

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

APPROVED

November 18, 2020

Regular Meeting #2272

San Jose Room

5:00 p.m.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

President Rossi called the meeting to order at approximately 5:02 p.m.

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

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

Anna Song, Area 5

Peter Ortiz, Area 6

Claudia Rossi, Area 7 (President)

c. Set the Agenda

MOTION #2272-1 by Trustee Kamei and seconded by Vice President King to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried 7-0 with the following electronic vote:

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

President 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 November 18, 2020 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.

President Rossi recognized Trustee Song for her 20 years of Public Education service and noted that a recognition plaque was mailed to Trustee Song. Trustee Song spoke briefly about her journey with the Santa Clara County Board of Education.

2. EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, County Superintendent of Schools, introduced Theresa Martinez, Employee of the Month. She noted Theresa's contributions and stated that Theresa 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. PUBLIC COMMENTS OF PERSONS DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

The following individuals provided public comments:

1. Niya Hawthorne
2. Jesus Zavala
3. Brian Cirimelle
4. Tamara Alvarado
5. Jackee Awesome
6. Anne Proctor
7. Juan Estrada
8. Greg Lippman
9. Nina Martinez
10. Sarah Gianocarò
11. Tammy Dhanota
12. Raul Perez

4. BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Trustee Kamei

- Chaired the Joint Legislative Advisory Committee (JLAC) meeting

Vice President King

- Attended a Strong Start Coalition meeting

5. CLOSED SESSION

- a. Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student, Resident District: Cupertino Union School District, Desired District: Saratoga Union 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

6. OPEN SESSION

- a. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

President Rossi reported on the following Closed Sessions.

In the matter of Closed Session item 5A, Trustee Mah made a motion (MOTION #2272-2), and Trustee Ortiz seconded the motion to deny the appeal based on Factor 8 "The financial impact of educating the pupil (district of desired attendance) or losing the pupil (district of residence) and Factor 12 "Other exceptional or extraordinary circumstances which would weigh heavily in favor of the affected school district." Motion carried 7-0.

In the matter of Closed Session item 5B, there were no reportable actions.

7. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- a. Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of October 21, 2020 (#2271)

- b. Request Adoption of Resolution Recognizing Homeless Youth Awareness Month
- c. Request Adoption of Resolution Recognizing National Special Education Day
- d. Request Approval of Donation from Charmaine Warmenhoven for 2020-21 Fiscal Year
- e. Request Acceptance of Donations to the Santa Clara County Office of Education

MOTION #2272-3 by Trustee Di Salvo and seconded by Trustee Kamei to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried with the following electronic vote:

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

8. INFORMATION ITEM

a. Overview of Middle Tier Charter School Renewal Performance Standards and Data

Mefula Fairley, Director of Charter Schools Department; Dr. Michelle Johnson, Associate Director; and Dr. Julie Aguirre, Administrator, presented an overview of Middle Tier Charter School Renewal Performance Standards and Data and answered questions.

9. ACTION ITEMS

a. Renewal of the Rocketship Discovery Prep Academy Charter School for the Period of July 1, 2022 through June 2026

President Rossi explained the decision process and opened the hearing for public comment. Ms. Fairley presented an open statement.

Janine Ramirez and Kayla Heath, petitioners, commented on staff analysis.

There were no comments from school districts.

The following individuals provided public comments:

- 1. Caller 6937
- 2. Caller 6714
- 3. Adelita G.
- 4. Caller 2778
- 5. Caller 2775
- 6. Rosemary Scott
- 7. Caller 8423
- 8. Caller 8136
- 9. Caller 8783
- 10. Caller 1386
- 11. Caller 3467
- 12. Caller 1684
- 13. Josh Alexander
- 14. Caller 2217
- 15. Yolanda Verral Somano
- 16. Melvis Cruz read a letter from Councilmember Raul Peralez, San Jose Council District 3

Board members asked clarifying questions.

