MINUTES OF THE SAN MATEO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting Date: August 17, 2022
Meeting Location: Held Remotely
Board Members Present: Susan Alvaro, Chelsea Bonini, Hector Camacho, Jr., Jim Cannon, Beverly Gerard, Joe Ross (arrived 7:13 p.m.)
Board Members Absent: Ted Lempert
Staff Officials Present: Nancy Magee, Secretary
Jennifer Perna, Executive Assistant
Other Staff Present: Kevin Bultega, Marco Chávez, Niambi Clay, Patricia Love, Tami Moore, Lorrie Owens, Kris Shouse, Mary Yung

1. OPENING ITEMS

A. Call to Order

Board President Beverly Gerard called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Simultaneous interpretation was provided in Spanish using Zoom technology.

B. Discuss/Act on Resolution No. 22-46 Finding the Ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic State of Emergency Presents Imminent Risks to the Health or Safety of Attendees and that it Continues to Directly Impact the Ability of Members of the San Mateo County Board of Education to Meet Safely in Person

Superintendent Magee said she and Board President Gerard agree that the Board should pass the resolution in case there is ever a need to pivot to a remote meeting or if a Board Member could not attend in person for COVID-19-related reasons. The default format for the Board Meetings would be to meet in person, but the resolution creates a backup plan. Superintendent Magee noted COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations are dropping and schools are coming back in session.

Board Member Alvaro asked whether the Board would first need to meet in person to determine they would hold a remote meeting if someone were sick, or whether Board President Gerard could simply request a remote meeting format.
Superintendent Magee explained that if the resolution were in place and a Board member needed to follow a COVID protocol, staff could then amend the agenda to a remote format. Board Member Alvaro summarized if someone were sick, the Board would not have to hold a special meeting to shift to a remote format.

After a motion by Board Member Alvaro and a second by Board Member Cannon, Resolution No. 22-46 was approved, by a roll call vote with five in favor (Alvaro, Bonini, Camacho, Cannon, and Gerard) and two absent (Lempert and Ross).

C. Approval of Agenda

After a motion by Board Member Cannon and a second by Board Member Bonini, the Board approved the August 17, 2022, agenda as presented, by a roll call vote with a vote of five in favor (Alvaro, Bonini, Camacho, Cannon, and Gerard) and two absent (Lempert and Ross).

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no persons wishing to address the Board.

3. EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

A. August 2022 Employee of the Month - Media Support Team: Leo Barrios, A/V Support Technician, and Zack Jones, Media Technician, Integrated Technology Services, Business Services Division

Board President Gerard recognized the August 2022 Employee of the Month – the Media Support Team: Leo Barrios, A/V Support Technician, and Zack Jones, Media Technician, Integrated Technology Services, Business Services Division. Board President Gerard congratulated Mr. Barrios and Mr. Jones on behalf of the Board and noted they would also receive a check and commemorative token.

4. INTRODUCTION OF NEW/RECENTLY PROMOTED STAFF

A. Winnie Hardie, Executive Director, Teacher and Administrator Development, Educational Services Division

Marco Chávez, Deputy Superintendent, Educational Services Division, introduced Winnie Hardie, Executive Director, Teacher and Administrator Development, Educational Services Division. Executive Director Hardie discussed her goal to continue to amplify SMCOE’s amazing programs and the meaningful and impactful work. She described cultivating equity leaders and reflective practitioners, empowering educators to be leaders, centering students at the core, and amplifying the space for the voices of students and families who have been marginalized.
IN\TRODUCTION OF NEW/RECENTLY PROMOTED STAFF (continued)

B. Carmen French, Director, Teacher Residency and Administrator Programs, Educational Services Division

Winnie Hardie, Executive Director, Teacher and Administrator Development, Educational Services Division, introduced Carmen French, Director, Teacher Residency and Administrator Programs, Educational Services Division. Director French emphasized the crucial goal of diversifying the teacher workforce and supporting and building capacity through an equity lens to meet the needs of students at the margins. She spoke of her passion for working with new teachers embarking on their teaching journeys, ensuring their longevity, honoring their identities, and sparking their potential to be change agents for students and communities.

