

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

APPROVED

November 6, 2019
Regular Meeting #2252
San Jose Room
5:00 p.m. (PDT)

1. CALL TO ORDER

a. Roll Call

Trustee(s) Present:

Grace Mah, Area 1
Kathleen King, Area 2
Rosemary Kamei, Area 3 (President)
Joseph Di Salvo, Area 4
Anna Song, Area 5 (Vice President)
Peter Ortiz, Area 6
Claudia Rossi, Area 7

b. Set the Agenda

MOTION #2252-1 by Trustee Di Salvo and seconded by Trustee Ortiz to set the agenda as presented. Motion carried with following roll call vote:

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

Noes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

c. Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Grace Mah led the pledge of allegiance.

2. EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Trustee King introduced Mayra Ayala Employee of the Month. She noted Mayra's contributions, presented a plaque and an engraved pen in recognition of her work, and introduced Chris Izor, Director of LCAP Advisory Services and Liz Wolfe, Director of Differentiated Assistance and District Support. Mr. Izor and Ms. Wolfe spoke about Mayra's leadership approach to issues and her ability to streamline work effortlessly. Mayra was humbled to receive the recognition. She acknowledged contribution of her teammates and shared the recognition with them, and acknowledged her family.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS OF PERSONS DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

The following individuals presented their concerns regarding California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS):

1. Joyce Farnham
2. Alta Grace Hernandez
3. Dee Conti

4. Floyd M Gaughy

The following individuals spoke about the cost of healthcare premiums:

1. Landon Vivanco
2. Jeff Olson
3. Anthea Shore
4. Patricia Tijerina

Tiffany Maciel spoke on behalf of the Eureka! Inclusive Charter School Board regarding the letter they received from the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) and the Santa Clara County Board of Education (SCCBOE) dated October 21, 2019 related to the implementation of the terms of Resolution No: 2247-2 — Voluntary Relinquishment Agreement.

4. CLOSED SESSION

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

- a. Expulsion Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student – Resident District: San Jose Unified School District
- b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 One potential case.
- c. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraphs (d)(2) of Government Code Section 54956.9: 1 case

5. OPEN SESSION

- a. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

President Kamei reported on the following items.

In the matter of Closed Session Item 4A Expulsion Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student, a motion (MOTION #2252-2) was made by Trustee Di Salvo and seconded by Vice President Song to approve the appeal with a vote of five YES and one NC and one ABSTENTION. Trustee Rossi voted No, and Trustee Ortiz abstained.

In the matter of Closed Session Item 4B, Conference with Legal Counsel—Anticipated Litigation, there were no reportable actions. President Kamei recused herself from Closed Session Item #4B and did not participate in conference with legal counsel.

In the matter of Closed Session 4C, Conference with Legal Counsel, the item was postponed to a future meeting.

6. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- a. Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of October 16, 2019 (#2251).
- b. Request Approval to Submit Early Head Start/Head Start Competitive Grant
- c. Request Second Reading and Approval of Board Policy 0420.4 Charter Schools
- d. Request Acceptance of Donations to the Santa Clara County Office of Education

MOTION #2252-3 by Trustee Di Salvo and seconded by Trustee Ortiz to approve Consent Action Items 6A-7D. Motion carried 7-0 with the following roll call vote:

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

Noes: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

7. ACTION ITEM

- a. Renewal of the University Preparatory Academy (UPA) charter for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025

President Kamei explained the decision process and introduced Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, County Superintendent of Schools. Dewan introduced Dr. Michelle Johnson, Director of Charter Schools, who presented an opening statement from staff.

David Porter, Executive Director of UPA, presented the merits of the renewal charter petition. Matt Daugherty, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, answered questions along with Mr. Porter.

There were no Santa Clara County School Districts that wished to comment on the renewal petition.

The following public comments were made in support of the renewal petition:

1. Jagraj Parelher
2. Lisa Martin
3. Navroop Panoher
4. Carmen Canas
5. Kristian Crowther

The Board asked clarifying questions and deliberated on the decision.

