

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

APPROVED MINUTES

Date: March 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, Rosie Tejada, Melchoir Thompson

County Committee on School District Organization Members Absent:

Greg Dannis, Maria Hilton

Staff Present:

Niambi Clay, Secretary
Timothy Fox, Deputy County Counsel
Nancy Magee, County Superintendent

District Representatives Present:

Laura Chalkley, Director of Communications, San Mateo Union High School District
Peter Hanley, President, San Mateo Union High School District Board of Education
Dr. Kevin Skelly, Superintendent, San Mateo Union High School District
Jonathan Berry-Smith, Associate, Lozano Smith Attorneys at Law
Harold Freiman, Partner, Lozano Smith Attorneys at Law
Dr. Douglas Johnson, Demographer, National Demographics Corporation

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Paulson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. Consideration to Adopt Resolution for Online Remote Meetings (AB 361)

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

3. Approval of Agenda

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

4. Approval of Minutes

After a motion by Committee Member Markind and a second by Committee Member Lock, the CCSDO approved, by a vote of eight in favor (Bamford, Esselstein, Leinbach, Lock, Markind, McBride, Paulson, and Thompson), two absent (Dannis, and Hilton), and one abstention (Tejada), by roll call vote, the Minutes of the February 7, 2022, Regular Meeting as presented.

5. General Staff Report

Secretary Clay informed that BoardDocs was up and running and would be used for all future meetings. She described attending the previous week's San Mateo County Board of Education meeting to present on the trustee area map redrawing process and highlighted comments shared. Secretary Clay reminded that the next meeting agenda would include discussion and review of districts moving to by-trustee area elections. Lastly, she discussed Senate Bill 442 and the committee's authority to approve the change to by-trustee area elections without submittal of proposed change to the voters.

6. Public Comment

Secretary Clay answered questions from the public regarding the staff report.

7. Resolution and Public Hearing to Establish and Implement Trustee Area Elections for the San Mateo Union High School District

Secretary Clay provided background information and the timeline on the process to establish and implement trustee area elections for the San Mateo Union High School District.

Mr. Freiman presented an overview of the process of transitioning from at-large to by-trustee area elections as well as the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA). Mr. Hanley highlighted the timeline and specific steps taken by the San Mateo Union High School District (SMUHSD). Mr. Freiman added additional context of the process as relevant to the CCSDO and Education Code. Director Chalkley discussed the public outreach, comprehensive campaign, and promotion undertaken by the SMUHSD. Dr. Johnson described in detail the options of draft maps considered and their differences.

The SMUHSD team answered questions from CCSDO members regarding this agenda item.

There were no members of the public wishing to address the CCSDO on this agenda item.

After a motion by Committee Member Leinbach and a second by Committee Member Thompson, the CCSDO approved, by a vote of nine in favor (Bamford, Esselstein, Leinbach, Lock, Markind, McBride, Paulson, Tejada, and Thompson) and two absent (Dannis and Hilton), by roll call vote, the adoption of the February 24, 2022, San Mateo Union High School District resolution proposing map 102 and the order of election provided in that resolution, and finds and declares that the change is being made to further the purposes of the California Voting Rights Act.

8. San Mateo County Board of Education Trustee Areas

Secretary Clay provided a summary of the process of the San Mateo County Board of Education moving to by-trustee area elections, highlighting the latest updates, reviewing the timeline, and discussing meetings of the subcommittee.

Committee Members commented on the process and addressed recent questions.

There were no members of the public wishing to address the CCSDO on this agenda item.

Superintendent Magee thanked Secretary Clay and the CCSDO for their hard work and thoughtful consideration in this process.

After a motion by Committee Member Esselstein and a second by Committee Member Thompson, the CCSDO approved, by a vote of nine in favor (Bamford, Esselstein, Leinbach, Lock, Markind, McBride, Paulson, Tejada, and Thompson) and two absent (Dannis and Hilton), by roll call vote, proposed adjusted map 5 for the San Mateo County Board of Education Trustee Areas.

9. Committee Member Comments

There were no comments from Committee Members.

10. Adjournment

Chairperson Paulson adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m., announcing that the next meeting would take place on Monday, April 4, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. and would be held remotely.