

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

APPROVED  
Regular Meeting #2039  
Board Room  
May 6, 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 Deborah Abello, recipient of SCCOE's Employee of the Month recognition, to lead the pledge of allegiance.

c) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION #2039-1 by member Howard that the agenda be adopted as submitted. Member Di Salvo seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2. SCCOE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH RECOGNITION: DEBORAH ABELLO, DIRECTOR OF MIGRANT EDUCATION, REGION 1, STUDENT SERVICE BRANCH

Member Di Salvo introduced Deborah Abello, April's Employee of the Month. He noted Deborah's contributions and presented a plaque and an engraved pen in recognition of her work and introduced Joe Fimiani, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, who spoke of Deborah's talents and said she is the best and brightest in her field. Deborah thanked her colleagues for the recognition.

3. SCCOE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH RECOGNITION: VY ROBLES,  
PURCHASING TECHNICIAN, PURCHASING SERVICES

Member Mah introduced Vy Robles, May's Employee of the Month. She noted Vy's contributions and presented a plaque and an engraved pen in recognition of her work and introduced Andy Bursch, Manager of Purchasing Services who spoke of Vy being an exceptional employee and a great team player who puts customers first. Vy thanked her colleagues for the recognition.

4. 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. President Mann presented a plaque to Mr. Richard Valdez, nominee in the category of "Maintenance & Operations", in recognition of his accomplishments.

5. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 5:20 p.m. to hear the following item:

A. Conference with Real Property Negotiator

OPEN SESSION – 5:40 p.m.

6. REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

President Mann reported that there were no reportable actions.

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

President Mann opened the hearing for public comment.

The following individuals spoke regarding their concerns on the issues surrounding the process of establishing new community schools:

- Silvia Juarez, parent
- Samuel Villarazo, Pathfinder student
- Alejandro Morales, Pathfinder student
- Pablo Juarez, Pathfinder student
- John Malloy, People Acting in Community Together (PACT)

Mr. Vernon Chatman, a private citizen, asked the Board at what grade levels are the Declaration of Independence and/or the U.S. Constitution used as required primary reading materials in unabridged form and not merely as an excerpt or commented on from the text book.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no Board correspondence.

9. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- A. Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of April 15, 2009 (#2038)
- B. Request Approval of County Superintendent's Monthly Expenses
- C. Request Approval of Purchase Order Exceeding \$100,000

MOTION #2039-2 by member Howard that the Board approve Consent Action Items A through C. Member Mah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

10. STUDY ACTION ITEMS

a. Adopt the Budget Revisions for the Period Ending March 31, 2009

Doug Coffman, Director of Internal Business Services, provided an overview of budget revisions for the period ending March 31, 2009.

MOTION #2039-3 by member Ho that the Board adopt the Budget Revisions for the Period Ending March 31, 2009. Member Di Salvo seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

b. Accept the Monthly Financial Report for the Period Ending March 31, 2009.

Mr. Coffman presented the monthly financial report for the period ending March 31, 2009.

MOTION #2039-4 by Vice President Song that the Board approve the monthly financial report for the period ending March 31, 2009. Member Howard seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

c. Request Approval of the Local Education Agency Plan Addendum

Mr. Fimiani introduced Paula Mitchell, Director of Alternative Schools Department; David Wong, Principal at Osborne; Carey Johnson, Principal at Terra Bella; Trucker Clark, Principal at Pathfinder; John Cannizzaro, Principal at the Foundry; Teri Marrow, Principal at Santa Clara Community School who presented the Local Education Agency Plan (LEAP) addendum and answered questions from the Board.

The LEAP addendum will brought again to the Board at the May 20 for a vote.

Recess

The Board broke for recess at 6:30 p.m. due to a fire alarm and reconvened at 6:48 p.m.

Reverend April Lussier expressed her concern regarding the lack of Spanish interpreters at tonight's meeting.

- d. Request Approval of Submission for Packard Grant County Contractor: Prekindergarten Coordinator Competitive Grant to the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA)

Superintendent Weis informed the Board that SCCOE was not selected for this grant.

- e. Request Approval of Purchase Order Exceeding \$250,000

Mr. Fimiani provided some detail on the increase paid to Pinnacle Educational Services who provides special education services at Discovery School and answered questions from the Board.

MOTION #2039-5 by member Ho that the Board approve the purchase order exceeding \$250,000. Vice President Song seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- f. Request Approval of the Silicon Valley Stepping Stones CTE Community Collaborative MOU II 2008/09

Dr. Cary Dritz, Deputy Superintendent, answered questions from the Board.

MOTION #2039-6 by Vice President Song that the Board approve the Silicon Valley Stepping Stones CTE Community Collaborative MOU II 2008/09. Member Beauchman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- g. Request Approval for Submission of Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) Competitive Grant to the United States Department of Education

Dr. Weis and Dr. Dritz answered questions.

MOTION #2039-7 by member Di Salvo that the Board approve the submission of Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) competitive grant to the United States Department of Education. Member Howard seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

10. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. County Committee on School District Organization

Dr. Dritz provided an update on the activities of the County Committee on School District Organization and answered questions.

b. Convening a Community Charter School Summit

Vice President Song and member Di Salvo provided an introduction on the subject of convening a community charter school summit.

