1. **OPENING ITEMS**

   A. **Call to Order**

   Board President Hector Camacho, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

   B. **Approval of Agenda**

   After a motion by Ms. Gerard and a second by Mr. Lempert, the Board unanimously (Alvaro, Camacho, Cannon, Gerard, Hsiao, Lempert, and Ross) approved the May 15, 2019, agenda as presented.

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

   There were no persons wishing to address the Board.
3. **RECOGNITION OF WALK AND ROLL TO SCHOOL DAY POSTER WINNERS**

   A. Recognition of Walk and Roll to School Day Poster Student Winners

   Board President Camacho welcomed the winners of the Walk and Roll to School Day Poster Contest, the San Mateo County Office of Education’s Safe Routes to School-sponsored contest to promote participation in Walk and Roll to School Day, which was held on May 8th. He described how more than 200 students from across the county entered the contest and a panel of judges, including students and staff from Gateway Community School, staff from the Safe Routes to School Program, and Patrick Broderick, SMCOE’s Multimedia Designer, selected eight posters by nine artists as the winners of the 2019 contest.

   Board President Camacho first recognized the winners in attendance - two first-grade students from Brewer Island Elementary School in the San Mateo-Foster City School District, a sixth-grade student from Vallemar Elementary School in the Pacifica School District, and a sixth-grade student from Cunha Intermediate School in the Cabrillo Unified School District. He invited each winner to come forward to accept their recognition certificates, have their photo taken, and say a few words about their posters.

   Board President Camacho and Superintendent Magee then recognized those students unable to attend including students from Cunha Middle School in the Cabrillo Unified School District and Arundel Elementary School and Arroyo School, both in the San Carlos School District.

4. **EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**

   B. May 2019 Employee of the Month Payroll Audit Team: Christine Martinez, Elizabeth Nguyen, Dolores Rainey, Lingqi Zhang

   Board President Camacho recognized the May 2019 Employee of the Month, the Payroll Audit Team: Payroll/Retirement Audit Analysts Christine Martinez, Elizabeth Nguyen, and Dolores Rainey, and Financial Analyst Lingqi Zhang. Board President Camacho congratulated Ms. Martinez, Ms. Nguyen, Ms. Rainey, and Ms. Zhang on behalf of the Board and presented each with a check and commemorative clock.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

   A. May 1, 2019, Regular Board Meeting

   After a motion by Mr. Cannon and a second by Ms. Gerard, the Board unanimously (Alvaro, Camacho, Cannon, Gerard, Hsiao, Lempert, and Ross) approved the Minutes of the May 1, 2019, Regular Meeting as presented.
6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

   B. **Receive Staffing Report**
   
   C. **Adopt Joint Resolution No. 19-18 Honoring Portola Valley School District Superintendent Eric Hartwig on his Retirement**
   
   D. **Adopt Resolution No. 19-19 Education Protection Account**
   
   E. **Adopt Resolution No. 19-20 Authorizing 2018-2019 Budgetary Increases, Revisions, and Transfers at Year-End**
   
   F. **Adopt Resolution No. 19-21 Temporary Borrowing (Bridge Loans) in 2019-2020 for Small School Districts with Average Daily Attendance of 900 or Less**
   
   G. **Adopt Joint Resolution No. 19-22 Honoring Irene Blea on Her Retirement**
   
   H. **Adopt Joint Resolution No. 19-23 Honoring Eileen Gavron on Her Retirement**
   
   I. **Adopt Joint Resolution No. 19-24 Honoring Carol Quigley on Her Retirement**
   
   J. **Adopt Joint Resolution No. 19-25 Honoring Janice Strassheim on Her Retirement**
   
   K. **Declaration of Surplus Property - Computer Equipment and Textbooks**

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

7. **BUSINESS SERVICES**

   A. **Receive Report on the May Revision of the Governor's Budget**

   Board President Camacho introduced Deputy Superintendent Denise Porterfield to provide a report on the May Revision of the Governor’s Budget. Deputy Superintendent Porterfield noted on Thursday, May 9, 2019, Governor Newsom released his May Revision to the 2019-20 budget proposals presented in January. She stated the May Revision confirms from 2017-18 through 2019-20 revenues have increased by approximately $3.2 billion in the three largest tax sources. Deputy Superintendent Porterfield described the changes in the following areas:

   - Personal income tax revenues, now almost $1.9 billion higher
   - Sales tax receipts, now $360 million lower
   - Corporation tax revenues, now $1.7 billion higher based on receipts received through April

Deputy Superintendent Porterfield shared despite the overall three-year General Fund revenue increases, K-14 education spending under the Proposition 98 Guarantee increased only slightly at the May Revision over the same period by an additional $746.5 million. She said that similar to 2018, the gains are minimal relative to overall growth in the General Fund. This is due primarily to Proposition 98 “Test 2” provisions applied in 2018-19 in which growth in the minimum guarantee is driven by per capita personal income growth, not growth in General Fund tax revenue.

