

APPROVED

MINUTES OF THE SAN MATEO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting Date: September 21, 2017

Meeting Location: California Suite
101 Twin Dolphin Drive
Redwood City, California

Board Members Present: Susan Alvaro, Hector Camacho, Jr.,
Jim Cannon, Beverly Gerard (arrived 7:06
p.m.), Rod Hsiao, Ted Lempert, Joe Ross

Staff Officials Present: Anne E. Campbell, Secretary
Claire Cunningham, Lead Deputy County
Counsel
Marcia Serpa-Garcia, Executive Assistant

Other Staff Present: Marco Chavez, Franklin Felizardo,
Trevor Leach, Patricia Love, Nancy Magee,
Lori Musso, Larry Oshodi,
Denise Porterfield, George Rehmet,

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Joe Ross called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

After a motion by Ms. Alvaro and a second by Mr. Hsiao, the Board approved, by a vote of six in favor (Alvaro, Camacho, Cannon, Hsiao, Lempert and Ross), none opposed and one absent (Gerard) the September 21, 2017, agenda as presented.

Board President Ross announced members of the public could provide comments on agenda items, during the discussion of the particular item. He said if a member of the public wished to speak regarding an agenda item, they should fill out a speaker card and hand it to Superintendent Campbell. Superintendent Campbell would inform the Board President when a speaker card had been received for a particular item.

3. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENT REGARDING APPOINTMENT TO THE PERSONNEL COMMISSION**

Mr. Ross reported the term of Mrs. Olga Hoja, the Board's representative on the Personnel Commission, will expire on December 1, 2017. The appointment procedure requires the Board to publicly announce the name of the person it intends to appoint or reappoint on or around September 30. Following this announcement, after thirty days and within forty-five days, the Board shall hold a public hearing to provide an opportunity for public input. At that time the Board may make its appointment.

After discussion by the Board, the Board chose to reappoint Mrs. Hoja, noting that she has agreed to accept reappointment for a three-year term that will run through November 30, 2020. Ms. Alvaro commended Mrs. Hoja for her service and thanked her for the many years she has served on behalf of the Board.

Board Member Alvaro requested the Board discuss a process that could be put in place for future Personnel Commission Candidates who might wish to represent the Board. After further discussion, Board consensus was to agendize discussion of a Board protocol at a future meeting.

4. **EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**

- a. September 2017 Employee of the Month, Dave Eldon, Facilities Services Assistant, Facilities Services, Business Services Division

Board President Ross recognized the September 2017 Employee of the Month, Dave Eldon, Facilities Services Assistant, Facilities Services, Business Services Division. Mr. Ross congratulated Mr. Eldon on behalf of the Board and presented him with a clock and a check.

5. **INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF**

- a. Larry Oshodi, Director, Human Resources and Teacher/Administrator Development, Induction and Retention, Human Resources, Office of the Superintendent

Associate Superintendent of Human Resources/Teacher and Administrator Development Lori Musso, said she was pleased to introduce Larry Oshodi, Director, Human Resources and Teacher/Administrator Development, Induction and Retention, Human Resources, Office of the Superintendent. Ms. Musso said Mr. Oshodi has 20 years of experience in education as a teacher, department chair, technology coordinator, assistant principal and a high school principal. She said Mr. Oshodi most recently worked as Principal of Heritage High School in Brentwood, California. Ms. Musso said under his leadership Heritage High School developed into a school known for its rigorous academic climate and inclusive sense of community. She said Mr. Oshodi developed a reputation as a strong leader, a caring advocate and a man of deep integrity. Associate Superintendent Musso noted Mr. Oshodi is a two-time recipient of Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) awards for both Secondary Principal

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of the Year and Co-Administrator of the year.

Associate Superintendent Musso said Mr. Oshodi had a strong business background prior to entering education with management, accounting, auditing and negotiations. She said his broad background, strong communication style and expertise in both management and teacher/administrator development make him the perfect fit as the Human Resources Director. She then asked Mr. Oshodi to say a few words.

Mr. Oshodi said he was pleased to join the team and appreciated the introduction. He reiterated that he spent the first part of his professional career in corporate management and the past 20 years in education. Mr. Oshodi said the new funding and accountability realities in California have necessitated a closer and more positive working relationship between Human Resources and Business Division as well as the Instructional and Student Services Divisions. He said his past experiences will benefit the organization in its endeavor to bring the divisions together. Mr. Oshodi said he will work with stakeholders and districts throughout the County to provide resources leading to vibrant and cohesive professional learning communities across San Mateo County.

