1. OPENING ITEMS

A. Call to Order

Board President Hector Camacho, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He announced the Board would observe all required health protocols according to the California Department of Public Health and San Mateo County Health. The Board also provides remote access for members of the public. Board President Camacho noted in the effort to increase accessibility, simultaneous interpretation of the meeting is provided in Spanish using Zoom technology through the end of Public Comment and continues if people are utilizing the channel.

B. Approval of Agenda

After a motion by Trustee Gerard and a second by Trustee Lempert, the Board unanimously (Alvaro, Bonini, Camacho, Cannon, Gerard, Lempert, and Ross) approved the December 8, 2021, agenda as presented.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no persons wishing to address the Board.

3. **RECEIVE AND OPEN BIDS FOR THE LEASE OF THE 1800 ROLLINS ROAD SITE**

   A. **Open, Examine, and Declare all Bids Received, and Also Call for Oral Bids**

Kevin Bultema, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services Division, explained that two sealed bids were received by the deadline of noon that day. The first bid was a lease term of 48 months in the amount of $61,015 per month, from CBRE, representing Alexandria Real Estate. The second bid also met the short-term lease requirements in the amount of $50,000 per month, from Meta Platforms, Inc.

Deputy Superintendent Bultema then opened up the floor to verbal bids. He continued to receive verbal bids from Meta Platforms, Inc. and Alexandria Real Estate until the final verbal bid was offered at $126,000 per month from Meta Platforms, Inc.

4. **CLOSED SESSION**

   A. **Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Government Code 54956.8); Site: 1800 Rollins Rd, Burlingame, CA; SMCOE's Negotiators: Nancy Magee, Kevin Bultema**

There were no persons wishing to address the Board on Closed Session items. At 7:27 p.m., Board President Camacho announced the meeting would move into Closed Session.

5. **OPEN SESSION: REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION**

   A. **Report on Actions Taken in Closed Session**

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 7:45 p.m. Board President Camacho reported there was no action taken in Closed Session.

6. **ACCEPT THE HIGHEST CONFORMING BID AND AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO EXECUTE THE OPTION TO LEASE AGREEMENT**

   A. **Discuss/Act on Accepting the Highest Conforming Bid and Executing the Option to Lease Agreement at this Meeting or at any Adjourned Session of This Same Meeting Held Within 10 Days**

After a motion by Trustee Gerard and a second by Trustee Ross, the Board unanimously (Alvaro, Bonini, Camacho, Cannon, Gerard, Lempert, and Ross) approved accepting the highest conforming bid to lease the Rollins Road site for $126,000 to Meta Platforms, Inc.
7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

   A. **November 13, 2021, Board/Superintendent Retreat**

   After a motion by Trustee Alvaro and a second by Trustee Cannon, the Board unanimously (Alvaro, Bonini, Camacho, Cannon, Gerard, Lempert, and Ross) approved the Minutes of the November 13, 2021, Board/Superintendent Retreat as presented.

   B. **November 17, 2021, Regular Board Meeting**

   After a motion by Trustee Ross and a second by Trustee Gerard, the Board unanimously (Alvaro, Bonini, Camacho, Cannon, Gerard, Lempert, and Ross) approved the Minutes of the November 17, 2021, Regular Board Meeting as presented.

8. **CONSENT AGENDA**

   B. **Receive Staffing Reports**

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

9. **EDUCATIONAL SERVICES DIVISION**

   A. **Discuss/Act on the Educator Effectiveness Grant Expenditure Plan**

   After a motion by Trustee Cannon and a second by Trustee Lempert, the Board unanimously (Alvaro, Bonini, Camacho, Cannon, Gerard, Lempert, and Ross) approved the Educator Effectiveness Grant Expenditure Plan.

   B. **Discuss/Act on Joint Resolution No. 21-71 Authorizing the Adoption of the San Mateo County Multijurisdictional Local Hazard and Mitigation Plan**

   Molly Henricks, Coordinator, School Safety and Risk Prevention, provided information on the San Mateo County Multijurisdictional Local Hazard and Mitigation Plan.

