Subject: “Comment for February 15 Board Meeting.”
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Attachments: For Public Comment on Agenda Item 11.A 2.15.2023.pdf

Please see attached public comment.

The request has been made within the document, and thusly is being made within this email, for the public comment to be read into record in regard to board agenda item 11.A, Discuss Policy Development Recommendations to Strengthen Conflict of Interest Protocols.

Thank you,

Mr. Roger Wroblewski

Ms. Misty Seago
2/15/2023
(Request to be read into record for public comment in regard to board agenda item 11.A, Discuss Policy Development Recommendations to Strengthen Conflict of Interest Protocols).

To County Superintendent and San Mateo County Office of Education Board members.

After reviewing board meeting notes concerning Conflict of Interest Agenda item 11.A, I have several comments and several questions.

Comment 1: It is very disappointing to discover that San Mateo County Office of Education is involved in a conflict-of-interest investigation.

Comment 2: The school districts in San Mateo County, I am sure, will wonder how programs are being funded, monitored, and evaluated.

Comment 3: School districts in San Mateo County contribute substantial funds on several programs mentioned in board item “Discuss Policy Development Recommendations to Strengthen Conflict of Interest Protocols”.

Comment 4: San Mateo County Office of Education employees were all to have signed a memorandum of understanding limiting their employment opportunities simply to San Mateo County Office of Education and not to other outside sources.

Comment 5: The documents in the discussion of agenda item number (11.A) violate the trust of stakeholders in the San Mateo County Office of Education, San Mateo County Office of Education employees, and surely the general public who have voted in the Superintendent and the San Mateo County Office Board of Education.

Question 1: The horses have left the barn. How is it that the San Mateo County Office of Education feels it is capable of addressing this issue and shouldn’t an outside source be responsible for determining the protocols that this board is intending to address?

Question 2: Having viewed board voting practices of support for all agenda items in the past, don’t you view the San Mateo County Office of Education and its board members as a part of the problem and not necessarily a source for the solution?

Question 3: Did you consider bringing in an impartial, outside legal entity to handle this issue?

Question 4: Is there any reason we should accept as ethical any contract signed by the San Mateo County Office of Education?
**Question 5:** Following previous board meetings with to-do items, there never seems to be a follow-up. Why are SMCEA union members hearing from school district board members that SMCOE requests support for closure of fee-for-service educational programs?

**Question 6:** Is the practice of SMCOE to provide personal service contracts, which do not hold the contracted person to the deliverables, the type of contract that San Mateo County Office of Education should be using? *(from the ‘Full-Packet’ (R and S) - Personal Service Agreement W-9, Determination document, Independent Contractor or Employee, see question #7 on document)*

Thanks,

Mr. Roger Wroblewski

Ms. Misty Seago