MINUTES OF THE SAN MATEO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting Date: September 22, 2021
Meeting Location: Hybrid Meeting
San Mateo County Office of Education
101 Twin Dolphin Dr.
Redwood City, California 94065
and Remotely

Board Members Present: Susan Alvaro, Chelsea Bonini, Hector Camacho, Jr., Jim Cannon, Beverly Gerard, Ted Lempert, Joe Ross

Staff Officials Present: Nancy Magee, Secretary
Jennifer Perna, Executive Assistant

Other Staff Present: Marco Chávez, Niambi Clay, Claire Cunningham, Jeneé Littrell, Patricia Love, Tami Moore, Lorrie Owens, Anjanette Pelletier, Alyson Suzuki

1. OPENING ITEMS

   A. Call to Order

Board President Hector Camacho, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. He announced that in light of the current health emergency and the Governor’s March 17, 2020, Executive Order N-29-20 suspending certain provisions of the Brown Act allowing governing boards to conduct meetings through remote access, the County Board was conducting the meeting in a hybrid format, with Board members and participants joining both in person and via webinar. Board President Camacho also noted in the effort to increase accessibility and opportunity for community engagement, simultaneous interpretation of the meeting would be provided in Spanish using Zoom technology through the end of Public Comment and would continue further into the meeting if people were utilizing the channel.

   B. Approval of Agenda

After a motion by Ms. Gerard and a second by Mr. Lempert, the Board approved, by a vote of six in favor (Alvaro, Bonini, Camacho, Gerard, Lempert, and Ross), none opposed, and one abstention (Cannon), by roll call vote, the September 22, 2021, agenda as presented.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Superintendent Magee shared public comment received in advance of the meeting:

- Colleen You, 5th Vice President for Education and Health, 17th District Parent Teacher Association (PTA), shared information about the Golden State PTA membership challenge and encouraged participation from the Superintendent and County Board of Education.

The following speaker provided live public comment via Zoom:

- Mary McArdle, SMCOE teacher and San Mateo County Educators Association (SMCEA) Vice-President, noted that SMCEA members are dedicated to working with management to provide quality education to all students and equitable working conditions for all members.

3. **EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**

   A. **September 2021 Employee of the Month Ian Johnson, Administrative Assistant I, Early Learning Support Services, Educational Services Division**

   Board President Camacho recognized the September 2021 Employee of the Month Ian Johnson, Administrative Assistant I, Early Learning Support Services, Educational Services Division. Board President Camacho congratulated Mr. Johnson on behalf of the Board and noted he would receive an award check and commemorative token.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

   A. **September 1, 2021, Regular Board Meeting**

   After a motion by Mr. Lempert and a second by Ms. Gerard, the Board approved, by a vote of six in favor (Alvaro, Bonini, Camacho, Gerard, Lempert, and Ross), none opposed, and one abstention (Cannon), by roll call vote, the Minutes of the September 1, 2021, Regular Board Meeting as presented.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

   B. **Receive Staffing Reports**
   C. **Adopt Joint Resolution No. 21-59 Recognizing October 6, 2021, as International Walk to School Day**
   D. **Adopt Joint Resolution No. 21-60 Recognizing October 2021 as RESPECT! 24/7 Month in San Mateo County**
   E. **Adopt Joint Resolution No. 21-61 Recognizing October 2021 as LGBTQ+ History Month**
   F. **Adopt Joint Resolution No. 21-62 Recognizing September 20-26, 2021, as Climate Action Week**

   After a motion by Ms. Gerard and a second by Mr. Lempert, the Board unanimously (Alvaro, Bonini, Camacho, Cannon, Gerard, Lempert, and Ross), by roll call vote, approved the Consent Agenda.
6. **EDUCATIONAL SERVICES DIVISION**

   **A. Receive Report on Opening of Outdoor Education for the 2021-2022 School Year**

Karen Gnusti, Executive Director, College, Career, and Secondary Education, provided a report on the opening of Outdoor Education for the 2021-2022 school year.

Ms. Bonini asked if there was data on the percentage of attending students who are vaccinated. Executive Director Gnusti replied that the groups are mostly unvaccinated because they are not of vaccination age.

