1. **OPENING ITEMS**

A. **Call to Order**

Board President Beverly Gerard called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. **Oath or Affirmation of Office - County Superintendent of Schools Nancy Magee**

Board President Gerard administered the Oath of Office to County Superintendent of Schools Nancy Magee upon her election to a second term of office.

C. **Oath or Affirmation of Office - San Mateo County Board of Education Members Susan Alvaro, Hector Camacho, Jr., Beverly Gerard**

Superintendent Magee administered the Oath of Office to San Mateo County Board of Education Member Susan Alvaro, upon her election to an eighth term of office; San Mateo County Board of Education Member Hector Camacho, Jr. upon his election to a third term of office; and San Mateo County Board of Education Member Beverly Gerard upon her election to a ninth term of office.
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D. Discuss/Act on Resolution No. 22-72 Finding that 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

After a motion by Board Member Alvaro and a second by Board Member Lempert, Resolution No. 22-72 was unanimously (Alvaro, Bonini, Camacho, Cannon, Gerard, Lempert, and Ross) approved.  

E. Approval of Agenda

After a motion by Board Member Lempert and a second by Board Member Alvaro, the December 14, 2022, agenda as presented was unanimously (Alvaro, Bonini, Camacho, Cannon, Gerard, Lempert, and Ross) approved.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no persons wishing to address the Board.

3. ANNUAL ORGANIZATION MEETING

A. Election of President

Superintendent Magee presided over the election of President for the San Mateo County Board of Education for 2023 and called for nominations. Board Member Chelsea Bonini nominated Board Member Beverly Gerard. Hearing no other nominations, the Board unanimously (Alvaro, Bonini, Camacho, Cannon, Gerard, Lempert, and Ross) elected Beverly Gerard as President for the San Mateo County Board of Education for 2023, by roll call vote.

B. Election of Vice President

Board President Gerard presided over the election of Vice President for the San Mateo County Board of Education for 2023 and called for nominations. Board Member Susan Alvaro nominated Board Member Chelsea Bonini. Hearing no other nominations, the Board unanimously (Alvaro, Bonini, Camacho, Cannon, Gerard, Lempert, and Ross) elected Board Member Chelsea Bonini as Vice President for the San Mateo County Board of Education for 2023, by roll call vote.

4. PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING 2022 BOARD PRESIDENT BEVERLY GERARD

A. Presentation to Outgoing 2022 Board President Beverly Gerard.

Superintendent Magee honored 2022 Board President Beverly Gerard for her year of service.
Board President Gerard shared it is an honor to represent the Board, the County Office of Education, and the wonderful staff.

5. EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

   A. December 2022 Employee of the Month Oscar Ho, Administrative Assistant I, Teacher and Administrator Development, Educational Services Division

Board President Gerard recognized the December 2022 Employee of the Month Oscar Ho, Administrative Assistant I, Teacher and Administrator Development, Educational Services Division, congratulated him on behalf of the Board, and honored him with a check and commemorative token.

6. RECEPTION TO HONOR OUTGOING 2022 BOARD PRESIDENT BEVERLY GERARD

   A. Recess to Honor Outgoing 2022 Board President Beverly Gerard

The meeting recessed at 7:42 p.m. for a reception in honor of the 2022 Board President Beverly Gerard. The meeting resumed at 7:57 p.m.

7. INTRODUCTION OF NEW/RECENTLY PROMOTED STAFF

   A. Allison Gamlen, Coordinator, Visual and Performing Arts, Educational Services Division

Jared Prolo, Executive Director, Curriculum and Instruction Services, Educational Services Division, introduced Allison Gamlen, Coordinator, Visual and Performing Arts, Educational Services Division. Coordinator Gamlen discussed her passion for helping young artists realize their potential and shared she looks forward to helping educational leaders bring more equitable access and a well-rounded arts education to all students in the county.

   B. Cindy Dominguez, Coordinator, Academic Counseling, Educational Services Division

Karen Gnusti, Executive Director, College, Career, and Secondary Education, Educational Services Division, introduced Cindy Dominguez, Coordinator, Academic Counseling, Educational Services Division. Coordinator Dominguez emphasized her deep commitment to serving learners of all ages and described pursuing the area of school counseling to ensure all students have equitable access to college and higher education.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

   A. November 16, 2022, Regular Board Meeting
APPROVAL OF MINUTES (continued)

Board Member Bonini commented on the request for a change in the way that minutes are recorded and noted that the November 16, 2022, minutes were brief. She requested that future minutes include more detail.

After a motion by Board Member Ross and a second by Board Member Lempert, the Minutes of the November 16, 2022, Regular Board Meeting as presented were unanimously (Alvaro, Bonini, Camacho, Cannon, Gerard, Lempert, and Ross) approved.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

   B. Receive Staffing Reports
   C. Adopt Joint Resolution No. 22-73 Honoring Ana Espinoza on Her Retirement
   D. Adopt Joint Resolution No. 22-74 Honoring Pegeen Clark on Her Retirement

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

10. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES DIVISION

   A. Receive 2022-2023 Williams Annual Report on Countywide Compliance Reviews

Joy Dardenelle, Executive Director, District Improvement and Support, Educational Services Division, provided a presentation on the 2022-2023 Williams Annual Report.

