

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

APPROVED
Board Minutes
March 16, 2016
Regular Meeting #2178
San Jose Room
5:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

a. Roll Call

Member(s) Present:

Grace Mah, Area 1
Rosemary Kamei, Area 3
Joseph Di Salvo, Area 4
Anna Song, Area 5
Darcie Green, Area 6
Claudia Rossi, Area 7

Member(s) Absent:

Michael Chang, Area 2

MOTION #2178-1 by member Di Salvo to excuse Vice President Chang from the March 16, 2016 regular board meeting. Member Rossi seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Vice President Chang absent.

b. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION #2178-2 by member Di Salvo to adopt the agenda as submitted. Member Kamei seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Vice President Chang absent.

c. Pledge of Allegiance

President Song invited member Green to lead the pledge of allegiance.

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3. Public Comments of Persons Desiring to Address the Board

Chris Russell, board member of Shasta/Hanchett Park Neighborhood Association, addressed the board regarding the Santa Clara County Office of Education's (SCCOE) special education school sites that are located in the Shasta/Hanchett Park neighborhood. Mr. Russell requested that the SCCOE maintain an open and frequent communications regarding the plans of SCCOE school sites in his neighborhood. He thanked member Di Salvo and Steve Olmos, Chief Schools Officer, for meeting with him regarding this topic.

2. Training Session on BoardDocs

Martha Crook from BoardDocs provided a general training for board members in the use of BoardDocs to prepare the board for implementation. The Santa Clara County Office of Education plans to transition to the BoardDocs system for board meetings beginning with the April 6, 2016 meeting.

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

1. Conference with Legal Counsel Pending Litigation
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraphs (d)(2) and (e)(2) of Government Code Section 54956.9: 1 case

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5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session

There were no reportable actions.

6. Public Comments of Persons Desiring to Address the Board

Roxana Marachi, professor at San Jose State University, addressed the board regarding student screen time on computers and requested that the board re-visit the Smarter Balanced assessment system.

7. Superintendent's Report

Attended the National Association for Bilingual Education (NABE) conference in Chicago

Met with Ingrid Holguin, Policy Advisor from Mayor Sam Liccardo's office

Attended the Educare Board of Directors meeting

Spoke at the Mock Trial ceremony

Met with two members of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors

Met with the Mt. View Whisman School District superintendent

Participated in the Heart & Soles 5K race

8. County Board of Education Member Reports

Grace Mah

Joined staff members at a meeting with Supervisors Wasserman and Simitian regarding the Strong Start Leadership Team

Participated in a couple of outreach meetings to school districts regarding Strong Start

Attended a board meeting at Palo Alto Unified and Los Altos School District and a

meeting of the Mt. View Los Altos challenge team

Attending a Head Start Policy Council meeting

Rosemary Kamei

Thanked Dr. Mary Ann Dewan for accompanying her on SCCOE school site visits

Participated in the Head Start self-assessment interview

Attended a Budget Committee meeting

Attended an Ad Hoc Charter Matrix Committee meeting

Accompanied some parents on a site visit to Rocketship Prep

Visited some Head Start and preschool sites

Attended an Asian Law Alliance 39th Anniversary dinner meeting

Joseph Di Salvo

Visited Snell and Sunol Community schools

Spoke at a San Jose Unified board meeting regarding Strong Start

Met with Chris Russell regarding the Hester School site

Claudia Rossi

Participated at a gathering, sponsored by the Morgan Hill Unified School District and Licencias, where Spanish speaking individuals received training on the written driver's examination

Attended an Ad Hoc Charter Matrix Committee meeting

Attended a South County English Language master plan meeting

Darcie Green

Attended a State Board of Education meeting

Anna Song

Attended an Asian Law Alliance 39th Anniversary dinner meeting

Met with Professor Roxana Marachi

CHANGE IN AGENDA ORDER

10. Consent Action Items

a. Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of March 2, 2016 (#2177)

b. Request Approval of the County Superintendent's Financial Activity Report on Travel/Conferences and Mileage Expenses for February 2016 on Job-Related Expenditures

c. Request Approval of Contract for Legal Services Exceeding \$100,000 with Sheppard, Mullin, Richter and Hampton LLP

d. Request Approval for the Submission of a Grant Proposal to Kaiser Permanente South Bay Community Benefit

e. Request Approval of Quintessential School systems (QSS) Contract Exceeding \$100,000

MOTION #2178-3 by member Di Salvo to approve Consent Action Items 10A through 10E. Member Green seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Vice President Chang absent.