Ms. Bonini asked for confirmation of spaces available at Outdoor Education. Executive Director Gnusti confirmed the program usually serves 5,000 students, but this year, staff plan to serve 6,500 students.

Ms. Bonini shared that schools are working to build interest and trying to accommodate students who missed the previous year. Parents are donating money for scholarships because some students may not be able to attend for financial reasons. She asked if there was a way to build more capacity to serve even more students in the future. Executive Director Gnusti explained that SMCOE had been sharing the YMCA camp with another county office of education that recently moved to another location, so right now there is more capacity. She was unsure if this will be an option in the future.

7. **OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

   **A. Receive Initial Proposal from California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter 887 to the San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools for the 2021-2022 Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement**

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   **C. Superintendent’s Comments**

Superintendent Magee acknowledged the Outdoor Education team for their incredibly hard work. She described how when school came back in session, districts that had signed up to attend were showing reluctance due to health and safety concerns of COVID-19. Executive Director Gnusti’s team responded by proactively and clearly communicating the safety protocols in place at camp. The outreach and communication helped ease concerns and now the question is whether there will
be enough room for everyone who wants to attend. Superintendent Magee congratulated Executive Director Gnusti for the many hours of work she has dedicated to this process.

Superintendent Magee described a highlight of her week was being invited to attend teacher Leah Movillion’s South San Francisco High School classroom via Zoom. She, along with school leaders Sarah Notch, Executive Director, Special Education and Instruction, and Tammy Zigler and Christina Passmore, Principals, Special Education Services E-22, were all thrilled to be included. The students are studying government leaders, specifically school leaders, and prepared questions for their guests. The students were also excited and engaging, and received enthusiastic support from the paraeducators who supported them in their communication. Superintendent Magee suggested that when the county office opens up to the public, Ms. Movillion bring her class for a field trip.

Superintendent Magee spoke about the resolution passed that evening “Recognizing October 2021 as LGBTQ+ History Month” and stated that in addition to sharing out materials and resources about LGBTQ+ history to SMCOE schools for integration into their curriculum, the pride flag will fly at all school sites as well as the county office for the month of October. Superintendent Magee explained how critically important it is for all young people to feel a part of their school community. LGBTQ+ students are twice as likely to be bullied and more likely to be sexually assaulted or consider suicide. She added that as educators and caring adults, it is our responsibility to do everything possible to affirm our LGBTQ+ students and create safe campuses to support their learning and future success.

Superintendent Magee shared that SMCOE, with the support of Claire Cunningham, Chief Deputy County Counsel, created an umbrella agreement with Worksite Labs for SMCOE and the districts to conduct contact tracing. The contact tracing aspect of the COVID-19 safety plan is time-consuming and takes educators away from their instructional duties. As the umbrella agency, SMCOE is working directly with Worksite Labs, paying the invoices and billing back districts for the services. COVID-19 partnership funds are available for districts with insufficient resources.

Superintendent Magee reported that vaccinations for the 5-11 year-old age group is expected to roll out in San Mateo County at the end of October or early November. The SMCOE team is already planning with San Mateo County Health on setting up some school-based clinics across the county. The first pathway to vaccination for this age group will be through pediatricians. Parents wanting to get their children vaccinated should be calling their pediatrician for an appointment, setting up a well-child visit, and catching up on other missed vaccinations, immunizations, and health needs. There will also be school and community-based events. Superintendent Magee will keep the Board updated as plans evolve.

Superintendent Magee shared it was a pleasure to spend the weekend at the California County Boards of Education (CCBE) Conference in Monterey. She congratulated CCBE President-Elect Ross for a well-organized event and commended his hard work. SMCOE was well represented. She was proud of staff who presented and happy to be part of a collaborative governance team.

Superintendent Magee reported that staff successfully hosted the OneSMCOE Champions of Education Service Awards Recognition Event the previous week to celebrate employees and to
8. BOARD MEMBERS

A. Discuss/Act on Nominations for California School Boards Association (CSBA)
   Directors-at-Large: African American, American Indian, County

After a motion by Ms. Gerard and a second by Mr. Ross, the Board unanimously (Alvaro, Bonini, Camacho, Cannon, Gerard, Lempert, and Ross), by roll call vote, approved the co-nomination of Dana Dean from the Solano County Office of Education for CSBA Director-at-Large, County.