Deputy Superintendent Porterfield stated the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) is down 3.26%, from the January estimate of 3.46%, the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) remains fully funded, and the COLA is also applied to categorical funding. She stated in regards to Special
Education, in January the Governor proposed a $576 million increase, with $390 million ongoing and another $186 million in one-time funding for grants to fund special education and school readiness services not currently included in individualized education programs. Deputy Superintendent Porterfield clarified these supplemental grants would fund new services for students currently receiving special education services or for preventative services aiming to reduce the need for additional services in future years. She added these funds should not be applied to offset districts’ contributions.

Deputy Superintendent Porterfield described the May Revision proposal to increase the new Special Education spending to $696 million with all funding ongoing. She shared the proposal allocates funds outside of the AB 602 funding model, which is funded from property taxes and distributed to the districts. Deputy Superintendent Porterfield said in order to receive funds, LEAs must have students that qualify for concentration funding in their LCFF formula, meaning a 55% or more unduplicated pupil count and a population of Special Education students above the statewide average, currently estimated at 3.93%.

Deputy Superintendent Porterfield also explained the May Revision includes the Teacher Preparation, Recruitment, and Retention program with $89.8 million in one-time non-Proposition 98 spending to provide an estimated 4,500 loan assumptions, or repayments, up to $20,000 for newly credentialed teachers who promise to work in high-need schools for at least four years. She stated the funds will be prioritized for teachers in hard-to-hire subject matter areas such as Special Education and STEM and for school sites with the highest rates of non-credentialed or waiver teachers.

Deputy Superintendent Porterfield explained $44.8 million will be used to provide training and resources for classroom educators, including teachers and paraprofessionals, to build capacity around inclusive practices, social-emotional learning, Computer Science, and restorative practices as well as subject matter competency. Additionally, $13.9 million in ongoing federal funds will be used for professional learning opportunities for public K-12 school administrators to provide knowledge, skills, and competencies necessary to successfully support diverse student populations.

Deputy Superintendent Porterfield stated the May Revision increases contributions to CalSTRS and instead of paying an 18.13% contribution, the new proposal has the 2019-20 employer contribution rate down to 16.7%.

Deputy Superintendent Porterfield discussed funds allocated towards full-day kindergarten, with $750 million in one-time non-Proposition 98 funding to construct new or retrofit existing school facilities for this purpose.

Deputy Superintendent Porterfield stated as a result of higher revenues, there is a contribution of $389 million into the Public School System Stabilization Account, also known as the K-12 Rainy Day Account. She stated the contribution does not yet trigger the Reserve Cap because it has not reached 3% of the Proposition 98 Guarantee.
Deputy Superintendent Porterfield stated Computer Science funding is proposed, including $15 million in one-time, non-Proposition 98 funds from the General Fund for broadband infrastructure and $1 million in one-time, non-Proposition 98 spending, available over four years, for the State Board of Education to establish a state Computer Science Coordinator.

Deputy Superintendent Porterfield discussed how the May Revision proposes new investments for expanding the number of child care vouchers funded by the state, along with other proposals for early learning.

Deputy Superintendent Porterfield described proposals to provide Inglewood and Oakland with one-time funds in the amounts of $3.6 million and $514,000, respectively, to fund 75% of their operating deficits. She stated these proposals were written into trailer bills last year, providing grants to help relieve financial hardship. Additionally, $149.1 million is being allocated for incorrect excess tax calculations, targeted as a result of miscalculations in San Francisco, and refunding county, city, and special districts on funding they should have received which went to school districts.

Deputy Superintendent Porterfield shared many of the January proposals remain in the revised Budget, but most do not impact SMCOE funding or programs. However, she explained Statewide Systems of Support funding will be added to SMCOE’s three-year average calculations so SMCOE may see some funding increases under Differentiated Assistance.

