Meeting Date: November 1, 2017

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

Board Members Present: Susan Alvaro, Hector Camacho, Jr.,
Jim Cannon, Rod Hsiao, Ted Lempert,
Joe Ross

Board Member Absent: Beverly Gerard (Due to illness)

Staff Officials Present: Anne E. Campbell, Secretary
Marcia Serpa-Garcia, Executive Assistant

Other Staff Present: Marco Chavez, Jesus Contreras,
Mefula Fairley, Franklin Felizardo,
Jeneé Littrell, Patricia Love,
Nancy Magee, Lori Musso,
Robert Pronovost, Gary Waddell

1. OPENING ITEMS

   a. Call to Order

      Board President Joe Ross called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

      Superintendent Campbell announced that Board Member Gerard called to let the Board know she
was ill. Ms. Campbell assured Ms. Gerard she should stay home.

      Board President Ross noted that Board Member Gerard was absent due to illness and requested a
resolution be brought forward for Board Approval to Implement Board Policy 9250.

      b. 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 November 1, 2017, agenda as presented.
Board President Ross announced members of the public could provide comments on agendized 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.

2. **APPOINTMENT OF THE SAN MATEO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION’S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PERSONNEL COMMISSION**

   a. Discuss/Act on Procedure for the Board’s Appointment of a Personnel Commission Representative

Board President Ross invited Board Member Camacho to begin discussion on a procedure the Board would like to use for an appointment of its Representative to the Personnel Commission.

Mr. Camacho reported he attended a recent Personnel Commission Meeting and was impressed with the topics being discussed. He said after consulting with Lead Deputy County Counsel Claire Cunningham, he thought it might be a good idea to have a process for appointing a Board representative on the Personnel Commission. Mr. Camacho said it doesn’t appear a process is in place and suggested it would be beneficial to allow the public to provide input on what the process might look like.

Mr. Camacho suggested an Ad Hoc Subcommittee be formed to discuss a process to appoint a member to the Personnel Commission. He then asked Counsel Cunningham to provide information on starting that process even though there is a current appointment pending.

Counsel Cunningham said there are provisions regarding a specified timeline provided in the Education Code including:

- The Board must hold a Public Hearing 30 to 45 days after announcing its intent to appoint a representative for the Board. The Board is not required to approve its appointment at this time
- Education Code and Merit Rules provide that the Board has options at the meeting taking place 30-45 days after announcement: could make the appointment; could make a substitute appointment; could make a recommendation to:
  - Staff to develop another list of possible appointees
  - Engage in an Ad Hoc Board Subcommittee to look at a process for the appointment of the vacancy that will become effective December 1st when the current appointment expires
    - The appointee who is currently in the position when the vacancy occurs is authorized to fulfill the duties of the office, for a time period of 90 calendar days, until a successor is appointed. If no one is selected after 90 days, there would only be two commissioners
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Counsel Cunningham recommended the Board make an appointment before March 1, 2018, to avoid an empty seat. She said Education Code doesn’t offer specifics regarding the process, in terms of selecting a candidate.

Mr. Camacho said the Board could ultimately appoint Mrs. Olga Hoja as its representative, but thought this is an appropriate opportunity since the Board has discussed creating various procedures.

Mr. Camacho formally requested to convene an Ad Hoc Board Committee to look at this procedure.

Mr. Ross asked for comments and or questions on this item:

• What qualities does the Board expect from its representative on the Personnel Commission and does the Board understand those qualities and expectations?

