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

APPROVED
January 13, 2021
Regular Meeting #2274
San Jose Room
5:00 p.m.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

President Rossi called the meeting to order at approximately 5:05 p.m.

a. Livestream the Board Meeting: https://tinyurl.com/sccoeboardmeeting

President Rossi acknowledged the events that unfolded in our nation’s capital on January 6, 2021.

b. Roll Call

Trustee(s) Present:
Grace Mah, Area 1
Kathleen King, Area 2 (Vice President)
Rosemary Kamei, Area 3
Joseph Di Salvo, Area 4
Victoria Chon, Area 5
Peter Ortiz, Area 6
Claudia Rossi, Area 7 (President)

c. Set the Agenda

MOTION #2274-1 by Trustee Ortiz and seconded by Trustee Di Salvo to approve the agenda and pull Consent Action Item 8I requested by Trustee Ortiz and pull Consent Action Item 8D as requested by Trustee Di Salvo for further discussion. Motion carry 7-0 with the following electronic vote:

Ayes: President Rossi, Vice President King and Trustees Di Salvo, Kamei, Mah, Ortiz, and Chon
Noes: none
Abstain: none
Absent: none

i. Rossi read an opening statement to explain that the Board continues to operate in accordance with state and county public health officials’ response to the COVID-19 virus situation. She reviewed details of the January 13, 2021 virtual transmission of the board meeting and explained where to call to listen to the meeting in Spanish, and discussed the details of public comments via Zoom.
In observance of January being School Board Recognition Month, Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, County Superintendent of Schools, expressed her appreciation of the Santa Clara County Board of Education for their dedication and hard work in service to all children in Santa Clara County.

2. EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Trustee Chon introduced Alex Coronel, Employee of the Month. She noted Alex’s contributions and stated that Alex would receive a plaque recognizing her contributions to the Santa Clara County Office of Education, an engraved pen with her name, and a reserved parking space at the Ridder Park office.

3. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

a. California School Boards Association (CSBA) Honors Milpitas Unified School District Board President Chris Norwood

President Rossi and Dr. Dewan introduced Chris Norwood, the 2020 recipient of the California School Boards Association Board Member of the Year Golden Gavel Award, and briefly spoke regarding his accomplishments and best practices in effective governance and boardmanship. They thanked him for his service to the Milpitas Union School District community.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS OF PERSONS DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

The following individuals provided public comments on topics not on the agenda:

1. Sarah Gianocaro
2. Caller x6480

5. BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Committee members may provide a report on recent committee activities

Vice President King
- Attended a Strong Start Coalition meeting

6. CLOSED SESSION

a. Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student, Resident District: East Side Union High School District, De Anza District: Campbell Union High School District
b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: 1 case

7. OPEN SESSION

a. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

President Rossi reported on the following Closed Session items:

In the matter of Closed Session item 6A, Trustee Kamei made a motion (MOTION #2274-2) and Trustee Di Salvo seconded the motion to approve the student appeal based on Factor 5 – “A severe and demonstrated hardship to parents/guardians which could affect the student’s success in school,” and Factor 6 – “The pupil’s desire to remain in his/her school of current attendance for balance of the semester or school year,” for the duration of Grade 12. The motion carried 7-0.

In the matter of Closed Session item 6B, there were no reportable actions.

8. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

a. Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting December 16, 2020 (#2273)

b. Request Adoption of Resolution Recognizing February as Career and Technical Education Month

c. Request Adoption of Resolution Recognizing February 17 as the National Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Founder’s Day
g. Request Adoption of Resolution to Recognize and Honor the Lunar New Year

MOTION #2274-3 by Trustee Di Salvo and seconded by Trustee Ortiz to approve Consent Action Items 8A, 8E, 8F, and 8G. Carried 7-0 with the following electronic vote:

Ayes: President Rossi, Vice President King and Trustees Di Salvo, Kamei, Mah, Ortiz, and Chon
Noes: none
Abstain: none
Absent: none

b. Request Approval of the School Accountability Report Card (SARC) for Special Education, Alternative Education’s Court, and Community Schools

Trustee Ortiz requested this item be pulled for further discussion.

MOTION #2274-4 by Trustee Ortiz and seconded by Trustee Kamei to approve the School Accountability Report Card (SARC) for Special Education, Alternative Education’s Court, and Community Schools. Motion carried 7-0 with the following electronic vote:

Ayes: President Rossi, Vice President King and Trustees Di Salvo, Kamei, Mah, Ortiz, and Chon
Noes: none
Abstain: none
Absent: none

c. Request Adoption of Resolution Condemning the Violent, Seditious Actions at our National Capitol

Trustee Ortiz requested this item be pulled for further discussion.

MOTION #2274-5 by Trustee Ortiz and seconded by Trustee Kamei to adopt the Resolution Condemning the Violent, Seditious Actions at our National Capitol. Motion carried 7-0 with the following electronic vote:

Ayes: President Rossi, Vice President King and Trustees Di Salvo, Kamei, Mah, Ortiz, and Chon
Noes: none
Abstain: none
Absent: none

d. Request Adoption of Resolution Recognizing and Honoring February as Black History Month

Trustee Di Salvo requested this item be pulled for further discussion.