B. Report Out on 2021 California County Boards of Education (CCBE) Conference

Mr. Ross thanked his colleagues and county office staff who participated in the conference both as attendees and presenters. He also thanked Superintendent Magee for connecting with Dr. Joshi and Dr. Adelsheim to speak at the lunch session on student mental health. He thanked Board President Camacho and the team for their presentation on the teacher and administrator development programs, which was well received based on survey responses. Mr. Ross said the conference exceeded all previous registration numbers, in part because participants such as Ms. Alvaro could attend remotely and others could safely attend in person. He noted that one-third of attendees participated remotely. The revenue for the event was also at an all-time high, partly supported by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Zoom. Mr. Ross believes the conference will be particularly interesting and engaging next year with topics centering on governance.

Mr. Ross also described how Board members do not get a lot of time together and shared appreciation for how this event presents the opportunity for Board members to deepen personal relationships, both within their own Board and across regions. This includes the traditional dinner for Board members and their families hosted by the Superintendent. He thanked Superintendent Magee for hosting that event where he, Ms. Gerard, and Board President Camacho enjoyed dinner together on Saturday night. If participants are able to safely attend next year, Mr. Ross invited the entire Board to attend, as well as their spouses and family members. He described the event as an important way to build capacity together.

Ms. Gerard shared it was a positive and well-run event. She thanked the CSBA group who made it possible for the event to be hosted as a hybrid conference. Ms. Gerard was impressed with the cooperation of attendees in following the strict safety and health protocols. She said the presentations were excellent, and she felt proud of SMCOE’s presentation, for which she served as the liaison. Ms. Gerard thanked Mr. Ross and her fellow committee members for all the work put into ensuring it was an enjoyable event for everyone.

Mr. Ross thanked Ms. Gerard for the excellent food at the conference and for her mentoring.
Ms. Gerard thanked Superintendent Magee for the enjoyable Board dinner on Saturday evening where everyone enjoyed each other’s company.

Ms. Alvaro shared she enjoyed the conference and was grateful to be able to participate remotely. Ms. Alvaro attended the session led by Board President Camacho, Cheryl Agrawal, Executive Director, Teacher and Administrator Development, and the SMCOE team, and was proud of them. Ms. Alvaro described how Charlyn Tuter, former CSBA Program Director, and the other co-hosts ensured there were always staff members attending on Zoom to check logistics, communicate, and resolve issues. This made for a quality experience for everyone. Ms. Alvaro thanked Mr. Ross, Ms. Gerard, and the planning team for making the conference happen.

Ms. Bonini shared she enjoyed spending time with and getting to know her fellow Board members. She appreciated meeting other County Board members in person who had been in trainings with her throughout the spring. Ms. Bonini attended many inspiring sessions, including one focused on the “All for Youth” collaboration between County Health and the Fresno County Office of Education. Ms. Bonini suggested that SMCOE look further into this great model, which involves their Board of Supervisors and county funding. She was also impressed by several presentations from the Placer County Office of Education, including one on shared governance and another on accelerated learning. Ms. Bonini shared appreciation for Ms. Alvaro’s questions during the presentations, which made her feel like Ms. Alvaro was there.

Board President Camacho thanked the incredible team from SMCOE who presented, including Executive Director Agrawal and Elizabeth Veal, Director, Teacher Residency and Administrator Programs, along with Heather Kirkpatrick, President and Chief Executive Officer, Alder Graduate School of Education. He noted Superintendent Magee helped respond to the more challenging questions about the visionary perspective. Board President Camacho shared he is so proud of the organization’s work, particularly the top-notch work in the area of teacher and administrator development which serves as the model for other counties throughout the state. He is excited about continuing conversations for both Alder and the SMCOE team. Board President Camacho thanked Superintendent Magee for supporting this presentation and said he always enjoys showing off the work of SMCOE.

Board President Camacho described how California is a big state which results in many different ways in which county offices approach education and delivering services. This year he felt a sense of closeness and camaraderie as a community of County Board members, School Board members, and Superintendents as a result of all the challenges we have faced. He appreciated the opportunity to create networks, be together and connect, and be seen in a positive light with each other.