Mr. Oshodi said throughout his career he has had the good fortune of being in the right place at the right time with like-minded people that have vision and passion to impact the lives of young people and adults. He thanked Superintendent Campbell, Associate Superintendent Musso and the entire staff for the incredibly warm welcome he has received and looks forward to the work that will benefit students, staff and families in San Mateo County.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2017, REGULAR MEETING

After a motion by Ms. Gerard and a second by Ms. Alvaro, the Board unanimously approved, (Alvaro, Camacho, Cannon, Gerard, Hsiao, Lempert and Ross), the Minutes of the September 6, 2017, Regular Meeting as presented.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Receive Staffing Reports
- b. Adopt Joint Resolution No. 17-37 Endorsing October 2017 as RESPECT! 24/7 Month in San Mateo County
- c. Adopt Joint Resolution No. 17-38 Honoring Christine Villanis on Her Retirement

After a motion by Ms. Alvaro and a second by Ms. Gerard, the Board unanimously approved, (Alvaro, Camacho, Cannon, Gerard, Hsiao, Lempert and Ross), the Consent Agenda.

6. **PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS**

There were no persons wishing to address the Board.

9. **STUDENT SERVICES**

a. **Public Hearing Concerning Sufficiency of Textbooks and/or Instructional Materials**

Board President Ross opened the public hearing concerning the Sufficiency of Textbooks and/or Instructional Materials. Hearing no public comment, Mr. Ross declared the hearing closed.

b. **Adopt Board Resolution No. 17-39 Assuring Compliance with Education Code 60119 – Sufficiency of Textbooks and/or Instructional Materials**

After a motion by Mr. Camacho and a second by Mr. Lempert, the Board unanimously approved, (Alvaro, Camacho, Cannon, Gerard, Hsiao, Lempert and Ross), Resolution No. 17-39 Assuring Compliance with Education Code 60119 – Sufficiency of Textbooks and/or Instructional Materials.

c. **Receive Report on Personalized Learning**

Associate Superintendent Nancy Magee reported the Personalized Learning Platform (PLP) is being piloted in the Court and Community Schools Programs. She acknowledged Court Schools Principal Sibané Parcels, who has taken on the leadership of this year's work. Ms. Magee also acknowledged Court School teachers Trevor Leach and George Rehmet.

Associate Superintendent Magee said this work is important and involves persistence, an environment for success, creativity, reflection and initiative to get staff started in the learning process.

Ms. Magee said Summit Charter School is an interesting model in changing the instructional mindset with a mission of sharing their instructional learning process with as many people as possible. She said because they have strong partners they are able to provide material, training, and professional development at no cost to any school or system that wants to try this program. Ms. Magee said the program is challenging to teachers, students and parents, but Summit believes the challenges can be overcome if teachers and students are willing to shed old assumptions, comfortable routines, and accept the aggravations to try something new.

Associate Superintendent Magee said this work begins with the teachers and their work to understand the depth that PLP offers and then try and engage the students by becoming their coach. Teachers coach students with personal goals, helping them set goals, providing personal feedback and providing motivation and inspiration to keep trying and keep going.

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Associate Superintendent Magee reported in 2016-2017 there were five teachers at San Mateo County Office of Education (SMCOE) school sites, who attended the Summit Charter Learning Model training and piloted the program, one full-time support teacher (Treavor Leach) and 100 Chrome Books across the program. In the 2017-2018 school year there are nine teachers who have been trained and are piloting at different levels, .2 full-time equivalent (FTE) support teacher, and now 125 Chrome Books. Ms. Magee then introduced Mr. Leach and Mr. Rehmet to talk about their work in the classrooms.

Mr. Leach said he has three different levels of enrollment courses, for seventh and eighth grades, nine and tenth grades, and eleventh and twelfth grades. He said they all engage the same curriculum on a grade appropriate level with an individualized and personalized approach. Every day the day begins with a check in and then SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Timely) goals are set. Mr. Leach said goals are set for daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, for the semester, etc. Mr. Leach talked about focus and content areas students can use to assist with their competence and mastery of each subject. This allows the teacher and student to move at a proper pace. Mr. Leach then talked about rigor and goals and the content and textbooks used to get a more personalized, interesting and engaging content of study.

Mr. Leach then said on Tuesdays he supports teachers and students at multiple sites within the Court and Community Schools Programs.

