

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

APPROVED  
Minutes of Special Meeting #2024-S1  
San Jose Room  
August 21, 2008  
**5:00 p.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Howard at 5:10 p.m.

a) Pledge of Allegiance

President Howard asked Ms. Linda Aceves, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services, to lead the pledge of allegiance.

b) Roll Call

Trustees Present:

T.N. Ho, Area 2  
Leon Beauchman, Area 3  
Gary Rummelhoff, Area 4  
Craig Mann, Vice President, Area 6  
Jane Howard, President, Area 7

Trustees Absent:

Grace Mah, Area 1  
Anna Song, Area 5

President Howard requested that member Song be excused from the August 21 meeting due to a physical injury.

MOTION #2024-S1-1 by Vice President Mann that member Song be excused from the August 21 meeting due to a physical injury. Member Beauchman seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

c) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION #2024-S1-2 by Vice President Mann that the agenda be adopted as submitted. Member Beauchman seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

2. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 5:12 p.m. to hear the interdistrict attendance appeal filed on behalf of a student. Resident District: East Side Union High School District. Desired District: San Jose Unified School District.

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OPEN SESSION — 5:31 p.m.

3. REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

President Howard reported that, in the matter of Agenda Item 2.A. the Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Filed on Behalf of a Student, there was a motion (#2024-S1-3) by member Rummelhoff and seconded by Vice President Mann, to approve the appeal based on Factor 12 “*other exceptional or extraordinary circumstances which would weigh heavily in favor of the appellate pupil*” for the duration of the student’s high school career. The motion carried 5-0.

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

President Howard opened the hearing for public comment.

No one wished to address the Board at this time.

5. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- a) Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of July 16, 2008 (#2024)
- b) Request Approval of the Non-Competitive Bilingual Teacher Training Program (BTTP) 2008-2009 Grant Funding Application
- c) Request Approval to Submit a Competitive Application for Renovation and Repairs — Parkway Development Programs

MOTION #2024-S1-4 by Vice President Mann that the Board approve Consent items A-B. Member Rummelhoff seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Public Hearing on the Appeal of Rocketship Two Charter School Petition

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

Staff presented a report on the Rocketship Two Charter School Petition.

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Mr. John Danner, Lead Petitioner from Rocketship Education, gave a presentation on the merits of the petition.

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The following representatives from the Alum Rock Union Elementary School District gave a brief presentation on their opposition to the petition:

- Ms. Norma Martinez, Superintendent
- Ms. Nora Guerra, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services
- Ms. Sharon Groves, Director II, State and Federal Programs

The following individuals spoke in support of the Rocketship Two Charter School petition:

- Mr. Preston Smith, Principal, Rocketship
- Ms. Jennifer Andaluz, Board Member, Rocketship
- Valentina, parent
- Sol, parent
- Ms. Xochi Santiago, parent
- Mr. Manuel Garcia, parent
- Ms. Silvia Ramirez, parent
- Mr. Jabbar Beig, Guided Language Acquisition Design (GLAD)
- Mr. Leif Christiansen, Americorp
- Father Rios, concerned citizen
- Ms. Maria Barcenas, concerned citizen
- Mr. Jaime Alvarado, executive director of Somos Mayfair
- Mr. John Leyba, concerned citizen
- Mr. Art Meza, parent

The following individuals from the Alum Rock Union School District spoke against the Rocketship Two Charter School petition:

- Ms. Suzanne Burneikis, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
- Ms. Lynda Remley, Director of Assessment & Accountability

Board members asked clarifying questions from the denying school district and lead petitioner.

Recess

The Board broke for recess at 7:25 p.m. and reconvened at 7:20 p.m.

7. STUDY ACTION ITEMS

a) Request for Excused Absence

MOTION #2024-S1-5 by Vice President Mann that the Board excuse member Mah from the August 21 Special Meeting due to her travels in China. Member Rummelhoff seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

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b) Request Approval of Submission of a Visual and Performing Arts Competitive Grant

Board members asked questions on the submission of a visual and performing arts competitive grant.

MOTION #2024-S1-6 by Vice President Mann that the Board approve the submission of a Visual and Performing Arts competitive grant. Member Beauchman seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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