Board President Camacho shared he enjoyed the dinner and looks forward to everyone being at the conference next fall, if conditions permit.

C. Report Out on Assembly Bill (AB) 361 "Open Meetings: State and Local Agencies: Teleconferences" and Discussion of Future Board Meeting Formats
Superintendent Magee informed that prior to AB 361, the Board was operating under the understanding that the Governor’s exemptions for specific Brown Act requirements for remote meetings would expire on September 30. However, AB 361 by Assembly Member Robert Rivas, has now been signed into law by the Governor. Superintendent Magee noted this agenda item is for discussion and expects that the Board will give direction to staff for supporting actions at a future meeting, including possibly preparing a resolution to guide the Board’s actions. She explained that AB 361 extends certain exemptions allowing any of the Board members to attend meetings remotely; however, there are conditions which must be met and actions by the Board would need to take every 30 days.

The exemptions are written for emergency conditions, so the Board must find that emergency conditions exist to the degree that remote meetings must be continued. If the Board does not find that emergency conditions support continuance of remote meetings, then the Board can rely on preexisting requirements of the Brown Act to continue remote or hybrid meetings.

Chief Deputy County Counsel Cunningham explained that under AB 361, Brown Act, local legislative bodies, such as the Board, are required to return to in-person Board meetings unless they choose to continue with fully teleconferenced Board meetings. For that to be an option in San Mateo County, two things must happen. First, there must be a proclaimed state of emergency. Governor Newsom has not ended the state of emergency so that element has been satisfied. Second, there must be findings that meeting in person would present an imminent risk to the health of meeting attendees. A resolution would be brought forward for action by the Board to make those required findings. AB 361 authorizes teleconferenced meetings but does not allow hybrid meetings with some members of the Board attending in person and others participating remotely.

She added that AB 361 is intended to apply to any type of emergency, including COVID-19, but also to such emergency events as fires or earthquakes. The emergency would allow a jurisdiction to meet remotely due to the finding. The state of emergency must continue and every 30 days a local legislative body must reaffirm its findings that it is too dangerous to meet in person due to the health risk for meeting attendees.

Chief Deputy Cunningham explained she first thought that every legislative body in the same county would have to make the same decision based on case rates and transmission and wondered why the decision was being left up to each local legislative body. She realized each local governmental body meets in different rooms with varying numbers of the public in attendance, so the circumstances and risk will vary.

Chief Deputy Cunningham reminded the Board Members of the Interdistrict Attendance Appeal (IAA) at the October 6 meeting and considered what that would look like under the two options. The first option is a pre-COVID, Brown Act, in-person Board meeting. The second option is a teleconferenced Board meeting pursuant to AB 361 with the first action item being adoption of the findings. If the majority of the Board did not adopt the findings, and it was agendized as a teleconferenced meeting, they could not proceed with the meeting. This is why Superintendent Magee suggested a special Board meeting to take action on this issue. If the October 6 meeting is
agendized as a teleconferenced Board meeting, but the Board does not adopt the findings, the
meeting must be suspended and rescheduled. There is a statutory deadline to hear the IAA, so this
creates more complexity.

Mr. Lempe1t asked what findings would be made, given that staff and the Board were present that
evening. Chief Deputy County Counsel Cunningham offered to share the language and asked the
Board to consider if they could vote “yes” in support. She summarized the findings as follows: in
the interest of public health and safety, as affected by the emergency caused by the spread of
COVID-19, the Board deems it necessary to find that meeting in person would present imminent
risks to the health or safety of attendees and thus invokes the provisions of AB 361 related to
teleconferencing. Mr. Lempert clarified that each Board member would need to be comfortable
voting yes. Chief Deputy Cunningham confirmed that was correct.

Ms. Bonini asked if attendees were defined as everyone, including the public, the Board, and staff
attending. Chief Deputy County Counsel Cunningham replied that was not specifically defined but
she interprets that to mean members of the public because the finding is about the risk of
transmission to the meeting attendees, which could be the Board members, as well. But the risk is
enhanced when members of the public attend the meeting.

