

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

APPROVED
Board Minutes
February 18, 2015
Regular Meeting #2154
San Jose 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
Anna Song, Area 5
Darcie Green, Area 6
Claudia Rossi, Area 7

b. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION #2154-1 by Trustee Chang to adopt the agenda as presented. Trustee Di Salvo seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with Trustee Song absent.

c. Pledge of Allegiance

President Green asked Carmen Aminzadeh to lead the pledge of allegiance.

2. Public Comments of Persons Desiring to Address the Board

There were no public comments.

3. Superintendent's Report

(Trustee Song arrived at the meeting at approximately 5:13 p.m.)

- a. Participated in the Heart & Soles 5K event
- b. Visited the Juvenile court schools in Los Angeles County
- c. Met with Chief Business Officer of TeenForce
- d. Made a surprise visit to the Santa Clara County Office of Education's food production center
- e. Toured the Mount Pleasant School District dual language emersion program
- f. Announced the upcoming Rotary Play garden ribbon cutting ceremony

4. Consent Action Items

- a. Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of February 4, 2015 (#2153)
- b. Request Adoption of Resolution Recognizing March as Arts Education Month for Schools in Santa Clara County and Recognizing Artspiration in Launching Community Support and Advocacy for the Arts through Education and Awareness
- c. Request Approval to Accept a Non-Competitive Grant for Executive Coaching
- d. Request Approval to Submit a Regional Grant Application for the California Career Pathways Trust
- e. Request Adoption of Resolution Recognizing February as Career Technical Education Month
- f. Request Acceptance of Donations

Trustee Di Salvo requested that Consent Action 4.D. be highlighted with further explanation of the grant process.

MOTION #2154-2 by Trustee Song to adopt Consent Action Items 4A – 4F. Trustee Di Salvo seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

5. Information Item

A. Update on Legislative Climate

Kevin Gordon from Capital Advisors Group presented an update on the state budget and legislation.

6. Public Hearing

A. Public Hearing on STEM Academy of Silicon Valley Charter School Petition

President Green explained the hearing process and Toni Cordova, Chief Strategy Officer, provided an opening statement from staff.

Yilmaz Ak, lead petitioner, presented the merits on the STEM Academy of Silicon Valley Charter School petition.

The following individuals from the Santa Clara Unified School District spoke on their opposition of the petition: Dr. Stan Rose, superintendent; Albert Gonzalez, board president; Michael Hickey, president of the United Teachers of Santa Clara; Patty Picard, president of the California School Employees Association, and Kathie Kanavel, Director of Educational Media and Learning Resources.

The following individuals spoke regarding the petition.

(S = Support O = Oppose)

1. Chris Koltermann, S
2. Albert Gonzales read a statement from Noelani Sallings, O
3. Marwa Sabry, S
4. Leeyel Su, S
5. Fatih Sarigoz, S
6. Jaya Gautam, S
7. Aaryan Gautam, S
8. Charlene Jung, S
9. Hoogming Zhu, S
10. Elizabeth Velendo, S
11. Neil Rakholia, S
12. Cari Bruzelius, S

The Board asked clarifying questions.

The Board broke for recess at 7:32 p.m. and reconvened into Open Session at 7:46 p.m.

7. Action Items

A. Decision on the Charter Petition for Voices College-Bound Language Academy at Mount Pleasant

President Green explained the decision process and Toni Cordova provided a staff report.

Frances Teso, lead petitioner, responded to staff report.

Superintendent Marian Engle of Mount Pleasant School District commented on the petition.

The following individuals spoke in opposition of the petition:

1. Laura Elena Flores
2. Stephanie and Barbara (last names not provided)
3. Cheryl Garcia
4. Laurie Ortega
5. Drew Donati
6. Bob Ramirez
7. Sylvia Larios
8. Mia Cruz and Michael Cruz

The following individuals spoke in support of the petition:

1. Vicente Perez
2. David Lopez
3. Dr. Eduardo Mosqueda
4. Danvela Egoror

5. Jenelle Foster
6. Francis Vargas
7. Rosario Anaya
8. Guillermo Marquez
9. Monia Garcia

The Board asked clarifying questions and deliberated.

MOTION #2154-3 by Trustee Di Salvo to adopt the resolution approving the charter petition of Voices College-Bound Language Academy at Mount Pleasant commencing July 1, 2015 and continuing through June 30, 2020. Member Mah seconded the motion and it carried 4-3 with President Green, Vice President Song and member Rossi voting no.

B. Request Approval of Contract over \$250,000 for Versifit Technologies LLC

Phil Benfield, Interim Chief Technology Officer, provided an overview of the contract for Versifit Technologies LLC and answered questions.

MOTION #2154-4 by Trustee Chang to approve contract over \$250,000 for Versifit Technologies LLC. Trustee Rossi seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

C. Request Approval for the Submission of a Competitive Grant for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth

MOTION #2154-5 by Vice President Song to approve submission of a competitive grant for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth. Trustee Mah seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

8. Information Items

A. Update on Governor's 2015-16 Proposed Budget

Micaela Ochoa, Chief Business Officer and Kolvira Chheng, Director of District Business and Advisory Services, presented an update on the Governor's 2015-16 proposed budget and answered questions.

B. Head Start Monthly Board Reports

Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, Chief Schools Officer, reported on the November and December 2014 Head Start monthly reports.

9. Board Committee Reports

Superintendent Gundry

- Attended a recent Budget Study Committee meeting

Anna Song

- Announced an upcoming meeting in March of the Policy Subcommittee

Grace Mah

- Announced that Trustee Di Salvo was voted the new chair for the Joint Legislative Advisory Committee (JLAC) for 2015

Darcie Green

- Announced an upcoming meeting in March of the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Legislative Committee

10. County Board of Education Member Reports

Grace Mah

- Wished everyone a great lunar year

Anna Song

- Met with Trustee Claudia Rossi

Darcie Green

- Participated in a community conversation regarding President Obama's recent action on immigration

11. Future Agenda Items

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

1. Early Childhood/Strong Start Update May 6 (member Mah)
2. Charter Schools Workshop, May 7 [tentative date] (member Beauchman)
3. Mindfulness for Students, summer/fall (member Chang)
4. Charter Annual Reports (member Mah)
5. Civics Education/Kids Voting (member Di Salvo)
6. Expulsion/Suspension Rates regarding SCCOE's community schools and charter schools (member Green)
7. Pension offers by Charter Schools (member Di Salvo)
8. Budget priority—potential one-time monies (member Mah)

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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