C. Ellen Paulino, Principal, Special Education Services, Educational Services Division

Sarah Notch, Executive Director, Special Education and Instruction, Educational Services Division, introduced Ellen Paulino, Principal, Special Education Services, Educational Services Division. Principal Paulino outlined her professional journey with the County Office, starting out as a substitute paraeducator, and discussed her passion for setting higher standards and limitless possibilities for students regardless of abilities. She expressed her excitement to promote the vision of equity and excellence for all and shared her hopes for an amazing school year for everyone and her enthusiasm for others to visit the school site.

D. Heather Logan, Principal, Early Childhood Education and Related Services, Educational Services Division

Sarah Notch, Executive Director, Special Education and Instruction, Educational Services Division, introduced Heather Logan, Principal, Early Childhood and Related Services, Educational Services Division. Principal Logan recounted her 25-year journey in education, working with students with autism, as a behavior analyst, and as an administrator in a variety of capacities, including as a special education director. She discussed her focus on implementing a county-run state preschool with inclusion, opening a therapeutic program, supporting related services providers and the early start team, and supporting districts in their goals.

E. Jonas Barbour, Assistant Principal, Court and Community Schools, Educational Services Division

Kris Shouse, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services Division, introduced Jonas Barbour, Assistant Principal, Court and Community Schools, Educational Services Division. Assistant Principal Barbour described spending most of his career at Oceana High School in Pacifica as a math teacher, a vice principal, and a principal, and how, within those roles, he had many interactions with the County Office. In his new role, he is excited to work in a small, alternative program in a highly collaborative environment working directly with teachers and ensuring the students’ interests are always at the center.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

   A. July 13, 2022, Special Board Meeting

   After a motion by Board member Alvaro and a second by Board member Bonini, the Minutes of the
   July 13, 2022, Special Board Meeting as presented were approved by roll call vote with a vote of five
   in favor (Alvaro, Bonini, Camacho, Gerard, and Ross), one abstention (Cannon), and one absent
   (Lempert).

   B. July 13, 2022, Regular Board Meeting

   After a motion by Board member Ross and a second by Board member Alvaro, the Minutes of the
   July 13, 2022, Regular Board Meeting as presented were approved by roll call vote with a vote of five
   in favor (Alvaro, Bonini, Camacho, Gerard, and Ross), one abstention (Cannon), and one absent
   (Lempert).

   C. August 4, 2022, Special Board Meeting

   After a motion by Board member Bonini and a second by Board member Alvaro, the Board approved
   by roll call vote the Minutes of the August 4, 2022, Special Board Meeting as presented with a vote
   of six in favor (Alvaro, Bonini, Camacho, Cannon, Gerard, and Ross) and one absent (Lempert).

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

   B. Receive Staffing Reports

   C. Adopt Joint Resolution No. 22-47 Recognizing September 2022 as Charcot-Marie-Tooth
      (CMT) Awareness Month

   D. Adopt Joint Resolution No. 22-48 Recognizing September 2022 as Attendance Awareness
      Month

   E. Adopt Joint Resolution No. 22-49 Recognizing September 2022 as National Preparedness Month

   F. Adopt Joint Resolution No. 22-50 Recognizing September 2022 as National Suicide
      Prevention Month

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

7. **EDUCATIONAL SERVICES DIVISION**


   Dr. Gwenn Lei, Coordinator, English-Language Arts/History-Social Science, Educational Services
   Division, provided a report on the status of California's Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum,
   discussing the following topics in detail:
Board Member Alvaro referred to the “Ethnic Studies Overview” slide stating the model would be flexible to reflect local demographics and diversity and asked if the model curriculum would only focus on the ethnic groups present in each community.

