho, Area 2

Leon Beauchman, Area 3

Gary Rummelhoff, Area 4

Anna Song, Area 5 (*Member Song arrived at the meeting at 5:19 p.m.*)

Craig Mann, Area 6

Jane Howard, Area 7

c) Adoption of Agenda

Member Ho requested that Item 6.d. be pulled out of consent for separate discussion.

MOTION #2026-1 by Vice President Mann that the agenda be adopted as submitted. Member Rummelhoff seconded the motion and it carried 6-0 with member Song absent.

2. Recognition of SCCOE Teacher of the Year for 2008: Tom Scullion, Alternative Schools, Calero Community Schools

President Howard and Vice President Mann introduced the SCCOE Teacher of the Year for 2008, Mr. Tom Scullion, Alternative Schools, Calero Community School. They spoke of Mr. Scullion's accomplishments and brought Mr. Scullion to the podium. Mr. Scullion thanked the Board for the recognition and acknowledged the support and talents of various colleagues.

3. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 5:25 p.m. to hear the interdistrict attendance appeal filed on behalf of a student. Resident District: Oakland Unified School District. Desired District: Palo Alto Unified School District

OPEN SESSION – 6:30 p.m.

Recess

The Board broke for recess at 6:30 p.m. and reconvened at 6:37 p.m.

4. REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

President Howard reported that, in the matter of Agenda 3.A. *the Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Filed on Behalf of a student*, there was a motion (#2026-2) by member Beauchman and seconded by member Rummelhoff to deny the appeal. The motion carried 7-0.

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

President Howard opened the hearing for public comment.

Ms. Sally Fox, Santa Clara County teacher, spoke regarding developing sound routines and implementing the state's education code in our area schools.

Mr. Steve Trujillo, SCCOE Special Education teacher, spoke about his concern in creating a Deputy Superintendent position.

6. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- a) Request Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting of August 27, 2008 (#2024-S2)
- b) Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 3, 2008 (#2025)
- c) Request Acceptance of Donations
- ~~d) Request Approval of Conference Registration and Travel Expenses to the Santa Clara County Juvenile Delinquency "Fourth Annual Beyond the Bench" Conference~~
- e) Request Approval to Submit Proposal for Surplus Facilities Owned by the City of San Jose
- f) Request Adoption of Resolution for Signature Authorizations on Contract between the California Department of Education and the Santa Clara County Office of Education

MOTION #2026-3 by Vice President Mann that the Board approve Consent Items A-F with the exception of "D". Member Beauchman seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

Member Ho opened up discussion regarding Consent Action item 6.d. “*Request Approval of Conference Registration and Travel Expenses to the Santa Clara County Juvenile Delinquency Fourth Annual Beyond the Bench*” conference. Board members deliberated. MOTION #2026-4 by member Ho that the Board approve the conference registration and travel expenses to the Santa Clara County Juvenile Delinquency “Fourth Annual Beyond the Bench” conference. Vice President Mann seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

7. STUDY ACTION ITEM

a) Rocketship Two Charter School Petition

Don Bolce, Assistant Director, Center for Educational Planning, presented SCCOE’s staff report and answered questions from the Board.

John Danner, Lead Petitioner of Rocketship Two Charter School spoke in support of the petition and answered questions from the Board.

MOTION #2026-5 by Vice President Mann seconded by member Song that the Board approve the charter petition of Rocketship Two Charter School with the stipulations set forth in the resolution (attached).

The following roll call vote was taken:

AYES: President Howard, Vice President Mann, members Ho, Beauchman, Mah, Song and Rummelhoff

NOES: -none-

ABSTAIN: -none-

ABSENT: -none-

MOTION #2026-5 carried unanimously.

Recess

The Board broke for recess at 7:10 p.m. and reconvened at 7:17 p.m.

b) Request Adoption of Resolution in Support of Berryessa Union School District’s Measure W

MOTION #2026-6 by member Ho seconded by member Song that the Board adopt the resolution in support of Berryessa Union School District’s Measure W (attached).

