1. OPENING ITEMS

A. Call to Order

Board President Hector Camacho, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

B. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Alvaro asked to pull an item from the Consent Agenda for discussion. Board President Camacho suggested Ms. Alvaro do so when the Board addresses the Consent Agenda, Item 7, on the agenda.

After a motion by Mr. Cannon 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 December 11, 2019, agenda as presented.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no persons wishing to address the Board.

3. **EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**

   A. **December 2019 Employee of the Month**, Cynthia Manzanares, Senior Information Technology Analyst, Information Technology Services, Business Services Division

   Board President Camacho recognized the December 2019 Employee of the Month, Cynthia Manzanares, Senior Information Technology Analyst, Information Technology Services, Business Services Division. Board President Camacho congratulated Ms. Manzanares on behalf of the Board and presented her with a check and commemorative clock.

4. **ANNUAL ORGANIZATION MEETING**

   A. **Election of President**

   Superintendent Magee presided over the Election of the President for the San Mateo County Board of Education and called for nominations. Board Member Lempert nominated Hector Camacho, Jr. to serve a second term as president. Hearing no other nominations and after the motion by Mr. Lempert and a second by Ms. Alvaro, the Board elected Mr. Camacho as President of the San Mateo County Board of Education, by a vote of six in favor (Alvaro, Camacho, Cannon, Hsiao, Lempert, and Ross), none opposed, and one absent (Gerard).

   B. **Election of Vice President**

   Board President Camacho presided over the Election of the Vice President for the San Mateo County Board of Education and called for nominations. Board Member Alvaro nominated Ted Lempert to serve a second term as vice president. Hearing no other nominations and after a motion by Ms. Alvaro and a second by Mr. Cannon, the Board elected Mr. Lempert as Vice President of the San Mateo County Board of Education, by a vote of six in favor (Alvaro, Camacho, Cannon, Hsiao, Lempert, and Ross), none opposed, and one absent (Gerard).

5. **PRESENTATION TO 2019 BOARD PRESIDENT HECTOR CAMACHO, JR.**

   A. **Presentation to Honor 2019 Board President Hector Camacho, Jr.**

   Superintendent Magee honored Board President Camacho for his partnership and support as she stepped into her new role as Superintendent. She described Board President Camacho as an involved parent, engaged and caring community member, hard-working school administrator, active San Mateo County School Boards Association (SMCSBA) Vice-President, and dedicated member of the County Board of Education. Superintendent Magee stated Board President Camacho is educated
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about issues, an excellent listener who provides helpful feedback, and is always present and available for the community and his fellow Board members.

Superintendent Magee described the impactful conversations she shared with Board President Camacho about issues for which they both care deeply, and how she is inspired to carry forth his passion into her work as Superintendent. Superintendent Magee thanked Mr. Camacho for his service as Board President in 2019 and presented him with a gavel plaque.

In response, Board President Camacho said it is difficult to see what one is doing in the middle of the doing, yet he tries to make time for reflection. He then made reference to the picture of Martin Elementary School students speaking before the Board about Ruby Bridges Day and recalled how he spoke to the fifth grade Vice President. Mr. Camacho said he was able to share that he too he had been fifth grade Vice-President. He noted those moments remind him about the important of the work. He added that SMCOE is comprised of the most professional people he knows. He thanked his colleagues for this opportunity and Superintendent Magee for being an excellent partner.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. November 20, 2019, Regular Board Meeting

After a motion by Mr. Lempert and a second by Ms. Alvaro, the Board approved, by a vote of five in favor (Alvaro, Camacho, Cannon, Hsiao, and Lempert), none opposed, one abstention (Ross), and one absent (Gerard), the Minutes of the November 20, 2019, Regular Meeting as presented.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

B. Adopt Joint Resolution No. 19-56 Endorsing January 2020 as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month

C. Adopt Joint Resolution No. 19-57 Honoring Emmanuel Topacio on His Retirement

D. Adopt Joint Resolution No. 19-58 Ordering Transfer of Territory from La Honda-Pescadero Unified School District to Portola Valley School District and Sequoia Union High School District

Ms. Alvaro requested Item D be pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion, and Board President Camacho requested Item B be pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion. 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), Consent Agenda Item C.