Coordinator Lei said it would be up to the Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) to determine what the courses would look like and how their Board might adopt courses. However, the intent is for students to learn about all ethnic groups, regardless of whether a particular group is represented in a community. A district with a predominant number of Asian Americans may develop their course to cover all components of the Asian American experience to provide a more complete narrative for that local demographic.

Coordinator Lei discussed how some members of the public hold misconceptions that Ethnic Studies might only be for students of color, but that is not accurate. The aim is to provide histories that reflect the lives and identities of all students. Board Member Alvaro said it is wonderful to have Ethnic Studies to enable people to learn more about their own heritage, but it is also important to understand the heritage of our neighbors. Those who don’t have specific ethnic groups in their immediate neighborhoods should still learn about them. She hopes there will be flexibility in the curriculum. Coordinator Lei confirmed that was the case.

Board Member Bonini referred to how some districts in the county are already working in this area and asked if County Office student programs have been delving into this content. Coordinator Lei asked if Board Member Bonini was referring to the Court and Community Schools. Board Member Bonini answered yes. Coordinator Lei reported that the Court and Community Schools have not yet adopted their curriculum. She reported she is starting identity work with the teachers this year, and she looks forward to working on next steps with Principal Johnson and Assistant Principal Barbour. She is excited to consider how this content might look in that setting, and while they are not quite there yet, it is on the radar for 2025.

Board Member Bonini expressed excitement about the process in some districts and shared she is interested in the development. Coordinator Lei described how this work is student-led in some districts. In situations where it is not yet at the district level, students have attended Board meetings and requested the curriculum, for example at the Jefferson Union High School District.
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Board Member Camacho said this topic is of great interest to him. He referred to local school Boards adopting courses to fulfill this requirement and explained they tend to adopt a course, but then how the course evolves over time depends on who is teaching it and what the students and families are asking for. He asked if the team is anticipating that once Boards have adopted the relevant courses, the courses will continue to evolve under the same name.

Coordinator Lei explained she has seen a full syllabus brought to a Board without a lot of room for flexibility. The approach of the teacher might change their “how” but not their “what.” Many teachers are comfortable and ready to teach the content. She added that this is where professional development and site and district administration support come into play. Coordinator Lei related she does not think the curriculum is designed to be fluid. Board member Camacho stated he is glad the County Office will be supporting districts in this process because Coordinator Lei brings great expertise to the conversation.

8. OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

A. Receive Report on SMCOE's 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Process

Superintendent Magee presented an update on SMCOE's 2022-2027 Strategic Plan process, discussing the following topics in detail:

- Strategic Planning Historical Context, 2016-2021 SMCOE Strategic Plan
- 2022-2027 Strategic Planning
- Strategic Planning Process
- Project Activities and Timeline
- Goals and Objectives
  - Advocacy and Partnerships
  - OneSMCOE Foundations
  - Workforce for Student Success
  - Whole Child, Aligned Student Outcomes
- School Programs
- Objectives Moving Forward
- Phase 4 Stakeholder Engagement
- Board Engagement Subcommittee Recommendations

B. Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools and California School Employees Association (CSEA) 789 for 2021-2022 and 2022-2023

Kevin Bultema, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services Division, and Tami Moore, Associate Superintendent, Human Resources, Office of the Superintendent, presented the public disclosure of the collective bargaining agreement between the San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools and California School Employees Association (CSEA) 789 for 2021-2022 and 2022-2023.
C. Superintendent’s Comments

Superintendent Magee reported the school year is off to a great start. She shared Core Cabinet visited every school site on the first day back for staff to welcome everyone. Core Cabinet is still a new group, so each leader introduced themselves and shared about their background and expressed enthusiasm for the year ahead.

Superintendent Magee described how well prepared the campuses were and highlighted innovative and exciting transformations especially at the Commodore site. She shared the vision for the transition program for students ages 18-22, including the re-creation of a college campus student union with a top-notch independent living center replicating an apartment. That work, along with the Outdoor Learning Center, provides a positive learning environment. The team will be working with staff to arrange site visits for the Board.

