

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

APPROVED
Board Minutes
September 18, 2019
Regular Meeting #2249
San Jose Room
5:00 p.m. (PDT)

1. CALL TO ORDER

a. Roll Call

Trustee(s) Present:

Grace Mah, Area 1
Kathleen King, Area 2
Rosemary Kamei, Area 3 (President)
Joseph Di Salvo, Area 4
Anna Song, Area 5 (Vice President)
Peter Ortiz, Area 6
Claudia Rossi, Area 7

b. Set the Agenda

Trustee Di Salvo requested to have Consent Action Item 6F pulled for further discussion.

MOTION #2249-1 by Trustee Di Salvo and seconded by Vice President Song to set the agenda with the noted request. Motion carried 7-0 with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: President Kamei, Vice President Song and Trustees Ortiz, Mah, King, Di Salvo, and
Noes: none
Abstain: none
Absent: none

c. Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, County Superintendent of Schools, led the pledge of allegiance.

2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

a. Teacher of the Year Recognition

President Rosemary Kamei and Dr. Dewan introduced the recipients of the 2019 Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) Teacher of the Year.

Honored were:

- Steve Sanchez, Alternative Education Program, Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE)
- John Miluso, a teacher from Downtown College Prep, County Board of Education Authorized Charter School

President Kamei and Superintendent Dewan spoke of the recipients' accomplishments, invited them to the podium, and presented them with a plaque and a Kindle Fire Tablet in recognition of their contributions.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS OF PERSONS DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

The following SEIU Local 521 members presented their concerns regarding the high cost of medic premiums:

1. Bahar Bagheroghli
2. Janie Huang
3. Meredith Ladge
4. Monica Montes

Allison Biggs spoke regarding the letter, which Dr. Dewan and the County Board of Education received from the Los Altos School District regarding Bullis Charter School.

4. CLOSED SESSION

The Board convened into Closed Session to consider the following items:

CHANGE IN AGENDA ORDER

- a. Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student, Resident District: Aromas-San Juan Unified School District, Desired District: Gilroy Unified School District
- b. Conference with Legal Counsel: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraphs (d) (2) and (e)(3) of Government Code Section 54956.9: 1 case

5. OPEN SESSION

- a. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

President Kamei reported on the following items:

In the matter of Closed Session Item 4A, Trustee King made a motion (#2249-2) and seconded by Trustee Rossi, to approve the student appeal based on Factor 4 "Hardship resulting from lack of available or appropriate after school care options for the pupil in the district of resident," and Factor 12 "Other exceptional or extraordinary circumstances, which would weigh heavily in favor of the appellate pupil" for the duration through elementary school—5th grade. Motion carried 7-0

In the matter of Closed Session Item 4B, there were no reportable actions.

6. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- a. Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of September 4, 2019 (#2248)
- b. Request Approval of Certification of Attendance Supervisors
- c. Request Adoption of Resolution Recognizing September as Suicide Prevention Month
- d. Request Acceptance of Donations to the Santa Clara County Office of Education
- e. Request Second Reading and Approval of Exhibit 9270 Conflict of Interest Code

MOTION #2249-3 by Vice President Song and seconded by Trustee Di Salvo to approve Consent Action Items 6A-6E. Motion carried 7-0 with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: President Kamei, Vice President Song and Trustees Ortiz, Mah, Di Salvo, King, and
 Noes: none
 Abstain: none
 Absent: none

f. Request Second Reading and Approval of Board Bylaw 9005 Governance Standards

Dr. Dewan invited Meredith Brown from Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo (AALRR) to assist with Board discussion on Board Bylaw 9005 Governance Standards.

Trustee Di Salvo had requested Consent Action Item 6F pulled for further discussion. He requested the Board to consider a wording revision to the Redlined Governance Document on Section 2, and asked for clarification on Section 8 that speaks to "bias." Meredith Brown answered questions from the Board.

MOTION #2249-4 by Trustee Di Salvo and seconded by Vice President Song to change Section 2 from "Value, support and advocate for public education" to "Value, support, and advocate for publicly funded education." Motion carried 7-0 with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: President Kamei, Vice President Song and Trustees Di Salvo, King, Mah, Ortiz, and Rossi
 Noes: none
 Abstain: none
 Absent: none

7. ACTION ITEMS

a. Request Approval of the Agreement for the Temporary Transfer of Funds to the Lakeside Joint School District

Dr. Dewan introduced Jamie Perry, who explained the temporary transfer of funds to Lakeside Joint School District. Trustee Di Salvo brought up the discussion on consolidating small school districts

MOTION #2249-5 by Vice President Song and seconded by Trustee Rossi to approve the agreement for the Temporary Transfer of Funds to the Lakeside Joint School District. Motion carried 7-0 with the following roll call vote.

Ayes: President Kamei, Vice President Song, and Trustees Ortiz, Mah, Di Salvo, King, and Rossi
 Noes: none
 Abstain: none
 Absent: none

CHANGE IN AGENDA ORDER

- c. Request Approval of the Budget Revisions for the Month of June 2019
 d. Request Approval of the Budget Revisions for the Month of August 2019

Action Items 7C and 7D were presented at the same time.

MOTION #2249-6 by Vice President Song and seconded by Trustee Rossi to approve the Budget Revisions for the Month of June 2019 and August 2019. Motion carried 7-0 with the following roll call vote.