The following roll call was taken:

AYES: President Howard, Vice President Mann, members Ho, Beauchman, Mah, Song and Rummelhoff

NOES: -none-

ABSTAIN: -none-

ABSENT: -none-

MOTION #2026-6 carried unanimously.

- c) Request Adoption of Resolution in Support of Gilroy Union School District's Measure P.

MOTION #2026-7 by Vice President Mann seconded by member Mah that the Board adopt resolution in support of Gilroy Union School District's Measure P (attached).

The following roll call vote was taken:

AYES: President Howard, Vice President Mann, members Ho, Beauchman, Mah, Song and Rummelhoff

NOES: -none-

ABSTAIN: -none-

ABSENT: -none-

MOTION #2026-7 carried unanimously.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

- a) Annual Release of Accountability Progress Reports (APR) Results

Dr. Weis introduced Dale Russell, Director of Standards and Assessment, who presented an overview of the annual release of Accountability Progress Reports (APR) and answered questions from the Board.

(Member Song left the meeting. 8:15 p.m.)

- b) Ethnic Status Report of Employees and Affirmative Action Outreach

Ms. Laura Kidwiler, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, introduced the annual ethnic status report of employees and affirmative action outreach and Mr. Mark Miller, Director of Human Resources presented highlights of the annual report and answered questions from Board members.

- c) Board Committee Reports:

Leon Beauchman

Juvenile Justice System Collaborative (JJSC)

- Announced his appointment as advocate to the JJSC

T.N. Ho

North County Regional Occupational Program (NCROP)

- Attended an NCROP meeting on school budgeting

Jane Howard

South County Regional Occupational Program (SCROP)

- Announced that the SCROP meeting was postponed until October due to the state budget not yet passing

d) County Board of Education Members Reports:

Leon Beauchman

- Attended Rocketship Charter School's open house
- Announced upcoming events of the Santa Clara County Alliance of black Educators: Week of October 13—celebration remembrance of the 1968 Olympics demonstration of Tommy Smith and John Carlos; October 16— student activism and legacy walk

Gary Rummelhoff

- Met with staff from People Acting in Community Together (PACT)
- Reported on his current campaign efforts
- Attended Rocketship Charter School's open house
- Attended United Way's community breakfast
- Attended the Campo di Bocce get together

T.N. Ho

- Attended the Campo di Bocce get together

Grace Mah

- Attended an NCROP meeting on school budgeting
- Attended a Mountain View-Los Altos Challenge Team meeting
- Attended Rocketship Charter School's open house
- Attended the Palo Alto Lion's Club meeting
- Attended the Campo di Bocce get together

Craig Mann

- Reported on proctoring the California English Language Development Test (CELDT)

Jane Howard

- Chaired the Gilroy Unified Citizen Oversight Committee meeting
- Attended the Workforce Preparation Committee meeting in south county
- Attended the Campo di Bocce get together

e) County Superintendent's Report:

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

- News articles relative to activities of the Office
 - *fit for learning*, Advisory Council Newsletter, September 2008
- Santa Clara County Board of Education Election
- Santa Clara County Students – API and AYP Tests
- Program Improvement (PI) – No Child Left Behind
- Letters to Dr. Weis
 - a. Letter from Sue Murphy and Todd Dray, Kaiser Permanente, thanking Dr. Weis for attending their 2nd annual community benefit luncheon

- b. Letter from Jud Jensen, County Superintendent of Lassen County Office of Education, thanking Dr. Weis for his presentation at the CCSESA Northeastern Region Superintendent's Leadership Symposium
 - c. Letter from Don Kawashima, Foreperson, 2008-2009 Civil Grand Jury, thanking Dr. Weis and staff for the materials and overview of the Santa Clara County Office of Education
 - d. Email from Margaret Shepperson regarding her son's tribute to teachers at Stonegate Park Community School
- SCCOE News Releases
 - a. *APR: Big Gain by Little District*, September 4, 2008
 - b. *Exit Exam: Subgroups Gain*, September 9, 2008
 - c. *Cary Dritz Appointed SCCOE Deputy Superintendent*, September 12, 2008
 - Spoke to the California Teachers Association (CTA) service council

9. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 9:05 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 – 9:55 p.m.

10. REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Present Howard reported that, in the matter of Agenda Item 9, *Public Employee Performance Evaluation*, there were no reportable actions.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Report on Foster Youth Database
- Update on Arts Master Plan
- High School Dropout Prevention Planning
- Gang Prevention Planning
- Planning for Charter School Facilities
(Possibly using expertise from John Danner, Aspire Charter School)
- Joint Committee on Child Care (JCCC)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles Weis".

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

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**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CHARTER PETITION
OF ROCKETSHIP TWO CHARTER SCHOOL**

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION NO: 2026-1**

RESOLVED by the Santa Clara County Board of Education, County of Santa Clara, State of California, that:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the procedures set forth in Education Code Section 47605 and its implementing regulations, petitioners for the Rocketship Two Charter School presented their Petition to establish a charter school to the County Office of Education on July 24, 2008, having been denied by the Alum Rock Union School District Board of Education on July 23, 2008; and the County Board of Education held a public hearing on this matter on August 21, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Education reviewed the Petition taking into consideration the testimony and documents submitted, including the Rocketship Two Charter Petition to the County Board of Education; the testimony presented at the public hearing; additional materials received from petitioners, the Alum Rock Union School District and the public; and the review of County Office of Education staff; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Education finds that the proposed charter school will offer services to pupils, and that such pupils will benefit from those services; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Education finds that the deficiencies identified by staff review can be corrected and incorporated into a contract with the petitioner;

NOW, THEREFORE, the County Board of Education does hereby approve the petition, and does hereby grant the charter, with the stipulation that the charter granted by the County Board of Education differs from the original petition document in the following respects:

1. The charter document approved is the document entitled *ROCKETSHIP TWO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHARTER PETITION* document presented to the County Board of Education dated July 24, 2008 to the extent consistent with the MOU.
2. The charter is approved for an initial period of three years of school operation, commencing July 1, 2009 and continuing through June 30, 2012.
3. The County Board of Education directs the County Superintendent of Schools to negotiate a contract with Rocketship Two Charter School consistent with the Santa Clara County Office of Education Administrative Regulation 6234. Failure to successfully negotiate such a contract by December 17, 2008, shall be considered grounds for revocation of the charter.

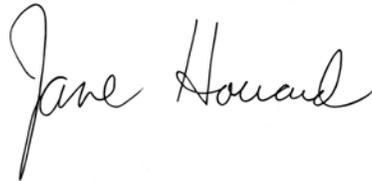
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Clara County Board of Education at a meeting held on this 17th day of September, 2008 by the following vote:

AYE: President Howard, Vice President Mann, members Rummelhoff, Mah, Song, Beauchman and Ho

NO: -none-

ABSTENTION: -none-

ABSENT: - none-



Charles Weis, Ph.D.
County Superintendent of Schools

Jane Howard, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education

**RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING BERRYESSA UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT'S MEASURE W
ON THE NOVEMBER 4, 2008 BALLOT
SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

RESOLUTION NO: 2026-2

WHEREAS, Berryessa Union School District has not been funded adequately by the State to provide a quality educational program, and the District is committed to maintaining a balanced budget; and

WHEREAS, Berryessa Union School District is facing severe budget cuts due to state reductions in education funding and is 30th of 32 districts in our County in funding; and

WHEREAS, Berryessa Union School District has already cut district administration by 40%, eliminated teaching positions, reduced counseling, reduced library hours, reduced after school tutoring, reduced support for students learning English – and even with these cuts, Berryessa schools face a \$1.3 million deficit.

