

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

APPROVED  
Regular Meeting #2038  
Board Room  
April 15, 2009  
5:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Mann at 5:00 p.m.

a) Roll Call

**Trustees Present:**

Grace Mah, Area 1  
T.N. Ho, Area 2  
Leon Beauchman, Area 3  
Joseph Di Salvo, Area 4  
Anna Song, Area 5  
Craig Mann, Area 6  
Jane Howard, Area 7

b) Pledge of Allegiance

President Mann asked Manny Barbara, retired Superintendent of Oak Grove School District, to lead the pledge of allegiance.

c) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION #2038-1 by member Howard that the agenda be adopted as submitted.  
Member Ho seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2. SANTA CLARA COUNTY EMPLOYEE NOMINATION FOR THE STATE'S CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR PROGRAM

Dr. Weis provided background on the State's Classified Employee of the Year program and introduced the six Santa Clara County nominees submitted by the SCCOE. President Mann and Dr. Weis presented a plaque to each nominee in recognition of their accomplishments.

3. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 5:15 p.m. to hear the following items:

- A. Conference with Real Property Negotiator
- B. Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Filed on Behalf of a Student (Resident District: Franklin-McKinley School District – Desired District: Cupertino Union School District)

OPEN SESSION – 6:10 P.M.

4. REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

President Mann reported that in the matter of Agenda Item 3.A. *Conference with Real Property Negotiator*, there was a motion (#2038-2) by Vice President Song, seconded by member Beauchman that the Board authorize the administration to make an offer and enter into negotiation for purchase of real property. Motion passed unanimously.

President Mann reported that in the matter of Agenda Item 3.B. *Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student*, there was a motion (#2038-3) by member Di Salvo, seconded by Vice President Song, that the Board deny the interdistrict transfer appeal. Motion passed unanimously.

**CHANGE IN AGENDA**

6. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no Board correspondence.

7. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- A. Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of April 1, 2009 (#2037)
- B. Request Acceptance of Grant Award Notifications
- C. Request Approval of Purchase Order Exceeding \$100,000

MOTION #2038-4 by Vice President Song that the Board approve Consent Action Items A through C. Member Howard seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

9. STUDY ACTION ITEMS

- a. Request Approval of Resolution in Support of May 13, 2009 as California Day of the Teacher

MOTION #2038-5 by member Ho that the Board approve the resolution in support of May 13, 2009 as California Day of the Teacher. Member Di Salvo seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: President Mann, Vice President Song, members Beauchman, Di Salvo, Mah, Howard and Ho

NAES: -none-

ABSENT: -none-

ABSTAIN: -none-

- b. Request Approval of Resolution in Support of May 6, 2009 as National School Nurse Day

MOTION #2038-6 by member Howard that the Board approve the resolution in support of May 6, 2009 as National School Nurse Day. Vice President Song seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: President Mann, Vice President Song, members Beauchman, Di Salvo, Mah, Howard and Ho

NAES: -none-

ABSENT: -none-

ABSTAIN: -none-

- c. Request Approval of Resolution in Support of the Week of May 17-23, 2009 as Classified School Employee Week

MOTION #2038-7 by member Di Salvo that the Board approve the resolution in support of the Week of May 17-23 as Classified School Employee Week. Member Howard seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: President Mann, Vice President Song, members Beauchman, Di Salvo, Mah, Howard and Ho

NAES: -none-

ABSENT: -none-

ABSTAIN: -none-

d. Request Approval of Resolution in Support of April 19-25, 2009 as National Public Schools Volunteer Week

MOTION #2038-8 by member Mah that the Board approve the resolution in support of April 19-25, 2009 as National Public Schools Volunteer Week. Vice President Song seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: President Mann, Vice President Song, members Beauchman, Di Salvo, Mah, Howard and Ho

NAES: -none-

ABSENT: -none-

ABSTAIN: -none-

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

President Mann opened the hearing for public comment.

No one wished to address President Mann or Dr. Charles Weis, County Superintendent.

8. PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing on the Countywide Charter Petition from Rocketship

President Mann reviewed the process for the public hearing and opened the hearing for public comment.

Don Bolce, Assistant Director, Center for Educational Planning, provided an overview of staff's review of the petition and answered questions.

The following petitioners from Rocketship Education gave a presentation on the merits of the petition:

- John Danner, CEO of Rocketship Education
- Preston Smith, Principal at Rocketship Mateo

The following individuals spoke in support of Rocketship Education

- Cynthia Garcia, parent
- Nick Driver, General Manager, California Charter Schools Association
- Fred Ferrer, CEO, The Health Trust
- Alejandro Rocha, parent
- Beth Gonzales, member of Association of County Educators (ACE) and People Acting in Community Together (PACT)
- Greg Lippmann, Executive Director of ACE Charter School
- Sandra Soto, from the Office of Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren, read a letter from Congresswoman Lofgren

- Javier Gonzales, from the Office of San Jose City Councilwoman Nora Campos, read a letter from Councilwoman Campos
- Diana Wilkerson, PACT
- Ben Yurman-Glaser, from the Office of San Jose City Mayor Chuck Reed, read a letter from Mayor Reed
- Georgina Lopez, Rocketship Education

Board members asked clarifying questions from petitioner and Mr. Bolce.