   Trustee Bonini asked how long this process has been in place and what prompted the inclusion of SMCOE this year. Coordinator Henricks replied the County Mitigation Plan has been in place for five years, but this is the first time SMCOE has participated. Both Coordinator Henricks and Patricia Love, Executive Director, Strategy and Communication, were asked to participate. Trustee Bonini asked if this was a preliminary step so school districts could participate and be eligible. Coordinator Henricks confirmed that was accurate.

   Trustee Ross asked if SMCOE’s participation was on behalf of the school districts in the county, SMCOE, or both. Coordinator Henricks responded the participation was on behalf of both. The first part involved looking at SMCOE’s plan, infrastructure, and facilities, and allows SMCOE to apply
for grant funding from the Office of Emergency Services and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to help support all 23 school districts, along with its own infrastructure. Trustee Ross asked for a summary of what happens with the plan next. Coordinator Henricks confirmed the next steps after adoption of the plan are to look at the action items and evaluate which will be addressed first.

Trustee Alvaro referred to the table on page five entitled “Adaptive Capacity for Climate Change” and asked for clarification on the “Jurisdiction Rating.” Coordinator Henricks explained her understanding was that the Jurisdiction Rating is based on capacity to seek and provide necessary improvements to reduce the impact of climate change in different categories.

Board President Camacho was pleased that SMCOE is part of this conversation and discussed how schools are essential services, particularly during emergencies. He is glad that individuals are starting to understand how schools are an essential part of the community.

After a motion by Trustee Gerard and a second by Trustee Lempert, the Board unanimously (Alvaro, Bonini, Camacho, Cannon, Gerard, Lempert, and Ross) approved Joint Resolution No. 21-71 Authorizing the Adoption of the San Mateo County Multijurisdictional Local Hazard and Mitigation Plan.

C. Receive 2021-2022 Williams Annual Report on Countywide Compliance Reviews

Associate Superintendent Chávez introduced Joy Dardenelle, Executive Director, District Improvement and Support, and Jeff Schmidt, Coordinator, District Improvement and Support, to provide a presentation on the 2021-2022 Williams Annual Report on Countywide Compliance Reviews.

Trustee Bonini asked how it was confirmed that students had access to wi-fi, commenting she was amazed that 100% of students had access. Coordinator Schmidt replied that the data came from direct interviews with students.

Trustee Lempert noted that in the old system, even with all its faults, it was clear which were bottom decile schools. He asked if most of the schools on the Williams list had improved significantly so they are no longer under the new accountability. Trustee Lempert expressed hopes that the team is keeping districts accountable and looking at the Dashboard. He asked if these schools have improved and no longer need extra support or if he was reading too much into the information. Coordinator Schmidt explained the Academic Performance Index (API) Index which was originally used, was based on academic performance in key core subject matter. That measure was replaced with the California School Dashboard, which includes additional factors such as College and Career Readiness, Suspension Rates, and Absenteeism. Districts continue to be identified if they are low-performing in those areas. The criteria has not become easier. If anything, the criteria has become more complex.

Trustee Lempert expressed concern that Black and Latino students and students in the foster system are not getting the support they need. He asked for a sense of whether these schools have improved, if the metrics indicate the opportunity gap has closed, and students of color and in the foster system
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are doing better, or if he was being too optimistic. Executive Director Dardenelle explained there have been many changes since 2012 in these schools. There are many schools no longer on the Williams list because they do not exist anymore and have been combined with other schools, making the data hard to compare. She indicated the team is grateful for the new legislation giving them an opportunity to look at current data to address school needs.

The 2012 data is outdated and included assessments which no longer exist. This has not been helpful in understanding student performance, student absenteeism, or school climate, compared to the Dashboard data. Executive Director Dardenelle explained there are many more charter schools now than in 2012 and more charter schools are being identified. This creates a different type of cohort with whom the team will work, and she reiterated this is an apples-to-oranges comparison.

Superintendent Magee added the Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) data and the Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI) data alert the team to red-band schools where achievement and learning is concerning. Those now determine some of the schools to be identified on the Williams list. Executive Director Dardenelle agreed CSI schools have a red band on their Dashboard for all students and the ATSI data analyzes specific student groups, so there are two different means for identification. CSI data looks at low graduation rates and low performance.