Mr. Rehmet said he currently works at Canyon Oaks School, which includes students from sixth through twelfth grades, all with Individual Education Plans (IEPs) with reading and math scores that range from third grade through college level. He said this means helping these students work at their own pace in line with their individual disabilities, commenting PLP has helped out immensely. Mr. Rehmet said the challenges these students will face during their lifetime are overwhelming, so helping them master the Habits of Success, grit, problem solving, communication skills, and making decisions will help them.

Mr. Rehmet said the learning tools he appreciates for his group of students include: note taking, which will help them learn and demonstrate they know their materials, YouTube Videos, reading, PowerPoints, career objectives, and focusing on Habits of Success. His current weaknesses of PLP include: the fact he is still new at the PLP teaching process, because it requires adaptation of curriculum, and the different feel of no longer standing in front of the class, but rather being a coach.

Associate Superintendent Magee, Mr. Leach and Mr. Rehmet then answered questions from the Board.

Associate Superintendent Magee acknowledged Deputy Superintendent Denise Porterfield and the Information Technology Services (ITS) staff for their support of this project.

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d. Receive Report on Attendance Awareness and School Attendance Review Boards (SARBs)

Associate Superintendent Magee said she would review the history of SMCOE's leadership of attendance awareness in San Mateo County as well as what the Student Services Division is doing to be attentive and proactive to help children not get to chronic absenteeism.

Ms. Magee reminded the Board that Hedy Chang, Executive Director, Attendance Works, began her work in California in 2012 and also began the annual Attendance Awareness observations. Ms. Magee said as a result of the four pillars of The Big Lift: preschool; Inspiring Summers; family engagement; and attendance; attendance was essential to school improvement. She said in 2013 Hedy Chang spoke at an Attendance Matters convening in San Mateo County hosted by SMCOE, which began its Attendance Awareness Month each September. Associate Superintendent Magee acknowledged Administrator for Board/Superintendent Support and Community Relations Marco Chávez, and Administrator for Strategy and Communications Patricia Love, for continuing the district-wide Attendance Awareness Month activities in San Mateo County.

Associate Superintendent Magee reminded the Board the original goal for The Big Lift was to reduce chronic absenteeism by 50% by 2020. She said ninth grade attendance predicts graduation for students of all economic backgrounds, the more days missed the greater chance a student won't graduate.

Associate Superintendent Magee reviewed the work of the Attendance Matters study that took place during 2015-2016 with Harvard Graduate School of Education (Harvard Kennedy School), noting the study showed the low-cost, scalable response to absenteeism, reduced the issue by eight percent, but for those who were chronically absent, sending a postcard reduced absenteeism by 15%. Ms. Magee commented the Attendance Matters study resulted in some San Mateo County School Districts using In Class Today, a platform for improved student attendance outcomes by implementing proven, scalable, and high return-on-investment absence-reduction interventions that empower families. This platform replicates the Harvard model.

Associate Superintendent Magee then introduced Administrator, Safe and Supportive Schools/Student Services Jeneé Littrell, who talked about what attendance is masking when students are not coming to school.

Ms. Littrell said she would talk about work being done to support school districts as they support families and students in attending school. Ms. Littrell said the safety net support for schools includes: emergency response; mental health; suicide prevention; threat assessment; and Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) human trafficking. Ms. Littrell said her experience has shown students who are being trafficked do not attend school each day and attendance in school can change this dynamic for those students.

Ms. Littrell said the San Mateo County Student Attendance Review Board (SARB) works

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differently with the Court System than most SARBs work. Not to be punitive in the way students and families are addressed, but to have a proactive way to support and hold them accountable. Ms. Littrell said districts are being encouraged to hold SARB meetings and have resources to assist in elevating a case because the student is still not in school. She said a Multi-Disciplinary Workgroup has been established including representatives from: the Juvenile District Attorney's office; County Counsel's office; School Board Members; PTA; Probation Office; Sheriff's Office; Child and Family Services; and SMCOE. Ms. Littrell said the group wanted to enforce Education Code § 48321, which provides for SARBs at the local and county level to create a safety net for students with persistent attendance or behavior problems.

Ms. Littrell said San Mateo County is fortunate to have other counties close, willing to share their best practices. The Multi-Disciplinary Workgroup visited Contra Costa County to see how they engage students and families in helping keep students in school. She said Contra Costa County shared how they engage families to accept local services and interventions and have a 90%+ success rate keeping at-risk students in school. Ms. Littrell said the more we do to support districts and schools, and have a way for their cases to move forward, the more we are able to protect all students across San Mateo County.