Recess

The Board broke for recess at 8:05 p.m. and reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

9. STUDY ACTION ITEMS

e. Board Stipend – Statutory Annual Increase

President Mann mentioned that the Board stipend statutory annual increase subject matter was previously brought to the Board but was tabled to a more appropriate time for discussion. Board members deliberated.

MOTION #2038-9 by member Di Salvo, that the Board approve the statutory increase of 5% and allow individual board members to do what they wish with the increase. Vice President Song seconded the motion and it carried 4-2-1 with members Howard and Mah voting no and member Ho abstaining.

10. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Santa Clara County Board of Education’s Quarterly Expenses

Board members reviewed their quarterly expenses.

b. County Committee on School District Organization

Deputy Superintendent Dr. Cary Dritz provided an update on the April 8 meeting of the County Committee on School District Organization.

c. Board Committee Reports

Anna Song

Policy Development Subcommittee

- Announced the upcoming April 28 Policy Development Subcommittee meeting

- Leon Beauchman  
Juvenile Justice Systems Collaborative (JJSC)
- Attended a JJSC meeting

d. County Board of Education Member Reports

- Joseph Di Salvo
- Met with PACT representatives
  - Met with Dr. Dritz
  - Announced that he and Vice President Song are co-writing an article on charter schools for the Mercury News' Opinion Editorial column

- Jane Howard
- Met with former school board member Tanya Freudenberger – Alum Rock School District
  - Announced the upcoming ribbon cutting at Brownell School

- T.N. Ho
- Visited two schools while in Taiwan

- Anna Song
- Met with member Di Salvo to work on an Opinion Editorial for the Mercury News on charter schools
  - Mentioned a possible meeting with PACT
  - Distributed a flyer on Walk Now for Autism

f) County Superintendent's Report:

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

- Email, dated April 3, 2009, from Kim Pattillo Brownson to Dr. Weis, thanking Dr. Weis for speaking at the Water Cooler conference and making it such a great success.
- *Federal Funds May Not Stave Off Classroom Cuts, California Educators Say, LA Times, April 1, 2009*
- *University Preparatory Provides Alternatives for 'Average' Students, Mercury News, April 6, 2009*
- *Surge of Charter Schools Coming to Silicon Valley, Whether Districts Like It or Not, Mercury News, April 6, 2009*
- *Santa Clara County's Juvenile Misdemeanor Arrest Rate Far Higher Than Most California Counties, Mercury News, April 15, 2009*
- Chandler Tripp Carnival, Friday, May 29, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

11. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 9:00 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 – 10:15 p.m.**

12. REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

President Mann reported that, in the matter of Agenda Item 11.A., *Public Employee Performance Evaluation*, there were no reportable actions.

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Fiscal Oversight: AB139, AB1200 & AB2756 – May 20 (Grovenburg & Johal)
- Gang Prevention Efforts – April 15 (Mitchell & Fimiani)
- High School Dropout Prevention Planning – May 6 (Fimiani)
- Evaluation for Head Start Program & Standard Kindergarten Readiness – May 20 (Fimiani & Trujillo)

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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**RESOLUTION  
RECOGNIZING MAY 13, 2009  
AS DAY OF THE TEACHER  
SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RESOLUTION No. 2038-1**

**WHEREAS**, teachers demonstrate and share their love of learning in the classroom every day, and fill many roles: as listeners, explorers, role models, motivators, and mentors; and, by doing so, are partners with parents and the community in inspiring students' dreams and laying the foundation for them to be good citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the success of more than 250,000 students in the Santa Clara County depends on the skills, knowledge, encouragement and attitudes of dedicated teachers; and

**WHEREAS**, teachers work collaboratively with their Boards of Education, Superintendents, colleagues, parents and others in support of society's commitment to quality education for all youngsters; and

**WHEREAS**, teachers at the Santa Clara County Office of Education, in particular, educate and motivate students who have special needs that require unique skills or students that have not succeeded in other educational settings; and

**WHEREAS**, teachers at the Santa Clara County Office of Education have made a crucial difference in the lives of students and are true champions for children, schools and community; and

**WHEREAS**, California Education Code §37222 designates the second Wednesday in May as Day of the Teacher in recognition of the dedicated professionals who are entrusted with fulfilling the mission of education to prepare our students for the future; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Clara County Board of Education recognizes that the quality of all students' educational experiences depends significantly and vitally upon the quality of their teachers, because the influence of a good teacher continues long after school days are only memories:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools acknowledge the contributions of all dedicated teachers and recognize May 13, 2009, as the Day of the Teacher; and, moreover, urge parents, students and the community to publicly show their appreciation for teachers and their contributions that improve our daily lives, our community and our futures.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Santa Clara County Board of Education at a meeting held on April 15, 2009, by the following vote:

