

San Mateo County Committee on
School District Organization (CCSDO)
Regular Meeting
Monday, February 7, 2022

APPROVED MINUTES

Date: February 7, 2022

Place: Held Remotely via Zoom

County Committee on School District Organization Members Present:

Virginia Bamford, Lynne Esselstein, Samuel Leinbach, Bill Lock, Lillian Markind, Dennis McBride, Hilary Paulson, Melchoir Thompson (arrived 7:15)

County Committee on School District Organization Members Absent:

Greg Dannis, Maria Hilton, Rosie Tejada

Staff Present:

Niambi Clay, Secretary

Timothy Fox, Deputy County Counsel

Nancy Magee, County Superintendent

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Paulson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

After a motion by Committee Member Markind and a second by Committee Member Leinbach, the CCSDO approved, by a vote of seven in favor (Bamford, Esselstein, Leinbach, Lock, Markind, McBride, and Paulson) and four absent (Dannis, Hilton, Tejada, and Thompson), by roll call vote, the February 7, 2022, agenda as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes

After a motion by Committee Member Leinbach and a second by Committee Member Lock, the CCSDO approved, by a vote of seven in favor (Bamford, Esselstein, Leinbach, Lock, Markind, McBride, and Paulson) and four absent (Dannis, Hilton, Tejada, and Thompson), by roll call vote, the Minutes of the January 10, 2022, Regular Meeting as presented.

4. General Staff Report

Secretary Clay updated that BoardDocs was up and running and for future meetings, members would only be receiving a link to the agenda and supporting documents. She informed in regards to redistricting, districts are receiving and reviewing shapefiles to ensure they are aligned and send them back to the County Assessor. Secretary Clay shared that the San Mateo Union High School District is moving to by-trustee area elections and is preparing a resolution to bring to the CCSDO's March meeting for approval. Secretary Clay, Deputy County Counsel Fox, and Chairperson Paulson then answered questions from CCSDO members.

5. Public Comment

There were no members of the public wishing to address the CCSDO on non-agenda items.

6. San Mateo County Board of Education Trustee Areas

Secretary Clay provided updates on the San Mateo County Board of Education moving to by-trustee area elections and changes designed to line up maps with the county parcels and correct district boundaries. Deputy County Counsel Fox advised of next steps. CCSDO members then discussed the review process in detail.

7. Public Hearing

The CCSDO held a public hearing to receive comment on the San Mateo County Board of Education Trustee Map proposal to adjust trustee areas pursuant to Election Code 10010.

The following speaker provided public comment:

- Chelsea Bonini, SMCOE Board member, spoke about separating the large San Mateo-Foster City School District by city lines, maintaining contiguous areas, paying attention to communities of interest, and losing coastside representation; she suggested alternate ways to adjust trustee area maps

Deputy County Counsel Fox discussed timelines and deadlines, and the expectation that the CCSDO will take action on final maps during the March meeting. Superintendent Magee assured staff are working to try to reflect the suggestions from members of the public and hope to submit a map to the CCSDO by Friday. CCSDO members further discussed the process in detail and suggested the subcommittee meet Friday afternoon, as well as later in the month.

8. Greenways Drive Transfer of Territory Petition

There were no changes to the Greenways Drive Transfer of Territory resolution. Deputy County Counsel Fox confirmed that electronic signatures would suffice on the resolution.

After a motion by Committee Member Esselstein and a second by Committee Member Thompson, the CCSDO approved, by a vote of eight in favor (Bamford, Esselstein, Leinbach, Lock, Markind, McBride, Paulson, and Thompson) and three absent (Dannis, Hilton, and Tejada), by roll call vote, the Greenways Drive Transfer of Territory resolution.

9. Committee Member Comments

Committee Member Bamford shared she appreciated using BoardDocs and the Greenways Drive Transfer of Territory resolution was extremely well-written.

10. Adjournment

Chairperson Paulson adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m., announcing that the next meeting would take place on Monday, March 7, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.