In closing, Deputy Superintendent Porterfield stated an expectation that SMCOE will present an on-time budget no later than June 19, 2019.

Mr. Cannon asked about the good news regarding pensions. Deputy Superintendent Porterfield replied SMCOE will be paying approximately 16.1 cents per dollar in contribution. Mr. Cannon thanked Deputy Superintendent Porterfield for the information shared when the Budget Committee met earlier in the day.

Deputy Superintendent Porterfield reminded the Board that in 2013-14 the Board agreed on a savings plan which set aside $2.3 million a year to pay off the 101 Twin Dolphin Drive and 1800 Rollins Road buildings. She reported as a result of this plan, the bonds will be paid in full by June 1, 2019. Deputy Superintendent Porterfield reiterated the plan saved $3 million over what remained of the debt service.

Mr. Hsiao asked about whether Governor Newsom’s added money for renovations of buildings will also be provided to expand building construction for schools. Deputy Superintendent Porterfield responded Governor Newsom is releasing and selling most bonds, so lists are being reviewed to make sure those who applied for those funds are still in line to receive them.

Board President Camacho asked about whether the classified employee summer assistance program would impact SMCOE teachers. Deputy Superintendent Porterfield replied it would not, as last year there were only 1-2 eligible individuals.
BUSINESS SERVICES (continued)

B. Discuss/Act on a 1.0 FTE Classified Position for Systems Administrator (pending Personnel Commission approval)

Deputy Superintendent Porterfield requested the Board authorize one full-time position to support the Information Technology Services (ITS) Program. She shared that with upcoming SMCOE retirements, her division is busy with succession planning in order to bring together a number of functions to strengthen consistency and uniformity. Deputy Superintendent Porterfield shared plans to reduce the number of Computer/Network Technicians needed and described this new position as being responsible for performing updates through the Active Directory. The position is being funded from the Operational General Fund.

After a motion by Mr. Ross and a second by Mr. Lempert, the Board unanimously approved (Alvaro, Camacho, Cannon, Gerard, Hsiao, Lempert, and Ross), the 1.0 FTE Classified Position for Systems Administrator (pending Personnel Commission approval).

8. STUDENT SERVICES

A. Receive Update on Career and Technical Education (CTE)

Board President Camacho invited Associate Superintendent Lori Musso to introduce Dr. Vera Jacobson, Career and Technical Education Director, and Tina Smith, Career and Technical Education Coordinator. Associate Superintendent Musso described Dr. Jacobson as having the unique skill set to build relationships across districts and industry and growing the CTE program to include nearly 250 student applicants for internships in a variety of industries. Associate Superintendent Musso said that as the CTE program expanded, Ms. Smith was the perfect fit to grow the work, bringing her collaborative leadership skills to SMCOE. Associate Superintendent Musso shared Ms. Smith was instrumental in SMCOE collaborating with districts to write a Strong Workforce grant, funded for $1.8 million dollars, and was recently named the Chairperson of the Northern California Strong Workforce Committee.

Associate Superintendent Musso shared the CTE team partners with SMCOE’s teacher and administrator development team to further the teacher pipeline work and offer online CTE credential courses starting this summer.

Dr. Jacobson began by describing CTE Year One as “the Creation” starting with an internal team and a steering committee comprised of industry leaders, local elected officials, workforce agencies, and schools. Dr. Jacobson discussed hosting countywide CTE events, garnering 40 industry partners, beginning the summer internship program, creating the first super team with biotechnology partners, and unveiling the CTE website.

Dr. Jacobson discussed Year Two as “Building” with the creation of five additional super teams (financial empowerment, information technology, arts/media/entertainment, hospitality, and transportation), berthing of the first industry-only advisory board, expansion of the internship
program, creation of a CTE monthly digest, hosting teacher summer internships, increasing the number of industry partners to 65, and working with CTE teacher pathways in schools.

Dr. Jacobson described Year Three as “Implementation” creating a full CTE department, adding a CTE Coordinator, holding a countywide CTE counselor event, meeting with alternative education teams, hosting the first collaborative “Connect the Dots” networking event, creating a new internship structure, gathering new industry internship hosts, hosting student internship workshops, planning for the upcoming CTE credentialing process, campaigning for CTE awareness, and applying for the countywide Strong Workforce grant.