  • Ms. Alvaro said Mrs. Hoja has served many terms on the Personnel Commission and wants to make sure Mrs. Hoja understands the Board doesn’t want to replace her because she is not acceptable, rather the Board wants to have procedures in place and now is the time to do this. Ms. Alvaro said the Board thoroughly appreciates everything Mrs. Hoja has done

  • Mr. Camacho said he wholeheartedly agrees with Ms. Alvaro and said he had an opportunity to talk with the other two Commissioners after the meeting he attended and thanked them for their willingness to serve. Mr. Camacho said this communication is important and would be happy to have this conversation with Mrs. Hoja and the other Commissioners

  • Ms. Alvaro asked who appoints the other two Commissioners and if either of those groups have a procedure for their appointments

  • Mr. Camacho said he knows some districts also have Personnel Commissions and thought the Board could request to see how they fill those positions

Mr. Ross recapped the discussion:

• The Board’s appointed representative serves for three years on the Personnel Commission

• Three-person body consisting of appointees of: The Board of Education, the Union, and one person appointed by the other two Commissioners

Mr. Ross suggested an Ad Hoc Board Subcommittee to develop procedures and criteria for selection. He asked how often Personnel Commission meetings take place during the 90-day timeline after December 1 when the vacancy occurs.

Counsel Cunningham said the Commission meets once each month, typically during the second week of each month.
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Mr. Ross asked if a motion should be made or could he, as President of the Board, appoint an Ad Hoc Subcommittee.

Mr. Cannon asked how long Mrs. Roja has served on the Personnel Commission. He said he believed she was a Classified Personnel Director for many years and retired from that position. Mr. Cannon said Mrs. Hoja is a very qualified person for the role of Personnel Commissioner.

Mr. Ross suggested the Board quickly take the opportunity to convene a subcommittee to review procedures and asked Mr. Camacho if he would participate along with two other members of the Board. He asked if he could appoint members to an Ad Hoc Board Subcommittee.

Counsel Cunningham said as the Board President Mr. Ross could appoint two other board Members to the Ad Hoc Subcommittee.

Mr. Ross then asked if the Board would rather take a motion. Hearing no comment Board President Ross appointed Mr. Camacho, Chair, Ms. Alvaro and himself, as the Ad Hoc Board Subcommittee to develop a process, procedures and quantify qualities the Board would like to have in its representative.

b. Public Hearing

Mr. Ross announced the Board would hold a public hearing on the San Mateo County Board of Education’s representative to the Personnel Commission. Hearing no public comment, Mr. Ross declared the public hearing closed.

c. Discuss/Act on Appointment of Olga Roja for a Three-Year Term as the San Mateo County Board of Education’s Representative to the Personnel Commission

Mr. Hsiao suggested tabling the appointment pending the Ad Hoc Board Subcommittee’s recommendations.

After a motion by Ms. Alvaro and a second by Mr. Hsiao, the Board voted to table the discussion and action to reappoint Olga Hoja as the Board’s representative to the Personnel Commission until the Ad Hoc Board Subcommittee has completed its work by a vote of six in favor (Alvaro, Camacho, Cannon, Hsiao, Lempert and Ross), none opposed and one absent (Gerard).

Mr. Camacho requested an agenda item be placed on the November 15, 2017, board agenda to discuss this item again.
3. **PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS**

There were no persons wishing to address the Board.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 18, 2017, REGULAR MEETING**

After a motion by Ms. Alvaro and a second by Mr. Lempert, the Board approved, by a vote of six in favor (Alvaro, Camacho, Cannon, Hsiao, Lempert and Ross), none opposed and one absent (Gerard), the Minutes of the October 18, 2017, Regular Meeting as presented.

5. **INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES**

   a. **Receive Report on Maker-Centered Learning**

Deputy Superintendent Dr. Gary Waddell said he was pleased to bring a report to the Board noting the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) team has been very busy over the past year generating new work and redefining the work and the space the districts are invited to share with the STEM team. He said the San Mateo County Office of Education (SMCOE) is fortunate to have Robert Pronovost on the SMCOE STEM team. Dr. Waddell said Mr. Pronovost most recently worked at the Ravenswood City School District and also contracted with SMCOE for its Making Work. He said Instructional Technology Coordinator Bruce Duncan recently moved to a position in the Burlingame School District, and SMCOE was fortunate to have Mr. Pronovost move into the role of Coordinator of Innovative Learning and Technology Integration.