Superintendent Magee expressed gratitude for the expertise of Coordinator Lei in her work on Ethnic Studies. Coordinator Lei has been current with the topic since it first emerged. She has been deeply invested in professional development and has developed strong relationships across the state. Superintendent Magee discussed that in her weekly meetings with the County Superintendents, Ethnic Studies has been a focus. She reported that just last week the San Diego and Riverside county office teams presented to the superintendents about their statewide leadership roles which prompted many questions.

Superintendent Magee feels this will be a critical topic this year and that school board members across the county and state will be involved in their community conversations. She emphasized the politics involved and that the County Office team intends to keep the Board informed, especially as staff prepares an Ethnic Studies curriculum for County Office student programs. The Board may want to consider providing support to the effort with a resolution. Other Boards may be asked to pass resolutions along the way as well.

Superintendent Magee spoke of the innovative Youth Empowerment, Entrepreneurship, and Employment! (YEEE!) program held over the summer in Daly City and funded through a Career and Technical Education (CTE) grant. This pilot program, led by Rubie Macaraeg, Coordinator, Expanded Learning and Community Partnerships, gave youth a two-week job training opportunity followed by four weeks of interning at a local organization or small business. Of the 40 students involved, 38 completed the program and most, if not all the businesses with whom the team partnered, were minority owned. There are plans to provide a second round of the program next summer.

Superintendent Magee discussed working with Board member Ross and Board President Gerard, regarding the SMCOE presentations at the California County Boards of Education (CCBE) Conference. Board Member Ross is presenting with the Environmental Literacy and Climate Justice team and Board President Gerard is presenting with the Center for Access and Engagement team.
Superintendent Magee shared that Executive Director Notch serves as the State Board’s Representative of the Advisory Committee on Special Education and earlier that day she was nominated to serve as the co-chair of the Legislative and Policy Committee. She and her co-chair, a leader from the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence (CCEE), will be at the cutting edge of all that is happening policywise around special education and inclusion. She described how fortunate the County Office is to have Executive Director Notch’s statewide and county leadership and how she is excited about the upcoming work.

Superintendent Magee wished a belated happy birthday to Board President Gerard and upcoming happy birthdays to Niambi Clay, Executive Director, Equity, Social Justice, and Inclusion, and Board Member Ross.

Lastly, Superintendent Magee congratulated the three County Board Members, Board President Gerard, and Board Members Alvaro and Camacho, who were re-elected to their County Board seats the previous week for four-year terms. She emphasized how county students are well served by their leadership and shared she looks forward to continued work with them.

9. BOARD MEMBERS

A. Discuss/Act on Designation of San Mateo County Board of Education's Voting Representative at the California County Boards of Education (CCBE) Meeting September 10, 2022, in Monterey, CA

After a motion by Board Member Ross and a second by Board Member Camacho, Board President Gerard was selected as the San Mateo County Board of Education's Voting Representative at the California County Boards of Education (CCBE) Meeting September 10, 2022, in Monterey, CA by a roll call vote with six in favor (Alvaro, Bonini, Camacho, Cannon, Gerard, and Ross) and one absent (Lempert).

B. Adopt Joint Resolution No. 22-51 Implementing Board Policy BP 9250 to Compensate Joe Ross for His Absence from the August 4, 2022, Special Board Meeting Due to Illness

After a motion by Board Member Alvaro and a second by Board Member Camacho, Joint Resolution No. 22-51 was approved, by roll call vote with a vote of five in favor (Alvaro, Bonini, Camacho, Cannon, Gerard, and Ross), one recusal (Ross), and one absent (Lempert).

C. Public Hearing on Updated Board Policy 6158 and Administrative Regulation 6158 Regarding Independent Study

Board President Gerard opened the public hearing on Updated Board Policy 6158 and Administrative Regulation 6158 Regarding Independent Study. Receiving no public comment, Board President Gerard declared the Public Hearing closed.
D. First Reading of Updated Board Policy 6158 and Administrative Regulation 6158 Regarding Independent Study

Deputy Superintendent Chávez provided information on the first reading of updated Board Policy 6158 and Administrative Regulation 6158 regarding Independent Study.