Board Members asked clarifying questions which Executive Director Dardenelle and Coordinator Jeff Schmidt addressed.

   B. Receive Report on 2022 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) Results and Preview of 2022 California School Dashboard

Jared Prolo, Executive Director, Curriculum and Instruction Services, Educational Services Division, presented the 2022 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) results and a preview of the 2022 California School Dashboard.

Board Members asked questions about graduation status; the urgency to respond to poor outcomes, especially among students who are English Language Learners, foster youth, or students who are black or brown; and what lessons might be learned from those districts showing improved or stronger outcomes. Further discussion focused on the power of financial resources and the importance of the Board’s advocacy for additional funding to execute on goals, the ways in which discipline data is reported and how that could lead to improved disciplinary practices.

The Board Members and Youth Commission Liaison Weinfield engaged in discussion around how schools encourage, or in some cases neglect to encourage, students to actually take the tests and
how the data is critical to improving the overall system. Additionally, there were clarifying questions asked about the students who take the CAASPP test under the designation of students with disabilities and a broader discussion about the power of publicly reported data and how it is critical to driving accountability and effective improvement processes.

11. **BUSINESS SERVICES DIVISION**

   A. **Receive, Review, and Approve with Positive Certification the 2022-2023 First Interim Financial Report**

   Kevin Bultema, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services Division, and Minette Manio, Executive Director, Internal Business Services, Business Services Division, presented the 2022-2023 First Interim Financial Report.

   Board Members asked clarifying questions and for additional information which Deputy Superintendent Bultema agreed to bring back to the Board at a future date.

   After a motion by Board Member Lempert and a second by Board Member Alvaro, the 2022-2023 First Interim Financial Report was unanimously (Alvaro, Bonini, Camacho, Cannon, Gerard, Lempert, and Ross) approved with Positive Certification.

12. **OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

   A. **Receive Update on the GAMUT Policy Plus Service for SMCOE**

   Superintendent Magee provided an update on the GAMUT Policy Plus Service for SMCOE. She shared that once the inclusive dates of the Board Policy Development Workshop are confirmed, a daily schedule can be developed. After Board discussion, the Board indicated that March 14-16, 2023, would work best for scheduling the workshop, and Superintendent Magee confirmed the workshop could include participation of up to three Board members.

   B. **Superintendent’s Comments**

   Superintendent Magee congratulated Board Member Ross for his service to the California County Boards of Education as president and thanked all SMCOE staff for their dedicated service to students and families. She described the staff’s equity work, called Race Work, with consultant Dr. Lori Watson, as well as the launch of a community of practice with school leaders across agencies who support students and families in East Palo Alto.

   Additionally, Superintendent Magee described how the County Office is participating in a trauma-responsive, intensive training in partnership with colleagues from Behavioral Health and Recovery Services and the Human Services Agency.
Superintendent Magee voiced special appreciation and respect for Jennifer Perna, Executive Assistant to the Board, and for all she does to support the County Office and the administrative needs of the Board.

13. **BOARD MEMBERS**

   A. **Discuss Participation in a California School Boards Association (CSBA) Facilitated Board Workshop in 2023**

   Board Member Bonini expressed interest in the Board engaging CSBA to facilitate a governance workshop entitled Good Beginnings, designed to help onboard new members and set Board norms, protocols, and expectations. Discussion followed focused on scheduling the workshop for an existing Board meeting date or as a special meeting. There was interest in scheduling all special meetings, retreats, etc. as part of the Board’s annual calendar activity that sets the Board’s yearly calendar.

   B. **Receive Update from YMCA Partnership Subcommittee**

   Board Member Alvaro reported that the YMCA Partnership Subcommittee met prior to the Board meeting. In attendance was herself, Board Member Camacho, Board Member Cannon, SMCOE Executive Directors Patricia Love and Karen Gnusti, SMCOE Director Allison Collins, Jamie Bruning-Miles, President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the YMCA of San Francisco, Erin Clark, Senior Vice President and YMCA Co-Chief Operating Officer, and Superintendent Magee.

   There was robust discussion that included the history of the partnership and the recently completed conservation easement between the YMCA and Sempervirens. Board Member Camacho noted there are many overlapping goals between SMCOE and the YMCA, and Board Member Cannon reported that Phase 1 of the construction work is nearing completion.

   C. **Receive Update from Legislative Subcommittee**

   Board Member Bonini reported that the Legislative Subcommittee met the previous week. In attendance was herself, Board Member Camacho, Board Member Ross, and Superintendent Magee. They were joined by Barrett Snider and Cathy McBride of Capital Advisors. An outcome of the discussion was Ms. McBride’s suggestion to narrow the Board’s current year priorities so the Subcommittee can engage in early conversations focused on the budget and 2023 legislation.

