

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

APPROVED  
Regular Meeting #2084  
Closed Session — Board Room  
Open Session – San Jose Conference Room  
September 7, 2011

1. Call to Order

President Di Salvo called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

a. Roll Call

Member(s) Present:

Grace Mah, Area 1  
Michael Chang, Area 2  
Leon Beauchman, Area 3  
Joseph Di Salvo, Area 4  
Anna Song, Area 5  
Craig Mann, Area 6  
Julia Hover-Smoot, Area 7

b. Adoption of Agenda

*(Member Hover-Smoot arrived at approximately 4:37 p.m.)*

MOTION #2084-1 by member Mah to move Consent Action Items 9.B. and 9.C. after Information Item 12.C. and move Public Hearing 10.A. after Discussion and Action Item 11.A. Motion failed for lack of second.

MOTION #2084-2 by member Mah that Consent Action Items 9.B. and 9.C. be moved after Information Item 12.C. Member Mann seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2. Closed Session

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

A. Conference with Legal Counsel — Anticipated Litigation  
(Cal. Govt. Code § 54956.9(b)(1))

B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation  
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9  
One Potential Case

3. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

President Di Salvo reported that in the matter of Closed Session Items 2.A., and 2.B. there were no reportable actions.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

President Di Salvo asked Sam Joffe, student at Bullis Charter School, to lead the pledge of allegiance.

President Di Salvo dedicated the meeting to all working individuals in recognition of the recent Labor Day Holiday – a special recognition to those in the education field from A to Z — also a special recognition to the individuals who helped increase the scores at Alum Rock Union School District and Gilroy Unified School District.

5. SCCOE Employee of the Month Recognition: Kirsten Sarginger

Member Hover-Smoot introduced Kirsten Sarginger, September's Employee of the Month. She noted Kirsten's contributions, presented a plaque and an engraved pen in recognition of her work and introduced Edith Mourtos, Chief Academic Officer, who said Kirsten was the epitome of professionalism and that she listens to customer's needs, which makes a difference. Kirsten thanked Dr. Weis and the Board for the recognition. She also thanked the Curriculum Instruction team for their support and encouragement and acknowledged her husband and children who attended the meeting.

6. County Superintendent Report

- Head Start monthly reports to the Board
- Attendance and enrollment for community schools, August 17, 2011
- Compact collaborative
- Board packets online

7. Public Comments of Persons Desiring to Address the Board or to Present Petitions

Sandy Fakaosi, SEIU, updated the Board regarding the union's talks with Dr. Charles Weis, County Superintendent of Schools, regarding health care benefits. There is no resolution yet and Dr. Weis has been very responsive to requested discussions.

Karen Spsychala, SCCOE employee, voiced her concern that not enough board members attended this year's special education graduation.

8. Correspondence
  - Email dated September 6, 2011 from Doug Smith, Board Trustee—Los Altos School District, Subject: BCS Charter Renewal
  - Email dated September 5, 2011 from Alfred Binetti, Subject: Bullis Charter School scores high by excluding Hispanic, Filipino, non-English speakers, socioeconomically disadvantaged students
  - Email dated September 7, 2011 from Superintendent Benjamin Picard, Subject: Item 11.A.
9. Consent Action Items
  - a. Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of August 10, 2011 (#2083)
  - d. Request Approval for the Submission of a Target Foundation ArtSpark Field Trip Grant

MOTION #2084-3 by member Mann that Consent Items 9.A. and 9.D. be approved. Member Song seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

10. Public Hearing
  - a. Public Hearing on the Charter Renewal for Bullis Charter School

President Di Salvo explained the hearing process and invited staff to present a report on the charter renewal for Bullis Charter School. Dr. Lucretia Peebles, Director of Charter Schools, presented the report.

Lead petitioner, Wanny Hersey, spoke on the merits of Communitas Charter High School as well as Donna Young, parent; Christina Mireles, parent; and Andrew Lipson, teacher.

The following individuals spoke in support of the charter renewal for Bullis Charter School:

- Lisa Stone, teacher
- Matthew Mellea, student
- Jenny Cronenwett, teacher
- Emily Nelson, teacher
- Jennifer Carolan, parent
- Henry Wong, parent
- Marie Stuart, assistant principal
- David Medin, parent

Board members asked clarifying questions.