Board Member Alvaro expressed interest in the new language about the minimum instructional minutes for students in Independent Study being the same as required for their peers attending school because Independent Study has always been about an hour a day. She discussed how CSBA is behind the curve on this and asked if there would be an issue adopting this updated policy on the second reading in the current form and then when CSBA issues its final changes, making additional edits. Deputy Superintendent Chávez responded there would not be an issue. It is up to the Board to decide if that is the direction they would like to go. He added the team is happy to look at the new template, compare, and provide redline edits and recommendations if there are significant changes. Board Member Alvaro said it seems risky to wait for CSBA when the updated policy was supposed to be in place when school started the previous day.

Board Member Bonini referred to the section describing the procedures and requirements for the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) team to meet and asked whether this would apply in the instance of a 504 plan. She stated she knows there are the same requirements under section 504 for Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) and there are many instances in Education Code where it is distinguished from students with an IEP. Board Member Bonini asked if this topic has come up and whether it would apply, explaining that while it is often not included, it may benefit from being included. Deputy Superintendent Chávez shared in the documents he has read, he has not seen any information specific to 504s, and this has not come up with districts in supporting them in updating their policies. However, the team can look further into the specific topic of 504s.

Board Member Bonini referred to the section “Responsibilities of Independent Study Administrator” in the Administrative Regulation and discussed the population of students served by the County Office, as compared to a typical district. She asked how this has worked in the past from a practical standpoint and whether there have been any requests since the policy has been in place. Deputy Superintendent Chávez replied there was a conversation about the possibility of a family inquiring about Independent Study, but it never came to fruition. He will confirm that no students have been on Independent Study this past year.

E. Receive Update from Strategic Planning Subcommittee

Board President Gerard reported the Strategic Planning Subcommittee met the previous day to review progress and consider various options for the Board’s engagement. Work is moving ahead on schedule. The Board Subcommittee has been meeting both as a group and with the larger Strategic Plan Steering Committee over the last few months. She explained it is now time to include all Board members in the Strategic Planning process.

At the meeting the previous day, the Subcommittee developed a multipronged approach that allows Board members to engage both individually and as a group. They proposed that first, Meg Aminto,
the consultant facilitating the development of the Strategic Plan, conduct individual interviews with Board members to get input on where they see the County Office succeeding as well as identify opportunities to strengthen the work and/or move in new directions. Ms. Aminto will synthesize this information for a future Board Study Session. It is up to Board members whether they would like to participate in the interviews.

The second proposal was that the Board hold a Strategic Planning Study Session on September 21 during the regularly scheduled meeting. Barring any last-minute required business, this would be the sole focus of the meeting that night. The session would give the Board the opportunity to go more in depth with the plan as a group, provide input, and explore areas where they might like to focus their time and energy.

The third proposal was that if Board members would like to study the content of the plan in more detail, either before or after the Strategic Planning Study Session, Superintendent Magee would schedule individual or small group meetings with staff to review all or parts of the plan.

The final proposal was that Superintendent Magee would provide the Board with periodic reports on the process during regularly scheduled meetings.

The Subcommittee believes this approach will provide Board Members with ample and varied opportunities to help shape the plan. The Board can engage at a level that suits their interest and availability.

Board Member Camacho asked that a recap of the above information be sent to the Board in writing. He summarized the process as the Board having individual conversations with an outside facilitator who would then synthesize results for the Board on September 21. He asked if this would be done in efforts to shape the Strategic Plan. Board President Gerard reiterated that the purpose of the sessions is to get input on where the County Office is succeeding and can expand on that success, as well as on opportunities to strengthen the work and/or move in new directions, all of which could help shape the strategic plan.