Dr. Waddell said he is excited about the Making Work, which is on the forefront of the way we look at education differently today. He said he and Superintendent Campbell attended the EdSurge Fusion Summit earlier in the day and heard a panel of students speak. One young man said he was a student, a musician, and an entrepreneur and used a quote by Kasseem Dean, “Sky’s not the limit it’s just the view.” Dr. Waddell said he was struck by that quote and thought it was apropos for the Making Work because SMCOE is trying to be about the business of expanding horizons and opportunities for San Mateo County students. He then asked Mr. Pronovost to talk about Maker-Centered Learning at SMCOE.

Mr. Pronovost reiterated he is the Coordinator of Innovative Learning and Technology Integration and previously worked at Ravenswood City School District supporting and building Maker Spaces across that school district as well as serving as the Director of Curriculum and Instruction.

Mr. Pronovost said for those who may not know much about the Maker Movement or Maker-Centered Learning, there are many items that come to mind when thinking about Making as well as a discussion debate about where Making falls along with all of the other new innovations including Project-Based Learning and Design Thinking. Mr. Pronovost said
ultimately, the Maker movement and Maker-Centered Learning is a mindset and a way of actively engaging students in their learning, which can be traced back to Piaget, Montessori and Seymour Papert. He said while exploring Making the STEM Team has come to realize that Making is not a separate part of the day, but should be an integrated part of all learning.

Mr. Pronovost reported through the work done last year with Georgetown University Professor Paula Hooper the STEM Team was able to expand its definition of Making beyond the traditional white-male in a garage model, to looking at how Making occurs in different cultures and communities including the design of jewelry, the customization of cars and spray-painted graffiti murals that can be seen in so many communities.

Mr. Pronovost said more important than “what” is “why” and shared a video of former President Barack Obama, who discussed the importance of more people having the skills to secure a job in growing industries or creating entirely new industries. Mr. Pronovost said he felt fortunate to attend President Obama’s first Roundtable on Making in Education at the White House, and is now able to bring something that has a national prominence to all children. He said in addition to skills needed in jobs, students also gain a level of personal skills. Mr. Pronovost then shared a video of Emily Thomforde explaining some of the skills Making helps students develop, Agency (I can) and Character (what will you do with those powers: help people, share, treat equipment with respect, and fix things that get broken).

Mr. Pronovost then provided an update about his Maker-Centered Learning journey over the past 12 months since he joined the STEM Team:

- June 2016 – Make/Learn Kickoff Celebration
- October 2016 – Making Spaces partnership with Google, Maker Ed, and the Children’s Museum of Pittsburg in supporting 11 schools across the County to develop Maker Spaces

Mr. Pronovost said the Maker Spaces program was opened up to schools across San Mateo County, 17 schools applied, and 11 schools were selected across 10 districts. He shared the priorities of equity for students, who might not already have access as well as schools that didn’t have the capacity to support this work due to their small size, were used in the selection process. He said once these schools were selected they were brought together to focus on “why.” He said schools started developing their mission statements about why they were bringing Maker-Centered Learning into their schools, and at the same time he led workshops with teachers from Making Spaces schools as well as teachers from other schools in the County to see themselves as Makers. Mr. Pronovost reported he visited school sites to help develop Maker mindsets including helping them use thinking routines. Schools are able to check out Lending Kits to use in their classrooms for one week intervals. This allows the schools to see if the kits are something they wish to purchase for their schools. He acknowledged Oracle for their support of Maker-Centered Learning.
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Mr. Pronovost reported he also worked with:

- The City of Redwood City and the Redwood City Library Foundation to support Cardboard City at STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) Fest, an annual event to raise money for Hot Spots and technology upgrades in the Fair Oaks Community and Downtown Libraries
- Stanford University to bring Making to educators at the Bright Futures Conference
- The Maker Education Leadership Symposium
- The SMCOE Makerspace prototype
- Former Instructional Technology Coordinator Bruce Duncan, and Maker Education Leaders to problem solve how to keep Maker-Center Learning from becoming just another fad, and how to integrate it into schools so it can be used to assess the student’s Making and as a form of assessment across the curriculum
- Prototyping Maker Space in the SMCOE STEM Studio
- STEM Center Director Rebecca Vyduna and Mr. Duncan to share the work being done in San Mateo County schools at the Maker Faire
- The Peninsula/South Bay Maker Educator Meetup during the summer and a second meetup on November 16, 2017, at the Kraus Center for Innovation at Foothill College in Los Altos, California in order to support educators in building a community