Ms. Littrell reported SMCOE has:

- Updated its SARB packet to collect all attendance and interventions
- Visited Contra Costa County to observe their successful SABR Court Program
- Working on developing the San Mateo County Court Program as a dual system
 - For students 13 and older
 - For students under 13
- Working to leverage the influence of the Court as services are offered to families

Associate Superintendent Magee and Ms. Littrell then answered questions from the Board.

Board Member Cannon requested an update on progress being made on human trafficking.

- e. Approval of Student/School Safety Programs that May Include Student Social Media Information (Education Code Section 49073.6)

Associate Superintendent Magee said as part of the safety network for students a Threat Assessment protocol has been established to protect students from threats of violence. She said school districts have now been provided with tools to use for assessment of threats. Ms. Magee said in today's times much of these threats come through social media and school administrators need additional tools and policies in order to act on behalf of ensuring all student's safety. She then asked Lead Deputy County Counsel Claire Cunningham to talk about a new Education Code put in place for Student/School Safety.

Lead Deputy County Counsel Cunningham said about one year ago the Legislature passed a new provision of the Education Code that restricts Local Education Agencies (LEAs) ability to

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gather and maintain publicly available student social media information. She said this only refers to information that is publically available.

Counsel Cunningham said this was done because there was a district in Southern California that had a number of suicides and in an effort to deal with that and prevent further suicides from occurring the district contracted with a provider to just do searches of various terms that they thought would indicate an intention to do self-harm. They used this information to identify students who could benefit from interventions and services. She said coming from a good place, with no intent to spy on students, parents felt this was an unwarranted intrusion on their student's privacy and caused such discord it ended up in Legislation.

Counsel Cunningham said the only way school district's staff are authorized to look at publically available student social media is to have this come before the Board to give students parents/guardians notification of Education Code 49073.6 in the annual parental notifications. Additionally, SMCOE families received notification under separate cover explaining this new addition to the safety plan and were notified of the opportunity to provide public comment at the September 21, 2017, Board meeting.

Counsel Cunningham said the School Safety Plan states school staff may gather or monitor publicly available student social media content to ensure student and school safety, including but not limited to cyberbullying prevention, the student threat assessment protocol, and the suicide prevention toolkit. She said even after parents are invited to come forward to express their comments this is only in connection with student safety or school safety issues and only to search publicly available social media.

Associate Superintendent Magee said letters were sent home to all SMCOE parents, in their own language, explaining the new Education Code and that this topic would be on the September 21, 2017, Board Meeting agenda.

Counsel Cunningham then answered questions from the Board.

After a motion by Mr. Hsiao and a second by Ms. Gerard, the Board unanimously approved, (Alvaro, Camacho, Cannon, Gerard, Hsiao, Lempert and Ross), Student/School Safety Programs that May Include Social Media Information (Education Code 49073.6).

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

a. Superintendent's Comments

Superintendent Campbell said she wanted to acknowledge and thank Board Member Gerard for her excellent work on the recent California County Boards of Education (CCBE) Conference that was held in Monterey September 8-10, 2017. She said she learned a tremendous amount from the two sessions she attended and enjoyed the good company at the conference and the

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Saturday evening dinner.

Board Member Gerard acknowledged Board Member Camacho who was also on the CCBE Conference Committee.

Superintendent Campbell reported she attended the San Mateo County Board of Supervisor's meeting on Tuesday, September 12, 2017, and was presented with a Resolution from the Board of Supervisors declaring September 2017 as Attendance Awareness Month.

Superintendent Campbell thanked Board Member Hsiao for attending the Environmental Education Advisory Committee meeting. She said this meeting was facilitated by Andra Yeghoian, Environmental Education Coordinator, STEM Center, Instructional Services Division. Ms. Campbell recalled the Board Meeting when Ms. Yeghoian was introduced and made a presentation of her vision for Environmental Education moving forward and said she did an expanded version of that report for the advisory committee. Superintendent Campbell said the attendees were very engaged in thinking about specifically how to begin to move that work forward. She said this was a great session and commented Ms. Yeghoian will have these meetings quarterly.