AYES: President Mann, Vice President Song, members Beauchman, Di Salvo, Mah, Howard and Ho

NOES: -none-

ABSTAIN: -none-

ABSENT: -none-



Charles Weis, Ph.D  
County Superintendent of Schools



Craig Mann, President  
Santa Clara County Board of Education

**RESOLUTION  
RECOGNIZING MAY 6, 2009  
AS SCHOOL NURSE DAY**

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**RESOLUTION No. 2038-2**

**WHEREAS**, good health is essential to enabling young people to learn to the best of their ability; and school nurses play a significant role in fostering student health, safety and well being; and

**WHEREAS**, school nursing is a specialized practice of nursing dedicated to promoting wellness, providing medical care and support, and addressing health problems within an education setting; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Clara County Office of Education's school nurses often assist students ranging from infants to young adults with physical and developmental disabilities and special needs requiring unique skills and knowledge; and

**WHEREAS**, school nurses often serve as vital advocates for students and as liaisons among parents, teachers, administrators, doctors, and other medical professionals for the benefit of students; and they deserve recognition and gratitude for the invaluable work they do and the difference they make in students' lives;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools express their gratitude and commend the school nurses of the Santa Clara County Office of Education, and join the National Association of School Nurses and schools and government offices across the country in recognizing May 6, 2009, as National School Nurse Day.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Santa Clara Board of Education at a meeting held on April 15, 2009, by the following vote:

AYES: President Mann, Vice President Song, members Beauchman, Di Salvo, Mah, Howard and Ho

NOES: -none-

ABSTAIN: -none-

ABSENT: -none-



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Charles Weis, Ph.D  
County Superintendent of Schools



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Craig Mann, President  
Santa Clara County Board of Education

**RESOLUTION  
RECOGNIZING MAY 17-23, 2009  
AS CLASSIFIED SCHOOL EMPLOYEES WEEK  
SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RESOLUTION No. 2038-3**

**WHEREAS**, the education of our youth is imperative to our society, to California, to our nation, our world; and

**WHEREAS**, classified school employees in our school districts, Santa Clara County Office of Education and community colleges are the “backbone” of our public education system; and,

**WHEREAS**, the classified school employees of Santa Clara County provide efficient and effective support and ancillary services which are essential ingredients to excellent teaching, sound administration, and high achievement by students; and

**WHEREAS**, classified school employees are rarely in the spotlight, but are always central to the activities of our schools, for they serve with professionalism and dedication and set a high standard for caring and compassion; and

**WHEREAS**, many classified school employees serve as paraprofessionals providing direct assistance to certificated staff in the classroom and giving students the type of individual attention and support they need to succeed academically; and

**WHEREAS**, other classified employees perform vital clerical, transportation, food service, office support and many other functions without which local school sites, district offices, and county offices could not operate and without which many students would not receive important educational and health-related services; and

**WHEREAS**, even as our system of public education depends on classified employees to serve students and staff, they often serve in challenging circumstances and, with diverse talents and true dedication, continue to nurture our students and support their colleagues:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools do hereby honor the contributions of classified school employees to quality education in Santa Clara County and recognize the week of May 17 to 23, 2009 as Classified School Employee Week, an opportunity to pay homage to these valued members of Santa Clara County’s educational teams.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Santa Clara County Board of Education at a meeting held on April 15, 2009, by the following vote:

AYES: President Mann, Vice President Song, members Beauchman, Di Salvo, Mah, Howard and Ho

NOES: -none-

ABSTAIN: -none-

ABSENT: -none-



Charles Weis, Ph.D  
County Superintendent of Schools



Craig Mann, President  
Santa Clara County Board of Education

**RESOLUTION  
RECOGNIZING APRIL 19-25, 2009  
AS  
NATIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL VOLUNTEER WEEK  
SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RESOLUTION No. 2038-4**

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Clara County Office of Education values its volunteers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Clara County Office of Education recognizes volunteers are important in the overall quality of education; and

**WHEREAS**, volunteers promote cooperation and build teams among students, parents, staff and community; and

**WHEREAS**, volunteers enhance student potential and achievement; and

**WHEREAS**, volunteers support our mission, vision and goals by sharing their skills and experiences with our students and staff; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the school year our volunteers serve as chaperones, tutors, and classroom helpers;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools recognize and commend volunteers and join the nation in celebrating National Public School Volunteer Week, April 19-25, 2009

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools encourage activities to recognize volunteers during this week.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Santa Clara Board of Education at a meeting held on April 15, 2009, by the following vote:

AYES: President Mann, Vice President Song, members Beauchman, Di Salvo, Mah, Howard and Ho

NOES: -none-

ABSTAIN: -none-

ABSENT: -none-



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