Next, Dr. Jacobson provided a snapshot of internship growth, from 12 student applications and seven hired students in Year One to 238 student applications and 35-40 students hired in Year Three. She explained that internship growth will be measured through increased student applications, increased number of interns hired, and increased industry participation.

Ms. Smith discussed measures taken to increase student participation in internships, including implementation of Saturday workshops ensuring students had equitable access to applications and opportunities to complete two mock interviews. Ms. Smith reported the CTE program outcomes as having held 11 workshops, collaborating with 56 industry partners, and involving 388 students. She said CTE is one of the multiple measures of the College and Career Dashboard indicator. Research finds that students enrolled in CTE during their junior year were 1.5% more likely to graduate on time and 1.6% less likely to drop out. Additionally, students enrolled in CTE during their senior year were 2.1% more likely to graduate on time and 1.8% less likely to drop out.

Ms. Smith discussed funding sources:

- State funding from the Strong Workforce Program and the California Career Technical Education Incentive Grant (CTEIG)
- Federal funding from Perkins V

She also described AB 1303, currently being deliberated, which seeks to increase state funding from $300 million to $450 million, to decrease the match from 2:1 to 1:1, and to distribute all money to the California Department of Education (CDE) in the form of CTEIG rather than the Strong Workforce Program.

Ms. Smith described the Strong Workforce Program as having $150,000,000 dedicated statewide, with the SMCOE coalition, including four participating K-12 districts and three participating Community College districts, receiving $1,841,250 to be spent in the next two years.

Mr. Hsiao remarked the presentation had the feel of a start-up and expressed his admiration for the work done by the CTE team. Mr. Hsiao then asked about plans for increasing internship placement rates. Dr. Jacobson discussed working with current industry partners to create more internships and providing training to LEA CTE coordinators using the train-the-trainer model.
Ms. Alvaro discussed her recent attendance at the grand opening of the Half Moon Bay branch of the San Mateo County Credit Union where she spoke to an individual who was excited after attending the CTE convening earlier that day. She asked if Dr. Jacobson and Ms. Smith were partnering with the Cabrillo Unified School District (CUSD) and the La Honda-Pescadero School District. Ms. Smith explained CUSD decided to write their own grant and La Honda-Pescadero decided they did not have enough students or CTE pathways. She described helping La Honda-Pescadero write an SSP grant to begin a program which could ultimately turn into a CTE pathway.

Mr. Lempert suggested utilizing more industry partners as guest speakers in middle school classrooms. Ms. Smith discussed her implementation of an evening guest lecture series as a teacher at Carlmont High School, including female speakers and speakers of color, which proved to be highly successful. Dr. Jacobson described plans to begin such work at the fifth-grade level to bring awareness, literacy, exposure, and vocabulary about career education to younger students.

Mr. Lempert expressed concerns about the self-selection of those attending such events. Ms. Smith discussed potentially partnering with Career Zone, a CDE platform, to purchase a license for San Mateo County to connect classroom teachers with industry personnel working on the topics they are teaching.

Mr. Cannon asked what the industry partners do for the CTE program. Dr. Jacobson said they provide a range of functions, including offering classroom guest speakers, teacher externships, job shadows, and mentor fields trips, making in-kind donations, serving as workshop volunteers, sitting on curriculum and advisory boards, and participating on super teams. Mr. Cannon asked about the training provided by the County for dental assistants. Dr. Jacobson explained that after ROP went away, the San Mateo County Dental Society had a need for dental assistants and began acting as an intermediary to set up student internship interviews for dentists. Mr. Cannon asked how the training previously available through ROP was now being provided. Dr. Jacobson said the College of San Mateo and private schools now provide the training. Ms. Smith added that part of the Strong Workforce grant was to re-establish such connections.

Mr. Ross thanked and congratulated the CTE team on the implementation of their vision, and commented this was a perfect example of what SMCOE’s resources can do to help the 23 districts. Dr. Jacobson thanked Superintendent Magee for her leadership and providing her the independence to grow the program according to their shared vision.

Ms. Gerard asked how long internships last. Dr. Jacobson and Ms. Smith stated internship lengths vary, from 4-8 weeks depending on industry needs, and noted that they always include training. There are plans to implement a culminating event for all industries. Ms. Gerard asked if the CTE team touched base with industries during the internships. Dr. Jacobson replied there are site visits and ongoing communication, training, and monitoring throughout the summer internships. She also said she plans to provide students with training and education on how to keep their jobs after obtaining them. Ms. Gerard complimented this great program.