Ms. Bonini explained it is difficult to have a resolution stating the meeting should be remote with the
Board still having the option to attend, which is inconsistent. She asked if that point was specifically
addressed in AB 361. Chief Deputy Cunningham confirmed the point was not specifically
addressed. She explained AB 361 does not prohibit the Board members from participating in the
teleconferenced meeting from the same location, which would not be consistent with the findings.

Ms. Alvaro expressed concerns about having an IAA, where different people will attend and not
everyone must show proof of vaccination or negative test. She asked how to move forward with
members of the public coming in from the outside, which is different than staff. Ms. Alvaro also
commented that having IAAs remotely has been helpful because everyone can be seen and heard
clearly without masks. If these attendees attend in person and wear masks, information such as
facial expressions are lost. IAAs can be emotional, and it is beneficial to see people and hear them
clearly. Ms. Alvaro shared her personal preference was to continue to not need to meet in a public
setting for the next few months and not have members of the public coming before the Board.

Mr. Ross asked if the Board making findings but still participating in person would feel like the
current Board meeting, or if Board members would be in the office using personal computers to get
online. Chief Deputy Cunningham suggested to be consistent with the findings, her
recommendation would be not to have Board members meet in person, but some Boards are
committed to sitting physically in the same room with their colleagues. In her opinion, that is not
prohibited. She described that AB 361 uses the phrase “fully teleconferenced” Board meetings with
the expectation that meeting attendees, including the Board, would participate telephonically or
remotely through teleconferencing.

Chief Deputy Cunningham noted that in AB 361, if the Board is meeting through teleconference and
there is a technical glitch or problem, the Board cannot take action on agenda items because that
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would disrupt public participation. There is more uncertainty having a Board meeting pursuant to AB 361, but it is designed as an option to protect the health and safety of meeting attendees during a state of emergency.

Mr. Ross asked if attending Board members would need to bring their own telephonic connection equipment and headsets even though they were in the same room, or whether it could feel like what they were experiencing that evening. Chief Deputy County Counsel Cunningham suggested it would be better to choose between two options. The first option is a fully teleconferenced meeting with no Board members meeting together in the same room or in person, pursuant to pre-COVID Brown Act requirements, but also with COVID-19 health and safety protocols. She noted the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) issued guidance and clarified that indoor public settings include local Board and Commission meetings. They stated that for Board and Commission meetings, unvaccinated individuals are required to wear masks and Boards and Commissions may choose to require proof of vaccination and require all meeting attendees to wear masks. If meetings are held in person, there is CDPH authority to require additional safety measures of meeting participants. If there is an IAA and participants with the right to participate show up but are unable to meet the criteria to come in the door, that would create a problem.

Mr. Cannon asked how the decision would be made and if a motion would be made. Chief Deputy County Counsel Cunningham clarified this was not agendized as an action item, so the goal was to determine if there was an informal consensus to request that staff put the resolution on the agenda for October 6 and agendize it as a fully teleconferenced meeting pursuant to AB 361. The other option is scheduling a special Board meeting to occur before October 6 to adopt the resolution so the plan for October 6 would be very clear.

Mr. Lempert asked if all school employees in the county were wearing masks and about the vaccination status for district staff. Superintendent Magee replied that for San Mateo County, 93% of the population age 12 and older have received at least one vaccination shot. Mr. Lempert asked about district staff. Superintendent Magee confirmed that depends on the district, but most are above 90%. Mr. Lempert referred to the IAA and requirements for the district staff who might attend. Chief Deputy County Counsel Cunningham answered that under the State Public Health Officer’s August 11 order, school employees are required to either be vaccinated or submit to weekly testing. Mr. Lempert referred to the IAA and asked if parents could be asked ahead of time about their vaccination status. If they are vaccinated, they may attend, and if they are not, that can be dealt with. Chief Deputy Cunningham added the CDPH has said that Boards and Commissions have the authority to not only ask, but require that of meeting attendees. Superintendent Magee summarized that the requirement is that the family be vaccinated or provide proof of a negative test. Chief Deputy Cunningham confirmed it could be done that way. This would allow a family to participate if they are not vaccinated. She reiterated that the CDPH guidance states that Boards and Commissions can require proof of vaccination and require all attendees to wear masks, whether vaccinated or not.

