1. OPENING ITEMS

A. Call to Order

Board President Beverly Gerard called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Simultaneous interpretation of this meeting was provided in Spanish using Zoom technology.

B. Approval of Agenda

After a motion by Trustee Alvaro and a second by Trustee Lempert, the Board approved, by a vote of six in favor (Alvaro, Bonini, Camacho, Gerard, Lempert, and Ross) and one absent (Cannon), the June 1, 2022, agenda as presented.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Superintendent Magee reported there was one public comment submitted electronically in advance of the meeting from Roger Wroblewski. The comment had been emailed to the Board and would be posted on the website after the meeting.

The following speaker provided live public comment:
3. **2022 RECOGNITION AWARDS PRESENTATION**

   A. **Recognition of 2022 Honorees by the California Department of Education (CDE) for Pivotal Practices**
   B. **Recognition of 2022 "Art Takes a Bus Ride" Winners**
   C. **Recognition of 2022 San Mateo County Outdoor Education Cabin Leader of the Year**
   D. **Recognition of 2022 Green Ribbon School Award - Bronze Level**
   E. **Recognition of 2022 California IT in Education (CITE) Lifetime Achievement Award Winner**

Superintendent Magee introduced the 2022 Recognition Awards. Board President Gerard first recognized the 2022 California Pivotal Practice Award Program winners. The California Department of Education created this program to celebrate schools and districts in 2021-22 that implemented innovative practices, when California required schools to offer distance learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Superintendent Magee next recognized those students whose artwork was selected for the 2022 Art Takes a Bus Ride program. This year's theme was "San Mateo County Re-Opens" and more than 100 pieces of student art were juried by a panel of arts leaders with 12 selected to be displayed on two SamTrans buses.

Board President Gerard and Superintendent Magee then honored the 2022 San Mateo County Outdoor Education Cabin Leader of the Year, the San Mateo Union High School District as the 2022 Green Ribbon School Award – Bronze Level winner, and the 2022 California IT in Education (CITE) Lifetime Achievement Award Winner, Lorrie Owens, Chief Technology Officer at the San Mateo County Office of Education.

Throughout the event, honorees attending in person were invited to the podium to say a few words about their experiences and those attending over Zoom were also recognized and invited to speak.

4. **RECEPTION TO HONOR 2022 RECOGNITION AWARD WINNERS**

   A. **Reception to Honor 2022 Recognition Award Winners**

   The meeting was recessed at 7:45 p.m. for a reception in honor of the 2022 Recognition Award Winners.

   The meeting resumed at 8:01 p.m.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

   A. **May 18, 2022, Regular Board Meeting**
Board of Education Meeting  
June 1, 2022  

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (continued)  

After a motion by Trustee Alvaro and a second by Trustee Lempert, the Board approved, by a vote of six in favor (Alvaro, Bonini, Camacho, Gerard, Lempert, and Ross) and one absent (Cannon), the Minutes of the May 18, 2022, Regular Board Meeting as presented.  

6. CONSENT AGENDA  

B. Adopt Joint Resolution No. 22-35 Recognizing June 19, 2022, as Juneteenth  

After a motion by Trustee Lempert and a second by Trustee Alvaro, the Board approved, by a vote of six in favor (Alvaro, Bonini, Camacho, Gerard, Lempert, and Ross) and one absent (Cannon), the Consent Agenda.  

7. LOCAL CONTROL AND ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN (LCAP)  

A. Receive San Mateo County Office of Education's 2022-2023 Proposed Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)  

Karen Gnusti, Executive Director, College, Career, and Secondary Education, Educational Services Division, highlighted a few aspects of San Mateo County Office of Education's 2022-2023 proposed Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), including the following topics:  

- LCAP – Three Mandated Sections to the Report  
- March 2020 – Spring 2022  
- Organization of LCAP Report  
- Metrics  
- Engagement  
- Sample of Survey Results (Student, Parent, and Staff)  
- Longitudinal Data  
- Increased or Improved Services  
- 2022-2023 Court and Community Budget Overview  

Trustee Ross asked about the number of dropouts and graduates, and whether that referred to a cohort or a group across those four grades during one school year. Executive Director Gnusti indicated the data referred to all the students from a particular year. She recalled that students who were in the program more than once were removed from the data set. Trustee Ross indicated the assumption was that the students did not stay in the program longer than one year, which made sense. Executive Director Gnusti reiterated if the students came to the program twice, they were not recounted.  

