

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

APPROVED  
Board Agenda  
November 5, 2014  
Regular Meeting #2148  
Board Room  
5:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

a. Roll Call

Member(s) Present:

Grace Mah, Area 1  
Michael Chang, Area 2  
Leon Beauchman, Area 3  
Joseph Di Salvo, Area 4  
Darcie Green, Area 6

Member(s) Absent:

Anna Song, Area 5  
Julia Hover-Smoot, Area 7

MOTION #2148-1 by Vice President Green to excuse members Hover-Smoot and Song from the regular board meeting of November 5, 2014. Member Di Salvo seconded the motion and it passed 5-0-2 with members Song and Hover-Smoot absent.

b. Adoption of Agenda

Member Di Salvo requested to pull Consent Action Item 9.C. "Request Approval of Contract over \$100,000 with Advent" for further discussion.

MOTION #2148-2 by member Mah to adopt the agenda as presented with member Di Salvo's request. Vice President Green seconded the motion and it passed 5-0-2 with members Song and Hover-Smoot absent.

c. Pledge of Allegiance

President Beauchman asked Cecilio Dimas, recipient of the Employee of the Month Recognition, to lead the pledge of allegiance.

2. Employee of the Month Recognition: Cecilio Dimas, Director of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM), Educational Services Branch

President Beauchman introduced Cecilio Dimas, November's Employee of the Month. He noted Cecilio's contributions, presented a plaque and an engraved pen in recognition of his work. President Beauchman introduced Melissa Christie, Director of Curriculum and Instruction who spoke about Cecilio's polished and poised demeanor. She noted that he is a well-respected professional with integrity and intelligence. Cecilio thanked the Board, Superintendent Gundry, and his colleagues for the recognition.

*(President Beauchman congratulated Vice President Green on her election and member Chang on his re-election.)*

3. Public Comments of Persons Desiring to Address the Board

No one wished to address the Board.

4. The Board will held a Closed Session to consider the following items:

Conference with Legal Counsel—Existing Litigation (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1))

- A. *Sharma et al v. Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Santa Clara et al.*, Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 34-2013-80001436
- B. *Santa Clara County Office of Education et al. V. Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Sunnyvale et al.*, Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 34-2013-80001627
- C. *Alum Rock Union Elementary School District et. al. v. Santa Clara County Board of Education*, Superior Court Case No. 114CV260070

5. Report of Actions taken in Closed Session

President Beauchman reported that in the matter of Closed Session Items 4.A. and 4.C., there were no reportable actions.

President Beauchman reported that in the matter of Closed Session Item 4.B. *Santa Clara County Office of Education et al. V. Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Sunnyvale et al.*, Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 34-2013-80001627, the Board voted (MOTION #2148-3) to file a cross appeal with the following vote:

Yes: President Beauchman, Vice President Green, members Di Salvo, Mah and Chang

No: --none—

Absent: members Song and Hover Smoot

Motion by member Di Salvo and seconded by member Mah.

6. Public Comments of Persons Desiring to Address the Board

No one wished to address the Board.

7. Correspondence

- Email, October 14, 2014, Estevan Santiago, Subject: Letter in regard to proposed Morgan Hill Charter Schools
- Email, October 16, 2014, Nora Deeg, Subject: Voices College-Bound Language Academy Petition
- Email, October 17, 2014, Glen Webb, Subject: Charter Petitions for Morgan Hill
- Email, October 20, 2014, Elizabeth Garcia, Subject: Voices Academy in Morgan Hill
- Email, October 20, 2014, Melissa Alatorre, Subject: Letter in Support of Voices
- Email, October 22, 2014, Yolanda Barba-Saavedra, Subject: Madre a favor de escuelas charter
- Email, October 22, 2014, Elidia Alvarado, Subject: Por favor apoyen VOICES y Navigator; my testimony
- Email, October 23, 2014, Elizabeth Aguilar, Subject: Voices Academy and collaboration
- Email, October 24, 2014, Patricia Amaya, Subject: Please read a Latina Mother's Experience in Morgan Hill
- Email, October 27, 2014, Teresa Steengrafe, Subject: My testimony, San Martin Mother PACT leader

8. Superintendent's Report

- Continuing tour of SCCOE branches and departments
- Continuing to visit local Santa Clara County school districts
- Attended the fall dinner of the Santa Clara County School Boards Association
- Attended the Region 5 Superintendents meeting – have been appointed to Board of Directors
- Attended a meeting of the Santa Clara County Alliance of Black Educators at the invitation of President Beauchman – thanked President Beauchman for the invitation
- Spoke at the Santa Clara County After School Collaborative Breakfast of Champions
- Met with Superintendent Ann Campbell of San Mateo County – Dr. Mary Ann Dewan accompanied Superintendent Gundry
- Attended the People Acting in Community Together (PACT) Luncheon

9. Consent Action Items

- A. Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of October 15, 2014 (#2147)
- B. Request Acceptance of Donations

- D. Request Approval to Submit Application for Non-Competitive Grant from S.D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation
- E. Request Approval to Accept Non-Competitive Grant for Region 5 under the Regional School and District Support System
- F. Request Approval to Accept Sobrato Family Foundation Grant
- G. Request Approval to Apply to Tobacco-Use Prevention Education (TUPE) Tier 1 Grant

MOTION #2148-4 by member Mah to approve Consent Action Items 6A-B and 6D-I. Vice President Green seconded the motion and it carried 5-0-2 with members Hover-Smoot and Song absent.

