

San Mateo County Committee on School District Organization  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, December 3, 2018

**APPROVED MINUTES**

Date: December 3, 2018

Place: San Mateo County Office of Education  
101 Twin Dolphin Drive  
Redwood City, CA 94065

**County Committee on School District Organization Members Present:**

Virginia Bamford; Greg Dannis; Maria Hilton; Hilary Paulson; George Robinson; Rosie Tejada; Colleen You

**Committee Members Absent:**

Bill Lock; Melchior Thompson; Dennis McBride

**Staff Present:**

Tim Fox, Deputy County Counsel; Mefula Fairley, Secretary to County Committee and Administrator for Board/Superintendent Support and Community Relations

**Call to Order**

Chairperson Paulson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and welcomed all present.

**Approval of Agenda**

Chairperson Paulson asked for a motion to approve the agenda for the December 3, 2018, meeting. Member Bamford made a motion and Member Tejada seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of seven in favor (Bamford, Dannis, Hilton, Paulson, Robinson, Tejada, You), none opposed and three absent (Lock, McBride, Thompson).

**Approval of the Minutes**

Chairperson Paulson asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2018, meeting. Member You made a motion and Member Bamford seconded. The motion was approved by a voted six in favor (Bamford, Hilton, Paulson, Robinson, Tejada, You), none opposed, one abstention (Dannis) and three absent (Lock, McBride, Thompson). The minutes of the November 5, 2018 meeting were approved.

**General Staff Report**

Committee Secretary Mefula Fairley began her staff report by reminding the Committee there remains one vacant seat in District One, Supervisor Pine's District. Ms. Fairley reported the names of three possible candidates who had been recommended since the November 5, 2018, County Committee election meeting. She shared that Lynne Esselstein, a governing board member in Hillsborough City School District, was recommended by Member Dannis; Nancy Kohn Hseih, former governing board member for San Mateo-Foster City School District, was

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recommended by Jefferson Union High School District Trustee Kalimah Salahuddin; and Paul Linden, a San Bruno Resident, was recommended by San Bruno Park School District Trustee Andy Mason.

Ms. Fairley reported Superintendent Magee's request to have County Committee, themselves, select a member for Supervisorial District from among the three qualified individuals recommended. Ms. Fairley proposed she place on the 2019 agenda the selection of a committee member for the vacant District 1 seat. She also proposed inviting the three candidates to speak to the County Committee at its January 2019 meeting before the Committee acts to fill the vacant seat. The Committee members agreed to Ms. Fairley's proposal, and Chairperson Paulson additionally requested that the three people recommended provide a written statement before the January 2019 County Committee meeting.

Ms. Fairley gave an update on the status of the election for the La Honda Road Territory transfer. She stated San Mateo County Office of Education staff submitted to the San Mateo Elections Office on October 22, 2018, a resolution calling for an election to transfer 35 undevelopable parcels and 10 residences from La Honda Pescadero School District to Portola Valley School District and Sequoia Union High School District. She shared that the mail election, will take place on May 7, 2019, and ballots will be hand counted. She also stated voters will include only the residents of the territory being transferred.

Ms. Fairley shared an update on activity related Baylands Development in the City of Brisbane. Ms. Fairley began by stating that a petition related to the Baylands Development is not imminent. She explained that the development has stirred up competing interests among Bayshore and Brisbane School Districts, as the Baylands Development is located in the City of Brisbane but within the boundaries of the Bayshore School District. She shared that consultants hired by the City of Brisbane to engage stakeholders have held discussions with the Bayshore School Board of Trustees, the Brisbane School Board of Trustees, and the Jefferson Union High School Board Trustees.

Ms. Fairley further reported that Measure JJ, passed by voters in November 2018, approved 1800-2200 residences, seven million square feet of new commercial space and 500,000 feet of hotel space in the Baylands Development. She explained that the consultants for the City of Brisbane, given this information, are now assessing the impact the development will have on schools.

Ms. Fairley ended with an update on a potential petition from residents in the Belle Haven neighborhood in Menlo Park. She said that Belle Haven residents were known to have been circulating a petition for signatures. Ms. Fairley stated the petitioners have not been in contact with her or the County Superintendent of Schools since the State Board of Education denied the O'Connor Street petition.

**Public Comments**

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There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

**Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chair**

Chairperson Paulson asked for nominations for the office of the Chairperson of the Committee. Member Bamford nominated Member Paulson and Member Dannis seconded the motion. There being no other nominations, the Committee voted to elected Ms. Paulson as Chairperson by a vote of seven in favor (Bamford, Dannis, Hilton, Paulson, Robinson, Tejada, You), none opposed and three absent (Lock, McBride, Thompson).

Chairperson Paulson asked for nominations for the office of Vice-Chairperson. Member Dannis nominated Member Bamford. There being no other nominations, the Committee voted to elected Ms. Bamford as Vice-Chairperson by a vote of seven in favor (Bamford, Dannis, Hilton, Paulson, Robinson, Tejada, You), none opposed and three absent (Lock, McBride, Thompson).

**Approval of Committee's 2019 Meeting Schedule**

By consensus, the Committee adopted the following meeting schedule for 2019:

Monday, January 14; Monday, February 4; Monday, March 4; Monday, April 1; Monday, May 6; Monday, June 3; Monday, July 1; Monday, August 5; Monday, September 9; Monday, October 7; Monday, November 4; Monday, December 2.

**Member Comments**

There were no member comments.

**Adjournment**

Chairperson Paulson adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.