

**SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting, April 9, 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, Jones, Neylon, Robinson

Members Absent: Hartley

Secretary: Ward

Recording Secretary: Bowers

A quorum was present for the conduct of business.

B. Pledge Of Allegiance To The Flag

C. Introduction Of Student Representative On County Board Of Education

Principal Ben Nakamura introduced Christian Molano from the North Network as the student representative for the month of April. Member Robinson presented Christian with an engraved plaque on behalf of the Board and welcomed his participation in the meeting.

D. Public Comment On Agenda Items

Public comment cards were collected. Vice President Anderson announced that public comment on items IV.A. and III.D. would be heard at the time the agenda item was discussed.

E. Approval Of Agenda

MSC (Robinson/Jones) to approve the agenda. The motion passed by unanimous vote of the members present (4-0).

II. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

Member Robinson asked to pull consent item II.J. for separate consideration.

MSC (Neylon/Robinson) to approve Items II. A. through I. and Items K. through N. on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed by unanimous vote of the members present (4-0).

The Board then considered Item II.J. Dr. Robinson questioned a rating of "fair" on the facility status for Davila School. Tim Glover, Assistant Superintendent, Student Services and Programs Division explained that Davila Day School is adjacent to the Vista Square Elementary School that shares the same facilities and custodial support. Dr. Glover is not aware of any concerns of anything less than standard, noting that a "fair" rating is a very successful rating in this case.

MSC (Robinson/Neylon) to approve Item II.J. on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed by unanimous vote of the members present (4-0).

A. Approved Minutes of Special Meeting, Budget Study, March 7, 2014.

B. Approved Minutes of Regular Meeting and County Committee on School District Organization, March 12, 2014.

C. Approved Minutes of Special Meeting, County Committee on School District Organization, March 20, 2014.

- D. Approved Minutes of Special Meeting, Thrive Public School, March 27, 2014.
- E. Approved real property lease agreement.
- F. Approved acceptance of a donation from Mission Federal Credit Union for the 2014 Academic Decathlon Awards ceremony.
- G. Approved annual authorization to lend funds to school districts.
- H. Approved acceptance of a donation from San Diego County Credit Union for iVIE Awards.
- I. Approved acceptance of grant funds for Tobacco Use Prevention education.
- J. Approved publishing of school accountability report cards for SDCOE Special Education Schools: Friendship School, Davila School and North County Academy.
- K. Adopted Resolution #2014-08 designating May 14, 2014 as Day of the Teacher.
- L. Adopted Resolution #2014-09 endorsing May, 2014 as National Foster Care Month.
- M. Adopted Resolution #2014-10 for National School Nurse Day, May 7, 2014.
- N. Adopted Resolution #2014-11 endorsing May, 2014 as National Mental Health Awareness Month.

Vice President Anderson noted that donations accepted under this consent agenda totaled \$19,000, and grant funds totaled \$1,324,000 over the next three years.

III. RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Recognition: Winning Student of the 2014 San Diego Union-Tribune Countywide Spelling Bee – Allison Grygar

Nicole Shina, Special Programs Assistant, introduced the winning student of the 2014 Union-Tribune Countywide Spelling Bee: Allison Grygar, an eighth grade student from Saint Michael's School in Poway. Co-sponsored by the San Diego County Office of Education, it is the official stepping-stone to the National Spelling Bee held annually near Washington, D.C. Member Jones presented Allison with an award on behalf of the Board.

- B. Recognition: Olympian High School Academic Decathlon Team

Nicole Shina introduced the Olympian High School Academic Decathlon Team who took top honors in the San Diego competition on February 1, 2014. This represents their fifth straight win. The team was introduced: Academic Decathlon Coach: Ken Boulton; Honors Team: Alicia Pentico, Rachelle Rosano, Federico Llarena; Scholastic Team: Zahida Martinez, Ahmad Ali, Chris Medina; Varsity Team: Glaiza Julian, Emerson Jimenez, Raul Gonzalez.

- C. Recognition: San Diego County Office of Education Classified Employee of the Year for 2014 - Mandy Lievanos

The San Diego County Office of Education's Classified Employee of the Year for 2014, Mandy Lievanos, Attendance Clerk with Juvenile Court and Community Schools, was introduced by Dixie Bryant, JCCS Support Services Manager. A plaque of recognition was presented by Assistant Superintendent Michele Fort-Merrill. Mandy's name has been submitted as a nominee for the Countywide Classified Employee of the Year.

D. Presentation: Overview of the Progress on Board Goal 3

Debbie Beldock, Assistant Superintendent, Learning and Leadership Services Division, presented a Powerpoint highlighting the progress on Board Goal 3: Assist all districts in anticipating and responding to current and future challenges and trends in education, professional development for teachers and other school personnel, with special attention to small districts. The Powerpoint has been posted with the online agenda materials for this meeting and can be accessed at <http://www.sdcoe.net/Board/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx>

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

A. Approval of a Trustee Area Plan for Implementation of By-Trustee-Area Elections for the Governing Board of the Sweetwater Union High School District

Vice President Anderson suspended the Regular Board Meeting and convened the meeting of the County Committee on School District Organization. Lora Duzyk, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, provided opening remarks.

In December, 2013, the process to change the at-large election system for board members in the Sweetwater Union High School District to by-trustee-area elections was initiated by a citizen's petition that was verified by the Registrar of Voters. The County Committee held a public hearing in the district to receive input on the petition and on February 12, 2014 adopted a resolution approving the proposal. The Education Code requires that a proposal to change the system for electing governing board members must be submitted to the electorate at the next governing board member election. However, following consultation with district stakeholders and two public hearings held in the district, the County Board of Education voted to request a waiver of the required election from the State Board of Education. Staff has submitted the waiver request, and the State Board is expected to take action at its May 7 meeting.