- C. Request Approval of Contract over \$100,000 with Advent

Member Di Salvo requested additional information on the history of Advent and discussion on Advent funding.

MOTION #2148-5 by member Di Salvo to approve Consent Action Item 6C. Member Mah seconded the motion and it carried 5-0-2 with members Hover-Smoot and Song absent.

10. Action Items

- A. Request Approval of the Renewal Petition for University Preparatory Academy Charter School for the Period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2020

President Beauchman explained the decision process and Toni Cordova, Chief Strategy Officer, presented a report from staff.

Dan Ardaz, lead petitioner, answered clarifying questions from the Board.

MOTION #2148-6 by member Di Salvo to approve the renewal petition for University Preparatory Academy Charter School for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2020. Member Chang seconded the motion and it carried 5-0-2 with members Hover-Smoot and Song absent.

- B. Request Approval of Contract over \$250,000 with the California Department of Education for the Supporting Inclusive Practice Project

Dr. Dewan provided background information and answered questions.

MOTION #2148-7 by Vice President Green to approve the contract over \$250,000 with the California Department of Education for supporting the inclusive practice project. Member Mah seconded the motion and it carried 5-0-2 with members Hover-Smoot and Song absent.

C. Request Approval of a Contribution to Educare of California at Silicon Valley (ECSV)

Dr. Lisa Kaufman, Director of Early Learning Services, and Dr. Matthew Tinsley, Senior Research Analyst, Office of the Superintendent, presented an update on Educare of California at Silicon Valley. Dr. Dewan, Micaela Ochoa, Chief Business Officer, Dr. Kaufman and Dr. Tinsley answered questions from the Board.

The following individuals spoke in support of the approval of a contribution to Educare of California at Silicon Valley:

- Raquel Samoff, First 5
- Cora Tomalinas, First 5
- Dennis Cima, Silicon Valley Leadership Group

MOTION #2148-8 by member Mah to approve a contribution to Educare of California at Silicon Valley (ECSV) for \$275,000 in order to further the public purpose consistent with the Santa Clara County Office of Education's (SCCOE) statutory purpose as articulated by Dr. Dewan. Dr. Dewan stated that the Student Services Branch of SCCOE will use the ECSV facility as a support to its student programming. Specifically:

- 168 children, all of whom will receive early childhood education programming supported by SCCOE Head Start program funding and 136 of whom will be directly served by SCCOE Head Start and State Preschool programs, will receive early childhood education services in this facility;
- Staff from SCCOE Head Start and State Preschool programs will receive professional development in early childhood education best practices at the Professional Development Institute located on site;
- SCCOE staff – 24 classroom staff (teachers, associate teachers and classroom aides) and 4 family supports staff will work on site.

Member Di Salvo seconded the motion and it carried 5-0-2 with members Hover-Smoot and Song absent.

11. Information Items

A. Business Services Branch Presentation

Ms. Ochoa provided an overview of the Business Services Branch and highlighted a few key accomplishments and answered questions.

B. Staff Ethnicity Report

Philip Gordillo, Chief Human Resources Officer, presented the current ethnicity breakdown for all Santa Clara County Office of Education staff, employee groups and gender as well as applicant ethnicity for certain position openings.

C. Head Start Monthly Board Reports

Dr. Dewan reported on the August Head Start monthly Board reports.

12. Board Committee Reports

Grace Mah

- Attended a Joint Legislative Advisory Committee meeting
- Attended a Joint Committee on Child Care meeting

Joseph Di Salvo

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13. County Board of Education Members Report

Leon Beauchman

- Announced an upcoming African American Student Summit at San Jose State, Nov 14
- Attended a School Climate conference at the Santa Clara County Office of Education

Grace Mah

- Visited schools in Morgan Unified School District
- Visited VOICES Charter School
- Attended a meeting with People Acting in Community Together (PACT) leaders
- Attended a PACT luncheon
- Participated in a Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math (STEAM) committee in Oakland
- Attended a Santa Clara County School Boards Association (SCCSBA) fall dinner

Michael Chang

- Attended a SCCSBA fall dinner
- Met with Chris Block , Chief Executive Officer, American Leadership Forum (ALF)

Joseph Di Salvo

- Attended Rocketship Fuerza's ribbon cutting ceremony
- Met with Claudia Rossi, board member, Morgan Hill Unified School District

14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Requested items by Board members may be addressed at this time.

- STRIVE and Collective Impact, fall 2014 (member Di Salvo)
- Board Retreat, Nov 22 (President Beauchman)
- Charter Schools Workshop, spring 2015 (President Beauchman)
- Early Childhood, winter 2015 (member Mah)
- Civics Education (member Di Salvo)

Darcie Green

- Pepper Spray use at Juvenile Hall – item will be placed on the Nov 19 meeting

Michael Chang

- Mindfulness for students

Grace Mah

- Schedule on Charter Schools Annual Reports

15. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jon R. Gundry, County Superintendent of Schools  
Ex-Officio Secretary

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