Youth Commissioner Liaison Willis asked which two additional schools would be identified in the following year and if the pandemic has affected schools which will be audited based on student performance during online learning. Executive Director Dardenelle responded until the California Department of Education (CSE) releases the list, the team can only speculate on the two additional schools based on projections. She explained the pandemic has changed the ways the team looks at instructional materials, including subscriptions for academic programs available online. Ensuring all students have devices is also now part of the team’s analysis, rather than just counting books.

Board President Camacho discussed how the Williams settlement adapts to the changing instructional needs of teachers, for example measuring access to materials, and asked if it is as flexible as it needs to be. Coordinator Schmidt explained at minimum, the Williams settlement ensures there are instructional materials for every student in every core subject matter. Executive Director Dardenelle added they may also be checking for laptop access, online subscriptions, or specific reading workshop materials.

Board President Camacho asked if most of the sites under Williams right now are elementary schools. Coordinator Schmidt confirmed that was correct, and noted there is one high school.

10. BUSINESS SERVICES DIVISION

A. Receive, Review, and Approve with Positive Certification the 2021-2022 First Interim Financial Report

Deputy Superintendent Bultema provided information on the 2021-2022 First Interim Financial Report.
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Trustee Lempert asked if in reference to expenditures, the benefits percentage was really that high. Deputy Superintendent Bultema agreed the percentage was high, noting this has changed over time. In school districts, classified salary costs have been outpaced by benefits. The cost of the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) and the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS), along with health and welfare costs, are outpacing salaries. Trustee Lempert estimated benefits are often roughly 28%, but at SMCOE this is closer to 50%. Deputy Superintendent Bultema confirmed for classified staff, benefits are close to 50%. He indicated a large portion of this is the changes in PERS and STRS.

Trustee Ross asked for clarification on the definition of the terms “Transfers In” and “Transfers Out.” Deputy Superintendent Bultema explained that Transfers In are transfers in from other funds. SMCOE has multiple funds such as the Fund 17 savings account. School districts often have a Fund 13 for nutrition services or Fund 25, a developer fee. SMCOE also has a Fund 40. Transfers Out are dollars going to Fund 17 or a savings account. Contributions are the contributions SMCOE makes to the restricted side of the budget. These are programs for which we are spending more than we receive in revenues, supported by the unrestricted side of the budget. Trustee Ross asked if contributions could be thought of as budget contributions above and beyond earned income for given programs. Deputy Superintendent Bultema confirmed that was accurate.

Trustee Ross asked if “Administrative and Beginning Teacher Services” referred to induction for teachers. Superintendent Magee confirmed it referred to induction. Trustee Ross asked if it also referred to Clear Administrative Services Credential (CASC) induction, for both teachers and leaders. Superintendent Magee indicated the leader induction is Administrative Credential Tier II (ACT II).

Trustee Ross stated in reference to excess property taxes, SMCOE is sending as much as $25 million back to the State Controller. He asked when this is reported if we could get hold of the contribution of the trial court trust fund. Trustee Ross reminded everyone according to Education Code, the excess property taxes are supposed to backfill the state’s contribution to county courts through the trial court trust fund. It would be interesting to know how much the state sends to San Mateo County Superior Courts. He is curious to see whether the number correlates with the $25 million being sent to the state. Deputy Superintendent Bultema replied he would look into this and noted he is still learning about excess property taxes.

Trustee Ross asked where the First Interim Budget goes after Board approval. Deputy Superintendent Bultema replied that it goes on to the State.

Trustee Lempert commented how clear the presentation was. He also expressed appreciation to the leadership in the Business Services Division, ensuring sound fiscal matters. Trustee Lempert spoke about media reports that schools have “too much money” and emphasized how that narrative has to stop. He urged everyone to tell legislators, opinion leaders, and the press how that narrative is false. Trustee Lempert related SMCOE is in better shape than most, but some of the funding is one-time and not long-term.
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Deputy Superintendent Bultema described the funding cliff for school districts, who will be facing serious challenges in the next two years and spoke of SMCOE having declining enrollment but being in better shape, even in a flat-funded position. He spoke of having to do more work with Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) supervision and Assembly Bill (AB) 1200, and how these are local revenues which would go a long way to ensure the organization is effective in this work.

Board President Camacho remarked the San Mateo County School Boards Association (SMCSBA) calls are a good forum to come up with common language around this topic. He expressed appreciation for Superintendent Magee attending and sharing language which can be used consistently.

