

San Mateo County Committee on
School District Organization (CCSDO)
Regular Meeting
Monday, November 1, 2021

APPROVED MINUTES

Date: November 1, 2021

Place: Held Remotely via Zoom

County Committee on School District Organization Members Present:

Lynne Esselstein, Bill Lock, Lillian Markind, Dennis McBride, Hilary Paulson, Rosie Tejada, Melchoir Thompson, Colleen You (left meeting at 8:24 p.m.)

County Committee on School District Organization Members Absent:

Virginia Bamford, Greg Dannis, Maria Hilton

Staff Present

Niambi Clay, Secretary
Timothy Fox, Deputy County Counsel

Co-Petitioners Present:

Ben Depoorter
Andrea Kohler
Royal Farros
Leigh Amaro

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Paulson called the meeting to order at 7:48 p.m. and welcomed those present.

**2. Consideration to Adopt Resolution for Online Remote Meetings (AB 361)
Discuss and Take Action**

After a motion by Committee Member Markind and a second by Committee Member McBride, the CCSDO approved, by a vote of eight in favor (Esselstein, Lock, Markind, McBride, Paulson, Tejada, Thompson, and You) and three absent (Bamford, Dannis, and Hilton), by roll call vote, the Resolution for Online Remote Meetings (AB 361).

3. Approval of Agenda

The CCSDO approved, by a vote of eight in favor (Esselstein, Lock, Markind, McBride, Paulson, Tejada, Thompson, and You) and three absent (Bamford, Dannis, and Hilton), by unanimous consent, the November 1, 2021, agenda as presented.

4. Approval of Minutes

After a motion by Committee Member Lock and a second by Committee Member Tejada, the CCSDO approved, by a vote of eight in favor (Esselstein, Lock, Markind, McBride, Paulson, Tejada, Thompson, and You) and three absent (Bamford, Dannis, and Hilton), by unanimous consent, the Minutes of the September 13, 2021, regular CCSDO meeting as presented.

5. General Staff Report

Secretary Clay provided updates from the annual statewide school district CCSDO meeting, including information on districts moving to trustee area elections. She also reported on the meeting of the District Governing Board Representatives earlier that evening and spoke about the CCSDO's review of trustee area maps for the County Board of Education.

Chairperson Paulson welcomed new CCSDO member Samuel Leinbach from the Belmont-Redwood Shores School District.

6. Receipt of Petition for Transfer of Territory

Secretary Clay provided information on a Petition for Transfer of Territory, known as the Greenways Petition, received by the County Superintendent on October 7, 2021, requesting a territory transfer from the Redwood City School District to the Las Lomas Elementary School District. She informed about the transfer process, timelines, CCSDO responsibilities, and next steps, including the scheduling of public hearings. Secretary Clay and Deputy County Counsel Fox then answered questions from the CCSDO members regarding the territory transfer process. The CCSDO members then presented questions related to the Greenways Petition for staff to research and provide clarification.

7. Public Comment

Ben Depoorter, Andrea Kohler, Per Bjorka, Laura Soderblom, Ann Zaru, Royal Farros, Leigh Amaro, Nazila Habibizad, Roger Sherrard, Mia Zaharna, and Micah Harget, Greenways Drive residents, introduced themselves and provided background on their petition.

8. San Mateo County Board of Education Trustee Areas

Deputy County Counsel Fox provided a report and updates focusing on the CCSDO's role in balancing trustee area populations for the County Board. He discussed in detail changes made to the trustee area boundaries in 2010. Deputy County Counsel Fox and Chairperson Paulson then answered questions from the CCSDO members and advised on the process and timeline moving forward. The CCSDO formed a subcommittee (Esselstein, Lock, McBride, Paulson, and Thompson) to discuss the issues in details and report back to the larger group.

9. Member Comments

Committee Member McBride suggested that the CCSDO acknowledge Committee Member You's contributions and asked if there was something they could send to show their appreciation. He also thanked Secretary Clay and Deputy County Counsel Fox for their support, and thanked Chairperson Paulson.

10. Adjournment

Chairperson Paulson adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.