WHEREAS, the Berryessa Union School District has exhausted all feasible means of generating funds and without a parcel tax the District would be forced to significantly reduce basic educational services with a direct impact on the quality of instruction available to local students; and

WHEREAS, the Berryessa Union School District Board of Education has determined, in its best judgment, that in order to maintain quality education in Berryessa, stable locally-controlled revenue from a parcel tax is necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Berryessa Union School District Board of Education voted to place Measure W on the ballot to retain qualified teachers and avoid layoffs, maintain reading and math specialists, keep school libraries open, provide hands-on science instruction, update and expand classroom technology, and fund programs that enhance student achievement; and

WHEREAS, Measure W will cost homeowners \$79 per year and last five years with an exemption available for seniors to ensure this measure is not a burden to those living on fixed incomes; and

WHEREAS, every penny raised by Measure W will stay in Berryessa to benefit our children and No money can be taken by the State or used for administrator salaries; and

WHEREAS, an independent citizens' oversight committee and annual audits will ensure Measure W funds are spent properly; and

WHEREAS, good schools protect property values, which is more important now than ever;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education endorses Measure W and encourages voters to support it on Election Day, thus continues their strong support of Berryessa Union School District's school funding.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Clara County Board of Education at a meeting held on September 17, 2008, by the following vote:

AYES: President Howard, Vice President Mann, members Rummelhoff, Mah, Song, Beauchman and Ho

NOES: -none-

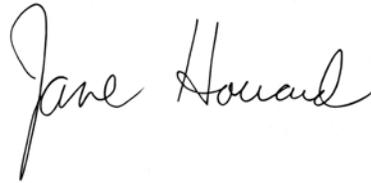
ABSTAIN: -none-

ABSENT: -none-

Signed by:



Charles Weis., Ph.D.
County Superintendent of Schools



Jane Howard, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education

**RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING GILROY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT'S MEASURE P
ON THE NOVEMBER 4, 2008 BALLOT
SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

RESOLUTION NO: 2026-3

WHEREAS, Gilroy Unified School District enrollment has been growing on average annually by 140 students for the last ten years; and

WHEREAS, Gilroy Unified School District is facing severe overcrowding in all of its schools; and

WHEREAS, Gilroy Unified School District has over \$250,000,000 in facilities needs for construction and modernization; and

WHEREAS, the Gilroy Unified School District is eligible for State matching funds for construction and modernization requiring a local match; and

WHEREAS, the Gilroy Unified School District has Christopher High School under construction and is partially funded for Phase I; and

WHEREAS, the Gilroy Unified School District needs approximately \$77,000,000 to complete Phase I and II of Christopher High School; and

WHEREAS, the Gilroy Unified School District Board of Education has determined, in its best judgment, that in order to continue to have quality school facilities in Gilroy, stable locally-controlled revenue from a general obligation bond is necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Gilroy Unified School District Board of Education voted to place Measure P on the ballot for construction and modernization of schools; and

WHEREAS, Measure P will be a reduction in taxes to homeowners in Gilroy Unified School District from \$70.50 to \$60.00 per \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, Measure P will not be assess until 2012; and

WHEREAS, every penny raised by Measure P will stay in Gilroy Unified School District to benefit our children and no money can be taken by the State; and

WHEREAS, an independent citizens' oversight committee and annual audits will ensure Measure P funds are spent properly; and

WHEREAS, good schools protect property values, which is more important now than ever;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education endorses Measure P and encourages voters to support it on Election Day, thus continues their strong support of Gilroy Unified School District's school funding.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Clara County Board of Education at a meeting held on September 17, 2008, by the following vote:

AYES: President Howard, Vice President Mann, members Rummelhoff, Mah, Song, Beauchman and Ho

NOES: -none-

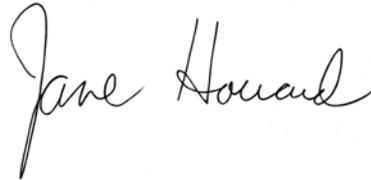
ABSTAIN: -none-

ABSENT: -none-

Signed by:



Charles Weis, Ph.D.
County Superintendent of Schools



Jane Howard, President
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