

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

APPROVED
Regular Meeting #2083
Closed Session — Board Room
Open Session – San Jose Conference Room
August 10, 2011

1. Call to Order

President Di Salvo called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

a. Roll Call

Member(s) Present:

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

Member(s) Absent:

Grace Mah, Area 1

b. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION #2083-1 by member Beauchman that the agenda be adopted as submitted.
Member Hover-Smoot seconded the motion and it carried 5-0-2 with members Mah and Chang absent.

2. Closed Session

(Vice President Chang joined the meeting.)

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

A. Hearing

Subject Matter: Inter District Transfer Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student
(Resident District: Alum Rock Union School District
Desired District: San Jose Unified School District)

B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

(Cal. Govt. Code § 54956.9(b)(1))
One Potential Case

3. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

President Di Salvo reported that in the matter of Closed Session Item 2.A., an Interdistrict Transfer Appeal filed on behalf of a Student, MOTION #2083-2 was made by member Mann and seconded by member Song to uphold the appeal through 8th grade based on Factor 6 – “The pupil’s desire to remain in his/her school of current attendance for the balance of the semester or school year” and Factor 12 – “Other exceptional or extraordinary circumstances which would weigh heavily in favor of the appellate pupil.”

In the matter of Closed Session Item 2.B., there were no reportable actions.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

President Di Salvo asked Edith Mourtos, Chief Academic Officer, to lead the pledge of allegiance.

President Di Salvo dedicated the meeting to Mr. Anthony Cody, an Oakland science teacher, who organized the *Save Our Schools March* on July 30, 2011 in Washington, D.C. President Di Salvo also mentioned an article by Thomas Freedman, an OP-ED Columnist in the New York Times, entitled “*The Day Our Leaders Got Unstuck*”, dated August 9, 2011.

Member Beauchman recognized Bill Evers, former Santa Clara County Board of Education member, who attended the meeting.

5. County Superintendent Report

- Introduced Cal Sheid, newly selected Director of Internal Business Services
- Explanation of Dr. Weis’ April and May 2011 travel expenditures reported at the July 20 board meeting

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

Steve McMahon asked that the minutes of the July 20 board meeting reflect that he spoke *to encourage more collaboration and less competition in public education* rather than spoke *in support of Rocketship Education*. As President of the San Jose Teachers Association, Mr. McMahon pledged to the Board his commitment to exploring viable alternatives when a school district is underserving students. He urged the Board to be active in being a policy making body.

7. Correspondence
 - Letter dated July 20, 2011 from Roger Sievers regarding Bullis Charter School

Board member Song stated that she has spent many hours, along with member Beauchman, attending meetings with Bullis Charter School and Los Altos School District staff. The Board has attempted to bring both parties together, but to no avail. Member Song said that, "it is just not one-sided." The Board requested that a response letter be written to Mr. Sievers.

Ann Marie Gallagher, board member at Bullis Charter School, expressed her appreciation to member Song and Beauchman for participating in many talks with Bullis Charter School and Los Altos School District. She encouraged Mr. Sievers to contact Bullis Charter School or its Board.

8. Consent Action Items
 - a. Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of July 20, 2011 (#2082)
 - b. Request Approval of KaBOOM Donation Application for KaBOOM Playground Equipment Donation for the Snell State Preschool
 - c. Request Approval of Submission of a grant Application for Quality Improvement Funding from the City of San Jose Smart Start
 - d. Request Adoption of Board Resolutions for Federal Certification

President Di Salvo requested a correction to the minutes of the July 20, 2011 meeting under Public Comments from Mr. Steve McMahon. Minutes should reflect that Mr. McMahon said he encouraged more collaboration and less competition in public education.

MOTION #2083-3 by member Mann that the agenda be adopted with the requested correction to the minutes of July 20. Member Hover-Smoot seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

9. Action Item
 - a. Request Approval of the Revised 45-Day FY2011-12 Budget Revision

Kenneth Shelton, Chief Business Officer, presented a revised 2011-12 budget and answered questions from the Board.

MOTION #2083-4 by member Beauchman that the Board approve the revised 45-day FY2011-12 budget revision. Member Mann seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

10. Information Items

a. Middle School Education Court (MSEC)

Sonja House, Supervisor of Foster Youth and Homeless Education Services, introduced the Middle School Education Court program that was launched by the Superior Court of California. The Honorable Teresa Guerrero-Daley, Superior Court of Santa Clara County and Wendy Kinnear-Rausch, Program Manager of the Department of Family & Children's Services (DFCS), provided an overview of the MSEC collaborative and the current practices/services available to foster youth. Ms. House and Linda Aceves, Chief Schools Officer, answered questions from board members.

b. Unique Learning System (ULS): Special Education Adoption – Public Viewing

Ms. Aceves presented the Unique Learning System and informed the Board that the purpose of the agenda item was to publicly open a thirty-day review period for the recommended curriculum beginning August 11, 2011 and continuing through the anticipated adoption date of September 21, 2011.

c. Employee Compensation Increases Exceeding the EC 1302(a) Limit

Dr. Charles Weis, County Superintendent of Schools, provided an introduction to the employee compensation increases exceeding the EC 1302(a) limit and Philip Gordillo, Executive Director of Human Resources, answered questions.

d. Board Committee Reports

Michael Chang

- Presented a progress report on Board Policies, which are currently being reviewed by legal counsel

Julia Hoover-Smoot

- Suggested that a Joint Legislative Advisory Committee (JLAC) meeting be scheduled for September

e. County Board of Education Member Reports

Michael Chang

- Met with John Danner and Preston Smith of Rocketship Education

Leon Beauchman

- Attended an Adobe Youth Voices meeting
- Attended a United Way Advocacy Board meeting
- Announced an upcoming California County Boards of Education (CCBE) conference on September 9-11, 2011 in Monterey, California.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Champions for Leadership Program (Grace Mah)
- Board meeting at an SCCOE school site (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 (Joseph Di Salvo)
- Study session on developing criteria for approval of county wide charter schools — (Joseph)
- Allocation of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds (Joseph)
- Update on Foster Youth Services Funding (Anna Song)

12. 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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