MOTION #2272-4 by Trustee Song and Seconded by Trustee Di Salvo that Rocketship Discovery Prep Academy Charter School (RDP) be renewed with the addition of the requirement that RDP 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 a requirement that RDP update its LCAP to include how it will address past declines in academic performance, update the RPS Bylaws, the Student/Parent Handbook, and other policies to make them consistent with the Charter, the MOU, and the addendum to the MOU, and additional requirements identified by the SCCBOE, and adopt Board Resolution #2272-3 conditionally approving the charter renewal for Rocketship Discovery Prep Academy Charter School with the addition of requirements Pursuant to Education Code Section 47605.6(b), and, alternatively, making written factual findings supporting denial and denying the Rocketship Discovery Prep Academy Charter School Charter renewal if the requirements are not met, for the period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2026. Motion carried 6-1 with the following electronic vote:

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

(The Board broke for recess at 9:22 p.m. and reconvened into Open Session at 9:31 p.m.)

b. Renewal of the Rocketship Rising Stars Academy 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. Ms. Fairley presented an open statement.

Eric Neumann and Janine Ramirez, petitioners, commented on staff analysis.

There were no comments from school districts.

The following individuals provided public comments:

1. Caller 0821
2. Yesenia Fernandez
3. Alma Ramirez
4. Tanida Plamintr
5. Caller 3798
6. Caller 4037
7. Caller 2437
8. Caller 1711
9. Caller 2286
10. Caller 9790
11. Caller 9502
12. Caller 9501
13. Caller 6655
14. Caller 6795
15. Claudia Vargas
16. Melvis Cruz read a letter from councilmember Maya Esparza, San Jose Council District 7

MOTION #2272-5 by Trustee Song and seconded by Trustee Ortiz that the Rocketship Rising Stars (RRS) Charter be renewed on the conditions that RRS 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, and the other conditions specified in the proposed Board Resolution, as well as any additional conditions identified by the SCCBOE, and adopt Board Resolution #2272-4 conditionally approving the Charter Renewal for Rocketship Rising Stars Charter School, and, alternatively, making written factual findings supporting denial and denying the Rocketship Rising Stars Charter School charter renewal if the conditions are not met, for the period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2026. Motion carried 6-1 with the following electronic vote:

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

Absent: none

c. Request Authorization to Issue to Summit Public Schools: Tahoma a Notice and Reasonable Opportunity to Cure Pursuant to Education Code Section 47607(e)

Ms. Fairley presented an opening statement on the requested action.

MOTION #2272-6 by Trustee Ortiz and seconded by Trustee Kamei to authorize and delegate authority to the Superintendent or designee to issue a notice(s) to Summit Public Schools: Tahoma pursuant to Education Code Section 47607(e). Motion carried 5-1-1 with the following electronic vote:

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

10. INFORMATION ITEM

a. Charter Schools Update

Ms. Fairley provided an update on Summit Public Schools, ACE Empower School, Downtown College Prep, and Charter School Teacher Credentialing.

11. COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER REPORTS

Trustee Di Salvo

- Thanked Trustee Song for her years of service, congratulated Trustee Mah for her re-election, and welcomed newly elected Trustee Chon

Trustee Ortiz

- Thanked Trustee Song for her years of service
- Attended a Board of Supervisors meeting that included the topic of the Reid-Hillview Airport closure
- Met with the Alum Rock Equity Coalition
- Attended a San Jose Unified Equity Coalition Town hall

Trustee Mah

- Thanked Trustee Song for her years of service
- Participated in the California College Promise Institute conference

12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Extended well wishes to Trustee Song and her sons in their future endeavors
- Announced that the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) received a Golden Bell Award from the California School Boards Association (CSBA)
- Announced the upcoming virtual CSBA conference
- Announced that SCCOE has partnered with Curative for regular COVID-19 testing
- Announced that SCCOE will be closed November 26 & 27 in recognition of Thanksgiving and expressed her gratitude to SCCOE staff for all they do and thanked the County Board for their service
- Announced additional requirements on face coverings from the State of California

13. CONSENT INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. Future Agenda Items – Reference
- b. Budget Revisions for the Month of October 2020
- c. Contracts \$250K and over
- d. Employee Compensation Increase Exceeds the EC 1302 (a) Limit
- e. Head Start/Early Head Start Monthly Board Reports
- f. 2020 Williams Settlement Annual Report

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at approximately 11:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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