

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting, August 13, 2014 – 2:00 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

Members Absent: None

Secretary: Ward

Recording Secretary: Bowers

B. Pledge Of Allegiance To The Flag

C. Introduction Of Student Representative On County Board Of Education

Juvenile Court and Community Schools principal Ben Nakamura introduced Raymund Scaparo from the North Network as the student representative for the month of August. Member Anderson presented Raymund with an engraved plaque on behalf of the Board and welcomed his participation in the meeting.

D. Public Comment – Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

There were no speakers for non-agenda items. Public comment cards were collected for the Alpine Unification matter, to be heard at the time that agenda item was discussed.

E. Approval Of Agenda

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

II. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

Member Robinson asked to pull item II.L. for separate consideration.

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

A. Approved Minutes of Regular Meeting, July 9, 2014.

B. Approved budget adjustments.

C. Approved real property lease agreement.

D. Approved acceptance of grant funds from the WD-40 Company Community Involvement Committee.

E. Approved acceptance of grant funds from the Federal Office of Justice Programs to Operate the Technical Career Apprenticeship Training Project.

F. Adopted Resolution #2014-30 for Temporary Interfund Transfers of Special or Restricted Fund Moneys.

G. Adopted Resolution #2014-31 honoring retiring staff member Debbie Beldock.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS (Continued)

- H. Adopted Resolution #2014-32 honoring retiring staff member Carole Osselear.
- I. Adopted Resolution #2014-33 honoring retiring staff member Pete McNamara.
- J. Adopted Resolution #2014-34 honoring retiring staff member Ben Herrera.
- K. Adopted Resolution #2014-35 approving travel and mileage expenses for pending board members.
- L. Resolution approving payment of Board Member stipend for missed meeting – Robinson.

The Board then considered consent item II.L. that had been pulled for separate consideration.

Motion by Robinson to disapprove consent agenda item II.L. authorizing payment of a board stipend to Dr. Robinson for the regular meeting held on July 9, 2014 that he was unable to attend. The motion failed for lack of a second. President Hartley pulled this item from the agenda with no action taken.

III. RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Recognition: Outstanding Student in the Juvenile Court and Community Schools

Principal Ben Nakamura introduced Daniel Martinez, from Innovations Academy of Empowerment who was recognized for his outstanding progress and achievement in the Juvenile Court and Community Schools program. Member Neylon presented Daniel with the Winner's Circle Award and offered congratulations on behalf of the Board.

- B. Recognition: Retiring Staff Member Ben Herrera

Mr. Herrera was not able to attend the meeting.

- C. Recognition: Retiring Staff Member Pete McNamara

Jose Villareal, Senior Director, South Network introduced Pete McNamara, who is retiring as a teacher in the Juvenile Court and Community Schools after thirty-one years of service. The Board members congratulated Pete on his retirement and thanked him for his service.

- D. Recognition: Retiring Staff Member Debbie Beldock

Superintendent Ward introduced Debbie Beldock, who is retiring from the County Office of Education as Assistant Superintendent, Learning and Leadership Services Division after six years of service. A lifelong educator, Debbie has been at the forefront of education throughout San Diego as well as the country. Superintendent Ward and the Board congratulated Debbie on her retirement and thanked her for her service.

- E. Presentation: Strategic Plan Update

Dr. Leonita Cole, Special Assistant to the Superintendent, provided an update on the San Diego County Office of Education's Strategic Plan for 2014-2019.

F. Presentation: Countywide Common Core Performance Tasks in Mathematics

Debbie Beldock, Assistant Superintendent, Learning and Leadership Services Division, discussed the first countywide common core performance task project in Mathematics in grades 4, 8, and 11. The purpose of the project is to gather formative information about teaching and student learning during this transition year while districts begin to implement the common core state standards. The results of the project will be utilized to inform leadership, professional learning and instruction countywide.

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

A. Petition to Reorganize Territory within the Grossmont Union High School District to Create the Alpine Unified School District: Presentation of Feasibility Study, Adoption of Findings, and Recommendation for Approval or Disapproval

Lora Duzyk, San Diego County Office of Education's Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, presented an overview of the issue, background, sequence of events and the required findings and recommendations related to the petition submitted to the San Diego County Superintendent of Schools to reorganize territory within the Grossmont Union High School District to create the Alpine Unified School District.

Duzyk introduced attorneys Janet Mueller and William Tunick of Dannis Woliver Kelley, who were available to respond to questions of law.