Ms. Campbell thanked Board Member Lempert for highlighting his organization's launch of The Children's Movement of California at The Big Lift Quarterly meeting. She said there was also a presentation by Sales Force, as well as a talk given by Professor Sean Reardon, Stanford Graduate School of Education, who briefed the group about the relationship between a student's economic demographic factors and school achievement. She said Professor Reardon has done a research project where he and his graduate students have taken all of the standardized test scores over a period of years for third through eighth graders in all 50 states, calibrated them according to the National Assessment of Educational Progress test so they have a commonality and then compared them, demonstrating that academic achievement directly correlates with where students live and where there is poverty. Professor Reardon demonstrated this information for San Mateo County, as well as for California compared to Texas, which significantly outperforms California.

Superintendent Campbell said information was located at the Board's places regarding individual Board Member visits to local district board meetings. Ms. Campbell said most appointments for Board Member visits have now been confirmed and additional information for each Board Member will be given prior to their visits. She drew the Board's attention to talking points that will give each Board Member an idea of how to discuss the role of a County Board Member, the various functions of the County Board, and what SMCOE is doing with its Strategic Plan. Ms. Campbell said a staff member would attend each district board meeting with each County Board Member.

Superintendent Campbell wished Board Vice President Alvaro a belated happy birthday that she celebrated on September 14th.

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Superintendent Campbell wished Counsel Cunningham a belated happy birthday that she also celebrated on September 14th.

Superintendent Campbell respectfully requested the Board consider adjourning its meeting in memory of Marian Olson, Kris Cannon's mother and Board Member Cannon's Mother-in Law, who recently passed away at the age of 106 years young.

12. BOARD MEMBERS

a. Discuss/Act on Legislation

There was no legislation to discuss.

b. Adopt Joint Resolution No. 17-40 Supporting Those Negatively Impacted by the President's Decision to Rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program

Lead Deputy County Counsel Claire Cunningham recalled Joint Resolution No. 17-3 adopted by the Board and the Superintendent setting forth Principles in Support of Undocumented Students and Families. She said Resolution No. 17-40 is connected to that effort and in response to the announcement earlier in September of the President's decision to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program. Counsel Cunningham commented the text of the Joint Resolution reiterates the County Office's support for those students and discusses the negative impact that decision would have on those students and the community at-large, and reaffirms the statements made in the earlier resolution about how the County Office of Education will not collect information regarding immigration status when enrolling students. In addition, the County Office of Education will not release information regarding immigration status to federal agencies or authorities that are enforcing immigration laws without parental permission or pursuant to a judicial warrant or court order. Counsel Cunningham noted Resolution No. 17-40 also urges the U.S. Congress to adopt legislation that would extend the DACA Program.

After a motion by Mr. Camacho and a second by Ms. Gerard, the Board unanimously approved, (Alvaro, Camacho, Cannon, Gerard, Hsiao, Lempert and Ross), Joint Resolution No. 17-40 Supporting Those Negatively Impacted by the President's Decision to Rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program.

c. Board Member Comments

Mr. Cannon

Mr. Cannon expressed his appreciation for the acknowledgement of Kris' mother, and said her passing was very peaceful.

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Mr. Cannon reported he attended the SMCSBA/CSBA Road Show Dinner Meeting that took place on September 18th at Skyline College. He said the meeting was a nice start to the year.

Mr. Cannon said the State Representatives and the California School Boards Association (CSBA) did a nice job presenting the CSBA program.

Mr. Cannon acknowledged and thanked staff for the presentations made during the meeting and said these student programs make the County Board a traditional school board and he welcomes hearing about everything that is being done for these at-risk students, and appreciates the Board's expectations for that work.

Mr. Camacho

Mr. Camacho thanked the staff for the presentations regarding the work being done in the Students Services Division.

Mr. Camacho reported he attended the SMCSBA Dinner Meeting and said he is pleased the Bay Area will have two local Regional Representatives that will focus on advancing education policy with a priority of increasing state funding for education. Mr. Camacho said representatives will also help district and county board members learn how to engage their legislators in that conversation. He said SMCSBA will host its first Legislator Forum on October 28, 2017. He announced State Senators Jerry Hill and Scott Weiner and Assemblymember Kevin Mullin will attend this meeting as well as representatives from Assemblymembers Marc Berman and Phil Ting's offices and encouraged his colleagues to attend if they are able. Mr. Camacho said it is the intent that the Legislators will have a clear understanding of the needs in San Mateo County.

Ms. Alvaro

Ms. Alvaro announced she will attend the SMCSBA Legislator Forum and said she looks forward to the event.

Ms. Alvaro wished Counsel Cunningham a belated happy birthday.

Ms. Alvaro thanked her for bring Resolution No. 17-40 before the Board and said it is the right thing for the Board to do.