Ms. Bonini asked if the Board wanted to meet in person and provide public access via Zoom, whether the latter would be impacted by AB 361. Chief Deputy Cunningham confirmed that Boards
could continue to have the public engage remotely, separate and apart from AB 361. Ms. Bonini asked if that would apply to the IAA, with the Board meeting in person and the public attending and appeals being held remotely. Chief Deputy County Counsel Cunningham answered that would be allowable but the issue is that the Board can’t require a family to participate remotely. It would be the family’s choice to participate remotely or in person. Ms. Bonini asked if this falls within the public participation over Zoom. Chief Deputy Cunningham confirmed that was accurate.

Ms. Alvaro asked for clarification about whether the Board could or could not require the IAA family to participate remotely. Chief Deputy Cunningham clarified the Board could not require the family to participate remotely. Board President Camacho asked if it could be a request, but not a requirement. Chief Deputy County Counsel Cunningham replied that was correct. If a Board is not meeting pursuant to AB 361, in an effort to have greater engagement with the public, many Boards are choosing to livestream without the interactive component. But there is nothing stating it cannot be made available for members of the public to participate in public comment or other aspects of the Board meeting agenda, such as an appeal. It would be the individual’s choice to participate in person or remotely.

Ms. Gerard asked in terms of the Board, if the meeting needs to be held with the entire Board together in the room or all virtually. Chief Deputy County Counsel Cunningham reminded under the pre-COVID-19 Brown Act teleconferencing rules, it is possible for any Board member to participate in a meeting through teleconferencing. The legislative body would need to list on its agenda each teleconference location from which a member will be participating, the teleconference location would need to be accessible to the public, members of the public may address the legislative body at each teleconference location, and agendas need to be posted at all teleconference locations. This has always been a barrier for legislative bodies to teleconference from home. Chief Deputy County Counsel Cunningham indicated that to her knowledge, opening one’s home to the public has never actually come to pass in her 14 years with the County Counsel.

She summarized that there are two and a half options. The first option is meeting in person pursuant to pre-COVID-19 Brown Act rules. The second option is to have a “fully teleconferenced” Board meeting pursuant to AB 361 after satisfying those requirements. The half option is to conduct the in-person meeting with one or more trustees teleconferencing pursuant to the pre-COVID-19 teleconferencing requirements.

Mr. Cannon asked if there could be a regular Board meeting as was done in the past, with everyone attending showing proof of vaccination. Chief Deputy County Counsel Cunningham confirmed that was an option. Mr. Cannon asked for the downside of that if there was no IAA scheduled. Chief Deputy Cunningham indicated the downside would be if a member of the public was not aware of the requirement and showed up and was turned away, they might be upset. It would be incumbent upon the County Board to clearly communicate the requirements for getting through the door if one wants to attend in person. Mr. Cannon asked if it was a possibility to provide this notification. Superintendent Magee emphasized she was confident that staff could do whatever is suggested.

Mr. Cannon stated if there was no IAA, he felt confident there could be a regular meeting. He asked about complications if there is an IAA and any of the IAA participants choose not to be vaccinated.
Chief Deputy County Counsel Cunningham suggested that they could participate remotely in an in-person Board meeting with the option for remote public participation. Alternatively, the Board could choose to accept proof of a negative test from these participants. Mr. Cannon stated that sounded like a good idea. Chief Deputy Cunningham reflected on Ms. Alvaro's comments that when people are wearing face coverings, it is harder to read their expression and demeanor. That might impact the Board's evaluation of credibility in receiving evidence as part of the hearing.

Mr. Lempert emphasized the Board must make a statement that they feel unsafe with district employees and students attending, which is pretty dramatic. Chief Deputy Cunningham indicated the Board would still have to make the findings in good conscience. Mr. Lempert stated he did not disagree with Ms. Alvaro, but the Board needed to consider what they were being asked to say and whether they could vote on it not being safe to meet in person.

Ms. Bonini shared despite the possibility of a member of the public showing up at one's home, the ability to use the pre-COVID-19 teleconference rules is helpful. She suggested the Board could meet in person except for the one or two Board members who were not comfortable doing so.