To assist the County Committee in its consideration of the unification proposal, an independent third party, School Services of California, Inc. (SSC), conducted a feasibility study examining the nine criteria for school district unification required by statute to be considered. Robert Miyashiro, Vice President of SSC, and Brianna Garcia, Director, Management Consulting Services, SSC, presented the results of the study, *Alpine Union School District and Grossmont Union High School District: District Feasibility Study*, August 1, 2014.

The Chief Petitioners were then given five minutes to address the County Committee. Spokespersons for the Chief Petitioners were Albert Haven and Colin Campbell.

The Alpine Union School District representative was then given five minutes to address the County Committee. The spokesperson for the Alpine Union School District was Bruce Cochrane, Interim Superintendent.

The Grossmont Union High School District representative was then given five minutes to address the County Committee. The spokesperson for the Grossmont Union High School District was Ralf Swenson, Superintendent.

Public Comment was then taken from the following: Sal Casamassima, chair, Alpine High School Citizens Committee; Chris Loarie, Alpine resident; George Barnett, Alpine resident; Mark Price, Alpine resident; Richard Hoverstock, treasurer, Alpine High School Citizens Committee; Bill Weaver, former chair, Alpine High School Citizens Committee; Priscilla Schreiber, Member of the Governing Board of the Grossmont Union High School District (who stated that she was speaking as a private citizen and was not representing Grossmont's Governing Board or the district); Michael Waterman, La Mesa resident and attorney; and Nick Marinovich, Alpine resident.

At the conclusion of all presentations and public comment, County Committee members' questions were addressed. The County Committee took the following actions in connection with the petition for the unification of the Alpine Union School District:

FINDINGS ON CRITERIA FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT UNIFICATION
(Education Code section 35753)

1. Condition #1: The new district will be adequate in terms of number of pupils enrolled.

MSC (Robinson/Neylon) – YES: Condition #1 is substantially met. The motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

2. Condition #2: The districts are each organized on the basis of a substantial community identity.

MSC (Robinson/Neylon) – YES: Condition #2 is substantially met. The motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

3. Condition #3: The proposal will result in an equitable division of property and facilities of the original district or districts.

MSC (Neylon/Anderson) – YES: Condition #3 is substantially met with consideration of all assets and with an alternative view of looking at all assets, rather than cash on hand. The motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

NOTE: These minutes were approved at the September 10, 2014 Board of Education Meeting with the stipulation that Condition #3 will be re-calendared for the October 8, 2014 meeting to clarify that the intent of the motion was to include assets and liabilities.

4. Condition #4: The reorganization of the districts will preserve each affected district's ability to educate students in an integrated environment and will not promote racial or ethnic discrimination or segregation.

MSC (Robinson/Jones) YES: Condition #4 is substantially met. The motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

5. Condition #5: Any increase in costs to the state as a result of the proposed reorganization will be insignificant and otherwise incidental to the reorganization.

MSC (Robinson/Jones) – YES: Condition #5 is substantially met. The motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

6. Condition #6: The proposed reorganization will continue to promote sound education performance and will not significantly disrupt the educational programs in the districts affected by the proposed reorganization.

MSC (Anderson/Jones) – YES: Condition #6 is substantially met. The motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

7. Condition #7: Any increase in school facilities costs as a result of the proposed reorganization will be insignificant and otherwise incidental to the reorganization.

MSC (Hartley/Neylon) – YES: Condition #7 is substantially met if Alpine decides to phase-in their high school students from 9th grade using existing facilities. The motion passed by the following (4-1) vote: YES: Anderson, Hartley, Jones, Neylon. ABSTAIN: Robinson.

FINDINGS ON CRITERIA FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT UNIFICATION (Continued)
(Education Code section 35753)

8. Condition #8: The proposed reorganization is primarily designed for purposes other than to significantly increase property values.

MSC (Jones/Anderson) – YES: Condition #8 is substantially met. The motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

9. Condition #9: The proposed reorganization will continue to promote sound fiscal management and not cause a substantial negative effect on the fiscal status of the proposed district or any existing district affected by the proposed reorganization.

MSC (Neylon/Robinson) – YES: Condition #9 is substantially met. The motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

FINDINGS PURSUANT TO EDUCATION CODE SECTION 35707

The County Committee was asked to make findings regarding the proposed reorganization, as required by Education Code section 35707:

1. It would adversely affect the school district organization of the county.

MSC (Neylon/Robinson) – NOT TRUE. The motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

2. It would comply with provisions of Education Code section 35753.

MSC (Jones/Neylon) – TRUE. The motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
(Education Code section 35705.5)

Member Neylon left the meeting at 5:00 p.m. A quorum was present for the continued conduct of business.