Mr. Pronovost reported Maker-Centered Learning became a focus for the County Office through the Think/Do Hubs and said he is excited to support and continue working with schools. He said his goal is to move from the ten schools to supporting Making across the County. Mr. Pronovost announced he will coach a cohort of 15 educators to earn the Maker Educator Certificate through Sonoma State University, as well as through SMCOE. He will teach the course along with local educators.

Mr. Pronovost said John Spencer’s Creativity Transcends Subject Area is the core of what is seen and what has been determined in the STEM Center, which is that we need to embrace and see that making, creativity and the arts, transcend subject areas and need to integrate them together.

Mr. Pronovost invited the Board Members to visit the STEM Making Studio and then answered questions from the Board.

6. STUDENT SERVICES


Associate Superintendent Nancy Magee said the work that Administrator of Safe and Supportive Schools Jeneé Littrell would report to the Board was an update on one of the aspects of the larger Coalition for Safe Schools and Communities. She said an invitation to the annual breakfast would be mailed soon for the December 13, 2017, event. Ms. Magee said at that
event a report on the progress of work done in Emergency Response in Mental Health and Threat Assessment would be presented including information on work impacting various projects across San Mateo County as well as the work Ms. Littrell is doing on training the school districts in protocol leadership to help victims involved in commercial sexual exploitation.

Ms. Magee introduced Administrator of Safe and Supportive Schools Jeneé Littrell to provide a report on Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSES) in San Mateo County.

Ms. Littrell said she was pleased to be asked to provide an update on one of the issues of attendance problems. Ms. Littrell said when talking about human trafficking, especially juvenile human trafficking, the term used is Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC), which is a strong reminder that these are children under the age of 18 and cannot legally agree to any sexual engagement. So, when someone is commercially benefiting off these children, it’s a crime.

Ms. Littrell said in order to provide CSEC prevention it is crucial to have a coordinated response. She said schools are the ones that see students every day. Some students are also known to Child Welfare, Probation or other systems, but education is the one system that serves virtually all students. Ms. Littrell said the way SMCOE coordinates with its partners is essential to protecting and keeping the community safe.

Ms. Littrell explained the Educator Protocol as:
- Partner with Child Welfare Services, Rape Trauma Services and Human Trafficking Coordinator to develop the San Mateo County CSEC Protocol for Educators
- Incorporate all new Child Welfare guidance
- Highlight school indicators such as: students who are habitually truant, students who might have contact with exploiters, or victims

Ms. Littrell said work has been incorporated in training for educators:
- Conducted county-wide training for educators and school partners
- Trained San Mateo Union High School, Sequoia Union High School and Ravenswood School Districts
- Consulted/partnered with one local high school that has identified a cluster of students likely connected to CSEC
- Provide on-going work with Ravenswood School District to build a campus response model
- Trained law enforcement, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services and Child Protective Services
- Trained most of the local School Resource Officers
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Ms. Littrell said new law requirements prompted a county-wide response including:

- Steering Committee and Child Welfare
- Multi-Disciplinary Team – agencies other than education must activate a team within the first 48 hours – education would then be able to support the student
- San Mateo County Human Trafficking Coordinator Position – position is being reevaluated with San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office
- Operations
- Victims Services

Ms. Littrell reported Enhancing County-wide Services/Response include:

- Housing options – safe environment and continued education
- Consistent training
- On-going partner feedback for best practices
- Connect to additional networks, services and partners in other counties
- Partner with local courts – met with Juvenile Court Judge to discuss how to strengthen court influence for all the systems in San Mateo County to get stronger supports in place
- Enhance School Attendance Review Boards (SARB) supports for all school districts
- Advise schools on when to activate a Level One Threat Assessment to support vulnerable students when necessary

Ms. Littrell then answered questions from the Board.

7. OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

a. Ratify Submission of Project: San Mateo County Office of Education Intern Teacher Credential Program

Superintendent Campbell said the Board has before them a project initiation proposal for their consideration. She said Associate Superintendent Lori Musso along with representatives from seven San Mateo County School Districts prepared a proposal based on need for teachers, especially in the area of Special Education. Ms. Campbell said funding for this project comes from a CalEd Grant in the Amount of $848,201, commenting the opportunity for SMCOE to train teachers in San Mateo County will involve, should the submission be granted, partnering with the Sonoma County Office of Education, who has the authority to grant this type of credential.

Superintendent Campbell acknowledged and thanked Associate Superintendent Lori Musso for her intense work and coordination. She mentioned when she shared information about this grant with the San Mateo County District Superintendents they were very pleased because of the need for new teachers. Ms. Campbell said this project is also aligned with the Teacher Pipeline work of the SMCOE Strategic Plan.
Ms. Musso then answered questions from the Board.

After a motion by Ms. Alvaro and a second by Mr. Camacho, the Board approved, by a vote of six in favor (Alvaro, Camacho, Cannon, Hsiao, Lempert and Ross), none opposed and one absent (Gerard), submission of the project: San Mateo County Office of Education Intern Teacher Credential Program.

8. CLOSED SESSION

   a. The Board will move to closed session to hear an Interdistrict Attendance Appeal (ITA-17-5) filed on behalf of a student currently residing in the La Honda-Pescadero Unified School District, but requesting to attend school in the Sequoia Union High School District.

   At 8:11 p.m., Board President Ross announced the meeting would move into closed session to hear Interdistrict Attendance Appeal ITA-17-5 filed on behalf of a student currently residing in the La Honda-Pescadero Unified School District, but requesting to attend school in the Sequoia Union High School District.

9. OPEN SESSION: REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

   a. Report on Action Taken in Closed Session on Interdistrict Attendance Appeal (ITA-17-5)

   The Board reconvened in open session at 9:52 p.m. Mr. Ross announced the following action was taken in closed session.

   After a motion by Ms. Alvaro and a second by Mr. Lempert, Interdistrict Attendance Appeal: ITA-17-5 was denied by a vote of six in favor (Alvaro, Camacho, Cannon, Hsiao, Lempert and Ross), none opposed and one absent (Gerard), due to a lack of sufficiently compelling evidence of any factor listed in the Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Handbook.

7. OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT (continued)

   a. Superintendent’s Comments

   Superintendent Campbell said she thought it appropriate since November is the month of Thanksgiving to express her appreciation to a variety of individuals who have gone above and beyond over the past two weeks.

   • Ms. Serpa-Garcia for investing a huge amount of time in transitioning from Agenda Online to Board Docs. She rolled up her sleeves and has mastered the posting of the agenda, minutes, and accompanying attachments. She is working on transferring the Board Policies and other documents from over the past three years. Superintendent
Campbell also thanked Administrator for Board/Superintendent Support and Community Relations Marco Chávez for his efforts on the transition

- Board Member Camacho for his phenomenal presentation at this past Saturday’s San Mateo County School Boards Association (SMCSBA) Legislative Forum. He prepared a PowerPoint presentation that compellingly presented data demonstrating how profound the Achievement Gap is in San Mateo County. She said especially powerful was the slide showing how long it will take to close the Achievement Gap for subgroups if the current rate of growth continues. Ms. Campbell thanked Board President Ross and Board Members Cannon and Ms. Hsiao for attending as well as Deputy Superintendent Waddell, Associate Superintendent Magee, Administrator for Strategy and Communications Patricia Love, and Lisa Rosenthal. She said SMCOE was certainly well-represented