MOTION #2274-6 by Trustee Di Salvo and seconded by President Rossi to adopt the Resolution Recognizing and Honoring February as Black History Month. Motion carried 7-0 with the following electronic vote:

Ayes: President Rossi, Vice President King and Trustees Di Salvo, Kamei, Mah, Ortiz, and Chon
Noes: none
Abstain: none
Absent: none

9. ACTION ITEMS

a. Renewal of the Summit Public Schools: Tahoma Charter for the Period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026

President Rossi explained the decision process and opened the hearing for public comment. Mefula Fairley, Director of Chart Schools, presented an opening statement.

Jonathan Stewart, Megan Toyama and Raul Perez, petitioners, commented on staff analysis.
There were no school district representatives who wished to comment. The following individuals provided public comments:

1. Juan Estrada
2. Rebecca Chin
3. Alexander Nguyen
4. Sofia Canela
5. Niya Hawthorne
6. Gabriela García
7. Ajay Ramesh
8. Melanie Walston
9. Joheem Loh
10. Nina Martinez
11. Jason García
12. Jacqui Dimalanta
13. Jesus Zavala
14. Lorna García
15. Morris Shieh
16. Sohrob Dorrodi
17. Laura Ochoa
18. Eric Scanlan
19. Ariane
20. Cecilia Nguyen
21. Omar Mohamed El-Bandrawy
22. Arnold Ngaph

Board members asked clarifying questions.

M. #2274-7 by Trustee Kamei and Seconded by Trustee Di Salvo that SPS: Tahoma Charter be renewed with the condition SPS: Tahoma and SPS enter into an Addendum to the MOU on May 1, 2021, to address each of staff’s concerns, include those specifically reviewed in the Staff Analysis and Proposed Findings of Fact, including those relative to the Notice at the Response thereto, as well as any additional requirements identified by the SCCBOE, and adopt the Board Resolution Conditionally Approving the Charter Renewal for SPS: Tahoma Charter School, and, alternatively, making Written Fact Findings Supporting Denial and Denying the SPS: Tahoma Charter School Charter Renewal if the conditions are not met during the period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2026.

Motion carried 4-3 with the following electronic vote:

Ayes: Vice President King, Trustees Di Salvo, Mah, and Kamei
Noes: President Rossi and Trustees Ortiz and Chon
Abstain: none
Absent: none

b. Request Approval of the Budget Revisions for the Month of December 2020

Stephanie Gomez, Director of Internal Business Services, presented an overview of the Budget Revisions for the Month of December 2020.

MOTION #2274-8 by Vice President King and seconded by Trustee Kamei to approve the budget revisions for the month of December 2020. Motion carried 7-0 with the following electronic vote:

Ayes: President Rossi, Vice President King, and Trustees Di Salvo, Mah, Ortiz, Kamei and Chon
Noes: none
Abstain: none
Absent: none
c. Request Approval to Submit the Non-Competitive Head Start/Early Head Start Grant Application for FY 2021-2022, Executive Summary and Selection Criteria

Antonio Fuentes, Director of Early Learning Services, provided an overview of the non-competitive Head Start/Early Head Start grant application for FY 2021-2022, Executive Summary and Selection Criteria.

MOTION #2274-9 by Trustee Kamei and seconded by Trustee Mah to approve the submission of the non-competitive Head Start/Early Head Start grant application for FY 2021-2022, Executive Summary and Selection Criteria. Motion carried 7-0 with electronic vote:

Ayes: President Rossi, Vice President King, and Trustees Di Salvo, Mah, Ortiz, Kamei and Chon
Noes: none
Abstain: none
Absent: none

10. INFORMATION ITEM

a. Charter Schools Update

Ms. Fairley provided an update on charter renewals and charter schools annual visits.

11. COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER REPORTS

a. The members of the Board may give reports on activities related to their duties as members of the Santa Clara County Board of Education

Vice President King

- Attended a Silicon Valley Leadership Group committee meeting

Trustee Ortiz

- Attended a parent and teacher meeting with community members of Alum Rock Union School District
- Attended a community forum with parents of San Jose Unified School District
- Attended a COVID-19 Health Task Force meeting convened by Councilmember Carrasco

12. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

a. The superintendent may give a report on activities related to her duties

- Announced that the Santa Clara County Office of Education was selected for the Golden Bell Award for “My Name My Identity” – Dr. Dewan thanked Dr. Yee Wan, Director of School Climate, Leadership & Instructional Services, for her hard work and thanked the Santa Clara County Board of Education for their support
- Spoke about upcoming vaccine distribution for COVID-19
- Announced that the Governor had announced his proposed budget
- Announced that the Silicon Valley Reads (SVR) kickoff will be held virtually on January 28 – theme for 2020 is “Connecting”
- Spoke about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 18 – Dr. Dewan read an excerpt of Dr. King’s speech from his 196 at Stanford University
- Announced that the State of the Education in Santa Clara County will be held virtually on February 2 at 5:30 p.m.

13. CONSENT INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Appointments to the 2021 Board Committees
b. Head Start/Early Head Start Monthly Board Reports
c. Disposition of Surplus Items – October 2020 – December 2020
d. Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints
e. Santa Clara County Office of Education 2019-20 Annual Financial Audit Report
f. Future Agenda Items – Reference

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at approximately 11:06 p.m. in memory of Juan Paul Montenegro, grandfather of Trustee Peter Ortiz.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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