MOTION #2252-4 by Trustee Di Salvo and seconded by Trustee Mah to approve the renewal of the University Preparatory Academy (UPA) charter with the addition of the requirement that UPA enter into an Addendum to the MOU to address Sta concerns, as reviewed in the Staff Analysis and Proposed Findings of Fact and adopt the Board Resolution approving rene for the period of July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2025, with the addition of requirements pursuant to Education Code Sectio 47605.6(b). Motion carried 6-1 with the following roll call vote:

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

Noes: Trustee Rossi

Abstain: none

Absent: none

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Charter Schools Update

Dr. Johnson presented an update on teacher credentials that are reviewed annually on charter schools that are approved by the Santa Clara County Board of Education. A report on upcoming Public Hearings and Decision Hearings were also provided to board members.

b. SCCOE Basic Aid Property Tax Status

Dr. Dewan thanked the County Board of Education for their many years of advocacy and support on the excess property tax issue. She explained the contents of the letter that is being sent to the Honorable Governor Gavin Newsom that addresses the issue of excess property tax, and spoke regarding the strategic approach with nine other County Offices of Education who are also being impacted.

9. CONSENT INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. Employee Compensation Increase Exceeds the EC 1302(a) Limit
- b. Williams Complaint Report

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

a. The Superintendent may report on any activities related to her duties

- Announced the Great October 17 Shakeout
- Welcomed guests at the Annual Breakfast of Champions event
- Welcomed guests at the Parent Teacher Association's (PTA) Parent Symposium and thanked staff who supported the symposium

- Welcomed guests to the annual Inclusion Collaborative State conference and congratulated staff for the successful conference
- Attended a State of the Youth event that was hosted by Californians for Justice and Assemblymember Ash Kalra
- Co-hosted and welcomed guests to the Norman Y. Mineta Leadership Institute training
- Hosted the League of Women Voters Santa Clara County Education Committee meeting
- Attended the Santa Clara County School Boards Association (SCCSBA) fall dinner
- Attended the California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF) program with Mayor Liccardo
- Distributed a small token of appreciation from the Inclusion Collaborative to the Board

11. COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER REPORTS

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

Grace Mah

- Attended the annual Santa Clara County School Boards Association (SCCSBA) fall dinner
- Attended a Board of Supervisors meeting where the ordinance of banning flavored tobacco and prohibiting e-cigarette sales in unincorporated county properties was approved
- Attended an American Leadership Forum (ALF) of Silicon Valley meeting

Joseph Di Salvo

- Attended an ALF meeting
- Requested the Board President and County Superintendent to consider agenda item regarding the CalSTRS audit and SEIU healthcare premiums issue on a future agenda

Anna Song

- Attended the annual SCCSBA fall dinner
- Announced her invitation to participate in a Civic Leadership forum hosted by Ethnic Media

Claudia Rossi

- Announced that she was contacted by former Rocketship Mateo Sheedy parents

Peter Ortiz

- Attended a Silicon Valley Reads (SVR) meeting
- Attended the State of the Youth event
- Attended Assemblyman Kansen Chu's Community Legislative Priority event
- Requested the Board President Kamei and Dr. Dewan to consider an agenda item to discuss concerns raised by SEIU members in tonight's Public Comment section

Rosemary Kamei

- Met with Dr. Dewan for one on one meetings
- Attended the annual SCCSBA fall dinner
- Welcomed attendees to the Inclusion Collaborative conference

12. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Anna Song

- Chaired the Policy Development Subcommittee meeting – two items were passed that will be shared with the Board the next board meeting

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Dr. Dewan explained the agenda item. Vice President Song discussed concerns of medical premiums spoken by SEI members and requested that this item be agenda item. President Kamei noted that the office is currently in negotiations.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at approximately 10:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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