

SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting, February 12, 2014 – 6:00 p.m.
 San Diego County Office of Education
 Ernest J. Dronenburg, Jr. Board Room
 (Joe Rindone Regional Technology Center)
 6401 Linda Vista Road, San Diego, California

I. OPENING PROVISIONS

A. Call To Order And Roll Call

Members Present: Anderson, Hartley, Jones, Neylon, Robinson
 Secretary: Ward
 Recording Secretary: Bowers

B. Pledge Of Allegiance To The Flag

C. Introduction Of Student Representative On County Board Of Education

Monarch School Principal Joseph Wiseman introduced Lexi Martinez from Monarch School as the student representative for the month of February. Member Robinson presented Lexi with an engraved plaque on behalf of the Board and welcomed her participation in the meeting.

D. Public Comment On Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Public comment cards were collected.

E. Approval Of Agenda

MSC (Robinson/Jones) to approve the agenda. The motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

II. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

Member Neylon asked to pull item II.J. for separate consideration.

MSC (Anderson/Jones) to approve Items II. A. through I. on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

The Board then considered Item II.J. Dr. Neylon explained that her absence from the Special Meeting held on January 23, 2014 was due to her teaching schedule; however, all of the pertinent information addressed at this meeting was discussed in a conference with Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, Lora Duzyk.

MSC (Anderson/Jones) to approve Item II.J. on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed by the following (4-1) vote: YES: Anderson, Hartley, Jones, Robinson. ABSTAIN: Neylon.

A. Approved Minutes of Regular Meeting (Annual Organizational Meeting), January 8, 2014.

B. Approved Minutes of Special Meeting, County Committee on School District Organization, January 23, 2014.

C. Approved Minutes of Special Meeting, County Committee on School District Organization, February 6, 2014.

II. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS (Continued)

- D. Approved Minutes of Special Meeting, Board Governance Workshop, February 7, 2014.
- E. Approval budget adjustments.
- F. Approved submittal of Single Plans for Student Achievement for the San Diego County Community Schools, San Diego County Court Schools, Monarch School and San Pasqual Academy to the California Department of Education.
- G. Approved publishing of School Accountability Report Cards for the San Diego County Community Schools, San Diego County Court Schools, Monarch School and San Pasqual Academy.
- H. Adopted Resolution #2014-01 honoring retiring staff member Linda Burpeau.
- I. Adopted Resolution #2014-02 endorsing February 2014 as Career Technical Education Month.
- J. Adopted Resolution #2014-03 to compensate Board Member for missed meeting.

III. RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Recognition: Outstanding Student in the Juvenile Court and Community Schools Program – Zaphire Alonso Duarte

Principal Joseph Wiseman introduced Zaphire Alonso Duarte from Monarch School as the Winner's Circle Recipient and Outstanding Student for the quarter. Vice President Anderson presented Zaphire with the Winner's Circle Award on behalf of the Board, and offered congratulations on her outstanding progress and achievement.
- B. Presentation: Ninth District PTA

Carol Green, President of the Ninth District PTA presented a mock check in the amount of \$38,340,280.80 to the County Office of Education representing the estimated dollar value of countless volunteer hours contributed over the past year to our students and our schools.
- C. Recognition: Retiring Staff Member Linda Burpeau

Linda Burpeau is retiring from service at the County Office of Education after ten years of service. Board members congratulated Linda and presented her with a resolution on behalf of the Board.
- D. Presentation: Overview of the Progress of Board Goal 5

Steve Clemons, Assistant Superintendent, Integrated Technology Services, reported on the progress of Board Goal 5: Maximize human and operational resources to improve the quality, efficiency, and cost-effectiveness of school districts and the County Office of Education. The presentation included updates on work underway in completing and attaining established performance levels. Linda Visnick, Executive Director, MITI, included an update on the Modernization, Improvement and Transformation Initiative Project (PeopleSoft). The Powerpoint presentation is posted with the online agenda materials for this meeting and can be accessed at <http://www.sdcoe.net/Board/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx>

III. RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS (Continued)

E. Presentation: Overview of the Local Control Accountability Plan

The divisions of Learning and Leadership and Business Services will provide leadership to our districts and internal San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE) divisions to create their local control accountability plans. An overview of the purpose and process, both internally for the SDCOE and externally for our districts was presented. The Powerpoint presentation has been posted with the online agenda for this meeting and can be accessed at <http://www.sdcoe.net/Board/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx>

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. PUBLIC HEARING – Appeal of Denied Petition for Establishment of Thrive Public School

President Hartley opened the public hearing at 7:03 p.m. Guidelines for conduct of the public hearing were reviewed.

Assistant Superintendent Lora Duzyk provided background on the petition to establish Thrive Public School that was denied by the San Diego Unified School District on January 7, 2014. A petition was filed with the San Diego County Office of Education on January 27, 2014 and was determined to be complete. The County Board of Education must take action to grant or deny the charter petition not later than 60 days after receiving a complete petition package and following review of the petition.