Board President Camacho thanked the CTE team for their presentation.
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

A. Receive California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter 158’s Initial Proposal for 2019-20xx

Associate Superintendent Lori Musso presented the initial bargaining proposal from CSEA Chapter 158 to SMCOE and explained the “xx” is accurate because the expiration date is a negotiable item. She also explained Chapter 158 is on a different cycle than other bargaining units. She further explained the proposal would be open for public hearing at the June 5, 2019, Board meeting.

B. Receive Employer’s Initial Proposal to California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter 158 for 2019-20xx

Associate Superintendent Lori Musso presented SMCOE’s initial bargaining proposal to CSEA 158.

Mr. Hsiao asked what happens if there is no agreement as to what topics to discuss. Associate Superintendent Musso explained in the successor agreements, the entire contract is open so any article can be discussed and there is often overlap on items to discuss in the negotiating process. She elaborated, sharing not all items are contentious and often both sides have similar ideas on what would be beneficial to employees. Associate Superintendent Musso shared she has experienced respectful and mutually beneficial negotiations with all units, which ultimately provides the best service to our students and support to employees.

Mr. Cannon asked about the number of classified groups. Associate Superintendent Musso stated SMCOE has three classified units – CSEA 158, comprised mainly of paraeducators, CSEA 789, comprised mainly of Information Technology (IT) and custodial staff, and CSEA 887, comprised mainly of administrative assistants. She said the teacher unit is SMCEA. She added SMCOE has two “meet and confer” non-represented units, the confidential and management employees. Mr. Cannon asked for clarification on the confidential employee group. Associate Superintendent Musso explained the confidential unit is comprised of employees who may have access to information related to negotiation and bargaining processes.

C. Superintendent’s Comments

Superintendent Magee began by thanking Modell Marlow Andersen for filling in the roles of Associate Superintendent, Instructional Services and Senior Administrator, Board/Superintendent Support, as well as helping to keep the Human Resources Department above water. Superintendent Magee described Ms. Andersen as smart and experienced, with a sole focus on supporting the needs of students. She then presented Ms. Andersen with flowers as a token of SMCOE’s sincere appreciation for her work. Ms. Andersen shared it has been delightful to see the County Office from a different perspective, and she is impressed with SMCOE’s degree of dedication and belief in its mission. She spoke of the incredible complexity of SMCOE’s programs about which she had not previously been aware.
Superintendent Magee updated the Board about potential statewide action on Friday from demonstrators expressing opposition to Education Code requirements and the new health frameworks which include LGBTQ materials in the curriculum. She said the planned action is to occur on properties of County Offices of Education, including SMCOE. Superintendent Magee explained SMCOE staff would be informed of this possibility the following day, and space would be provided to keep both potential demonstrators and employees safe.

Superintendent Magee announced the following Wednesday would be “Red for Ed” day across the state, where individuals wear red in support of education and education funding. Interested individuals may also go to Sacramento to demonstrate in support of full and fair funding for education.

Superintendent Magee commented that the Personnel Commission met the previous week and they acted in closed session to accept the Personnel Commission Administrator’s resignation. She also imparted that Associate Superintendent Musso was appointed as Interim Administrator, Personnel Commission, until next steps are decided.

Superintendent Magee reported her attendance at the Kent Awards the previous Friday night and expressed pride that Bettina Graf was presented with the Emily Garfield Award for her restorative practices work in SMCOE’s Court and Community Schools. She also shared excitement about partnering with the County Board and Board President Camacho to present SMCOE’s 2019 Excellence in Education and Equity Award to Hoover Community School and the Boys and Girls Club of the Peninsula’s After School Program.

Superintendent Magee spoke of the workforce housing breakfast meeting she worked in partnership to host the previous Tuesday. She said the event was well attended and included city officials, school district officials, and experts in the field. The conversation was intended to synergize partnerships and think outside the box to explore a variety of solutions to address the workforce housing crisis.

Superintendent Magee mentioned two additional upcoming events. First, she noted that on May 28, 2019 there is an Open House for the We Play, We Learn Preschool at the Anne Campbell Center for Children and Families, signifying the further implementation of the vision for the Center. She said a classroom would be set up for display and interaction and the director of the program would be available to discuss the We Play, We Learn program. Secondly, Superintendent Magee discussed the 67th annual SAMCEDA meeting on June 10, 2019 at which she will be one of the featured speakers, delivering a thread talk on the stage at Oracle.