Trustee Alvaro referred to the parent survey question “Do you feel your student is prepared to return to their district?” and the result of 30% of parents feeling their student was prepared to return to their district and 70% either unsure or feeling their student was unprepared. Trustee Alvaro asked if this was combined data for the Court and Community Schools, and Executive Director Gnusti confirmed it was.
LOCAL CONTROL AND ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN (LCAP) (continued)

Trustee Alvaro then referred to the parent survey question, “What support would your student need when he/she returns to district?” She knows the program cannot choose to keep students in the court school because they are adjudicated, but at one point, it was standard practice for students coming out of the Court Schools mid-year to go into the Community Schools, so they wouldn’t be as far behind when they returned to their districts.

Trustee Alvaro asked if this was still the practice when possible. Executive Director Gnusti replied that it was happening in certain instances. She explained that one difference now is that some students initially brought to Juvenile Hall are not detained but are released to their homes for a certain duration of time. These students still have restrictions, but they are sometimes allowed to return to their home district high schools. The transition of exiting students involves multidisciplinary teams including families as they make placement decisions that best serve each student’s needs.

Superintendent Magee added there was a time when the transition from a court school through Gateway was encouraged, but families and district leaders have the right to request their students return to their home districts. Trustee Alvaro agreed it is the districts’ call, but according to the parent surveys, parents are saying they don’t think their students are ready to go back. She wondered if that is part of the discussion when a student is exiting. Are there students at Gateway who, along with their parents, feel they need another year?

Executive Director Gnusti responded there are coordinated conversations with SMCOE administrators, school district administrators, and the families, and she feels the process prioritizes the family’s advocacy.

Trustee Bonini referred to the budget overview for the coming year, stated she could not find the data related to Independent Contractors, and asked what that 5% comprises. Executive Director Gnusti explained that Independent Contractors might refer to Effective School Solutions or other mental health providers. The team also contracted to support Physical Education and for assorted other services such as speakers, projects with the community college district, and field trips.

Trustee Bonini stated it seemed like some of those items would fall under independent contractors under accounts payable, but not under staff. Some items might potentially be directed by staff and some might be on campus, and she questioned whether they were being placed in the right category. Executive Director Gnusti stated when creating budgets, there are only a few overarching category to work from. She indicated she could provide information on how the contractors fit into those five or six basic categories.

Trustee Bonini noted her understanding was that the program was no longer using Effective School Solutions, so it should not be included. Executive Director Gnusti clarified the team is moving ahead with mental health services so there have been discussions about who can provide these services. Superintendent Magee added there had been extensive discussion and analysis comparing costs and services for various mental health services and that Effective School Solutions is in the running for a contract next year. Their costs are projected to be less than Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS).
LOCAL CONTROL AND ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN (LCAP) (continued)

Trustee Bonini referred to the last paragraph of the parent summary on page 4 of 77, stating “There were some shifts in priorities due to the pandemic. We had to reallocate some services and SMCOE did not expend funds on resources that were originally planned. With the pandemic came staffing challenges, etc. That said, all students will complete their year, earn credits, and progress forward in their education.” She shared she recently realized the preschool program was not actively running this past year and asked if this was related to that statement. Executive Director Gnusti confirmed the LCAP is only associated with the Court and Community School Programs and does not contain any information related to Early Childhood Education. The difference between the budgeted $4 million and the actual expenses of $3.6 million had to do with staffing positions that went unfilled.

Trustee Bonini asked which services had been reallocated and whether the funds not spent referred to anything other than staffing. Executive Director Gnusti suggested she could edit this section further to provide clarity.

Trustee Camacho referred to the percent data provided and suggested having the “n” number would also be helpful because the number is interesting, both in the survey and staffing data. Knowing the “n” number provides a better picture and helps with advocacy efforts. Executive Director Gnusti asked if Trustee Camacho wanted the “n” number to be provided within the LCAP to be more specific, and not just for slides and presentations. Trustee Camacho reiterated the “n” number is helpful for telling stories, especially around advocacy. Executive Director Gnusti confirmed this could be provided.

B. Public Hearing on San Mateo County Office of Education's 2022-2023 Proposed Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)

Board President Gerard opened the public hearing on San Mateo County Office of Education's Proposed 2022-2023 Proposed Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP). Receiving no public comment, Board President Gerard declared the Public Hearing closed.