Board Member Bonini said that part of the process has been through subcommittee work and the Board’s subcommittee sessions also had a component of this, commenting and adding their input. She believes the intent is to ground the Board in what has happened and provide further input, like they have been doing in the Subcommittee sessions. Board President Gerard agreed, adding they have not yet been able to discuss any ideas within the strategic plan draft with the Board. She noted the interview process would also inform the Board’s input for the strategic plan.

Board Member Alvaro asked if this was more about looking down from 5,000 feet as opposed to being on the ground. She recalled the process with former Superintendent Campbell, with different specific working groups related to different topics. Board members participated and/or listened in to specific group discussions. It was not just a high-level approach. Board Member Alvaro asked if the Board would be asked about specific parts of the plan or more general questions. Board President Gerard replied that these questions may be asked, and the Board may comment about specific parts of the plan, but they had not yet talked about the process in detail.
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Board President Gerard summarized this process would begin soon and while involvement in interviews is encouraged, it is at the Board’s discretion. Board Member Alvaro asked if the consultant would be contacting the Board. Board President Gerard confirmed that she would be.

F. Receive Update from Board Policy Subcommittee

Board Member Bonini shared the Board Policy Subcommittee last met on August 10. They have begun going through the policies beginning with the 0000 series and are looking at the policies as they exist, as well as policies we don’t have but are present in the CSBA template. It is taking time to get through the process, and they will be bringing ideas forward soon. They also will be coordinating with staff and Counsel for additional feedback. She discussed how there are other reviews going on internally with staff regarding the Uniform Complaint Procedure and other policies, like Independent Study. The subcommittee has asked to review those topics as well.

Board Member Bonini added that the subcommittee is currently reviewing a series of policies that CSBA has regarding charter school oversight. Board Member Bonini also indicated the subcommittee has been reviewing the Independent Study policy.

Board Member Bonini explained that the subcommittee has asked for broader access to GAMUT so they can search the current policies and administrative regulations. They are reviewing documents in a binder, but it would be more helpful to search them online.

Board Member Bonini reported the next meeting of the subcommittee is scheduled for August 29, and there will be more to report after the meeting.

G. Suggested Topics for Future Board Agendas

Board Member Bonini requested site visits to the Commodore site, as well as other sites, hopefully when she is not traveling in September.

Board Member Camacho recalled when Glenn Siegel was Personnel Commission Director and would present an annual report. He acknowledged there have been transitions in the department, but he was hopeful this item could be presented soon because it is helpful. Board President Gerard indicated she believed this could be presented on an October meeting agenda.

H. Board Member Comments

Board Member Camacho

Board Member Camacho shared he spent a lot of time on vacation with his family throughout the summer. It was helpful to take time off, and he was happy to hear that staff were also taking time off. He expressed appreciation that his Board colleagues understood his time away.

Board Member Camacho reported he and his wife attended the renaming of the South San Francisco Community Learning Center after the late Assemblymember Gene Mullin. It was a wonderful event
attended by many community members, including Assemblymember Kevin Mullin and other elected officials from throughout the community.

That event was followed by the Inclusion Festival, which he attended on the recommendation from Board Member Bonini. The event was well done with many booths, a lot of valuable information, and excellent performances and costumes. He was able to connect with individuals he had not seen in a long time. Board Member Camacho noted he was glad to be back and re-engaging with the community, and he looks forward to seeing people as more in-person events are held.

Board Member Ross
Board Member Ross described looking forward to seeing other Board Members at the CCBE Annual Conference in September in Monterey. He is happy to connect with Superintendent Magee to ensure the team wows the attendees with a great presentation.

Board Member Ross indicated he has been trying to take time off for non-work purposes, with some success. He is also excited to be back in the swing of things and looks forward to seeing everyone in person soon.

Board Member Alvaro
Board Member Alvaro noted she was unable to attend the renaming of the South San Francisco Community Learning Center, but she did read about it in the paper and was excited at the new name. She could not think of a better way to honor Gene Mullin’s memory than to name the Center after the educational leader in the community. She enjoyed seeing the photographs of Assemblymember Kevin Mullin accepting the honor and giving his speech.