In reference to Item B, Adopt Joint Resolution No. 19-56 Endorsing January 2020 as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, Board President Camacho discussed attending the People of Color Conference and hearing keynote speaker sociologist Dr. Joy DeGruy, present on post-traumatic slave syndrome. Board President Camacho said Dr. DeGruy framed her comments around the 400th anniversary of the institution of slavery in this country and focused on how
the trauma slavery has impacted the descendants of enslaved people in the United States. He further stated this resolution is an excellent opportunity for SMCOE to speak truth to this trauma and to also recognize the importance of preventing human slavery and human trafficking as it exists today. Board President Camacho said after a conversation with Superintendent Magee, they decided to add additional language to the resolution. He suggested the resolution be reconsidered at the January meeting.

In reference to Item D, Adopt Joint Resolution No. 19-58 Ordering Transfer of Territory from La Honda-Pescadero Unified School District to Portola Valley School District and Sequoia Union High School District, Ms. Alvaro requested certified election results from the Elections Office be included as backup documentation with future resolutions regarding transfers of territory. Although this document was not included in the Board packet, Ms. Alvaro noted that Superintendent Magee provided it to all the Board members via email at her request. She confirmed she was okay with the item at this time.

Mr. Ross asked if this was the final step in the process, as he recalled uncertainty regarding the item when last discussed. Chief Deputy County Counsel Cunningham confirmed this was the end of a lengthy process which began in 2012. Superintendent Magee shared the timeline of this particular petition:

- In 2012, the petition was presented to the County Committee on School District Organization (CCSDO) which conducted its process and approved the transfer
- In 2013, the LaHonda-Pescadero Unified School District appealed the CCSDO’s decision to the State Board of Education
- In 2018, the State Board of Education heard the appeal and upheld the decision of the CCSDO
- The question then went to voters in a special mail ballot election, with the electorate comprised of only homeowners impacted by the change
- The elections office certified the results, and all completed paperwork has been submitted to the State Board of Equalization in order for the assessor to change the boundary and set the tax rate to represent that these parcels are now part of the Portola Valley School District and Sequoia Union High School District

Board President Camacho asked what factors are taken into account by the CCSDO related to petitions for transfers of territory. Superintendent Magee explained there are nine factors that must be met for the committee to approve a boundary change. Some examples of these conditions include evidence that the demographics or financial standing of either school district cannot be significantly impacted. Chief Deputy County Counsel Cunningham noted it becomes challenging to meet the statutory requirements for school districts who choose to oppose territory transfers of only a few parcels, which tends to occur in San Mateo County.

Mr. Ross recounted a controversy over whether the election for a transfer of territory would involve the entire district or just the parcels impacted, and relayed in this case the election included only the families impacted by the transfer. He then asked under what circumstances an election would involve all residents in a district and how such cases get resolved. Chief Deputy County Counsel Cunningham shared her best recollection is that the entire district is involved when the district
opposes the transfer and there may be an opportunity at that time to force the election to include the entire jurisdiction rather than just the houses involved in the petition. Superintendent Magee added there are many different factors which could cause the CCSDO to choose the entire district as the area of election. She added in this petition, the LaHonda-Pescadero Unified School District advocated for the entire district to be included in the area of election because they have so few taxable parcels of land that every taxable parcel moved out of the district causes a significant impact to the district and all families who attend that district. Superintendent Magee stated the district lost its appeal to the State Board of Educaion on this issue.

Board President Camacho thanked all three CCSDO secretaries, former and current, for their support through the process, and thanked Chief Deputy County Counsel Cunningham for keeping the Board updated.

Mr. Ross asked if the Board “shall” vote to support the resolution without discretion and must vote in favor. Chief Deputy County Counsel Cunningham confirmed there is no discretion.

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), Consent Agenda Item D.

8. BUSINESS SERVICES


Board President Camacho introduced Deputy Superintendent Porterfield, who stated the 2019-2020 First Interim Financial Report reflects the most current information on SMCOE’s revenue and expenditure status. Deputy Superintendent Porterfield reminded the Board SMCOE remains a “flat-funded” County Office of Education. She explained increases in revenue at First Interim are due to notifications of increases in state and local funding received after budget adoption. She reported that revenues are estimated at $103 million with an increase of $2.7 million and $1.8 million from the Strong Workforce grant award.