8. BUSINESS SERVICES DIVISION

A. Receive San Mateo County Office of Education's 2022-2023 Proposed Budget

Kevin Bultema, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services Division; Minette Manio, Executive Director, Internal Business Services, Business Services Division; and Marian Reyes, Manager, Fiscal Services, Business Services Division, provided an overview of San Mateo County Office of Education’s 2022-2023 proposed budget, highlighting the following topics:

- Typical Budget Development Timeline
- Governor’s May Revise Budget
- SMCOE Assumptions
- Income Statement
- Revenue – Combined Unrestricted and Restricted
- Expenditures – Combined Unrestricted and Restricted
Trustee Bonini referred to the $4 million Transfer Out from Fund 17 and putting the $8.7 in other reserve funds and asked if that is what we had been doing before. Deputy Superintendent Bultema replied he did not believe this is the same process. Looking at the current year 2021-2022, $6 million in Transfers In were included, along with $6 million Transfers Out, a zero-sum game. It was the Board’s direction to put $6 million in Fund 17.

Looking at the 2022-2023 budget, there is no Transfer Out and no money is being put into Fund 17. There is only a Transfer In of $4 million. His perspective is that by only transferring dollars in from Fund 17, the deficit is clearly highlighted. Trustee Bonini stated it seems if the money was kept and the other reserves were not placed where they were, we would not have had to pull the money out. Deputy Superintendent Bultema explained we have increased the reserve amounts in the General Fund based on the Solvency Plan. Because of that, the amount being pulled in from the savings account is higher than if we had just addressed deficit spending. Once that reserve amount is funded, any transfer coming back in from the savings account will be available to address deficit spending.

Trustee Bonini referred to the school costs, showing Gateway and Canyon Oaks as being cost-neutral, Hillcrest having more expenses and income, and Kemp costing significantly more, and asked for clarification on this. Deputy Superintendent Bultema explained Gateway in its revised format is a fully funded format through bill-back to the Sequoia Union High School District and the San Mateo Union High School District. In the year prior, staff artificially deflated the costs by applying one-time restricted dollars. In the 2022-23 budget, the full costs for Gateway and the Therapeutic Day Program total $2 million, all of which will be billed back to the districts.

Trustee Bonini asked for clarification on the staffing. She discussed adding the Therapeutic Day Program at Gateway, keeping the same number of students, adding classes, and reducing teachers in various parts of the K-12 program. Trustee Bonini stated it seems as if those teachers may be needed for the additional programs and asked for clarification on how many teachers may be needed and whether that will lead to a higher spending level for staff and teachers. Deputy Superintendent Bultema indicated he could bring back details on the full-time equivalents (FTEs) comparing 2021 to estimates for 2022-2023. Trustee Bonini also asked for an itemized budget of all of the expenses and staffing for the Gateway programs. Deputy Superintendent Bultema noted this could be provided.

Trustee Camacho recalled being on the Budget Subcommittee and receiving breakouts, which are helpful. He pointed out the $850,000 for election expenses, which is a significant cost for elections which sometimes are not contested, at least for this Board. He noted this is a significant portion of what goes into A002. He shared that seeing the actual documents alerts him to ask the Elections
Office as to what the $850,000 covers. The more detail provided around large expenses, particularly one-time expenses, the more helpful it is from an advocacy perspective.

Trustee Alvaro discussed the reality of deficit spending and referred to the information on page 18 of the budget regarding certificated and classified salaries. She noted that teacher salaries, pupil support salaries, and instructional salaries are all down, which she understands, and asked for clarification on why supervisor and administrator salaries, as well as clerical and office salaries, for both certificated and classified categories, are up. Deputy Superintendent Bultema explained there were reductions in staffing, for example in the Special Education programs to right-size the program. There were not as many reductions on the supervisor side, and there are increases in salaries for all employees, both for this year and next. Trustee Alvaro asked if the data was showing increases in salaries and benefits, but not increases in number of staff. Deputy Superintendent Bultema confirmed the team would need to come back and report the FTEs from 2021-2022 compared to estimates for 2022-2023.

Trustee Alvaro referenced page 19 of the budget and “Subagreements for Services” being $4 million and asked for clarification on those costs. Deputy Superintendent Bultema said the team could come back with details, but that typically refers to contracts for services. Trustee Alvaro indicated some would be for mental health services, but $4 million is a large number.