Ayes: President Kamei, Vice President Song, and Trustees Ortiz, Mah, Di Salvo, King, and Rossi
 Noes: none
 Abstain: none
 Absent: none

- b. Renewal of the Voices College-Bound Language Academy at Mount Pleasant for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2015

President Kamei explained the decision hearing process, and Dr. Dewan introduced Dr. Michelle Johnson, Interim Director of the Charter Schools Department. Dr. Johnson provided an opening statement from staff.

Maria Madrigal, Principal, and Elizabeth Aguilar, Chief Academic Officer from Voices Mount Pleasant presented student data and addressed previous questions from the Board, which were presented at the Public Hearing.

Superintendent Mariann Engle from the Mount Pleasant Elementary School District presented some student data along with Elida MacArthur, Assistant Superintendent and Dr. Jose Gonzales, Director of Human Resources.

The following individuals spoke in support of the renewal of Voices College-Bound Language Academy at Mount Pleasant:

1. Geraldin Ramis
2. Sally Rodriguez
3. Allison Lopez
4. Cecilia Lopez
5. Caleb Wong
6. Carlos Torres
7. Juliette Sanchez
8. Maricel Villena
9. Brisa Espana
10. Michelle Rosas
11. Hever Yanez
12. Lindsay Woods
13. Tien Robinson
14. Frances Teso
15. Holly Glover
16. Servando Sandoval
17. Julia Spencer

Brian LoBue requested that the decision on the renewal of Voices College-Bound be deferred for action until the Smarter Balanced Scale Scores (SBAC) clear restriction.

Board members asked clarifying questions and deliberated.

MOTION #2249-7 by Trustee Di Salvo and seconded by Trustee Ortiz to conditionally approve the Renewal Petition subject to the conditions specified in the recommended Resolution and the Staff Analysis and Proposed Findings of Fact, specifically including but not limited to the requirement that the SCCOE, Voices Mount Pleasant, and its governing entity, VCBLA, enter into an addendum to the MOU to address the issues noted in the Staff Analysis and Proposed Findings of Fact, and adopt the Board Resolution Conditionally Approving the Charter Renewal for Voices College-Bound Language Academy at Mount Pleasant and, alternatively, making written Factual Findings Supporting Denial and Denying the Charter Renewal if the conditions are not met. The renewal period will be for the period of July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2025. Motion carried 5-2 with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: President Kamei, and Trustees Ortiz, Mah, Di Salvo, and King

Noes: Vice President Song and Trustee Rossi

Abstain: none

Absent: none

The Board broke for Recess at approximately 9:36 p.m. and reconvened into Open Session at approximately 9:49 p.m.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Charter Schools Update

Dr. Johnson presented a bag of popcorn to each board member and explained that a bag of popcorn was shared with each charter school during this year's welcome visit. She shared a story of how success is derived when we help others. Presented were updates on 1) Eureka! Inclusive Charter School, 2) upcoming renewal applications, and 3) the issue on Summit Denali's teacher rights and the effort to unionize by Summit Denali employees.

b. First Reading for Deletion of Board Policy 1113 SCCOE Web Sites

Dr. Dewan explained that Board Policy 1113 was outdated and was a function for Administrative Regulations.

9. CONSENT INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Allowance of Attendance Due to Emergency Conditionsb. Head Start/Early Head Start Monthly Board Reports

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

a. The Superintendent may report on any activities related to her duties

- Reminded the Board regarding a Doodle poll for a Board Retreat and Board Self-Evaluation
- Attended the recent California County Boards of Education (CCBE) conference. Dr. Dewan thanked Michael Vallez, Emergency Preparedness, School Safety and Security Administrator, for co-presenting with her on "Emergency Preparedness, Safety and Security: Fostering a Community of Practice; and thanked Olivia Santillan, Coordinator, HSS/CIVICS, for co-presenting on "The Power of Democracy: Civic Education and Engagement in Santa Clara County."
- Hosted the Housing Town Hall for Educators and School Employees and thanked Trustees Di Salvo, Rossi, and Ortiz for joining the town hall
- Announced the 50th Annual Teacher Recognition Celebration on Thursday, October 3 at the Campbell Heritage Plaza
- Announced a new date for the School Readiness Assessment Convening – it will be held on November 8, 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Santa Clara County Office of Education

11. COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER REPORTS

a. The members of the Board may give reports on any activities related to their duties as members of the Santa Clara County Board of Education

Kathleen King

- Attended a Strong Start meeting where Fred Ferrer, of the Child Advocates of Silicon Valley, spoke about the National Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Association and Rachel Jung, from the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters, explained the new approach to voting

Grace Mah

- Attended the CCBE conference
- Attended the Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) Educators meeting that focused on Census 2020 and Voting Changes
- Attended a Strong Start meeting
- Attended a Joint Legislative Advisory Committee (JLAC) meeting

Joseph Di Salvo

- Attended the Housing Town Hall meeting
- Thanked SEIU employees for attending the board meeting
- Requested a future Human Resources report on employee breakdown at SCCOE

Anna Song

- Reported that a Milpitas Unified School District board member contacted her inquiring on the appointment process of a board member – Vice President Song referred the board member to Dr. Dewan

Rosemary Kamei

- Attended the CCBE conference
- Met with Dr. Dewan regarding agenda reviews
- Visited a VOICES classroom

12. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rosemary Kamei

- Chaired the September 18 JLAC meeting – announced a Special JLAC meeting for October 10 at 3:30 p.m.

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A Human Resources report, on SCCOE employee breakdown, was requested by Trustee Di Salvo.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at approximately 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.
County Superintendent of Schools
Ex-Officio Secretary

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