Board President Camacho thanked Deputy Superintendent Bultema for the format of the report and level of details. He shared how he has been asking for the 3000 series to be broken out, because if the Board will be talking about pension liabilities, they need to see the data and be able to speak to the numbers directly. He feels this direction will be helpful in advocacy.

After a motion by Trustee Ross and a second by Trustee Gerard, the Board unanimously (Alvaro, Bonini, Camacho, Cannon, Gerard, Lempert, and Ross) approved with positive certification the 2021-2022 First Interim Financial Report.

11. Office of the Superintendent

A. Superintendent’s Comments

Superintendent Magee began by thanking the Board members for a great week in San Diego at the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Conference. The highlight was the California County Boards of Education (CCBE) Breakfast with Board President Camacho elected as the Vice-President Elect. His words to his fellow Board members across the state centered on children and their needs. Superintendent Magee emphasized that Board President Camacho well represents San Mateo County. She also congratulated Trustee Ross on taking the reigns as CCBE President, providing a strong, clear message about the importance of County Boards. Trustee Ross put out an inspiring call to action to his fellow Board members and it was a wonderful moment for her as County Superintendent.

Superintendent Magee reported SMCOE has been working hard on the Career and Technical Education Strong Workforce Grants and engaging with a diversity of stakeholders including the College of San Mateo, Cañada College, the Mid-Peninsula Boys and Girls Club, NOVAworks, the City of Daly City, and STEAM the Streets. SMCOE was awarded $2 million, the full award amount for its fourth Strong Workforce Grant. The grant includes the Bayshore Elementary School District, the Jefferson Elementary School District, the Jefferson Union High School, the San Mateo-Foster City School District, and the South San Francisco Unified School District and will do innovative work focused on equity and providing opportunities for underserved youth. It is exciting these ideas were generated within the communities, and the team went out, listened, engaged with partners, heard their needs, and shaped a plan collaboratively. SMCOE was the only fully-funded Northern
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California grant proposal. Superintendent Magee congratulated Karen Gnusti, Executive Director, College, Career, and Secondary Education, as the leader of that team, and Rubie Macaraeg, Coordinator, Career Technical Education, the innovative thinker around the program.

Superintendent Magee spoke about the key card stands around the front and back doors of the building and how the key cards were recently distributed. This system is fully operational and the building will now be more secure.

Superintendent Magee mentioned the Doodle poll emailed to the Board earlier in the day, with four potential January dates for a Board Budget Study Session. Once a date is finalized, the Board will meet with Deputy Superintendent Bultema to dig into budget planning for the new year.

Superintendent Magee shared that the following Wednesday is the Season of Lights OneSMCOE Holiday Event from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. There are celebrations planned at 101 Twin Dolphin Drive and at the San Bruno E-22 site and broadcast over Zoom at both locations. A lot of effort has gone into planning these events, and practices have changed to be a more inclusive and representative holiday event, so everyone in the organization can participate. Funds are being raised for contributions to students in the foster youth program. The Board is invited to attend and/or make contributions to that fund by contacting Karen Williams, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent.

Lastly, Superintendent Magee wished a happy birthday on December 6 to Deputy Superintendent Bultema.

12. BOARD MEMBERS

A. Discuss/Act on a Revision to the 2021-2022 Board Meeting Calendar

The Board discussed potential dates and times the following week for an additional Board meeting to ensure the organizational meeting is held within 15 days of the second Friday in December, per California Education Code §35143 and Assembly Bill (AB) 2449.

After a motion by Trustee Ross and a second by Trustee Bonini, the Board unanimously (Alvaro, Bonini, Camacho, Cannon, Gerard, Lempert, and Ross) approved adding an additional regular Board meeting to the 2021-2022 Board meeting calendar on Thursday, December 16, 2021, at 8:00 p.m.

B. Adopt Joint Resolution No. 21-72 in support of Assembly Bill 75, Kindergarten-Community Colleges Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2022

Superintendent Magee provided information on Assembly Bill 75, Kindergarten-Community Colleges Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2022.

After a motion by Trustee Cannon and a second by Trustee Lempert, the Board unanimously (Alvaro, Bonini, Camacho, Cannon, Gerard, Lempert, and Ross) approved Joint Resolution No. 21-72 in
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support of Assembly Bill 75, Kindergarten-Community Colleges Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2022.

