

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

APPROVED
Board Minutes
October 7, 2015
Regular Meeting #2168
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
Rosemary Kamei, Area 3
Joseph Di Salvo, Area 4
Anna Song, Area 5
Darcie Green, Area 6
Claudia Rossi, Area 7

b. Adoption of Agenda

Superintendent Gundry requested to have Closed Session Item 3C Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student postponed until the October 21 meeting.

MOTION #2168-1 by Trustee Di Salvo to adopt agenda with noted request. Vice President Song seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Pledge of Allegiance

Present Green invited Don Bolce to lead the pledge of allegiance.

2. Public Comments of Persons Desiring to Address the Board on Items Agendized for Closed Session or Items not on the Agenda

The following individuals spoke in support of Downtown College Prep:

Christopher Hayes
Genevieve Lau

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

A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending Litigation – Writ Petition vs. Morgan Hill Unified School District and County Board of Education in Santa Clara County Superior Court Relating to Expulsion Appeal (case name is confidential because of minor's privacy rights)

- B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code §54956.9(d)(1)):
Sharma, et al v. Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Santa Clara, et al., Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 34-2013-800014396
- C. Subject Matter: Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student
Resident District: Hayward Unified School District (Alameda County)
Desired District: Palo Alto Unified School District (Santa Clara County)
- D. Public Employee Performance Evaluation/Update
Title: County Superintendent of Schools
(Government Code Section 54957(b)(1))

4. Report of Actions taken in Closed Session

President Green reported that in the matter of Closed Session Item 3A the Board authorized a writ petition to be filed in the matter of Morgan Hill Unified School District and County Board of Education in Santa Clara County Superior Court relating to expulsion appeal.

President Green reported that in the matter of Closed Session Item 3B the Board authorized the County Superintendent of Schools to sign a settlement agreement regarding Sharma, et al v. Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Santa Clara, et al., Sacramento Superior Court.

President Green reported that in the matter of Closed Session Items 3C and 3D that these items have been tabled to the October 21 meeting.

5. Public Comments of Persons Desiring to Address the Board on Items not on the Agenda

Maria Madrigal from Voices-Mount Pleasant shared highlights from the first month of school.

6. Superintendent's Report

- Attended the California City School Superintendents' Conference in Burlingame
- Hosted the new District Superintendents' Orientation meeting regarding information on services provided at the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE)
- Attended the EdLeader 21 Annual Conference in Dallas
- Met with Matt Hammer and Tim Ritchie regarding joint efforts in developing San Jose Innovation Academy
- Met with Greg Richmond
- Presented updates on the hiring search for leadership level positions at SCCOE
- Announced Nick Gervase re-appointment to the Personnel Commission at SCCOE

7. County Board of Education Member Reports

Joseph Di Salvo

- Visited ACE Empower Academy

- Presented update on Strong Start efforts
- Attended a Joint Legislative Advisory Committee (JLAC) meeting
- Attended The Raising of Silicon Valley meeting

Grace Mah

- Visited ACE Empower Academy
- Visited Summit Public Schools Tahoma
- Attended a JLAC meeting
- Attended The Raising of Silicon Valley meeting
- Attended the annual Teacher Recognition Ceremony
- Has attended various Strong Start meetings and announced the upcoming coalition meeting of Strong Start

Anna Song

- Thanked Nick Gervase for his willingness to serve another term on the Personnel Commission
- Met with Trustee Claudia Rossi

Michael Chang

- Announced his upcoming visits to Summit Public Schools Tahoma and ACE charters schools
- Spoke about a television news report regarding how often students are referred to School Resource Officers (SROs) instead of school administration for disciplinary actions regarding school offenses

Rosemary Kamei

- Attended the California Latino School Boards Association (CLSBA) conference
- Met with community members regarding their concerns on the hiring process at SCCOE regarding executive-level positions
- Attended a Santa Clara County School Boards Association (SCCSBA) meeting

Claudia Rossi

- Met with Superintendent Gundry regarding diversity at SCCOE
- Met with Deputy Superintendent Mary Ann Dewan regarding diversity at SCCOE and charter school oversight climate
- Reported on her (5th year) efforts in leading a community conference in south county for students who will be the first to go to college in their family
- Attended an emergency board meeting of Spark Charter School

Darcie Green

- Extended kudos to Deputy Superintendent Dewan and staff for the excellent Teacher Recognition Ceremony, which she attended
- Attended The Raising Silicon Valley meeting
- Attended a Santa Clara County School Boards Association (SCCSBA) meeting
- Met with community members regarding the diversity at SCCOE

8. Public Hearing
 - a. Conduct a Public Hearing and Request Adoption of Resolution Regarding Sufficiency of Textbooks and Instructional Materials

President Green explained the hearing process and opened the hearing for public comment. No one wished to address the Board.

Deputy Superintendent Dewan provided a brief report on the sufficiency of textbooks and instructional materials and answered questions.