Deputy Superintendent Porterfield went on to say SMCOE’s expenditures are estimated at $105 million reflecting an increase of $2.4 million since budget adoption. She stated the 7% Designated for Economic Uncertainties amount is $6.2 million, and SMCOE continues to transfer in a net total of $1.4 million in support of operations and program goals. Deputy Superintendent Porterfield shared all Other Funds are projected to have a positive ending fund balance. She respectfully asked the Board to approve the 2019-2020 First Interim Financial Report with a Positive Certification.

Ms. Alvaro thanked Deputy Superintendent Porterfield for the report. She asked about Expenditures Item B5 for “Services and Other Operating Expenditures” which shows an increase almost identical to the increase in state revenue. Deputy Superintendent Porterfield answered that the Strong Workforce grant accounts for the increase.
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Mr. Ross thanked Deputy Superintendent Porterfield for the report and stated the Excess Property Tax sweep is projected to be $16.5 million. He asked if that amount is the same as at the beginning of the year. Deputy Superintendent Porterfield said it was. Mr. Ross asked about the narrative indicating the Excess Property Taxes are transferred to the State Controller for trial costs in San Mateo County. Based on his research and conversations with Capital Advisors, he said he does not think the trial costs in San Mateo County are being reimbursed by the money being swept. Mr. Ross said his understanding was that the funds are swept to the State Controller under Education Code 2578, but the State uses the funds to reimburse the State’s General Fund and the cost of funding the state trial fund system.

He explained trial courts are not funded in the same way as schools and there are no “basic-aid” Superior Courts. He said each court gets the necessary funds to do their business based on workload. Mr. Ross described how the trial court trust fund is managed which ensures each Superior Court gets the funding needed based on caseload rather than local resources.

Mr. Ross explained how the Excess Property Tax counties send their money to the state and the State Controller uses the money to allocate funds into the state trial court trust fund, and after that it is unknown if there is any documentation as to how that money is earmarked back into each county. Mr. Ross stated last year, San Mateo County collected roughly $30 million from the trial court trust fund to fund local Superior Courts. He shared if that is the case, and if it is true that Excess Property Taxes are being used to fund local courts, then education dollars are paying for half of the court budget in San Mateo County, with the other half coming from the trial court trust fund. Mr. Ross said that may be the case, but he is not aware of actual documentation showing the money comes back to San Mateo County courts. Deputy Superintendent Porterfield confirmed she is also not aware of any such documentation and noted she would remove that information from the description moving forward.

Youth Commissioner Mufarreh asked about Expenditures Item B6 and what is included under “Capital Outlay.” Deputy Superintendent Porterfield said it includes anything that exceeds $5,000 and has a useful life of five years or more, the life of which must be depreciated. Mr. Cannon asked for an example of such an item. Deputy Superintendent Porterfield said an example is a copier machine purchased outright for $10,000, as opposed to a supply of laptops valued in the $4,000 range.

After a motion by Mr. Hsiao and a second by Mr. Cannon, the Board approved, by a vote of six in favor (Alvaro, Camacho, Cannon, Hsiao, Lempert, and Ross), none opposed, and one absent (Gerard), the 2019-2020 First Interim Financial Report with Positive Certification.

9. OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

A. Superintendent’s Comments

Superintendent Magee described participating earlier in the day in the OneSMCOE Holiday celebration and thanked Associate Superintendent Frentress and her team in Instructional Services,
as well as the cross-divisional committee, for putting together a successful event. Superintendent Magee recounted attending events at 101 Twin Dolphin Drive, at the Anne Campbell Center where she met Board Member Hsiao, and at the K-12 site. She said the tone at all three sites was one of positive energy, enthusiasm, and staff engagement.

Superintendent Magee said staff at each site donated gifts and gift cards for foster youth. She noted the challenges of hosting a coordinated event at three different locations but added it was great to see staff attending events at sites other than their usual workplaces.

Superintendent Magee reported the second Leadership Seminar of the year was held the previous week and focused on managers working to update the strategic plan, which she said she would share with the Board early in the new year. Superintendent Magee also explained that the following day she held an all-staff huddle to update staff on the highlights of Leadership Seminar.

Superintendent Magee updated the Board on her attendance at the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Conference in San Diego where she was able to spend time with Board Members Hsiao and Ross. She shared she participated on a panel with other San Mateo County leaders including Sequoia Union High School District School Board Member Carrie DuBois on the topic of social-emotional learning and mental health coordination efforts taking place in San Mateo County. Superintendent Magee also reported that she and fellow panelists were featured in an EdSource podcast with John Fensterwald and Louis Freedberg.