In closing, Superintendent Magee requested Board President Camacho to adjourn the meeting in honor of Dr. John Mehl, former SMCOE Superintendent and longtime San Mateo County educator, who recently passed away.
10. **BOARD MEMBERS**

   A. **Discuss/Act on Legislation**

   Other than agenda item 10B, there was no additional legislation to discuss.

   B. **Receive Information on Proposed California Legislation AB 1505, County Boards of Education and Charter Schools**

   Superintendent Magee referred to the materials provided to the Board which included additional information about AB 1505. She noted the most significant impact of the proposed legislation on the County Board could be around the question of charter petitions being approved or denied within their school district, with no ability to appeal at the county level.

   Mr. Cannon asked if there would still be appeals at the state level. Superintendent Magee stated the proposal suggested no appeal process at all. Mr. Ross added that the original bill eliminated any appeals after the district makes its decision. He felt the language was confusing and said the notes provided suggest AB 1505 is being reviewed through the legislative process in the next few days. Mr. Ross explained the revised language offers an appeal process on procedural grounds, meaning if the appellant alleges processes were violated in the course of the district process, the petition could be appealed to the County Board. Superintendent Magee concurred the language was amended in the Assembly on April 24, 2019.

   Mr. Lempert added the information provided to the Board was inadequate and asked that in the future, more objective legislative analysis be provided when considering proposed legislation.

   Mr. Ross suggested the final bill may look quite different after further committee work. Mr. Lempert said it would be another six weeks before the next hearing. Superintendent Magee suggested the Legislative Subcommittee may want to examine the bill prior to the June 5, 2019 meeting. Mr. Ross wondered if information would be provided before that date. Mr. Lempert felt information would be available. Mr. Ross shared he would not be at the June 5, 2019 meeting, but perhaps the Legislative Subcommittee could meet the week prior.

   Ms. Alvaro shared confusion over the materials, especially the analysis from the appropriations committee stating there are potential Proposition 98 general fund costs to charter school authorizers and County Offices of Education. She asked about additional costs to school districts with charter schools approved by the State Board of Education. Mr. Lempert said the Charter School Act changed dramatically in 1998, putting the burden of proof on the district, with no costs if there are no appeals. He felt the essential question to consider going forward is whether an appeal process should be available to petitioners.

   Board President Camacho added the California County Boards of Education (CCBE) has not publicly commented on the bill, but the California School Boards Association (CSBA) has contributed to the conversation the idea of a limited appeals process.
Ms. Gerard added CCBE has been working closely with CSBA, and this bill is one of the major topics to be discussed at the upcoming Board of Directors meeting. Board President Camacho suggested proceeding in preparing a statement describing the role of county Boards in the appeals process in hopes the statewide agency will recognize that need. He suggested there is a need to further explore what the State Board of Education’s role would be in the process.

Board President Camacho shared the timelines are still favorable. Mr. Ross said he could dial-in to a legislative subcommittee meeting on June 5, 2019 meeting if necessary, and Ms. Gerard stated she would contact Board President Camacho with updated information after the Board of Directors meeting. In closing, Board President Camacho shared AB 1505 was part of a package of charter reform bills.

C. Receive Information on California County Boards of Education (CCBE) 2019 Officer Nominations

Superintendent Magee explained that information was being provided on the upcoming CCBE 2019 Officer Nominations, but that nominations were not due until July. She said the item would be included on the next Board meeting agenda for potential nomination and vote.

D. Board Member Comments

Ms. Alvaro

Ms. Alvaro thanked Ms. Andersen for her help over the last few months. She shared her pleasure attending the Classified Employee Recognition Event and speaking with Ms. Serpa-Garcia, who used the Board’s gift to travel home to celebrate her mother’s 100th birthday. Ms. Alvaro also shared that she toured Pescadero Middle/High School with Principal Pat Talbot a few weeks back and found the blended campus interesting. She explained that middle school student taking advanced English and History can cross the campus and attend high school classes. Ms. Alvaro shared that as she toured the campus with Ms. Talbot, who is retiring, she met Ms. Talbot’s replacement, Kevin Allen, who just graduated from SMCOE’s Preliminary Administrative Credential Program. Ms. Alvaro expressed excitement that SMCOE’s program helped Pescadero Middle/High School in their transition. Lastly, Ms. Alvaro discussed Adele Berg’s upcoming retirement and noted Ms. Berg’s contributions to SMCOE over the years.