MOTION #2168-2 by Trustee Di Salvo to conduct a public hearing and adopt the resolution regarding sufficiency of textbooks and instructional materials. Trustee Mah seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Consent Action Items

- a. Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of September 16, 2016 (#2167)
- b. Request Adoption of Second Reading of Revised Board Policy 0420, 1312.3, 5147 and Exhibit 9270
- c. Request Adoption of Second Reading of Recommended Deletion of Board Policy 6166
- d. Request Approval to Accept the Transition Partnership Program Grant
- e. Request Approval of New Grant – Education for Homeless Children and Youth
- f. Request Approval Grant over \$100,000 with Glynlyon Inc. (Odysseyware)
- g. Request Acceptance of Donations
- h. Request Approval of Contract over \$100,000 with Revolution Foods

Yvette Irving, Director of Alternative Education, answered questions from Vice President Song regarding Consent Action Item 9H on Revolution Foods.

MOTION #2168-3 by Trustee Di Salvo to approve Consent Action Items 9A through 9H. Vice President Song seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

10. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Action on Request for a Material Revision to Alpha Public Schools: Jose Hernandez Middle School Charter petition

Don Bolce, Director of Special Projects, presented staff report.

John Glover, lead petitioner, presented his response to staff's report.

Board members asked clarifying questions.

MOTION #2168-4 by Vice President Song to approve the material revision to Alpha Public Schools: Jose Hernandez Middle School Charter. Trustee Rossi seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Request to Approve the 2014-15 Unaudited Actuals Financial Report

Mark Skvarna, interim Chief Business Officer, introduced Laurie Book, Interim Director of Internal Business Services and T. Ki Lam, Controller. Ms. Book presented the 2014-15 unaudited actuals financial report and answered questions.

MOTION #2168-5 by Vice President Song to approve the 2014-15 unaudited actuals financial report. Trustee Rossi seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Request Approval of Contract Over \$250,000 – American Modular Systems

Mr. Skvarna briefed the Board on the contract over \$250,000 with American Modular Systems.

MOTION #2168-6 by Vice President Song to approve the contract over \$250,000 with American Modular Systems. Trustee Rossi seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Request Approval of Contract Over \$250,000 for the A-Z Bus Sales, Inc.

Mr. Skvarna presented the contract over \$250,000 for the A-Z Bus Sales, Inc.

MOTION #2168-7 by Trustee Rossi to approve the contract over \$250,000 for the A-Z Bus Sales, Inc. Vice President Song seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

e. Request Approval of Contract Over \$250,000 with FIRST 5 Santa Clara County

Deputy Superintendent Mary Ann Dewan summarized the contract over \$250,000 with FIRST 5 Santa Clara County.

MOTION #2168-8 by Vice President Song to approve the contract over \$250,000 with FIRST 5 Santa Clara County. Trustee Kamei seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

f. Request Approval for the 2015-16 Real Estate Leases – Update #3

Deputy Superintendent Dr. Dewan explained the update to the 2015-16 real estate leases.

MOTION #2168-9 by Trustee Chang to approve the 2015-16 real estate leases update #3. Trustee Mah seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Spark Charter School

Don Bolce presented a timeline update on Spark Charter School.

The following individuals spoke in support of Spark Charter School:

- Asher Dubin
- Nathan Merlin
- David Randolph
- Martha Haake
- Roni Habib
- Einat Clarke
- David O'Brien

The following individuals spoke about their concerns regarding the Board's oversight on Charter Schools and the approval process:

- Gemma Abels
- Michael Hickey
- Roberta Pyne
- Kim Lawrence
- Heather Mumy

Board members engaged in conversation regarding the latest events at Spark Charter School. The Board requested an information item on the revocation process for Charter Schools for the October 21 meeting. They also requested a Special Meeting, before the end of the year, on Charter Schools.

b. Charter School Update

Don Bolce presented an update on the twenty-three charter schools authorized by the Santa Clara County Board of Education and answered questions from the Board.

The following individuals presented their concerns surrounding charter schools:

Brian Wheatley
Dr. Roxana Marachi

c. Special Education Facility Study

This item was tabled to the October 21, 2015 meeting.

d. Mindfulness Report

This item was tabled to the October 21, 2015 meeting.

e. History/Social Sciences/Civic Engagement Initiative—Update

This item was tabled to the October 21, 2015 meeting.

12. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

This item was tabled to the October 21, 2015 meeting.

13. Future Agenda Items

1. Understanding the State Preschool QRIS scores, Nov 4 (Trustee Di Salvo)
2. Local Control Funding Formula's (LCFF) effect on the Grand Jury's proposal for school districts consolidation, Fall (Trustee Di Salvo)
3. Strengthening Economic Security for County Residents (Trustee Green)
4. Best Practices and Roles of School Resource Officers (SROs) in Schools and Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) (Trustee Chang)
5. Budget Priorities (Trustee Kamei)
6. Update on SJ/SV 2020 (Trustee Di Salvo)
7. Presentation on use of epinephrine (Trustee Mah)
8. Equity for API students in higher education (Trustee Song)
9. Detailed Report on SCCOE Foster Youth Program (Trustee Mah)
10. Presentation by Attendance Works and how chronic student absences might be measured in Santa Clara County (Trustee Mah)

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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