

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

APPROVED  
Regular Meeting #2029  
Board Room  
November 5, 2008  
5:05 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Howard at 5:04 p.m.

a) Pledge of Allegiance

President Howard asked Ms. Peggy Stull, recipient of COE's employee of the month recognition, to lead the pledge of allegiance.

b) Roll Call

**Trustees Present:**

Grace Mah, Area 1  
T.N. Ho, Area 2  
Leon Beauchman, Area 3 (*arrived at 5:10 p.m.*)  
Gary Rummelhoff, Area 4  
Anna Song, Area 5  
Craig Mann, Area 6  
Jane Howard, Area 7

c) Adoption of Agenda

Dr. Weis requested that Consent Action Item 8.E. "*Request Approval of Purchase Order Exceeding \$100,000*" be pulled off the agenda.

MOTION #2029-1 by Vice President Mann that the agenda be adopted as submitted with the requested change. Member Song seconded the motion and it carried 6-0-1 with member Beauchman absent.

2. SCCOE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH RECOGNITION: PEGGY STULL,  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, STANDARDS & ASSESSMENT,  
INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES BRANCH

Vice President Mann introduced Ms. Peggy Stull, November's Employee of the Month. He noted Peggy's contributions and presented a plaque and an engraved pen in recognition of her work and introduced Ms. Linda Aceves, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services, who spoke concerning Peggy's professionalism and her personable character. Ms. Aceves introduced Dr. Dale Russell, Director of Standards & Assessment, who echoed Ms. Aceves' statements and added that he is the "*luckiest guy in the building*" since Peggy works for him. Peggy thanked the Board for the recognition and said it was easy to work with great people.

3. SANTA CLARA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION 2007-2008 ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT

*(Member Beauchman arrived at the meeting at 5:10 p.m.)*

Mr. Leonard Danna, CPA Partner–Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP reported on the Annual Financial Audit. Mr. Danna and Ms. Nimrat Johal, Controller–Internal Business Services, answered questions from the Board.

4. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 5:30 p.m. to hear the expulsion appeal filed on behalf of a student. Resident District: Fremont Union High School District.

Recess

The Board broke for recess at 6:35 p.m. and reconvened at 6:40 p.m.

OPEN SESSION – 6:40 p.m.

5. REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

President Howard reported that, in the matter of Agenda 4.A *the Expulsion Appeal Filed on Behalf of a student*, there was a motion (#2029-2) by Vice President Mann and seconded by member Rummelhoff to deny the appeal. Passed unanimously.

Recess

The Board broke for recess at 6:45 p.m. and reconvened at 6:50 p.m.

*(President Howard and member Rummelhoff left the meeting@ 6:50 p.m.)*

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS OF PERSONS DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OR TO PRESENT PETITIONS

Vice President Mann opened the hearing for public comment.

No one wished to address the Board and the County Superintendent at this time.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- Flyer invitation to the Autism Project PTA Kickoff General Membership meeting
- Correspondence from the Green Technology Organization: October 29, 2008 email to Dr. Weis inviting the Board to a Green California Schools Summit in December 2008

8. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- a) Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of October 15, 2008 (#2028)
- b) Approval of County Superintendent's Monthly Expenses
- c) Request Approval of the Silicon Valley Stepping Stones CTE Community Collaborative MOU 2008-2009
- d) Request Approval of Purchase Order Exceeding \$100,000
- ~~e) Request Approval of Purchase Order Exceeding \$100,000~~
- f) Request Acceptance of Grant Award Notifications

MOTION #2029-3 by member Song that the Board approve Consent Action Items A-D and F. Member Beauchman seconded the motion and it carried 5-0-2 with President Howard and member Rummelhoff absent.

9. STUDY ACTION ITEMS

- a) Accept the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending September 30, 2008.

Mr. Doug Coffman, Director of Internal Business Services, presented the monthly financial report for the period ending September 30, 2008 and answered questions from the board.

MOTION #2029-4 by member Song that the Board accept the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending September 30, 2008. Member Mah seconded the motion and it carried 5-0-2 with President Howard and member Rummelhoff absent.