Superintendent Magee said that from the CSBA Conference she traveled to Anaheim to attend the California Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) Symposium, along with several SMCOE coordinators. She said SMCOE leaders presented nine different sessions at the symposium and played a central role in the success of the event.

In addition to their presentations, Superintendent Magee described how the SMCOE team met in the hotel lobby in the late afternoon for an Hour of Code, with Dr. Emily Thomforde facilitating coding activities.

In conclusion, Superintendent Magee requested that Board President Camacho adjourn the meeting in honor of Nattie Fong who was an incredible community leader and Parent Teacher Association (PTA) parent in the Daly City area who passed away a month ago.

10. **BOARD MEMBERS**

   A. **Discuss/Act on Board Compensation**

   Mr. Ross opened the conversation by stating the Board increased its compensation last year and might consider passing on another increase at this time. Mr. Hsiao added that inflation has been low, which does not call for an increase. With no motion for an increase, Board President Camacho confirmed the Board compensation would remain at its current level.
B. Discuss/Act on Selection of Board Member to SMCOE’s Oxford Day Academy Charter Oversight Team

Ms. Alvaro asked if it would make sense to select an alternate Board member, along with an officially selected Board member, to attend oversight team meetings in cases where the selected Board member is unable to attend. Mr. Ross stated if he is nominated, he would be responsible for finding someone to attend in his place if necessary. Chief Deputy County Counsel Cunningham advised the Board they would need to ensure the alternate was one consistent person to avoid a majority of the Board attending. Mr. Ross confirmed that could be managed.

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 selection of Mr. Ross to SMCOE’s Oxford Day Academy Charter Oversight Team.

C. Receive Report from Real Property County Board Advisory Committee

Deputy Superintendent Porterfield thanked the Real Property Advisory Committee, also known as the 7-11 Committee, for giving their time and thoughtful deliberation concerning the Rollins Road property. She described them as an amazing team comprised of Marco Chavez, April Cherrington, Vera Jacobson-Lundeberg, William Lock, Daina Lujan, Hilary Paulson, Lawrence Pon, Melinda Saunders, and Lisa Wooll. Deputy Superintendent Porterfield stated having nine committee members ensured they had adequate representation at each meeting. She also thanked SMCOE staff and Chief Deputy County Counsel Cunningham for their work and input on the process. Deputy Superintendent Porterfield then noted that Marco Chavez and Lawrence Pon were present as representatives for the committee. She explained Education Code 17387 sets the requirement for the local education agency to appoint an advisory committee to review data to determine the amount of surplus space or real property available, establish a priority list for its use, provide community input on acceptable uses, and provide recommendations to the Governing Board.

Deputy Superintendent Porterfield stated the Advisory Committee held four public meetings, including a public hearing for the purpose of determining whether any SMCOE property should be declared surplus and to establish a priority for its use. She explained the first meeting was held on October 9, 2019, when the committee was presented with the history of all the properties owned or used by SMCOE. The Advisory Committee also received information about SMCOE’s student programs, and the reasons for any decline in enrollment. At its next meeting on October 23, 2019, the Advisory Committee reviewed an appraisal of the Rollins Road property, which noted the demand is strong for industrial space due to the property’s proximity to San Francisco International Airport. Deputy Superintendent Porterfield stated Chief Deputy Cunningham and Chief Deputy Nibbelin provided guidance, explanations, and answers to all Advisory Committee questions, as noted in the report.

Deputy Superintendent Porterfield reported after careful consideration and deliberation, the Advisory Committee determined the 1800 Rollins Road property is not and will not be needed by SMCOE for school classroom buildings or other SMCOE purposes, and it recommended to the County Board and the County Superintendent the property be declared surplus. She added the
Advisory Committee also recommended the 1800 Rollins Road property be developed to its highest and best use, in accordance with the appropriate use permits and zoning regulations, as allowed by the governing jurisdiction. Deputy Superintendent Porterfield added any property use should be compatible with the surrounding neighborhood.

Deputy Superintendent Porterfield shared the Advisory Committee’s desire to give the County Board and the County Superintendent the necessary flexibility and discretion in choosing a method of disposition for the property. She added the Advisory Committee recommends the County Board and County Superintendent take into consideration the following points when considering the sale or lease of the 1800 Rollins Road property:

- Ensure maximum financial flexibility for SMCOE by leasing the property in lieu of selling it
- Consider socially conscious uses that add value to the community and businesses that positively impact students, families, and the neighborhood
- Consider workforce housing

Deputy Superintendent Porterfield then asked if Chief Deputy Counsel Cunningham or Mr. Chavez had anything to add to the report. Chief Deputy Counsel Cunningham reported it was a productive process enhanced by such a representative cross-section of the community.