*The Board broke for recess at 7:56 p.m. and reconvened into open session at approximately 8:10 p.m.*

11. Discussion and Action Item

a. Study Session on Developing Criteria for Approval of Countywide Charter Schools

The following individuals addressed the Board regarding developing criteria for approval of countywide charter schools:

- Frank Biehl, board members, East Side Union High School District
- Alicia Gallegos Fambrini, Director of the San José Charter School Consortium; California Charter Schools Association
- Evan Kohn, Rocketship Education

Board members discussed guidelines for “*location of each charter school facility that the petitioner proposes to operate*” and “*Has the charter school provided reasonable justification for why it could not be established by petition to a school district.*”

(Member Song left the meeting at approximately 8:57 p.m.)

CHANGE IN AGENDA

MOTION #2084-4 by President Di Salvo to address Consent Action Items 9.B. and 9.C., Information Item 12.A., Information 12.E. (which will include Board Policy updates) and table Information Item 12.B. 12.C. and 12.D. Member Hover-Smoot seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

9. Consent Action Items

b. Request Adoption of Resolution in Support of September 15, 2011 as the beginning of National Hispanic Heritage Month

Member Mah suggested to give more attention on the diverseness of the honorees when presenting a resolution.

MOTION #2084-5 by member Mah to adopt the resolution in support of September 15, 2011 as the beginning of National Hispanic Heritage month. Member Mann seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

c. Request Approval to Submit a Non-Competitive Grant for Region 5 under the Regional School and District Support System (RSDSS)

Member Mah asked clarifying questions regarding staff under RSDSS.

MOTION #2084-6 by member Mah that the Board approve to submit a non-competitive grant for Region 5 under the Regional School and District Support System (RSDSS). Member Mann seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

12. Information Items

a. Community Schools Update and Discussion

Linda Aceves, Chief Schools Officer, provided an update regarding the various students programs, prevention and intervention resources and a progress update on student enrollment, attendance and behaviors and answered questions from the Board.

b. Equal Opportunity Schools

This item was tabled.

c. 2011-2012 Charter School Board Presentation Schedule

This item was tabled.

d. Board Committee Reports

This item was tabled.

e. Board Committee Reports

Craig Mann

- Inquired on closure of the East Side Union High School District Extraordinary Audit
- Attended a special board retreat at Walden West on August 30, 2011

Grace Mah

- Meet with Matthew Cottrell of SEIU and an upcoming steward
- Met with a Sunnyvale School District board member
- Attended a special board retreat at Walden West on August 30, 2011

Michael

- Presented an update on board policies
- Attended a special board retreat at Walden West on August 30, 2011

Julia Hover-Smoot

- Attended the Joint Legislative Advisory Committee meeting
- Attended a special board retreat at Walden West on August 30, 2011

Leon Beauchman

- Announced the upcoming California County Boards of Education (CCBE) conference in Monterey, CA -- September 9-11, 2011
- Attended a Juvenile Justice Systems Collaborative (JJSC) meeting
- Attended a special board retreat at Walden West on August 30, 2011

Joseph Di Salvo

- Announced that the Request for Proposal (RFP) on the superintendent search will be voted on at the September 21 board meeting — the Board will interview selected search firms at the October 19 meeting
- Met with Dr. Weis regarding his annual evaluation – member Song joined the meeting
- Met with Matthew Cottrell of SEIU
- Met with Woody Moynahan
- Met with Preston Smith and Evan Kohn of Rocketship Education
- Attended a special board retreat at Walden West on August 30, 2011
- Announced the upcoming board meeting of November 16, 2011 at the Anne Darling School – a special report on Special Education will be presented to the Board

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Champions for Leadership Program, October 5 (Grace Mah)
- Board meeting at an SCCOE school site – November 16 at Anne Darling School (Grace Mah)
- Report on the effects of Early Learning as students enter kindergarten (Anna Song)
- Discussion on having a meeting between the County Board of Education and the County Board of Supervisors
- Recognize substitute teachers for each program, Spring 2012 (Joseph Di Salvo)
- Update on Foster Youth Services Funding (Anna Song)
- Allocation of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds (Joseph)

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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