Mr. Ross asked if members of the public were allowed to participate remotely during an in-person meeting. Chief Deputy County Counsel Cunningham confirmed that was allowed now and was also allowed prior to the pandemic. She described how Boards have livestreamed their meetings for years. Mr. Ross asked if the Board was allowed to take comments from members of the public and if IAA participants would fall into that group. Chief Deputy County Counsel Cunningham responded that could happen if they wish. Mr. Ross suggested the Board require proof of vaccination if participants want to be in the room and if they don't have proof of vaccination, they must participate remotely. Board President Camacho added this would only apply to individuals 12 years of age and older. Chief Deputy Cunningham confirmed that was correct. Mr. Ross summarized that for anyone aged 12 or older who was not vaccinated and part of an IAA would have to participate remotely. If a family was appealing with a child under age 12, that wouldn't apply, so they could attend in person, as long as the parents were vaccinated.

Superintendent Magee informed there was a supply of BinaxNOW antigen rapid tests which could be available in the building for anyone who needed to test with results ready in 15 minutes.

Ms. Bonini spoke of giving notice to participants about being vaccinated or attending remotely and asked about the exceptions to the vaccination rules. Chief Deputy Cunningham informed the CDPH guidance does not require that participants show proof of vaccination, but it authorizes imposing that as a requirement. For people not vaccinated due to medical condition or religious beliefs, the antigen test would be useful.

Mr. Ross discussed what the Board could do to mitigate concerns if they do not make findings and hearing a desire for either proof of vaccination or an antigen test. He summarized if there were no findings, the options to attend would be proof of vaccination or a properly administered test, or participants could attend remotely.
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Board President Camacho stated there was no need for a resolution and the next meeting would be a regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Superintendent Magee confirmed staff would develop additional protocols about meeting attendance, as had been discussed. She summarized that all meeting attendees must show proof of full vaccination.

Ms. Alvaro wondered if the IAA participants could be offered the option to participate remotely regardless of proof of vaccination, if that is what they choose. She indicated there may be an element of comfort in attending remotely. Board President Camacho emphasized their right to attend in person, but that remote attendance is also a possible option. He continued that proof of vaccination must be shown for all attendees or proof of a negative test within three days of the meeting and Superintendent Magee noted that rapid antigen test supplies will be available onsite if necessary. She informed that tests could be administered under supervision of staff. Board President Camacho suggested that language be communicated to the public.

Board President Camacho asked if there was sufficient information for direction for staff. Chief Deputy County Counsel Cunningham confirmed there was and this will be communicated on the agenda, so anyone thinking of attending the Board meeting will understand the requirements to attend.

Board President Camacho asked if there were guidelines around what would make the Governor remove the state of emergency and whether he was following metrics. Chief Deputy Cunningham stated she was not aware that he was following metrics.

D. Board Member Comments

Ms. Alvaro
Ms. Alvaro asked if more microphones could be placed in the room to ensure the Board is able to be heard and understood, even with masks.

Ms. Alvaro confirmed the Half Moon Bay library room was available for the Board retreat on November 13 from 9:00 a.m. to noon and will be available at 8:30 a.m. for set up. There is a group of teen volunteers who will set the room up the night before, and she will work with Board President Camacho and Superintendent Magee to determine what is needed. She will also provide additional details about which door to use.

Ms. Alvaro requested an update on Outdoor Education, at least for the subcommittee and perhaps at a Board meeting, on the maintenance and upgrade work the YMCA was doing.

Ms. Alvaro expressed her condolences to Janice Pellizzari on the loss of her family member.

Mr. Ross
Mr. Ross reported out on the CCBE Board of Directors Retreat, where the Board of Directors meets to set the direction for the executive committee. As President-Elect, he and others serve on the executive committee and execute what the Board directs them to do. There has been a clear call to action regarding a theme for the year and three pillars for action.
The theme of the year is to empower California County Boards of Education to execute the responsibility of their office. The Board agreed the clear focus should be on defining responsibilities for County Board members. To do that, there is a Board governance committee updating the CCBE Board governance manual as a critical first step to address the explicit roles and responsibilities that arise from Education Code, as well as the optional and discretionary roles. That document will be finished by December 2021 and will lay the foundation for the work in 2022, going forward with three pillars of action. These are training, activation, and presence. Mr. Ross explained that training means educating Board members, including newly elected members and presidents throughout the state. Activation is a renewed effort to engage the membership. There are 55 out of 58 counties participating in CCBE and paying dues, but among those counties there is uneven participation of membership in the work. Presence refers to growing the CCBE voice in Sacramento, which they will continue to work on.