Ms. Alvaro announced she would attend the Career Technical Education Partnership Meeting on Wednesday, October 4, 2017, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Ms. Alvaro said the Lady Washington and the Hawaiian Chieftain Tall Ships will be at Pillar Point in Half Moon Bay from October 18-30, 2017, and commented this is a great attraction for children to experience.

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Ms. Gerard

Ms. Gerard reported she attended the California County Boards of Education (CCBE) Conference and said she enjoyed the comradery with her colleagues and Superintendent Campbell. Ms. Gerard thought there was a lot of useful information presented at the sessions as well as networking and thanked her colleagues who were able to attend the CCBE Conference.

Ms. Gerard announced the CSBA Conference will take place in San Diego November 30 through December 2, 2017, and commented officers will be elected during that conference.

Ms. Gerard thanked Superintendent Campbell for putting together the speaking points that can be used for the Board visits to the districts.

Ms. Gerard wished Board Member Alvaro and Counsel Cunningham a belated happy birthday.

Ms. Gerard echoed Mr. Cannon's comments about the SMCSBA Dinner Meeting as an informative and a great event.

Mr. Lempert

Mr. Lempert reported he attended and enjoyed the CCBE Conference and said there was so much information provided. He said the retirement session was eye opening.

Mr. Lempert congratulated Superintendent Campbell and organizers of The Big Lift Quarterly Meeting. He said attendance was great and he thinks everyone involved with The Big Lift has done an excellent job at being able to recover from the lack of federal funding.

Mr. Hsiao

Mr. Hsiao reported he attended and enjoyed the CCBE Conference. Mr. Hsiao acknowledged and thanked Ms. Gerard and Mr. Camacho for their efforts in planning the conference.

Mr. Hsiao said he received an email regarding pension contributions and its diminishing impact on charter schools, which is causing charter schools to opt out of the California State Teachers Retirement System (CalSTRS) and the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS).

Mr. Hsiao reported he attended the SMCSBA/CSBA Road Show Dinner Meeting and thought the information presented by the CSBA speakers was very engaging.

Mr. Hsiao said he was impressed with the Personalized Learning and Attendance Awareness presentations provided to the Board during the meeting. He said because of the leadership and openness of the staff and cabinet to take a chance and try new things and slowly make these programs successful make him grateful to staff for their efforts, and taking risks for student success.

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Mr. Ross

Mr. Ross said he completely agrees with Mr. Hsiao's comments and said it is incredible that the staff took a chance on these programs and are now seeing the benefits.

Mr. Ross said he was struck by one of the comments regarding the Attendance Matters postcard mailing and the result of 15% reduction in chronic absenteeism. He said between that and some of the other initiatives that were discussed during the meeting, he believes there is no doubt there will be tangible data that show the risks were appropriate to take.

Mr. Ross reported he attended the CCBE meeting, but unfortunately had to leave early. He acknowledged and thanked Ms. Gerard and Mr. Camacho for their efforts on the CCBE Conference Planning Committee.

Mr. Ross reported he attended a meeting convened by Menlo Park Mayor Kirsten Keith on Monday, September 18, 2017, to discuss educational quality in eastern Menlo Park's Belle Haven area and the possibility of changing the school district's district lines. Mr. Ross said there was a variety of diverse opinions and the meeting was well-attended.

Board President Ross said the San Mateo County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools would like to adjourn this meeting in honor of Marian Olson, who passed away earlier this month. Mrs. Olson was the mother of Kris Cannon and the mother-in-law of board member Jim Cannon. She lived a long life and was an inspiration to many.

Mr. Ross said Mrs. Olson was born on January 22, 1911, on a dairy farm near the Cow Palace. She was a person of sharp wit who loved her family, traveling the world, and her native city of San Francisco. Mrs. Olson was always open to learning new things and taking on new hobbies. He said at the age of 102, Marian became a Warriors fan and enjoyed watching their basketball games on television.

Mr. Ross commented Marian loved car rides through San Francisco, the beautiful sunsets, Judge Judy, and visitors at any time. She especially enjoyed the love and company of her two granddaughters, Adrienne and Karen Cannon.

Mr. Ross said Mrs. Olson is survived by two of her three children, Kris Cannon and Stephen Olsson.

Board President offered sincerest condolences to Kris, Stephen, Jim, Adrienne and Karen, and all of those who were honored to call Marian their friend and said she will be dearly missed.

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12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Marian Olson at 9:04 p.m.



Anne E. Campbell, Secretary
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