C. Receive Update from YMCA Partnership Board Subcommittee

Trustee Alvaro updated that the YMCA Partnership Board Subcommittee had a Zoom meeting on November 17 including YMCA partners Rachel Del Monte, District Vice-President, and Chris McComic, Vice-President of Real Estate Capital Assets and Facilities. The YMCA partners discussed infrastructure upgrades. The new exit road is complete so there is now an emergency exit road at the back at the camp. It exits into the ranch just above the connection to the fire road being used by CalFire, who are pleased to have another way in and out of the camp, specifically related to fire emergencies. Trustee Alvaro added the new bus parking lot is paved with new drainage culverts. The new water tank system is also about to be installed which is important for fire suppression and serving the water needs of the camps. There is a new kiosk and signage at the entry way. Six of the cabins are being rebuilt with attached restrooms with outside entrances/exits, allowing children to enter the restrooms from outside without going through the dormitory spaces. The existing bath house is being converted into a seventh cabin, to increase capacity.

Trustee Cannon shared it has been a pleasure working with the YMCA partners who are getting things done with competence.

Board President Camacho shared his son would be attending Outdoor Education the second week in January. He thanked Trustee Alvaro for leading the subcommittee meeting and commented that it was a great conversation. He shared his excitement for the upcoming plans.

Trustee Cannon asked if the Board would be visiting the site in January. Trustee Alvaro confirmed a visit was planned, but not yet scheduled. Trustee Alvaro suggested when a date for the visit is confirmed, the Board would be invited to attend with posting requirements satisfied if necessary. Trustee Alvaro asked about the pictures and Superintendent Magee noted she had just emailed Mr. McComic asking for photos.

D. Suggest Topics for Future Board Agendas

Trustee Bonini discussed being a liaison to the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission (JJDPC) from the Commission on Disabilities, with Youth Commissioner Liaison Willis serving as a commissioner on the JJDPC. She explained how the JJDPC completes investigations of facilities and prepares and presents reports and requested additional information on the facilities which impact SMCOE students. It caught her attention at their recent meeting that there was so much in the report related to student feedback and discussions. She expressed concerns about the feedback such as rigor of coursework, preparation, credit transfers, and problematic transitions back to campuses.

Trustee Bonini explained how students shared sentiments that they did not feel they were prepared to re-enter their environments or proceed to college. She indicated this is important information and the reason for her request and invited Youth Commissioner Liaison Willis to chime in. Youth
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Commissioner Liaison Willis explained he was part of a group which conducted a school inspection, interviewing youth in the facility about this topic.

Trustee Ross requested three possible topics. The first topic was related to the CCBE-funded Computer Science Strategic CSforALL Resource and Implementation Planning Tool (SCRIPT) training which prepared SMCOE to conduct a Computer Science implementation plan and train districts to do their own Computer Science implementation plans. It would be great to see what may come of this. The second topic was related to DataZone part two, and the work required for SMCOE to support consolidated access, evaluation, analysis, and usage of data from schools within the county in one place. He would love an update on how that work is going. The third topic was the combination of the teacher diversity and pipeline issues facing the county, combined with the teacher housing issue.

E. Board Member Comments

Youth Commissioner Liaison Willis
Youth Commissioner Liaison Willis reported he presented to the Sequoia Union High School District about the Diversion Program the JJDCP created. There was a lot of positive feedback and the team is now meeting with several different administrators from Menlo-Atherton High School, TIDE Academy, and other high schools hoping to expand the program into the north county as soon as there is funding and capacity to hire staff members for the program.

Youth Commissioner Liaison Willis described the crunch period before the holidays and winter break, especially for upper-class students receiving Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) results or college early decision results soon.

Trustee Lempert
Trustee Lempert congratulated Board President Camacho and Trustee Ross on their CCBE elections and the team on the financial report.

Trustee Cannon
Trustee Cannon described how in the CCBE Vice President Elect election, the opponent withdrew in favor of Board President Camacho, which he had never seen before and was quite impressive. He described how both Board President Camacho and Trustee Ross gave excellent speeches focused on getting things done for students. Trustee Cannon thanked Superintendent Magee for successfully getting everyone together for some social time.