Trustee Alvaro referred to page 20 of the budget and asked for clarification on category 7299, “All Other Transfers Out to All Others,” which is roughly $28 million. Deputy Superintendent Bultema responded that is the exact amount sent back to the state for excess property taxes.

Trustee Ross referred to page 19 of the budget and “Dues and Memberships” and asked why that is listed as Restricted and Unrestricted. Deputy Superintendent Bultema explained if it falls in the Restricted area, it is being paid by a grant or federal program with a restricted resource code where the money needs to be spent in a specific way. If it is Unrestricted, it may be dollars through the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) which allows more flexibility in spending.

Trustee Ross described conversations between the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA) and the California County Board of Education (CCBE) about potentially being more resourced at CCBE to contribute to advocacy. At CCBE, they are discussing how county office budgets allocate that contribution to CCBE. He is a strong supporter of professional organizations for everyone in an organization, not just Board members and Superintendents.

Trustee Ross emphasized that professional learning and collaboration are powerful. He discussed how changes in the budget may lead to a slight increase for CCBE, but that will be different for different counties. CCBE is analyzing this issue and trying to figure out the best way to proceed. He asked if that would fall under object code 5300 for the county office and Deputy Superintendent Bultema agreed it would.

Deputy Superintendent Bultema thanked Executive Director Manio; Manager Reyes; Manager Bowman, Manager, and Financial Analyst Thurein Htun for their hard work. Board President Gerard also thanked Deputy Superintendent Bultema and this team for their presentation.
BUSINESS SERVICES DIVISION (continued)

Trustee Camacho noted he did not need another printout of the finalized budget for the next Board meeting. Superintendent Magee asked if Trustee Camacho felt the same about the LCAP. Trustee Camacho shared he preferred to see changes but did not need the entire printouts again. Superintendent Magee confirmed only the redline changes would be provided. The Board agreed with this suggestion.

B. Public Hearing on San Mateo County Office of Education's 2022-2023 Proposed Budget

Board President Gerard opened the public hearing on San Mateo County Office of Education's Proposed 2022-2023 Proposed Budget. Receiving no public comment, Board President Gerard declared the Public Hearing closed.

9. OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

A. Superintendent’s Comments

Superintendent Magee began by thanking Executive Director Gnusti for her leadership around the LCAP, as well as the entire LCAP team across the organization, including Wendy Richard, Executive Director, District Business Services and her team, and Joy Dardenelle, Executive Director, District Improvement and Support, and her team. Putting the LCAP together is a lot of work and Superintendent Magee expressed appreciation for all of the time and effort the staff has invested, especially during such a busy time of year.

She also commended Deputy Superintendent Bultema for his leadership around the budget, as well as all of the teaching, leadership, and support he has provided to leaders across the organization. In addition, the Business Services team has been working together with program managers on the Gateway and Therapeutic Day Program budgets. She also acknowledged the hard work of Executive Director Manio and Manager Reyes and thanked everyone for their efforts.

Superintendent Magee shared she attended the Geoffrey Canada event at Stanford University the previous week, which was profound and exactly what she needed that particular night. Trustee Lempert was part of the panel and provided excellent facilitation while Kitty Lopez, Executive Director, First 5, also spoke as a panelist about how best to serve the needs of all children as a community.

Superintendent Magee shared she had attended several graduations including Gateway, Hillcrest, and Canyon Oaks along with Board President Gerard and Trustee Bonini. She also noted it was wonderful to be out at the school site in San Bruno two weeks ago for the celebration of the outdoor learning center. Superintendent Magee shouted out the teaching staff and school principals as they concluded the school year this week. It was the most challenging year of her entire education career, a year unlike anything she has ever seen. It never got easier. The year ended with increasing COVID-19 cases and unspeakable violence in society which has been very heavy and difficult. It is quite an accomplishment for each and every school staff member who completed their school year, including Trustee Camacho as one of those site leaders.
Superintendent Magee shared she attended the Oxford Day Academy graduation earlier that evening, in a wonderful, warm, sunny, bright, joyful space. She was honored to be a part of the ceremony and had visited the campus last week to connect with students in order to be more in tune as she stood in front of the students. She was happy to attend, enjoys her relationship with Latrice Bennett, Head of School, Oxford Day Academy, and spoke of looking forward to close collaboration in the coming years.