Mr. Lempert
Mr. Lempert shared it was great to hear the report on Outdoor Education and congratulated the team on their continued exceptional work, especially under difficult circumstances. He commented it was great to see everyone in person at the meeting.

Mr. Cannon
Mr. Cannon thanked and congratulated Superintendent Magee on getting everyone this far and starting another school year with high optimism.

Mr. Cannon shared he was pleased with the Outdoor Education presentation and gave Executive Director Gnusti and her team credit for their work. He emphasized that leadership matters and spoke of Superintendent Magee’s determination to make things work.

Mr. Cannon congratulated Mr. Ross for his fantastic work with CCBE. He wondered if anyone could have imagined having an association which is so active and on the right track. Mr. Cannon shared his respect and admiration for the role Ms. Gerard has played with CCBE.

Ms. Bonini
Ms. Bonini described having a nice time at the Service Awards event. She spoke of Ms. Gerard’s heartfelt speech after earning her 8-term, 32-year pin.

Ms. Bonini mentioned the membership meeting for the San Mateo County School Boards Association (SMCSBA) will be held on the upcoming Monday. There will be many guests speaking about Senate Bill (SB) 130, Assembly Bill (AB) 167, the focus on continuity of learning, independent study, and some of the positive learnings coming out of COVID-19 that districts are trying to embrace. Also in attendance will be Martin Fatooh, Public Affairs and Community Engagement Representative; Cheryl Ide, CSBA advocate; Barrett Snider and Iván Carrillo, Capitol Advisors; Joan Dentler, legislative representative for Senator Josh Becker; and Miriam Farouk, legislative representative for Assemblymember Kevin Mullin.
Ms. Bonini thanked Executive Director Notch for joining the Commission on Disabilities committee meetings for the Youth and Family Committee. She stated she is excited that Superintendent Magee has arranged for Executive Director Notch and Niambi Clay, Executive Director, Equity, Social Justice, and Inclusion, to present to the group in October or November. She explained that one of the group’s goals is to discuss diversity, equity, and inclusion, as well as accessibility and bringing the community of persons with disabilities into that conversation county-wide.

Ms. Gerard
Ms. Gerard shared she enjoyed the Service Awards event, and everyone had a wonderful time. It was exciting to celebrate county office members who have dedicated so many years to the organization, and she thanked everyone who helped organize the wonderful event.

Ms. Gerard described her excitement that Outdoor Education started again and piggybacked on Ms. Alvaro’s comments about wanting to be updated on progress and future success.

Ms. Gerard stated she is looking forward to the upcoming SMCSBA meeting on Monday night, which has an exemplary program planned.

Board President Camacho
Board President Camacho indicated the Board has the option to weigh in on the next Youth Commission Liaison. There are a few candidates and any Board members interested in participating in that selection process can reach out to Superintendent Magee.

Board President Camacho congratulated Sibane Parcels, new Interim Director, Human Resources, and Shelly Johnson, new Principal, Court and Community Schools Program, on their transitions, as well as all employees impacted by those shifts.

Board President Camacho discussed the Board and Superintendent attending community events, which is a great way to connect as a governance team and be seen in the community and support local efforts. He suggested attending more of those events as things slowly start to open up, to be seen and see each other outside of the Board room.

Board President Camacho updated that the following evening Supervisor Joe Simitian from Santa Clara County was speaking at an event focused on establishing civilian oversight of the Sheriff’s Office. He anticipates that will be an interesting conversation.

Board President Camacho thanked Ms. Bonini for stepping in to lead the planning of the SMCSBA General Membership meeting on Monday night. He indicated there are a lot of questions out there about how to navigate the next few months, and he appreciates her support in putting together such an incredible panel.
9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.
Board President Camacho announced the next regular meeting would be held Wednesday, October 6, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

Nancy Magee, Secretary

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