Trustee Cannon expressed appreciation for Deputy Superintendent Bultema’s report and for all his work renting the Rollins Rd. facility.

Trustee Alvaro
Trustee Alvaro congratulated Board President Camacho and Trustee Ross and shared how delighted she is to have two fine SMCOE Board members serving as leaders at CCBE.

Trustee Alvaro reported on the Big Lift meeting on November 29, informing that they shared the Inspiring Summers successes from seven districts. She described how the Silicon Valley Community
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Foundation is an amazing partner and a driving force. Senator Becker attended their Zoom meeting, so they were able to thank him for his support and for securing funding, and let him know how appreciative they are to have someone fighting for their program.

Giannina Pérez, Senior Policy Advisor on Early Childhood to Governor Newsom, attended the meeting, filling a seat which has never existed before. Trustee Alvaro explained that Ms. Pérez spoke about her discussions with Governor Newsom about how to support the family as well as the child. One cannot just support a child and assume they will thrive, the entire family must be considered over multiple years. Ms. Pérez described some diverse initiatives the team is working on through healthcare, cash stipends, and child care and spoke of the federal investment Build Back Better. Trustee Alvaro indicated it looks as though there will be enough childcare investment to allow a sliding co-pay for families, which is an amazing concept. Ms. Pérez also stressed, and Governor Newsom is also stressing, that we cannot walk away from the quality conversation. It is one thing to say all the children will be in programs, but those programs must be quality. In order for that to happen, the teachers have to be trained and paid appropriately. Ms. Pérez projected by 2025 all four year olds will have access to transitional kindergarten. There was also a report from RAND, which has been completing an evaluation of the Big Lift since it started. This was their fifth and final report. The first cohort through the Big Lift was the 2016 kindergarten class, who were in the third grade in 2019-2020 and although they do not have reading scores, there is still a lot of good information. Trustee Alvaro summarized it was all good news with the Big Lift and the Board should be proud that they said “yes” to the program when it first came out. It has been an enormous success for many, many children.

Trustee Ross

Trustee Ross thanked Deputy Superintendent Bultema for the report and wished him a happy birthday. He acknowledged Trustee Gerard for getting him involved with CCBE, and thanked her and expressed appreciation for her wonderful advice and mentorship. Trustee Ross also expressed excitement that Board President Camacho will be joining him in the CCBE work over the next years. He added the Executive Committee also includes Karina Talamantes, a young, new County Board member from Sacramento. There are many new faces on the CCBE Executive Committee, for which he is proud.

Trustee Ross shared upcoming highlights including a governance training in March. The theme of the year for CCBE is empowering Board members to be effective as they execute in challenging times. The governance training will include sessions on engaging with the public, an important part of being on a School Board. There will also be sessions providing training on dealing with reporters, cameras, and media training since Board Presidents throughout the state have to face this more than ever.

The year’s work is broken down into three categories – training, civic engagement and activation, and presence in Sacramento. When it comes to training and tools, the Computer Science toolkit was presented at CCBE, providing a guidebook of questions Board members can ask and facts they should know whenever Computer Science comes up on the agenda. Trustee Ross expressed excitement for the work ahead and to meet colleagues from all over the state, including from “frontier” counties.
Trustee Bonini shared she enjoyed attending the CCBE Conference and connecting with everyone who was able to go. She shared the themes presented were aligned with the themes she tries to focus on every day, including respect and uplifting of teachers and staff. Many of the sessions she attended focused on strategies and impressive ways counties and districts are working to prioritize mental health for teachers and staff.

Trustee Bonini noted a lot of the work she is doing focuses on raising student voice. It was impressive to hear an amazing panel of student Board members from across the state advocating on their own behalf as young leaders. She discussed respecting and listening to the voice of students and how the panel’s conversation made her think a lot.

Trustee Bonini referred to Youth Commissioner Liaison Willis’ Diversion Program work with the Peer Court and gave him a shout-out because he has been working hard and doing amazing work. The Peer Court is making connections, talking to supervisors and working to obtain funding to keep the program sustainable. It is both student-focused and student-led, and an inspiring program.

Trustee Gerard thanked Deputy Superintendent Bultema for the excellent report which provided a great deal of clear information. She wished him a happy belated birthday.