Superintendent Magee reported on the grant front, SMCOE received an Early Learning grant for serving infants and toddlers. The early learning team had tried three times to be awarded funds through this CCTR grant. The grant amount is approximately $2.8 million to provide additional resources in San Mateo County for serving the needs of infants and toddlers. She congratulated Alyson Suzuki, former Executive Director, Early Learning Support Services and Sheryl Chan, Manager, State Preschool Program, and all of the Early Learning team for their hard work to write those grants. They did a fabulous job securing resources for the county.

Superintendent Magee explained she has no words for what happened in Texas last week. Her heart is completely broken, and she is working hard to process it as best she can. In her professional role, she has led work to ensure there are strong collaborative structures in San Mateo County through the work of the Coalition for Safe Schools and Communities. She has been connecting with Superintendents, meeting with various law enforcement partners, and working to provide districts with answers to immediate concerns about school safety. The team, as it does every year, is updating the Big Five Protocols and they collaborated to write a children’s book that accompanies the Big Five. In the Big Five Protocols, they no longer encourage schools to do lockdown barricade drills with students. They only encourage those drills with adults when students are not present.

The book is called “Think of Your Feet, Pete” and students from across San Mateo County designed the characters and created some of the narrative. This is a way for classroom teachers to work on safety principles without causing fear and distress. In the fall, there will be a large Coalition for Safe Schools and Communities event. The event was already in the planning stages for October, but it will likely be moved up to September. Superintendent Magee has been meeting with various stakeholders and constituents about the types of issues which need further work and development. Superintendent Magee emphasized this is the kind of work one never stops doing.

Lastly, Superintendent Magee wished Trustee Lempert a happy upcoming birthday on June 14.

10. **BOARD MEMBERS**

   A. **Discuss/Act on Nomination of California County Boards of Education (CCBE) 2022 Outstanding Legislator Awards Program**

Trustee Ross wondered if his Board colleagues thought it made sense to nominate Senator Becker this year. For a new legislator, Senator Becker has been effective getting a lot of legislation through, including legislation with a focus on education. Trustee Ross invited comments from any Board members with opinions on the topic.
Trustee Camacho commented that Senator Becker has been excellent, particularly for county offices, and nominating him is a great idea, but wondered if it was a bit early because he has a long legislative road ahead. He would love to see what comes next. Trustee Ross asked Trustee Camacho if it was too early for the nomination, or whether a nomination would be helpful to provide momentum for what the Senator is doing. Trustee Camacho replied if the Board thinks this nomination will provide momentum around proper funding for county offices and education overall, he would happily support the nomination. But he is not sure that will happen. Trustee Camacho shared he was recently told that Senator Becker needs to get a little angrier sometimes about the state of public education.

Trustee Bonini described how Senator Becker has been strong out of the gate on certain education issues, particularly early childhood education, which he is tied to through the Peer Partnership Council and some of his community ties. He has also been willing to reach out, ask questions, and try to partner on certain other issues around special education, even co-authoring a few bills. She believes he is motivated, and she would support the nomination.

Trustee Lempert indicated he would also support the nomination, and he knows from experience those awards are appreciated. Nominating Senator Becker early in his term makes sense.

Trustee Ross offered his help in generating a nomination letter.

After a motion by Trustee Ross and a second by Trustee Bonini, the Board approved, by a vote of six in favor (Alvaro, Bonini, Camacho, Gerard, Lempert, and Ross) and one absent (Cannon), the nomination of Senator Josh Becker for the California County Boards of Education (CCBE) 2022 Outstanding Legislator Awards Program.

B. Discuss/Act on California County Boards of Education (CCBE) 2022 Officer Nominations

Trustee Camacho asked if there had been a nomination at the previous meeting. Superintendent Magee confirmed at the last Board meeting the item was only for discussion. Trustee Ross added it was now an action item.

After a motion by Trustee Ross and a second by Trustee Alvaro, the Board approved, by a vote of six in favor (Alvaro, Bonini, Camacho, Gerard, Lempert, and Ross) and one absent (Cannon), the nomination of Trustee Camacho for President-Elect of CCBE.