Mr. Ross

In addressing the workforce housing crisis, Mr. Ross shared a conversation he had with a legal assistant in the District Attorney’s office who had relocated to the Bay Area from out of state. The legal assistant shared with Mr. Ross that she had to move every few years due to constantly increasing rent and the difficulty living on a public employee’s salary. Mr. Ross also discussed how Bay Area police officers often live hours away and spend nights in shared bunks while protecting public safety. Mr. Ross said he felt inspired by the previous day’s convening to discuss solutions to the crisis which prevents public workers from living in the counties in which they work. He described the need for agencies to work together, said he hopes the conversations can continue, and thanked Superintendent Magee for hosting the event.
BOARD MEMBERS (continued)

Mr. Lempert
Mr. Lempert noted the Classified Employee Recognition Event was fantastic. He also shared appreciation for the statement put out by SMCOE to honor Dr. Mehl and his sadness over Dr. Mehl’s passing.

Ms. Gerard
Ms. Gerard shared her enjoyment of both the Certificated and Classified Employee Recognition Events and acknowledged how important it is to recognize the employees who work for the County Office of Education and directly with our students. She discussed attending the budget meeting earlier in the day, which she described as productive. Ms. Gerard then thanked Joshua Kim and Anjanette Pelletier for providing information and helping her prepare for a Delegate Assembly meeting that featured a discussion on special education. She said it has been a pleasure working with Ms. Andersen and thanked her for her service to SMCOE. Lastly, she shared condolences to the family of Dr. Mehl and her sadness over losing an educator who loved children.

Mr. Hsiao
Mr. Hsiao said it had been a pleasure getting to know and work with Ms. Andersen. He also reported having a conversation with Assemblymember Phil Ting and his education aide on the issue of excess property taxes, and Mr. Ting feeling the issue would not get resolved this year. Mr. Hsiao recounted Assemblymember Ting’s encouragement to SMCOE to continue to be vocal and assertively advocate for a change on this issue starting in mid-September. Mr. Hsiao shared that Mr. Ting also emphasized that these dollars would come out of general funds, making this much harder than if it were Proposition 98 funding or one-time funding. Mr. Ross added he would be speaking to Assemblymember Berman the following day. Mr. Hsiao concluded he felt it is ironic that county funds are not already counted as state general fund revenues.

Mr. Cannon
Mr. Cannon said the Kent Awards were particularly enjoyable this year. He congratulated Board President Camacho on his role and appreciated the honoring of Project Change for their work. Mr. Cannon felt both the Certificated and Classified Employee Recognition Events were terrific and specifically commented on the beautiful baskets created. Superintendent Magee explained the department managers created the unique baskets. Mr. Cannon thanked Ms. Andersen for her work with SMCOE. He also spoke of his personal friendship and fond memories shared with Dr. and Mrs. Mehl. Lastly, he shared the Budget Committee meeting was more helpful than ever and thanked the SMCOE team for the clear explanations.

Board President Camacho
Board President Camacho shared his enjoyment of the Certificated and Classified Employee Recognition Events as a Board member and a former classified and current certificated employee. He noted the employees genuinely appeared to feel appreciated, which is hard for educators to feel at times. Board President Camacho thanked Superintendent Magee, Ms. Villanis, and the SMCOE team for their incredible effort to make staff feel appreciated and for letting him be a part of the experience.
BOARD MEMBERS (continued)

Board President Camacho shared that Assemblymember Ting often talks about how California schools are at their highest funding level ever, are currently fully funded, and that education budgets need to be better managed better, a context which may help in future meetings with the assemblymember.

Board President Camacho thanked Ms. Andersen for the incredible professionalism she brought to SMCOE which was noticed and appreciated. Lastly, he thanked Superintendent Magee for the $5,000 grant provided to the 2019 Excellence in Education and Equity Award Winner, and which has become a highlight event at the Kent Awards. He hopes the Kent Awards continue to grow in future years, as there is never too much celebrating of educators.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m. in memory of Dr. John Mehl.

Nancy Magee, Secretary

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