- Board Members Camacho, Lempert and Ross for their presentations at the San Bruno Park, Ravenswood and Redwood City Board meetings. She said each did a great job of sharing the responsibilities of the County Board and of highlighting a key area of the strategic plan. She said the Teacher Pipeline seems to be resonating with the local boards. Superintendent Campbell thanked Board Member Cannon who has been attending the presentations in a support capacity as well

- Deputy Superintendent Waddell recently received the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA) Curriculum and Instruction Steering Committee (CISC) STAR Award at the recent CCSESA General Membership Meeting. She said this award was well-deserved commenting that Dr. Waddell has played a major leadership role on behalf of CISC, serving not only as President, but also as past president for not one but three years because of a series of unexpected retirements. Ms. Campbell said it is a true honor to be acknowledged by one’s peers and the speech honoring Dr. Waddell made it abundantly clear CISC places a high value on the leadership he has provided

Superintendent Campbell announced the State Priorities Local Indicators would be presented at the Board’s next meeting. She said the final phase of the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) roll-out must be presented to the Board and posted by December 1, 2017, so the data can be included in the California Dashboard.

Superintendent Campbell said Dr. Waddell announced Visual and Performing Arts Coordinator Michelle Holdt will launch an Arts Education Film and Speaker Series at the County Office. Ms. Campbell said the first film is titled Landfill Harmonic and will be shown November 16, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. Landfill Harmonic is a story about a group of young people who live close to a landfill in South America and became involved with a musician who helped them make musical instruments out of what they found in the landfill. The orchestra catapulted into the global spotlight and must now navigate a strange new world of arenas and sold-out concerts.
Superintendent Campbell announced the Silicon Valley Community Foundation (SVCF) is sponsoring an “On The Table” conversation on housing November 15, 2017. She said the SVCF would like conversations on the topic of housing to happen throughout Silicon Valley as part of the national effort to create opportunities for civic participation, foster new relationships, and inspire action across the region through small group, mealtime conversations. Superintendent Campbell said prior to the Board meeting on November 15, 2017, SMCOE will host an “On The Table” Conversation beginning at 5:30 p.m. and invited the Board to participate if they are able.

Board President Ross said he would like to participate in this On The Table event.

10. **BOARD MEMBERS**

   a. **Discuss/Act on Legislation**

   There was no legislation to discuss.

   b. **Discuss/Act on Nomination for Members of the County Committee on School District Organization**

   Board President Ross summarized that each school district Governing Board Representative (GBR) is allowed to vote on the candidates who have been nominated. He said 23 GBRs have been invited to attend and participate across San Mateo County, noting it takes 13 GBRs for a quorum to hold the election. Mr. Chávez reported currently, there are five Member Terms that are expiring, three nominees have submitted applications for the At-Large vacancy and the four incumbents have all agreed to serve again in their Supervisorial Districts.

   Mr. Chávez reminded the Board that their governing board representative to the County Committee on School District Organization (CCSDO) is Mr. Lempert. Mr. Lempert said he is unable to attend the CCSDO Election meeting on November 13, 2017. After discussion by the Board, Board President Ross said he would attend the CCSDO meeting.

   Mr. Chávez then answered questions from the Board.

   c. **Board Member Comments**

   **Mr. Lempert**

   Mr. Lempert thanked Board Member Ross for taking his place at the CCSDO Meeting on November 13, 2017.

   **Mr. Hsiao**

   Mr. Hsiao acknowledged and thanked Board Member Camacho for the great job he did at the SMCSBA Legislative Forum on Saturday, October 28, 2017.
Mr. Hsiao reported he listened to the Assembly Select Committee on Men and Boys of Color that took place in San Jose. San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo described the city as two worlds divided by race, and Mr. Hsiao said the City of San Mateo also has enclaves of communities that are separated by race and believes both cities are trying to address this issue.

Ms. Alvaro

Ms. Alvaro said she would like to attend the On The Table event at the County Office of Education on Wednesday, November 15, 2017.

Ms. Alvaro congratulated Deputy Superintendent Waddell for receiving the CCSESA CISC STAR Award and said it is well-deserved.