C. Receive Report from Board Policy Subcommittee

Subcommittee Chair Bonini shared the subcommittee is off to a good start. They have met twice and requested materials to assist with their task, including a full set of Board bylaws, administrative regulations, and Board regulations. They understand there was an initial review of the policies by a former Youth Commission Liaison and would appreciate summaries and memos of that review.

Overall, they have been discussing their approach to the task, the goals for the subcommittee, and the process. They first plan to review all materials received and then would like to focus primarily on the 9000 series, which is tied to the governance standards. There is a current project for a draft
governance handbook being prepared by CCBE and the subcommittee would like to review other policies in advance of that, so they don’t conflict with recommendations from that governance handbook process. They may choose some policies on which to focus, which will be decided after the initial review.

Subcommittee Chair Bonini continued they will discuss what was raised in prior meetings around how that intersects with the request for other changes in policies by Superintendent Magee. Lastly, they would like to pursue placing policies within the GAMUT system, so they are searchable, because initial attempts to move forward with that process were paused.

Trustee Camacho thanked Subcommittee Chair Bonini for chairing this subcommittee. He referred to the governance handbook, which is still in a confidential draft stage, but will be helpful in the review process as it becomes more available. He described how the original plan was to use GAMUT when the Board transitioned to BoardDocs, but that plan got lost in the shuffle. Superintendent Magee added that GAMUT has a new product, GAMUT Policy Plus, and the team is waiting for it to roll out. The new product automatically redlines policies based on new legislation, which would make it easy to bring policies to the Board in batches to keep them current and updated.

Subcommittee Chair Bonini shared the subcommittee will also be looking at recommendations from the California School Boards Association (CSBA) and CCBE to help identify policies the Board currently does not have. They will be coming back to the Board with updates and working with Superintendent Magee moving forward.

D. Suggested Topics for Future Board Agendas

Trustee Bonini requested an update at the next meeting from Superintendent Magee regarding the ongoing discussions and design planning for Gateway. Although it is early in the process, she does not feel the Board has enough information around the Therapeutic Day Classroom. She would also appreciate updates on the continuing discussions. Before the Board extended the closing date, there were visits planned to the sites, which are still happening. The Sequoia Union High School District will be visiting and the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission’s (JJDPC’s) commissioners are looking to hear student and teacher voices, as they are advocating for that site in their own realm. The initial stakeholder information looks good, and it would be great to have an update.

E. Board Member Comments

Trustee Alvaro
Trustee Alvaro shared the interesting experience of students and staff at Pescadero High School encountering a mountain lion cub in the parking lot earlier that morning. The mountain lion was barricaded in a classroom due to the quick thinking of a staff member, and the entire school went into shelter-in-place. As of 7:00 p.m. that evening, the mountain lion was safely removed from the school, and transported to the Oakland Zoo. Trustee Alvaro expressed gratitude for the Big Five Protocols, designed for scary incidents, allowing everyone to know what to do and thanked Superintendent Magee for her leadership.
Trustee Alvaro shared she was sad to hear there would not be an Early Childhood Education (ECE) graduation this year because there is no program for the 3-5-year-olds. Superintendent Magee explained the program is still paused for COVID-19 reasons but the team is preparing to reinstitute the classroom for next year. Trustee Alvaro discussed how seeing those students ready to go off on their big adventure to kindergarten is a highlight of the year.

Trustee Alvaro explained she lives around the corner from a few government buildings in town and walks past them daily. She realized that their flags are at half-mast often, which is terrifying. Knowing that most of the time they are at half-mast due to school violence issues is even more terrifying. She finds it surprising when flags are at full mast. Trustee Alvaro discussed the constant toll on children, families, and staff, but especially the children living in that reality. She stated she was so sorry.

Trustee Lempert
Trustee Lempert had no report.

Trustee Ross
Trustee Ross shared he was in Sacramento the previous weekend for the CSBA Delegate Assembly, Board of Directors meeting, and CCBE meeting. He shared the Delegate Assembly is really a policy/advocacy gathering.

Trustee Ross said it was delightful to attend his second Oxford Day Academy graduation earlier that evening. Board President Gerard gave a joyful speech and Superintendent Magee gave an inspiring speech. It is always striking to him that the Board does not get to do that many things that affect that many children directly. He hopes they have a lot of indirect effects, but the graduation featured three dozen young people from the county, almost entirely students of color, going to college. Trustee Ross shared the long list of colleges the students would be attending. He congratulated the graduates, shared that they have amazing futures ahead, and expressed pride that the Board is doing something with such tremendous impact on students.

