

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

APPROVED
Board Minutes
April 15, 2015
Regular Meeting #2158
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
Joseph Di Salvo, Area 4
Darcie Green, Area 6
Claudia Rossi, Area 7

Member(s) Absent:

Anna Song, Area 5

President Green requested that Trustee Song be excused from the April 15, 2015 meeting.

MOTION #2158-1 by President Green to excuse Trustee Song from the April 15, 2015 meeting. Trustee Di Salvo seconded the motion and it carried 5-0-1 with Trustee Song absent.

b. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION #2158-2 by Trustee Di Salvo to adopt the agenda as presented. Trustee Chang seconded the motion and it carried 5-0-1 with Trustee Song absent.

c. Pledge of Allegiance

President Green asked Don Bolce to lead the pledge of allegiance.

2. Employee of the Month

Trustee Chang introduced Cathie Parshall, April's Employee of the Month. He noted Cathie's contributions, presented a plaque and an engraved pen in recognition of her work and introduced Heather Bass and Corinne Ricci who spoke about Cathie's stellar skills with students and colleagues. Cathie said it was an honor to be recognized and thanked her co-workers for the recognition and acknowledged her family and friends.

3. Student Recognition

Trustee Di Salvo introduced Isha Smith and presented her with an iPod and a plaque in recognition of her achievements. He introduced Marilyn DeRouen, the Santa Clara County Office of Education's Foster Youth Services Liaison, who spoke about Isha's talents and perseverance. Isha thanked everyone for their support and for the recognition.

Trustee Di Salvo introduced Damian Hernandez and presented an iPod and a plaque in recognition of Damian's achievements. Jesse Ramos, Principal of Sunol, accepted the gifts in Damian's absence. Mr. Ramos said he was very proud of Damian's accomplishments and spoke about Damian's positive and respectful demeanor. He thanked the Board on behalf of Damian.

4. Public Comments of Persons Desiring to Address the Board on Items Not on the Agenda

No one wished to address the Board.

5. Superintendent's Report

- Announced that the Board of Supervisors have agreed to a joint meeting with the Santa Clara County Board of Education – meeting date to be determined
- Mentioned his recent vacation in Texas
- Attended the School Employees Association of California (SEAC) lobby day in Sacramento, CA
- Reported that the selection of a new Chief Technology Officer will soon be announced
- Met with the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) library staff for National Library Week Recognition
- Participated in the Champions for Leadership mock interviews

6. County Board of Education Member Reports

Michael Chang

- Attended an Ad Hoc Committee meeting regarding the provisional appointment to Trustee Area 3

Grace Mah

- Attended an Ad Hoc Committee meeting regarding the provisional appointment to Trustee Area 3
- Attended a Strong Start committee meeting

7. Consent Action Items

- a. Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of April 1, 2015 (#2157)
- b. Request Acceptance of Donations

- c. Request Approval to Accept a Non-Competitive Grant from the David and Lucile Packard Foundation for Advancing Summer Matters Initiative through Technical Assistance Capacity Building
- d. Request Approval of the County Superintendent's Financial Activity Report on Travel/Conferences and Mileage Expenses for September 2014 through March 2015 on Job-Related Expenditures
- e. Request Approval of the Head Start Self-Assessment Action Plan
- f. Request Appointment to the Town of Los Gatos' RDA Oversight Board

MOTION #2158-3 by Trustee Di Salvo to approve Consent Action Items 7A through 7F. Trustee Chang seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0-1 with Trustee Song absent.

8. Action Items

a. Decision on Charter School Petition Renewal for Rocketship Los Sueños

President Green explained the decision process and Toni Cordova, Chief Strategy Officer, presented staff's report.

Wendy Noble, Petitioner, and her colleagues responded to staff's report.

The following individuals spoke in support of the petition renewal:

1. Maranda Nuvall
2. Janet Fearnside
3. Katherine Powell
4. Leslie Jimenez
5. Nicki Munoz
6. Zach Piper
7. Chelsea Stroebel
8. Adela Leyra
9. Cruz Luna
10. Norma Cigarroa
11. Valeria Gutierrez
12. Sebastian Gutierrez
13. Nelly Gutierrez
14. Karla Fernanda Mendoza
15. Heriberto Soto

Earl Thaxton spoke in opposition of the petition renewal.

Board members asked clarifying questions and deliberated.

MOTION #2158-4 by Trustee Di Salvo to approve the renewal petition for Rocketship Los Sueños for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2020, and in addition, that the assurances proposed in the Staff Analysis with respect to fiscal matters be incorporated

into a new Memorandum of Understanding. Trustee Mah seconded the motion and it carried 4-1-1 with Trustee Rossi voting no and Trustee Song absent.

b. Decision on Charter School Petition Renewal for Rocketship Mateo Sheedy

President Green explained the decision process and Ms. Cordova presented staff's report.

Jason Ramos, Petitioner, and his colleagues responded to staff's report.

The following individuals spoke in support of the petition renewal:

1. Joe Shook
2. Mateo Chavez
3. Rachel Arroyo
4. Ricardo Mercado
5. Jennifer Hilario
6. Mitachew Abebe
7. Estrella Luna
8. Sol Uribe
9. Mayra Garcia
10. Jason Colon
11. Diana Phuong
12. Leti Gomez read a statement from Fr. Walter Suarez
13. Veronica Lopez
14. Diana Mijares
15. Adrian Hilario

The following individuals spoke in opposition of the petition renewal:

1. Earl Thaxton
2. Bret Bymaster

The Board asked clarifying questions and deliberated.

MOTION #2158-5 by Trustee Di Salvo to approve the renewal petition for Rocketship Mateo Sheedy Elementary for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2020, and in addition, that the assurances proposed in the Staff Analysis with respect to fiscal matters be incorporated into a new Memorandum of Understanding. Trustee Chang seconded the motion and it carried 4-1-1 with Trustee Rossi voting no and Trustee Song absent.

9. Information Items

a. Williams Complaint Report

Superintendent Gundry reported that there no Williams complaints received during the January through March 2015 reporting period.

b. Head Start Monthly Board Reports

Superintendent Gundry presented the Head Start monthly Board reports that covered the month of February 2015.

10. Board Committee Reports

Superintendent Gundry

- Announced the upcoming Budget Study Committee meeting

Joseph Di Salvo

- Announced the upcoming Joint Legislative Advisory Committing meeting

Darcie Green

- Announced the upcoming California School Boards Association (CSBA) May Delegate Assembly meeting

11. Future Agenda Items

1. Early Childhood/Strong Start Update, May 20 [tentative date] (Trustee Mah)
2. Charter Schools Workshop
3. Mindfulness for Students, summer/fall (Trustee Chang)
4. Charter Annual Reports, April 25 (Trustee Mah)
5. Civics Education/Kids Voting (Trustee Di Salvo)
6. Expulsion/Suspension Rates regarding SCCOE's community schools and charter schools, April 25 (Trustee Green)
7. Pension offered by Charter Schools, April 25 (Trustee Di Salvo)
8. LCFF's effect on the Grand Jury's proposal for school districts consolidation (Trustee Di Salvo)
9. Communications process in LACOE regarding public health for children (Trustee Di Salvo)
10. Discussion: Success rate in community and institutional schools – challenges and academic outcomes (Trustee Chang)
11. Erickson Site, May 6 (Joseph Di Salvo)

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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