Ms. Alvaro congratulated Superintendent Campbell on receiving the CCSESA Perpetual Award for Outstanding Accomplishments and said this award was also a well-deserved honor. Ms. Alvaro said it is an honor to have two outstanding administrators in SMCOE receiving prestigious awards.

Ms. Alvaro provided an update on the 10th Anniversary of Zap the Gap (Zap 10). Ms. Alvaro announced Kimberly Papillon, Implicit Bias Expert, will speak on implicit bias and its effect on medical practitioners, lawyers, and teachers dealing with their clients/students as well as how it reflects back on the client’s/student’s self-perception. Ms. Alvaro reminded the Board the Zap 10 Conference will take place on March 12, 2018, at Oracle.

Mr. Camacho

Mr. Camacho congratulated Superintendent Campbell and Deputy Superintendent Waddell on their recent well-deserved recognitions and said he is honored to be a part of the SMCOE organization.

Mr. Camacho thanked his colleagues for their comments regarding the SMCSBA Legislative Forum. He thanked Kalimah Salahuddin and the entire Committee for their hard work organizing the event and said the Legislators were engaged. Mr. Camacho acknowledged and thanked Dr. Waddell, the Center for Learning Analytics staff and Deputy Superintendent Denise Porterfield who were tremendous resources in helping him prepare for this event with high impact information.

Mr. Cannon

Mr. Cannon reported he attended the SMCSBA Legislative Forum and commended Mr. Camacho for his excellent presentation. He said there was such personal passion and commitment to children, it made the presentation exceptional. Mr. Cannon said it reminded him of Mr. Lempert’s passion when he talks about doing our best for children.
Mr. Cannon said he enjoyed Mr. Camacho’s presentation to the Board in San Bruno Park Elementary School District, as well as Mr. Ross’s presentation to the Ravenswood City School District. He said he learned a lot from each of them and enjoyed seeing capable colleagues making their presentations. Mr. Cannon said when he, along with Mr. Camacho, presented with Mr. Hsiao in the San Mateo Union High School District, he was proud to work with each of them.

Mr. Cannon commented initially he was worried about the Zap the Gap prior to the Zoom Conference and said he thinks a great program will be offered. He said this is one of those things when there is a need to fill a room, so it must be attractive to people as well as effective in order to close the gap sooner than 40 years from now.

Mr. Ross

Mr. Ross extended his congratulations to Superintendent Campbell and Dr. Waddell for the awards they received at the recent CCSESA Meeting.

Mr. Ross said the consensus after Board Member Camacho left the SMCSBA Legislative Forum was that the Board Members who attended, not only appreciated Mr. Camacho’s presentation, but expressed how much they would like to have a copy of the PowerPoint he used with speakers notes so they could continue to tell the story. Mr. Ross requested the presentation be sent to each Board Member. He said his take away was that despite the fact that California is spending over 50% of the State Budget in education, somehow California is at the bottom of the national scale on per pupil spending. Mr. Ross said somehow other states that are higher on the scale of per pupil spending are spending less of their State Budget on education.

Mr. Lempert explained there are only 10 states that have state funded education systems, he said the other 40 are locally run. He said within the 10 states that are state funded, California ranks very low. Mr. Lempert said it is complicated because property tax used to fund local schools, but when Proposition 13 passed, the funds now flow through Sacramento and commented even with Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) California’s system is still a State-run finance system.

Mr. Ross said at the SMCSBA Forum Legislators began to get a clearer understanding that the perception that California’s schools are well-funded is simply not true and that funding schools adequately is a problem that needs to be addressed.

Mr. Ross suggested using Board Member Camacho’s presentation that shows education being under funded when talking about test results.

Mr. Camacho said an eye-opener for him was when he learned that the County Office of Education was impacted by the California State Teachers Retirement System (CalSTRS) and the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) contributions more than at the district levels and SMCOE will be spending an additional 58% by 2020 and then 77% by 2021.
12. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:21 p.m.

Anne E. Campbell, Secretary
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