   D. **Discuss Board Meeting Teleconference Options Pursuant to Assembly Bill (AB) 2449**

   Gina Beltramo, Deputy County Attorney, summarized the new teleconference rules and parameters subject to Assembly Bill (AB) 2449. The Board then discussed limits imposed on the amount of remote participation in the new law despite the number of individuals with mobility challenges, improved access to Board meetings for the public, and the ability of SMCOE staff to effectively support Board meetings that include remote access. Board President Gerard summarized it was the
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Board’s wish to continue with the hybrid format, following the new restrictions beginning March 1.

E. Discuss Potential Board of Education Letter to the SamTrans Board to Address the Impact on Access to the Juvenile Court/Youth Services Center/Hillcrest, Gateway Community School, and Anne Campbell Center Sites

Board Member Bonini noted the item’s memo was incorrect in stating the memo came from the Board Policy Subcommittee. The memo should have stated it was from Board Member Bonini and Board Member Alvaro. Their concern was that at a recent Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission (JJDPC) meeting, Board Members Alvaro and Bonini learned the JJDPDC drafted a letter to the Board of Supervisors requesting that SamTrans reverse its decision to end running Bus Route 260, which used to run all the way to the Youth Services Center location. Board Members Alvaro and Bonini recommended the Board write its own letter advocating for a return of Bus Route 260 to ensure that students and families involved in the Court and Community Schools have a consistent transportation option to their schools.

After an extended discussion among the Board members, it was determined that Superintendent Magee would reach out to SamTrans to learn more about the situation and inform the Board as to what she learns.

F. Board Member Comments

Board Member Ross

Board Member Ross congratulated Board President Gerard and Board Vice President Bonini, as well as Superintendent Magee, on their re-elections and beginning of new terms.

Board Member Ross expressed his appreciation to everyone who attended the CSBA conference in San Diego.

Board Member Ross shared gratitude for the opportunity to get to know more about county offices, county boards, and county superintendents across the state. Serving as president of CCBE was hard but rewarding work. Board Member Ross shared he will be reflecting over the next few weeks about his future indicating he had no announcement for this evening, but he is thinking a lot about the need to better balance his time.

Board Member Alvaro

Board Member Alvaro had no report other than to congratulate everyone.

Board Member Lempert

Board Member Lempert expressed his congratulations, wished everyone a wonderful holiday, and said he looks forward to a great 2023.
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Board Member Cannon
Board Member Cannon congratulated Board President Gerard and Board Vice President Bonini. He acknowledged Superintendent Magee for a productive four years and shared he looks forward to sharing in more successes ahead.

Board Member Cannon reported that he enjoyed the CSBA conference and commended Board Member Ross for a terrific job speaking at the CCBE General Membership Breakfast both last year and this year. He congratulated Board Member Ross and Board President Gerard for their work on the CCBE Trustee Handbook. Board Member Cannon reported he learned a lot at a session with Board Member Bonini and Anjanette Pelletier on special education and thanked them for their presentation. Striking to him was the fact that there is more money than ever for special education, but it cannot be spent because there is no staff.

Board Member Cannon shared that he and Board President Gerard attended a session on mental health and suicide prevention that focused on the appropriate language to use and the need to remove blame. It was informative to learn about the immensity of this problem.

Board Member Bonini
Board Member Bonini commented she had a lot of fun at the Winter Fest Holiday Event earlier that day. Staff had a great time playing creative games and she felt uplifted from all the joy. She engaged in great conversations about how people felt happy and positive about leadership. Board Member Bonini requested attending more sites, including Jones Gulch.

Board Member Bonini shared she enjoyed the CSBA Conference and noted it was rewarding to spend time with colleagues. She enjoyed presenting with Anjanette Pelletier and Natasha King, Manager, Behavioral and Mental Health, Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA).

She wished happy holidays to everyone.

Board Member Camacho
Board Member Camacho echoed the comments of his colleagues and asked that Superintendent Magee deliver his thanks to the evening’s presenters on behalf of the Board. He shared he is always satisfied because SMCOE staff are tremendous professionals, and he learns so much from them.

Board President Gerard
Board President Gerard thanked the Board for voting for her for President again and said she feels lucky to have colleagues who are so bright and dedicated. She congratulated Superintendent Magee on another four years, along with Board Member Alvaro and Board Member Camacho on their re-elections. Board President shared she was excited that they will be working together for another four years and doing good work together.

Board President Gerard reported she also enjoyed the CSBA Conference. She could not say enough about Board Member Ross’ accomplishments during his time on the CCBE Executive Committee and also praised Board Member Camacho’s contributions over his year on the CCBE Executive
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Committee. Board President Gerard indicated she was so proud of both for representing San Mateo County in such an exemplary way.

Board President Gerard remarked that she enjoyed attending the Winter Fest Holiday Event earlier that day. Lastly, she wished everyone happy holidays and a happy new year.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:04 p.m. Board President Gerard announced the next Regular Meeting would take place on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Nancy Magee, Secretary

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