Board Member Alvaro expressed her delight that Mr. Barrios and Mr. Jones were selected as the August Employees of the Month. She suggested they be awarded as employees of the entire pandemic, along with Lorrie Owens, Chief Technology Officer and Jae Takahashi, Coordinator, Information Systems, because they got the County Office through the pandemic. She offered congratulations for what is just the tip of the iceberg for what they have meant to the County Office over the last few years.

Board Member Cannon
Board Member Cannon emphasized how many people were touched personally and professionally by Gene Mullin’s work and shared he is happy that the recollections, honors, and acknowledgements continue.

Board Member Cannon congratulated his Board colleagues and Superintendent Magee on their re-elections.

Board Member Cannon referred to the Strategic Plan process and Superintendent Magee carefully taking the Board through the history. He shared it is helpful to recall how involved the Board was in the past and how the guiding principles of that process have guided the work, even if somewhat interrupted by COVID-19.
Board Member Cannon related he was impressed by the work of Superintendent Magee and staff on the current Strategic Plan process, including the involvement, dedication, and seriousness of the work being done by the subcommittees. He reflected on the great cost in terms of time and money in past efforts and discussed the goal to create an equally effective plan while containing the costs, which is appreciated.

Board Member Cannon also commented on how difficult it is to live in this area and the challenges of attracting staff but related how fortunate the County Office is with the quality of new staff recruited. He complimented the top-notch educators and professionals introduced earlier in the evening and expressed his delight that new staff are so enthusiastic about serving students.

Board Member Bonini
Board Member Bonini highlighted Joint Resolution No. 22-50 Recognizing September 2022 as National Suicide Prevention Month, explaining she recently began attending the Suicide Prevention Committee meetings run by the County in her role on the Behavioral Health Commission. There is a lot of work going on in preparation of the presentations and all that will be rolling out in September. She encouraged everyone to visit the San Mateo County Health and Office of Diversity and Equity website.

On the school front, there are a lot of materials being rolled out across the state. The theme of the year is “Thriving at All Ages,” and they are focused on youth and adolescents, as well as the older population.

Board Member Bonini referred to the statement in the resolution regarding the rollout of 9-8-8 in July and noted there is additional pending legislation. She also shared that this number connects to the crisis lines and is area code driven. Calling 9-8-8 from a cell phone without a 650 or other local area code might route callers to a non-local crisis line. The recommendation from StarVista and through Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) is that the public call directly to the crisis line at #650-579-0350, which takes callers directly to the local 24-7 crisis line. There is also a local text option by texting BAY to 741-741. These are the recommendations until the details get worked out.

Board Member Bonini shared she had the opportunity to complete a training and become a mental health first-aider. She participated in an entire day training with the team from the Commission, which was interesting. She recommends the training as it is rolling out through cities locally. She noted this is a topic that the Mayor’s Mental Health Initiative is supporting as well.

Board President Gerard
Board President Gerard congratulated her Board colleagues and Superintendent Magee on their re-elections and stated she looks forward to working with everyone over the next four years.

Board President Gerard wished happy birthday to all the August birthdays, as well as Board Member Ross on his September birthday.
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Board President Gerard congratulated Mr. Barrios and Mr. Jones for being named August Employees of the Month. She discussed how she has been one of their star pupils and expressed her appreciation for their work.

Board President Gerard reported she has been busy with CCBE working diligently on the Governance Handbook so it will be available for the September CCBE Conference. She feels it will be an excellent conference, and she is looking forward to attending. Besides working with the Conference Committee, she has also been working with the Education Committee to develop a new training for CCBE to present in March. Board President Gerard expressed her excitement that CCBE’s work entwines with the daily work of County Board Members.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m. Board President Gerard announced the next regular meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 7, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Nancy Magee, Secretary

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