- b) Adopt the Budget Revisions for the Period Ending September 30, 2008.

Mr. Coffman provided an overview of the budget revisions for the period ending September 30, 2008.

MOTION #2029-5 by member Beauchman that the Board accept the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending September 30, 2008. Member Mah seconded the motion and it carried 5-0-2 with President Howard and member Rummelhoff absent.

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

- a) 2008-09 State Budget

In compliance with California Education Code 1622 (e)(3), Mr. Coffman reported on the revisions in revenues and expenditures that will be made to SCCOE's budget in order to reflect the funding included in the State Budget Act, which was recently signed by the Governor.

b) Discussion of the Bullis Charter School Revision Petition

Vice President Mann invited public comments.

The following individuals spoke in opposition of the Bullis Charter School revision petition:

- Mr. David Pefley, Vice President , Board of Trustee, Los Altos School District (LASD)
- Mr. Joel Bartlett, private citizen, LASD
- Ms. Maggie Harris, private citizen, LASD
- Ms. Vicki Moore, parent, LASD
- Mr. John Baer, parent, LASD
- Ms. Kitty Uhlir, parent, LASD
- Mr. & Mrs. Michael Rigodanzo, parents, LASD (via email)
- Ms. Jana Schlansker, parent, LASD (via email)
- Ms. Linda Geiger, parent, LASD (via email)
- Ms. Amy Gaffney, parent, LASD (via email)
- Ms. Kimberly Gavenman, Los Altos-Mt. View PTA Council President (via email)
- Mr. Justine Dachille, parent, LASD (via email)
- Mr. Chris Lauwers, parent, LASD (via email)
- Ms. Marcia Chmyz, Executive Vice President, Almond Elementary School PTA (via email)
- Ms. Joyce Musselman, parent, LASD (via email)
- Mr. Dave Kellog, parent, LASD (via email)
- Ms. Kathleen Stukenborg, parent, LASD (via email)
- Ms. Amy Wright, private citizen, LASD (via email)
- Ms. Peggy McGrath, parent, LASD (via email)
- Ms. Linda Folkman, parent, LASD (via email)
- Mr. & Mrs. Tim Ruehle, parents, LASD (via email)
- Mr. Lee Luca, parent, LASD (via email)
- Mr. Francoise Tourniaire, parent, LASD (via email)
- Ms. Maureen Griffin White, parent, LASD (via email)
- Ms. Debbie Munro, parent, LASD (via email)
- Ms. Valerie Nichols, parent, LASD (via email)
- Ms. Kate Evard, parent, LASD (via email)

The following individuals spoke in support of the Bullis Charter School revision petition:

- Mr. John Phelps, staff, Bullis Charter School
- Ms. Joan Melleal, staff, Bullis Charter School
- Ms. Melanie Taylor, parent, LASD (via email)
- Ms. Courtenay Corrigan, parent, LASD (via email)
- Ms. Stacey Ahrens, parent, LASD (via email)
- Mr. Darin Conway, parent, Bullis Charter School
- Ms. Joan Mellea, Enrollment Coordinator, Bullis Charter School
- Mr. Jerry Simmons, Attorney at Law, Law Offices of Spector, Middleton, Young & Minney, LLP (via fax)
- Ms. Juliet Davoren, parent volunteer, Bullis Charter School (via email)

Board members discussed the revision request and asked questions from the school district and petitioners.

Vice President Mann invited Mr. Dick Noack, attorney for the County Office of Education, from Hopkins & Carley Law Firm, to summarize the legal criteria which the board of education should focus on when denying a charter school petition or making material revisions to an existing charter school. Mr. Noack answered questions from board members.

Recess

The Board broke for recess at 7:53 p.m. and reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

c) Human Resources Summary

Mr. Mark Miller, Director of Human Resources, presented the Human Resources Summary and highlighted the fact that there has been a 2% increase over the years largely due to the growth of SCCOE's special education programs and needs of the students served. Mr. Miller answered questions from the board.

d) Board Committee Reports:

Anna Song

Joint Legislative Advisory Committee (JLAC)

- Attended a couple of JLAC meetings in the recent month. Committee members discussed legislative priorities and platforms which will be brought to the next board meeting for board input.