Ms. Alvaro thanked Deputy Superintendent Porterfield, Mr. Chavez, Mr. Pon, and the entire committee for the report. She asked if the Board was simply receiving the report that evening and asked if the report would be agendized again in the future for action. Deputy Superintendent Porterfield confirmed the Board was simply receiving the report at this time and there would be opportunities to discuss next steps at a future meeting.

Mr. Cannon asked about El Portal land being owned by the San Bruno School District, which Deputy Superintendent Porterfield confirmed was correct. She added that the Palos Verdes site is owned outright by SMCOE, but if it were ever to be sold, the proceeds would go back to San Mateo County, so there is no value in the SMCOE ownership outside of the use of the land. Mr. Cannon asked if the Anne Campbell Center and land are owned by the county, and Deputy Superintendent Porterfield confirmed that it is. She added the last long-term lease comes due in December, and she just received word the lease would be renewed for another 20-25 years. Mr. Cannon asked about the Gateway land, and Deputy Superintendent Porterfield explained it was a ground lease where the county owns the land and pays for the improvements, but should the land ever revert back to the county, they get the improvements, as well. Mr. Cannon thanked Deputy Superintendent Porterfield for the information.

Mr. Hsiao asked Mr. Chavez and Mr. Pon about what was envisioned in the consideration of socially-conscious uses. Mr. Chavez answered the committee was thinking of programs that would compliment, educate, improve, or add value to the community or the county. Senior Administrator Fairley added the goal was to improve life for the residents. Deputy Superintendent Porterfield commented another goal was to disallow any improper uses that would degrade the neighborhood in any way. Mr. Chavez pointed out that a store selling vaping products would be contrary to the
committee’s wishes. Mr. Hsiao commented he did not hear any talk of making sure uses were aligned with SMCOE’s education vision or mission. Mr. Pon added the committee discussed the use of the land for workforce housing. Mr. Chavez said the committee also discussed the use of the land for educational programs and organizations aligned with SMCOE’s work in education. Mr. Hsiao commented there are many affordable housing projects, some of which do not include teachers, but are aimed at any county, municipal, or school employees.

Mr. Ross thanked the committee for their work, and shared the report was well-written and concise. He stated he was struck by the use of the Rollins Road property by Regional Occupational Program (ROP) for almost 50 years and said this constitutes a big part of the history of San Mateo County. Mr. Ross also noted in January 2019 the area was rezoned for live-work land use. He inquired whether the formerly industrial neighborhood, now zoned for live-work land use, could be used solely for residences or if the structures are required to be mixed use. Chief Deputy County Counsel Cunningham answered there can be residences on the land, in line with the socially conscious aspect of the committee’s recommendation.

Mr. Ross asked if workforce housing was to be considered, what would be the next step? He explained there are several different partners and processes which may be available, and asked how those options could be considered. Chief Deputy County Counsel Cunningham replied the next step would be to make a joint determination with the County Superintendent as to whether to declare the Rollins Road property surplus, which must be done by resolution. She explained declaring the property surplus does not include any determination about what to do with the property, but solely determines the property is not needed for SMCOE purposes. Chief Deputy County Counsel Cunningham stated after declaring the property surplus, the Board and County Superintendent would discuss, through a Board Subcommittee or with the full Board in open session, potential uses of the property, including whether to sell or lease the property, or build workforce housing. She estimated the process would require a great deal of discussion.

Board President Camacho thanked Deputy Superintendent Porterfield and the members of the 7-11 Committee for their service and report.

D. Board Member Comments

Board President Camacho began by asking Youth Commissioner Mufarreh if she had any comments.

Ms. Mufarreh
Ms. Mufarreh congratulated Board President Camacho and Vice President Lempert on their second terms. She stated she has only been present a few weeks but she has looked into the Board’s great work and their contributions are quite meaningful to her from the student perspective.