Dr. Nicole Tempel Assisi, CEO and Founder, Thrive Public School spoke in support of the petition to establish Thrive Public School. Dr. Donna Elder, President of Thrive Public School provided additional commentary.

Attorney Sarah Sutherland, representing San Diego Unified School District, spoke in opposition of the petition to establish Thrive Public School and explained the review process at the District level. Deidre Walsh, Manager, Charter Schools, from the San Diego Unified School District answered questions from the Board.

Individual speakers were called from the public comment cards. Citizens who spoke in support of Thrive Public School included: Miles Durfee, Wayne Padover, Cristina Metcalf, Deidre Alpero, Johanna Simko, Lisa Carr, and former California State Senator Dede Alpert.

There being no further speakers, President Hartley closed the public hearing at 8:10 p.m. No action was taken at this time. Mrs. Hartley announced that the Board would review the comment cards submitted by the public and review the recommendations of staff prior to taking any action on the proposal. The Board will render its decision at a Special Meeting to be held on Thursday, Mary 27, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the Jack Port Board Room #508.

B. Annual Review of the County Office of Education Conflict of Interest Code

Lora Duzyk, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, provided background on the San Diego County Office of Education Conflict of Interest Code, noting that there were no changes to the positions and categories listed in the Appendix to the Code.

MSC (Neylon/Anderson) to adopt attachment one (disclosure categories) and attachment two (designated positions) as presented at this meeting. The motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

V. CONVENE A MEETING OF THE COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

- A. Action on the Proposed Establishment of Trustee Areas in the Sweetwater Union High School District and the Election of One Member of the Governing Board Residing in Each Trustee Area by the Registered Voters in that Area

Lora Duzyk, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services Division provided background on the proposed change of election system for the Sweetwater Union High School District (SUHSD). A public hearing was held on February 6, 2014 in the SUHSD, where the County Committee on School District Organization (County Committee) was asked to approve or disapprove the proposal to change the election system of SUHSD from one in which trustees are elected by numbered seats to one in which they are elected by residents of a trustee area in which they reside. Public comment was received, but no action was taken at that meeting.

If approved at today's meeting, the County Committee would be asked to adopt a resolution approving the proposal and requiring that the County Superintendent call an election on the matter to be submitted to the electorate at the next election for governing board members in November, 2014. If the voters approve the measure, implementation of the change would commence with the November 2016 election and be completed in 2018. The alternative to placing the proposal on the ballot that would permit the change to be implemented commencing at the November 2014 election would be a Waiver of Election submitted to the State Board of Education. If approved by the State Board, no election on the proposal would be required, and the system of electing by trustee areas would be implemented commencing with the November 2014 election. If the waiver of election is denied by the State Board, the measure would be submitted to the electorate on the November 2014 ballot.

A timeline of activities that would be required if the proposal is approved was discussed. Each step of the process would involve one or more public hearings in the SDUSD. Guidelines for the conduct of public hearings were also presented for the Board's review.

After discussion, upon motion by Member Neylon and seconded by Member Robinson, the County Committee agreed to:

1. Adopt the resolution approving the proposal for the establishment of trustee areas in the Sweetwater Union High School District and for the election of one member of the governing board residing in each trustee area by the registered voters in that trustee area;
2. Direct the Secretary to the County Committee to take all appropriate measures to receive public testimony and consult with district stakeholders regarding the submission of a request to the State Board of Education for a waiver of the election on this proposal and to make a recommendation on submitting the request at the conclusion of that process;
3. Direct the Secretary to the County Committee to take all appropriate measures to conduct public hearings and consult with district stakeholders regarding districting criteria and trustee area boundaries and, in consultation with a qualified demographer, to prepare a trustee area plan for the County Committee's consideration;

Action on the Proposed Establishment of Trustee Areas in the Sweetwater Union High School District (Continued)

4. Approve the guidelines presented for the conduct of public hearings held in connection with the proposed activities;
5. Approved the proposed timeline of activities associated with these processes.

The motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

VI. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING – INFORMATION ITEMS – NO ACTION

A. Quarterly Investment Disclosure Report

Lora Duzyk provided the Board with the required investment disclosures for the quarter ended December 31, 2013. No action was required.

B. Legislative Update

Superintendent Ward discussed key issues affecting education. A copy of the full report is posted with the online agenda materials for this meeting and can be accessed at <http://www.sdcoe.net/Board/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx>

VI. BOARD REPORTS

Member Neylon is looking forward to more public hearings in the Sweetwater Union High School District. Member Jones discussed her attendance at the Ninth District PTA Annual Luncheon that was also attended by President Hartley and Vice President Anderson. Mr. Anderson discussed the Board Governance Workshop that all members participated in at the Special Board Meeting held on February 7, 2014.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT - NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests.

IX. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Special Meeting, Board Budget Study Session, Friday, March 7, 2014 at 10:00 a.m., Jack Port Board Room #508.

Regular Business Meeting, Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., Joe Rindone Regional Technology Center.

Special Meeting, Thrive Public School Appeal Decision, Thursday, March 27, 2014 at 5:30 p.m., Jack Port Board Room #508.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.