Over the last two months, the County Committee has focused on the development of a trustee area plan to implement by-trustee-area election in the Sweetwater district. At a public hearing in the district on February 27, 2014, the County Committee approved districting criteria to provide guidance to National Demographics Corporation ("NDC"), the County Committee's consultant in this matter. Two more public hearings were held in the district on March 6 and March 20 to receive comments on draft trustee area plans developed by NDC. Two priorities were expressed repeatedly by members of the public: (1) the trustee area plan should empower those in the district who feel they have not had their voices heard; and (2) the plan should reflect historic ties and communities of interest within the district. With regard to communities of interest, elementary feeder patterns and high school attendance areas were cited as criteria of special importance. Three plans were presented for public comment at the March 6 public hearing. Two additional plans were prepared to incorporate feedback related to communities of interest and other public comment. These plans were presented at the March 20 public hearing. Maps and demographic data for the plans prepared by NDC have been available for public review, both at the public hearings and on a widely-publicized website.

All of the five plans presented for consideration were developed with the County Committee's approved districting criteria. The population deviation from the ideal – which is an exactly equal population distribution among all of the trustee areas – ranges between 2.44% and 3.04%, well within the legal parameters. The plans include either

three or four trustee areas in which the majority of eligible voters are Hispanic. This is measured by the percentage of citizen voting age populations, which is the applicable demographic measure for purposes of the California Voting Rights Act.

Douglas Johnson, President, and Justin Leavitt, Vice President, National Demographics Corporation were on hand to answer questions. Mr. Leavitt highlighted characteristics of Plans 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, reviewing the demographics for each. Plans 4 and 5 best serve communities of interest from feedback received. Between the two, both plans are legal, but Plan 5 is more legally defensible when it comes to population equity and voting rights numbers.

Public comment was then heard from Sweetwater district residents Albert Velasquez and Josie Hamada in support of Plan 2; Patricia Mendoza and Dr. Adrian Arancibia in support of Plan 3; Michelle Krug, Francisco Tamayo, President, CSEA Office and Technical Bargaining Unit, and Willie Harris in support of Plan 5.

Board Members thanked staff and National Demographics Corporation for the comprehensive work done on this matter.

MSC (Neylon/Robinson) to approve trustee area plan 5. The motion passed by the following vote: YES: Anderson, Neylon, Robinson. NO: Jones. ABSENT: Hartley.

MSC (Neylon/Robinson) to adopt the attached Resolution #2014-12 authorizing the establishment of trustee areas in the Sweetwater Union High School District in accordance with the approved trustee area plan #5. The motion passed by the following vote: YES: Anderson, Jones, Neylon, Robinson. NO: None. ABSENT: Hartley.

V. RECONVENE REGULAR BOARD MEETING – ACTION ITEM

- A. Appoint Board Members to Serve on the San Diego County Office of Education Strategic Planning Team

MSC (Neylon/Jones) to appoint Mark Anderson and Gregg Robinson to serve on the Strategic Planning Team for a 2-year term beginning June 1, 2014. The motion passed by unanimous vote of the members present (4-0).

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS – NO ACTION

- A. Williams and Valenzuela Uniform Complaint Policy JCCS Quarterly Report

Sean Morrill, Senior Director, Juvenile Court and Community Schools, provided the quarterly report from January 1, 2014 through March 31, 2014, reflecting that the San Diego County Office of Education Juvenile Court and Community Schools received zero complaints regarding instructional materials, facilities, teacher vacancy or misassignments, or CAHSEE Intensive Intervention pertaining to the Williams and Valenzuela Settlements.

- B. Legislative Update

Superintendent Ward discussed key legislation 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>

VII. BOARD REPORTS

Board members reported on their attendance at various professional meetings, civic and community events throughout the county. Member Robinson attended three separate celebrations of Cesar Chavez's birthday. He also reached out to Albert Velasquez, District Field Representation from the Office of Assemblywoman Lorenz Gonzalez, to write a letter of support to the California Department of Education for the Sweetwater District waiver of election. Member Neylon thanked staff for their level of dedication in all that they do to provide the Board with the information they need. Member Jones attended the San Diego Union-Tribune Countywide spelling bee, and was a judge at the San Diego Engineering Science Fair. Vice President Anderson recognized two local high school sports coaches who were awarded the California Interscholastic Federation's Model Coach Award: Tony Corley, San Pasqual Academy football coach, and Cathy Elgas, Granite Hills High School swimming coach.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT - NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Member Robinson expressed concern over elimination of Teacher Assistants in the JCCS and requested a report at a future board meeting.

X. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Special Board Meeting, County Committee on School District Organization (Public Hearing on proposed Alpine Unification matter) Tuesday, April 29, at 6:00 p.m., Alpine Elementary School Auditorium, 1850 Alpine Blvd., Alpine, CA 91901.

Special Board Meeting, County Committee on School District Organization (Public Hearing on proposed Alpine Unification matter) Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., East County Regional Education Center Board Room, 924 East Main Street, El Cajon, CA 92021.

Special Board Meeting, Budget Study Session, Friday, May 9, 2014 at 10:00 a.m., Jack Port Board Room #508.

Regular Board Meeting, Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., Joe Rindone Regional Technology Center.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.