The following individuals expressed their thoughts on the merits of charter schools:

- Elise Stassart, parent
- Jennifer Andaluz, Co-Founder & Executive Director of Downtown College Prep
- Bill Erlendson, Assistant Superintendent of External Programs at San Jose Unified School District
- Reverend April Lussier, PACT and Charter School parent
- Barbra Hansen, PACT
- John Danner, Co-Founder & CEO of Rocketship Education
- Greg Lippman, Executive Director of ACE Charter School

Board members deliberated.

Recess

The Board broke for recess at 8:20 p.m. and reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

c. Board Committee Reports

T.N. Ho

Budget Study Committee

- Attended a Budget Study Committee meeting

Anna Song

Policy Development Subcommittee

- Attended a Policy Development Subcommittee meeting

Jane Howard

Budget Study Committee

- Attended a Budget Study Committee meeting

d. County Board of Education Member Reports

Joseph Di Salvo

- Visited Terra Bella Academy
- Visited Seven Trees Elementary
- Attended an Alternative Schools Department small facility group planning meeting at SCCOE
- Announced that he co-authored a Mercury News Op Ed piece on charter schools with Vice President Song – proposed a county-wide summit
- Communicated with John Danner of Rocketship and Andrea Whitaker and Susan Meyers from San Jose State University regarding the Op Ed article on charter schools
- Posted a column on the Two-Tiered Education System on the San Jose Inside
- Participated in presenting certificates at the Mock Trial to county champions from St. Francis

Grace Mah

- Attended the Universal Pre-School Planning meeting
- Met with parents of the Mesa de la Comunidad community group in Mountain View
- Attended a League of Women Voters education forum
- Attended the National Chinese Language Conference in Chicago public schools
- Attended a University Rotary meeting

Jane Howard

- Attended the Santa Clara County School Boards Association annual dinner
- Attended a ribbon cutting ceremony at Brownell School
- Announced that Dr. Debbie Flores, Superintendent of Gilroy Unified, was quoted in the Gilroy Dispatch as saying how impressed she is by SCCOE's *service minded approach to districts*.

T.N. Ho

- Attended a fundraiser event for Northern California Chinese Culture-Athletic Federation (NCCCAF)
- Met with Dr. Weis for a lunch meeting

Leon Beauchman

- Attended the Jefferson Jackson dinner event
- Accompanied the San Jose Chamber of Commerce to Sacramento
- Attended an American Leadership Forum meeting
- Announced the upcoming 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Recognition ceremony for the Santa Clara County Alliance of Black Educators on May 17 at 3:00 p.m.

Anna Song

- Met with Dr. Weis for a lunch meeting
- Attended the Universal Preschool Planning meeting
- Thanked the Board for the discussion on a county-wide charter school summit

f) County Superintendent's Report:

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

- Attended a reception for Paul Fong at the Asian American Heritage Month celebration and spoke to him regarding the Post 519 budget
- Letter, dated March 6, 2009, from Chris Kimball, President of California Lutheran University, to Dr. Weis, reporting that the Faculty and the Board of Regents of California Lutheran University confer upon Dr. Weis the degree of "Doctor of Humane Letters *honoris causa*."
- Letter, dated April 10, 2009, from Sharadon Smith, thanking Dr. Weis for the great Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program at Oster School.
- Letter, dated April 13, 2009, from Jack O'Connell, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, reappointing Dr. Weis to serve on the Advisory Committee for the Public Schools Accountability Act (PSAA)
- Letter, dated April 16, 2009, from Congresswoman Anna Eshoo, informing Dr. Weis how tax dollars are being directed in the Congressional District under the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, H.R. 1*.
- Letter, dated April 21, 2009, from Jolene Smith, Executive Director of First 5, thanking Dr. Weis for taking time to tour the McKinley Child Development Center.
- Letter, dated April 24, 2009, from Bob Nuñez, Superintendent of East Side Union High School, regarding the 2009-10 Community Schools Allotments
- Memo, dated April 30, 2009, from the Instructional Services Branch, regarding the 2008-09 California English Language Development Test (CELDT) Annual Assessment Results
- Note received from David Marroquin, thanking Dr. Weis and member Grace Mah for visiting parents of the Mesa de la Comunidad community group in Mountain View.
- Note received from Ralph Wigginton, thanking Dr. Weis for meeting with him regarding SCCOE's Alternative Schools Department.
- Charter Schools Expand in Santa Clara County, Mercury News, April 20, 2009
- Opinion: Charter Schools May Create Second-Class Neighborhood Schools, Mercury News, April 23, 2009
- Bridging the Generational Gap in the Workplace, The Chamber Advocate, April 2009
- Honorary Service Award presented to Dr. Weis by the California State PTA in recognition of "outstanding service to children and youth."
- California State PTA 110th Annual Convention, April 30 – May 3, 2009, San Jose
- Head Start Grant Award – \$20,482,536 – May 1, 2009 thru April 30, 2010
- Head Start Program Progress Report as of April 17, 2009

- Attendance & Enrollment for Community Schools (District Subsidy), report dated April 29, 2009
- Distinguished Schools Ceremony, Thursday, May 7, 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Reception @ 6:00 p.m.)
- Chandler Tripp Carnival, Friday, May 29, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- “Save Our Schools” Sacramento Bus Trip, Wednesday, June 1, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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