9. Public Hearing

a. Public Hearing on the Material Revision to Discovery II Charter School Petition

President Song explained the hearing process and opened the hearing for public comment.

No one wished to address the Board.

Dr. Angelica Ramsey, Associate Superintendent, provided an opening statement and Dale Jones, petitioner, explained the request for a material revision.

The Board asked clarifying questions.

11. Action Items

a. Request Approval of the 2015-16 Second Interim Financial Report

Laurie Book, Director III Internal Business Services, presented the 2015-16 Second Interim Financial Report and answered questions.

MOTION #2178-4 by member Kamei to approve the 2015-16 Second Interim Financial Report. Member Rossi seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Vice President Chang absent.

b. Request Adoption of the Budget Revisions for the Month of February 2016

Laurie Book explained the budget revisions for the month of February 2016.

MOTION #2178-5 by member Green to adopt the budget revisions for the month of February 2016. Member Kamei seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Vice President Chang absent.

c. Renewal of the Rocketship Discovery Prep Countywide Charter Petition for the Period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021

President Song explained the decision process. Dr. Angelica Ramsey, Associate Superintendent, presented the staff report. Fred Ferrer, petitioner, and Ms. Eesir Kaur, Principal of Rocketship Discovery Prep, responded to staff's report.

The following individuals spoke in support of the renewal petition:

1. Magali Rivera
2. Zaida Ocaranza
3. Samira Martinez
4. Felipe Sandoval
5. Alma Bravo
6. Chala Hajji
7. Joel Rivera
8. Maria Aguilera
9. Sandra Perez
10. Susana Harris
11. Damian Espinoza
12. David Rivera
13. Ron Soto
14. Hayde Pacheco
15. Zaida Ocarama

The Board asked clarifying questions and deliberated.

MOTION #2178-6 by member Mah to approve the renewal petition for Rocketship Discovery Prep Charter for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021. Member Di Salvo seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Vice President Chang absent.

The Board broke for recess at 8:45 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 8:56 p.m.

d. Request Budget Revision Approval for the Head Start Program

MOTION #2178-7 by member Mah that the Board approve the budget revision for the Head Start Program. Member Green seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Vice President Chang absent.

e. Request Approval of the Head Start/Early Head Start Self-Assessment Action Plan

MOTION #2178-8 by member Mah that the Board approve the Head Start/Early Head Start Self-Assessment Action Plan. Member Green seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Vice President Chang absent.

12. Information Items

a. Charter Schools Update

Dr. Ramsey presented an update on the Charter Schools Retirement System and Magnolia Science Academy--Santa Clara finance issues.

b. Head Start/Early Head Start Monthly Board Reports

The Board briefly reviewed the Head Start/Early Head Start monthly board reports.

c. First Reading of Revised Board Policy 2121 and 3312

President Song explained the revisions to Board Policies 2121 and 3312.

13. Board Committee Reports

Joseph Di Salvo
Attended a Joint Committee on Child Care meeting

Jon Gundry
Attended a Budget Study Committee meeting

14. Future Agenda Items

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

1. Board Study Session on Charter Schools, Quarterly (April 20, June 1, Sept 21, Dec 14)
2. Credo Report, June 1 (Trustee Di Salvo)
3. Update on SJ/SV 2020, summer 2016 (Trustee Di Salvo)
4. Best Practices and Roles of School Resource Officers (SROs) in Schools and Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Study in progress. Report to the Board tentatively set for September. (Trustee Chang)
5. Budget Priorities, May 4 (Trustee Kamei)
6. Equity for API students in higher education, spring/summer 2016 (Trustee Song)
7. Billy DeFrank Center presentation (Trustee Green)
8. Charter School Reviews, spring 2016 (Trustee Mah)
9. Strengthening Economic Security for County Residents, spring 2016 (Trustee Green)
10. Discussion on the U.S. Department of Education's 2016 National Education Technology Plan, summer (Trustee Di Salvo)
11. Follow-Up to Educator Effectiveness Funds Expenditure Plan Report of progress and description of how the Professional Development is evaluated, July/Aug (Trustee Di Salvo)

15. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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