Mr. Hsiao
Mr. Hsiao echoed Ms. Mufarreh’s comments, congratulating both Board President Camacho and Vice President Lempert on doing a spectacular job over the past year and shared he feels the continuity will serve the County Office of Education well. He discussed attending the OneSMCOE Holiday Celebration at the Anne Campbell Center earlier that day, describing it as a great, high energy gathering. Mr. Hsiao stated he saw Mrs. Cannon and a lot of other friends at the event.
Mr. Cannon
Mr. Cannon added to the praise for Board President Camacho and Vice President Lempert, commenting that Board President Camacho is a wonderful Board Member and educator, both of which impact the county.

Ms. Alvaro
Ms. Alvaro congratulated and thanked Board President Camacho and Vice President Lempert. She explained until one sits in the President’s chair, it’s hard to understand how difficult the position is. She agrees Board President Camacho is an excellent President and educational and community leader. Ms. Alvaro recalled the many people in attendance at Board President Camacho’s swearing in, and how they were there to support him as an educational leader in South San Francisco and the county. She said SMCOE is lucky to have Mr. Camacho in the President’s chair, and she thanked Mr. Lempert for agreeing to serve as Vice President for a second year.

Mr. Ross
Mr. Ross congratulated Board President Camacho and Vice President Lempert and stated he was delighted to have the opportunity to work with them for another year. He reported out about his attendance at the CSBA Conference, sharing there was a gathering to discuss Excess Property Taxes, organized by Superintendent Magee and involving some members of other County Boards most active around the topic, including San Mateo, Placer, and Santa Clara Counties. He shared the meeting was attended by Superintendents, Board members, and Capital Advisors who shared updates on efforts to influence the Governor’s office in the preparation of their budget. Mr. Ross said ten County Boards had signed letters to the Governor, totaling 50-70 Board members, in addition to the ten Superintendents. He said he hopes Riverside County will join the effort as the eleventh county. Mr. Ross explained the feedback from Capital Advisors was they are struck that the conversation is explicitly open, which they take as a positive. He described a $5-7 billion surplus in the General Fund this year and said because SMCOE property taxes filled a General Fund deficit in 2014, this is a good year to be making these efforts. Mr. Ross stated answers will come likely throughout the entire budget process and not in the Governor’s January budget proposal. He shared these efforts will need to be continued throughout January, February, and March. Mr. Ross suggested a good next step for the Board would be for San Mateo County districts, particularly districts demonstrating the economic and overall diversity of San Mateo County, to sign letters of support.

Mr. Lempert
Mr. Lempert congratulated Board President Camacho and reflected on how far the Board and Superintendent have come over the year. He shared feeling the Board is in a really good place and Board President Camacho, along with Superintendent Magee, deserve a ton of the credit. Mr. Lempert stated it has been an awesome year which is ending strongly, and he wished Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year to all.

Board President Camacho
Board President Camacho thanked everyone for the vote of confidence, stating he appreciates the opportunity to serve in his role. He invited all Board members to attend the San Mateo County School Boards Association (SMCSBA) Legislator Forum, where all five San Mateo County
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Representatives would be present including Assemblymembers Berman, Mullin, and Ting, along with State Senators Wiener and Hill. Board President Camacho confirmed the second half of the program will include a forum for the local candidates for State Senator Hill’s seat.

Board President Camacho alerted his Board colleagues that district Board members have shared concerns about attendance at county Board events, so SMCSBA is considering limiting attendance to two Board members for events. Board President Camacho stated he believed Boards are covered because agenda items are not being discussed, and perhaps further discussion could occur. He asked Chief Deputy County Counsel if she had any additional information to share, which she did not. Board President Camacho warned attendance at SMCSBA events may decline, based on active efforts of some Boards to limit member attendance.

Board President Camacho discussed the People of Color Conference (PoCC), describing it as a powerful experience he had never encountered before, either personally or professionally. He shared there were 7,000 attendees from around the country, with nearly every session featuring people of color. He reiterated he was greatly impacted by the learning and sharing of ideas which took place.

Lastly, he thanked all members of the 7-11 Committee including Mr. Chavez, Mr. Pon, Chief Deputy County Counsel Cunningham, Deputy Superintendent Porterfield, and Senior Administrator Fairley for their hard work.

11. CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

A. Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code § 54956.9: One Case

At 8:20 p.m., Board President Camacho announced the meeting would move into Closed Session to discuss Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code § 54956.9: One Case.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 9:15 p.m. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m in honor of Nattie Fong.

Nancy Magee, Secretary

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