

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

APPROVED

April 1, 2020

Regular Meeting #2260

San Jose Room

5:00 p.m.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

a. Roll Call

Trustee(s) Present:

Grace Mah, Area 1

Kathleen King, Area 2 (Vice President)

Rosemary Kamei, Area 3

Joseph Di Salvo, Area 4

Anna Song, Area 5

Peter Ortiz, Area 6

Claudia Rossi, Area 7 (President)

b. Set the Agenda

Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, County Superintendent of Schools, requested that Closed Item 6A Interdistrict Attendance Appeal be removed from the agenda as the request has been resolved by the district.

MOTION #2260-1 by Trustee Mah and seconded by Trustee Kamei to set the agenda with the deletion of Closed Session I 6A. Motion carried 7-0 with the following electronic vote:

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

Noes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

President Rossi, on behalf of the County Board of Education, commended the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) for the COVID-19 work that has been done, including preparing the board meeting in a virtual setting. President Rossi reviewed essential details of the April 1, 2020 virtual transmission of the board meeting. She explained the process of submitting public comments online and where to call to listen to the meeting in Spanish. She commented on the work the SCCOE is doing in the community regarding COVID-19 and thanked SCCOE for all they are doing for students, staff, and families.

2. EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

President Rossi introduced Lisa Mello, Employee of the Month. She noted Lisa's contributions and stated that Lisa will receive a plaque recognizing her contributions to the SCCOE, an engraved pen with her name, and a reserved parking space at the Ridder Park office when work schedule returns to normal.

3. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

a. Acknowledging winners of the Santa Clara County Spelling Bee

President Rossi introduced the recipients of the annual county-wide spelling bee. Recognized were Shradha Rachamreddy, fourth-grade student from Challenger School-Strawberry Park and runner up Aaron Buenaventura, a fifth-grade student from Ben Painter Elementary in the Alum Rock School District. A certificate of recognition will be sent to Shradha and Aaron.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS OF PERSONS DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

The following individuals spoke regarding the March 17, 2020 launch of Summit Tahoma's virtual school:

- Jonathan Stewart
- Jeanette Chambers

Sarah Gianocaró thanked Superintendent Dewan for ordering the work from home due to the COVID-19 shelter in place mandate. Sarah stated she is impressed how smoothly everything is working at SCCOE.

5. BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Committee chairs/representatives may provide a report of recent committee activity.

Dr. Mary Ann Dewan

- Participated in a ZOOM Policy Subcommittee meeting. Covered at the meeting were charter school policy to reflect changes in law; a mediation policy; and the Governance Handbook that the Board started at their January Board Retreat. It is anticipated that these policies will come for First Reading at the next board meeting.

6. CLOSED SESSION

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

b. Government Code sections 54954.5 and 54957 – Threat to Public Services or Facilities: Consultation with: County Superintendent, Dr. Mary Ann Dewan.

7. OPEN SESSION

President Rossi reported that there were no reportable actions on Closed Session Item 6B.

8. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- a. Request Adoption on Resolution in Support of the State Board of Education's English Learner (EL) Roadmap
- b. Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of March 4, 2020 (#2258).

MOTION #2260-2 by Trustee Di Salvo and seconded by Trustee Mah to approve Consent Action Items 8A and 8B. Motion carried 7-0 with the following electronic vote:

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

Noes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

9. ACTION ITEMS

- a. (TIME CERTAIN 6:00 p.m.) Renewal of the Rocketship Los Suenos Academy Charter for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025

President Rossi explained the decision process and Dr. Dewan introduced Dr. Michelle Johnson, Director of the Charter School Department, who presented an opening statement from staff.

Janine Ramirez and Gabriela Gordon, from Rocketship, presented their response to staff analysis.

There were no comments from Santa Clara County school districts.

The following individuals submitted public comments against the Rocketship Los Suenos renewal petition:

1. Katherine
2. Allison Heldt
3. Jennifer Dempsey
4. Robert Prola
5. Lita Kurth
6. Lori LaBue
7. Frank Shortt
8. Katie Richardson
9. Brian LaBue
10. Nick Cortez
11. Melissa Urbain
12. Jethrow Moore (speaking on behalf of San Jose/Silicon Valley NAACP)
13. James Levis
14. Tami Moore

The following individuals submitted in support of the Rocketship Los Suenos renewal petition:

1. Sara Palencia
2. Chelsea Graeff
3. Alejandra Alonzo
4. Rosemary Chavez-Scott
5. Ingrid Sanchez
6. Jennifer Parra
7. Adilene Ramirez

The Board asked clarifying questions and deliberated.

MOTION 2260-3 by Trustee Di Salvo and seconded by Vice President King to approve the renewal of the Rocketship Los Suenos (RLS) petition with the addition of the requirement that RLS and Rocketship Public Schools (RPS) enter into an Addendum to the MOU to address staff's concerns, including those specifically reviewed in the Staff Analysis and Proposed Findings of Fact, as well as any additional requirements identified by the Santa Clara County Board of Education (SCCBO) and adopt the Board Resolution Conditionally Approving the Charter Petition Renewal of Rocketship Los Sueños Academy Charter School with the Addition of Requirements Pursuant to Education Code Section 47605.6(b), and, Alternatively, Making Written Factual Findings Supporting Denial & Denying the Rocketship Los Sueños Academy Charter School Charter Renewal if the Requirements are not met, for the period of July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2025.

Motion carried 5-0-2 with the following electronic vote:

Ayes: Vice President King and Trustees Kamei, Song, Mah, and Di Salvo

Noes: none

Abstain: President Rossi and Trustee Ortiz

Absent: none

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Charter Schools Update

Dr. Michelle Johnson presented an update on Summit Public Schools and the status of the pending PERB complaints. She briefed the Board on upcoming renewals on charter schools and on Charter Schools and their response to COVID-19.

Dr. Dewan noted the First Reading items below are to reflect changes in the law with the exception of the following:

- (e) The California School Board Association provided a new Bylaw model that reflects County Offices of Education. The former Bylaw reflected school district language.
- (f) Modification was made to reflect title changes in some positions.
- b. First Reading of Board Policy and Exhibit 5113 Absences and Excuses
- c. First Reading of Board Policy 5131.2 Anti-Bullying Policy
- d. First Reading of Board Policy 6186 Juvenile Court Schools
- e. First Reading of Board Bylaw 9230 Orientation
- f. First Reading of Board Bylaw 9270 Conflict of Interest – Exhibit A
- g. First Reading of Board Bylaw 9321 Closed Session
- h. First Reading of Board Bylaw 9323 Meeting Conduct

11. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Dewan reminded everyone that we are in an unprecedented time with COVID-19 and said she is extremely proud of the amazing employees of the County Office of Education standing alongside her working many hours daily to support school districts, charter schools, parents, students and the community.

12. Consent Information Item

- a. Employee Compensation Increase (Exceeds the EC 1302(a) Limit

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at approximately 9:05 p.m. in honor and memory of Sharon Johnson, Interim Director of Creative In and Summer Reeves, Supervisor of the Equity and Educational Progress Division. Dr. Dewan provided a brief background on Sharon and Summer, and their contributions to the SCCOE.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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