Trustee Camacho
Trustee Camacho commented he loved hearing the variety of colleges the Oxford Day Academy students would be attending.

Trustee Camacho recalled his pride at being an Outdoor Education cabin leader twice and almost three times. When the Outdoor Education Cabin Leader of the Year was honored for being a cabin leader 18 times, he was shocked. He discussed how it is amazing that the students get that experience and congratulated all of the honorees.

Trustee Camacho reflected on the end of the school year and shared he was unable to attend any of the SMCOE graduations. His school had their graduation, but a lot of students were not in attendance due to the recent COVID-19 surge. The end of the school year came along at a fast and furious rate. Although it is mostly administrators on campus now, a few students were on campus earlier that day to make up finals because they were absent the last 5-10 days. He described the “eerie space” no one had anticipated. However, he is glad the school year is over, and that Superintendent Magee recognized the excellent work educators are doing.
BOARD MEMBERS (continued)

Trustee Camacho referred to the Slimeville monsters mentioned by Superintendent Magee and recalled when he taught Government and talked about Bert the Turtle and Duck and Cover. He reflected on why we must come up with these characters to talk about these issues. It is eerie to be in these places, but he appreciates how the County Office is working hard to provide the resources students need. He also appreciates the response in this county is not more guns. Rather, it is for more counselors, more stories like the Slimeville monsters, and more ways to protect children.

Trustee Bonini discussed how rewarding it was to attend the various graduations, not only because they were in person, but because it was so special for the students. All the graduations were special, but the Hillcrest graduation was especially amazing. The staff told stories about the students taking leadership positions and planning career fairs. Her good friend was a guest at one of the career fairs and shared her expertise through some special teaching moments. It was wonderful to see the parents, and the students spoke beautifully. She felt honored to be able to attend these events.

Trustee Bonini shared she attended the JJDPC meeting the previous meeting, and they are partnering with the Arts Commission. There is a new Office of Arts and Culture for the county and there are grants available through the state. They are working on collaboration and an art-focused community member offered to assist. She had a chance to culminate the year of volunteering teaching art by attending the most beautiful art show she had ever seen. It was rewarding to connect with the teachers, even though the end of the school year is bittersweet.

Board President Gerard shared she had also attended the CSBA Delegate Assembly the previous weekend. Trustee Ross needs to attend every year because it was the calmest and shortest Delegate Assembly she has ever attended. They also had a productive Board of Directors meeting for CCBE.

Board President Gerard spoke of the wonderful graduations she has attended over the last several days at Gateway, Hillcrest, Canyon Oaks, and Oxford Day Academy. Her heart was bursting with pride for the students who worked so hard to get where they are and are now able to move on to next steps in their lives and education. She expressed her overwhelming pride for the students, the teaching staff, and everyone who works with these students. The experiences were rewarding. Board President Gerard recalled thinking about when the Board first saw the idea of Oxford Day Academy on paper, and there they were, celebrating the second graduation of seniors from the school, which was special.

Board President Gerard stated she was so proud to have the Recognition Awards celebration earlier in the meeting. It was exciting to recognize the wonderful accomplishments in the county, and it is always special to recognize students from the districts. She said she couldn’t wait to see the art in the hallway.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:54 p.m. in memory of the 21 victims of the Robb Elementary School Shooting. Board President Gerard emphasized that while we remain deeply committed to actions that ensure our children can grow up
in a world free of senseless gun violence, the evening’s focus was on the precious children and teachers we have lost. Trustee Camacho read the names of the victims to honor them, to keep their memory alive, and to remind us to always put our children first.

**Teachers**
Eva Mireles
Irma Garcia

**Students**
Alexandria “Lexi” Aniyah Rubio
Alithia Ramirez
Amerie Jo Garza
Annabell Guadalupe Rodriguez
Eliahana Cruz Torres
Eliana “Ellie” Garcia
Jackie Cazares
Jailah Nicole
Jayce Luevanos
Jose Flores
Layla Salazar
Makenna Lee Elrod
Maite Rodriguez
Miranda Mathis
Nevaeh Bravo
Rojelio Torres
Tess Marie Mata
Uziyah Garcia
Xavier Lopez

Board President Gerard announced the next Regular Meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 15, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

_Nancy Magee_, Secretary
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