

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

APPROVED
Minutes of Special Meeting #2089-S1
Board Room
November 22, 2011
4:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Di Salvo at 4:00 p.m. in the board room.

1. A. Roll Call

Trustees 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

2. Adoption of Agenda

Member Mann requested that Action Items 6A, 6B, and 6C be carried to the December 14, 2011 meeting since the backup documentation to these items are not ready.

MOTION #2089-S1-1 by member Mann to adopt the agenda as submitted with requested amendment. Member Hover-Smoot seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

President Di Salvo led the pledge of allegiance.

4. Hearing of Persons Desiring to Address the Board or to Present Petitions

No one wished to address the Board or the County Superintendent.

5. Public Hearing

a. Public Hearing on the General Waiver Request of Education Code Section 1208

President Di Salvo opened the hearing for public comment.

(Mr. Gary Ray of Ray & Associates joined the meeting via teleconference at approximately 4:09 p.m.)

(Vice President Chang joined the meeting at approximately 4:10 p.m.)

The following individuals spoke in opposition of the waiver and/or expressed their concerns on the ramifications of waiving the required credentials for the Santa Clara County Superintendent of Schools and the precedent it would set:

- Karen Spychala, Secretary of the Association of County Educators (ACE)
- April Carlson, President of ACE
- Steven McMahon, President of San Jose Teachers Association
- Kevin Schieberl, Sunnyvale Education Association
- Heather Mummy, President of Sunnyvale Education Association

Alicia Gallegos Fambrini, Director of San José Charter School Consortium (SJCCC), spoke about the qualities SJCCC would like to see on the job description for the next Santa Clara County Superintendent of Schools.

6. Action Items

a. Consideration and Possible Adoption of Resolution of a General Waiver Request to the State Board of Education to Waive All Credential Requirements of Education Code Section 1208

President Di Salvo discussed the process of a general waiver hearing by the State Board of Education. Board members deliberated and Mr. Ray answered questions from the Board.

Steve McMahon wanted to clarify his earlier comments and stated that the County Board of Education is a policy maker and leaders by their elected position. What they do really matters. He addressed his concern on what 1700 members from the San Jose Teachers Association will say if the requirements of credentials are waived for the Santa Clara County Superintendent of Schools for an unlimited amount of time while his members only receive a waiver for one year.

MOTION ##2089-S1-2 by member Mann that the Board approve the adoption of Resolution of a General Waiver Request to the State Board of Education to Waive all Credential Requirements of Education Code 1208. Member Song seconded the motion and it carried 6-1 with member Beauchman voting no.

b. Request Approval of Findings on Rocketship 6

This item was tabled to the December 14, 2011 meeting.

c. Request Approval of Findings on Rocketship 7

This item was tabled to the December 14, 2011 meeting.

d. Request Approval of Findings on Rocketship 8

This item was tabled to the December 14, 2011 meeting.

e. Board to Finalize and Approve the Santa Clara County Superintendent of Schools' Profile for the Promotional Materials and Application Form

Mr. Noel Gallo, representative of Ray & Associates, reviewed the promotional materials and application form with board members. Board members provided input on the material. Mr. Ray and Mr. Gallo answered questions.

MOTION ##2089-S1-3 by member Mann that the board approve the profile of the Santa Clara County Superintendent of Schools as presented by Ray & Associates with amendments made by the Board and allowing the Board President to make necessary modifications. Vice President Chang seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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