The County Committee was asked to consider and adopt Plans and Recommendations for the proposal. The following provisions, which are subject to amendment by the County Committee, were addressed:

Provision #4. Governing Board Membership

MSC (Robinson/Jones) that the Alpine Unified School District governing board shall be composed of five (5) members. The motion passed by the following (4-0) vote: YES: Anderson, Hartley, Jones, Robinson. NO: None. ABSENT: Neylon.

Provision #5. Area of Election on the Unification Proposal

MSC (Robinson/Jones) that the election to vote upon the formation of the proposed district shall be held only in the Alpine Union School District. The motion passed by the following (4-0) vote: YES: Anderson, Hartley, Jones, Robinson. NO: None. ABSENT: Neylon.

PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (Continued)
(Education Code section 35705.5)

Provision #7. Trustee Areas

MSC (Hartley/Anderson) that all five governing board members will be elected by the voters of the entire Alpine Unified School District (at-large elections). The motion passed by the following (3-1) vote: YES: Anderson, Hartley, Jones. NO: Robinson. ABSENT: Neylon.

Provision #8. Division of property, obligations, and bonded indebtedness of existing districts.

MSC (Robinson/Anderson) – The provision shall reflect the Board’s recommendation on condition #3; additionally, disputes shall be resolved with the appointment of a board of arbitrators, with one representative from each of the districts and one person appointed by the County Superintendent. The motion passed by the following (4-0) vote: YES: Anderson, Hartley, Jones, Robinson. NO: None. ABSENT: Neylon.

Provision #9. Timing of the first governing board election and length of initial terms of governing board members.

MSC (Robinson/Anderson) – Pursuant to Education Code section 35737, the election of the initial governing board shall be concurrent with the unification election. Staggered terms shall be established pursuant to EC section 35105, with the top three successful candidates serving in 4-year terms, and the other members serving in 2-year terms. The motion passed by the following (4-0) vote: YES: Anderson, Hartley, Jones, Robinson. NO: None. ABSENT: Neylon.

The County Committee was asked to adopt the Plans and Recommendations as a whole, with amendments, and to delegate to staff the authority to incorporate the approved amendments.

MSC (Hartley/Jones) to adopt the Plans and Recommendations as amended and delegate to staff the authority to incorporate the approved amendments. The motion passed by the following (4-0) vote: YES: Anderson, Hartley, Jones, Robinson. NO: None. ABSENT: Neylon.

RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL
(Education Code section 35706)

The County Committee was asked to take action to recommend to the State Board of Education approval or disapproval of the petition.

MSC (Jones/Robinson) that the County Committee on School District Organization recommends approval of the petition for unification. The motion passed by the following (4-0) vote: YES: Anderson, Hartley, Jones, Robinson. NO: None. ABSENT: Neylon.

Member Robinson left the meeting at 5:18 p.m. A quorum was present for the continued conduct of business.

V. RECONVENE REGULAR BOARD MEETING – ACTION ITEMS

- A. PUBLIC HEARING – Determination of Sufficient Textbooks and/or Instructional Materials for San Diego County Office of Education Programs for the 2014-15 School Year

President Hartley opened the public hearing at 5:18 p.m. Sean Morrill, Senior Director, JCCS North Network provided opening comments. There were no public speakers and the public hearing was closed.

MSC (Anderson/Jones) to adopt the Resolution #2014-36 certifying sufficient textbooks and/or instructional materials exist for the 2013-2015 school year. The motion passed by the following (3-0) vote: YES: Anderson, Hartley, Jones. NO: None. ABSENT: Neylon, Robinson.

- B. 2014-15 Board Goal Revisions

MSC (Jones/Anderson) to approve revisions to the 2014-15 Board Goals as presented at this meeting. The motion passed by the following (3-0) vote: YES: Anderson, Hartley, Jones. NO: None. ABSENT: Neylon, Robinson.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS – NO ACTION

- A. Public Disclosure of the Major Provisions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the County Office of Education and the California School Employees Association for 2014-15

This information item was accepted by the Board.

- B. Quarterly Report of Investments Held

This information item was accepted by the Board.

- C. Legislative Update

This information item was accepted by the Board.

VII. BOARD REPORTS – None discussed.

VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - None discussed.

IX. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Regular Board Meeting, Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., Joe Rindone Regional Technology Center

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.