Leon Beauchman

California County Boards of Education (CCBE)

- Attended some meetings throughout the year. Would like to see CCBE reconsider its organizational purpose and the level of commitment from its members.

d) County Board of Education Members Reports:

T.N. Ho

- Attended the Santa Clara County School Boards Association Fall Banquet

Grace Mah

- Attended the Santa Clara County School Boards Association Fall Banquet

Anna Song

- Thanked her fellow board members for all their support during her re-election campaign and expressed her delight in serving the students another term

Leon Beuchman

- Congratulated his fellow board members for their re-election victory
- Attended a Student Empowerment conference at San Jose State University
- Attended a community conversation in conjunction with the Santa Clara County Alliance of Black Educators
- Attended a San Jose Chamber of Commerce dinner
- Attended San Jose Links luncheon

Craig Mann

- Congratulated his fellow board members for their re-election victory
- Recognized member Rummelhoff's service to the Santa Clara County Board of Education

e) County Superintendent's Report:

*Dr. Weis presented the following information relative to the activities of the Office:*

- Expressed how fortunate the Santa Clara County Board of Education is in having member Beauchman Chair the Santa Clara County Alliance of Black Educators—he does an outstanding job and represents the board well.
- Congratulated board members on their re-election

▪ OSTER CONSTRUCTION

Dr. Weis and Mr. Joe Fimiani, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services have been meeting with the Union School District leadership. Superintendent Horejs has received approval from her board members to move ahead with the Oster construction.

▪ SCHOOL DISTRICT VISITS

Oak Grove: Davis Intermediate School, Bernal Intermediate School, and Christopher School

Alum Rock: Fischer Middle School, Dorsa School, McEntee Academy, and Russo Academy

Los Altos: Gardner Bullis School, Bullis Charter School and Egan School

- NEWS ARTICLES
  - Santa Clara County Board of Education
  - Mandarin immersion leader faces ed board challenge, Palo Alto Daily News, October 28, 2008
- Bullis Charter School
  - Bullis Charter School Bent on Expansion: LASD Questions Location, Funding for Added Graces, Los Altos Town Crier, October 22, 2008
  - Los Altos District Opposes Bullis' Request to Add More Classes, Citing Cost, Space Concerns, Palo Alto Daily News, October 28, 2008
- CORRESPONDENCE TO DR. WEIS
  - Letter from Muhammed Chaudhry, President & CEO of Silicon Valley Education Foundation (SVEG), thanking Dr. Weis for speaking at SVEG Algebra Summit.
  - Email from Linda Aceves, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services, thanking Dr. Weis for attending and supporting the Arts Forum.
  - Note from the Oak Grove School District thanking Dr. Weis for attending the Hispanic Student Recognition event.
  - Email from Gloria Graham, school nurse in the Gateway Cluster, pledging to be a "model of excellence" as a participant in the SCCOE goals for 2008-09.
- MISCELLANEOUS
  - Early Care and Education Programs List
  - Idea Center ... suggestions and more
  - EdSource monthly brochure
  - Second Harvest Food Bank – SCCOE Annual Food Drive
  - Application for continued refunding of SCCOE's Head Start and Early Head Start grant for the budget period of May 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010

11. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 8:45 p.m. to discuss a "Public Employee Performance Evaluation" Title: County Superintendent of Schools  
*(Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) permits Boards to conduct a closed session for evaluation of performance of a public employee.)*

**OPEN SESSION – 8:25 p.m.**

12. REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

President Howard reported that, in the matter of Agenda Item 9, *Public Employee Performance Evaluation*, there were no reportable actions.

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
- Report on Foster Youth Database
  - Update on Arts Master Plan
  - High School Dropout Prevention Planning
  - Gang Prevention Planning
  - Planning for Charter School Facilities  
(Possibly using expertise from John Danner, Aspire Charter School)
  - Joint Committee on Child Care (JCCC)
14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Charles Weis, County Superintendent of Schools  
Ex-Officio Secretary

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