Trustee Gerard congratulated Board President Camacho and Trustee Ross on their CCBE leadership and reiterated she feels like a “proud mama.” She stated it is not by accident that these two exemplary leaders have been placed in prestigious positions at the state level. They, along with those supporting them in the organization, will bring CCBE up to another level.

Trustee Gerard shared that the CSBA Conference and Delegate Assembly were excellent. The Delegate Assembly can be trying to attend, but Region 5 has a wonderful group representing San Mateo and San Francisco counties. They have special and talented individuals in the group, and it was a privilege to work with them. She came away from the conference excited and rejuvenated after being able to see and meet people in person and attend a number of informative workshops. Trustee Gerard spoke highly of the workshop by Superintendent Magee and Alisa MacAvoy from the Redwood City School Board focused on the environment. She also attended an excellent workshop focused on the work of County Superintendents, attended by many district Board members and Superintendents. Trustee Gerard felt the information shared was important for them to hear. One of the presenters was Liz Parker, a former CCBE member and trainer, and now a trainer for CSBA.

Trustee Gerard thanked Board President Camacho, who in his role as President of SMCSBA, arranged the reception with the Santa Clara County Board of Education. It was nice to meet new people and talk to those south of us.

Trustee Gerard thanked her fellow Board members for being a great team to work with. She heard about Boards who do not work as well together and expressed appreciation to her fellow Board members for their teamwork and relationships.
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Board President Camacho

Board President Camacho thanked all the evening’s presenters.

Board President Camacho expressed appreciation for the work done by Deputy Superintendent Bultema, Superintendent Magee, and Chief Deputy County Counsel Cunningham on the Rollins Rd. property, which he sees as a big win for children.

Board President Camacho highlighted the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative which recently announced $7 million in grants to community-based organizations in the county. He spoke of the need for investment in non-profits at this moment, as they struggle to make it and recover from the pandemic.

Board President Camacho shared he attended the finance thread at the CSBA Conference because there is a need for conversations about the language to use in combating the perception of high levels of funding for public education. He attended several sessions and engaged in rich conversations as a result. Board President Camacho emphasized he strives to represent the Board well and attended all of the receptions. The SMCSBA joint reception with the Santa Clara County Office of Education was successful, and he had a great time. He enjoyed interacting with individuals from colleges in San Mateo County, as well as in the South Bay and San Francisco. Board President Camacho spoke of the importance of the Board continuing to work as a region. Legislators are noticing that and it is crucial to what the Board is trying to accomplish for children.

Board President Camacho related that Trustee Gerard pulled him into CCBE early on and he has been fortunate to participate. When Trustee Ross suggested he consider the role of Vice President, he wasn’t sure if he was ready, but he is excited about what they will accomplish over the next several years. He thanked Trustee Gerard for her support and Trustee Ross for considering him. They have a great team between the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors, and he is enthusiastic about next steps.

Board President Camacho said earlier in the day was the final Superintendent Call with SMCSBA for 2021. Despite being incredibly busy, Superintendent Magee made time to answer questions and present on relevant topics to School Board members. There are so many questions out there, but Superintendent Magee and her team have been there providing updates on a bi-weekly basis. These meetings were usually attended by 40-50 Board members and Superintendents from across the county. Board President Camacho thanked Superintendent Magee for continuing to provide that space and informed that SMCSBA is looking at what that might look like in the spring. There is a desire to meet in person and share more ideas, and they will consider that in the future.

Lastly, Board President Camacho described the previous evening when he attended the reorganization for the city of South San Francisco, and it was wonderful to see his high school classmate Mark Nagales sworn in as mayor of South San Francisco. Mr. Nagales is a former legislative staffer for Gene Mullin and Jackie Speier. Congresswoman Speier was in attendance virtually from the Capitol to swear him into office. Board President Camacho shared that Mr. Nagales was sworn in as mayor of South San Francisco and Flor Nicolas was sworn in as vice-mayor, the first time in the history of South San Francisco the city has a Filipino mayor and vice-mayor of a city. The representation on the South San Francisco City Council is remarkable, and he is pleased to be in attendance to see that happen.
13. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m. Board President Camacho announced the next regular meeting would be held on Thursday, December 16, 2021, at 8:00 p.m.

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Nancy Magee, Secretary

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