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 Lomitas 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.