

San Mateo-Foster City School District
Minutes
REGULAR/CLOSED SESSION MEETING~BOARD OF TRUSTEES

August 26, 2021, 6:30 PM

Closed Session Begins at 5:30 pm | Regular Meeting Begins at 6:30 pm

In Person:

1170 Chess Drive, Foster City, CA 94404

(Maximum capacity at this time for in-person attendance by members of the public is 50)

Via Zoom

Announcement of Closed Session: 5:30 pm

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Regular Board Meeting - 6:30 pm

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1. CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 P.M.

2. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

2.1. GOVT. CODE 54957 - Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

3. RECONVENE TO REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Board Meeting reconvened at 6:34

3.1. Report out of Closed Session

None.

3.2. Flag Salute

The Flag Salute was led by Trustee Kenneth Chin.

3.3. Roll Call

All Board Members were present:

Noelia Corzo

Kenneth Chin

Alison Proctor

Lisa Warren

Shara Watkins

3.4. Approval of Agenda: August 26, 2021 (v)

Additions:

Trustee Chin would like to add 4.6 Superintendent Report

In closing would like to make sure we adjourn in honor of Ruth Nagler

Motion to add Superintendent Report item 4.6

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Kenneth Chin and a second by Noelia Corzo.

Yes Kenneth Chin

Yes Noelia Corzo

Yes Alison Proctor
Yes Lisa Warren
Yes Shara Watkins

3.5. Approval of Minutes: August 12, 2021 (v)

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Alison Proctor and a second by Shara Watkins.

Yes Kenneth Chin
Yes Noelia Corzo
Yes Alison Proctor
Yes Lisa Warren
Abstain Shara Watkins

4. STATEMENTS

4.1. Public Statements Related to Non-agenda Topics:

The following community members made public comments:

Randi Paynter
Martin

4.2. Public Statements Related to Agenda Items: Persons will be called on at the appropriate time

4.3. Foundation/Committee Reports

Trustee Corzo shared that the Sanctuary Task Force had its first meeting today and that they talked about the bigger needs they are seeing in the community and the schools.

Trustee Proctor expressed that the Education Foundation Donor Appreciation Event was hosted at Beach Park School. It was a fabulous in person event, they toured the school and thanked all of the donors who have been supporting the foundation.

4.4. SMETA/CSEA/SMEAA Updates

Alicia Aragon indicated that they have a Tentative Agreement with the District. She thanked Suzi Riley and her team for doing an excellent job.

Julie McArthur updated that teacher are working hard to build relationships and everyone is very appreciative to be on campus. She thanked Suzi for her hard work and appreciates the hard work of the teachers and the District as well. Suggested to find a way to monitor the usage of chrome books and how to be safe on line and to keep track what is going on online.

Stephanie Fraumani, Meadow Heights Principal highlighted that the school is continuing to work on routine and procedures with students. Teachers are assessing students so that they can meet and see where they are both academically and social emotionally. She also expressed that it is wonderful to have them on campus.

4.5. Announcements

Trustee Corzo informed us that today is Women Equality Day and she attended a zoom conference hosted by the County and other organizations. They shared lots of good information.

Trustee Chin announced that we currently have 93 online participants and no one in person.

4.6 Superintendent Report

Superintendent Ochoa started by acknowledging the incredible work that our staff and students are doing to remain safe on campuses. He indicated that he visited some schools and is happy to see the students being smart and safe while wearing masks. He thanked everyone for their work. He reported that the District has been working pertaining to engagement strategies and ways we are communicating with the public. Also commented that the District continues to promote the successes of students and staff. We recognized recipients in the business department, Abbott Middle school, Audubon Elementary and the English Department. Next week it will be our preschool and Bayside K-8. Gave an update on the OneSMFC Podcast with many subscribers. The last episode focused on small class sizes and the expansion of 5,000 Chromebook to receive next week.

5. PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA (v)

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Alison Proctor and a second by Shara Watkins.

Yes Kenneth Chin
Yes Noelia Corzo
Yes Alison Proctor
Yes Lisa Warren
Yes Shara Watkins

5.1. BUSINESS/FINANCE

5.1.1. Resolution No. 02/21-22 Beyond Bond Authority Resolution

5.1.2. Resolution No. 03/21-22 Support of Applications for Eligibility Determinations and Funding Authorization to Sign Applications

5.1.3. Approval of Contract with Colbi Technologies, Inc. for Account-Ability

5.1.4. Contracts & Consultants \$45,000 and Under

5.1.5. Listing of Payments to Meet District Expenditures

5.2. HUMAN RESOURCES

5.2.1. Assignments Noted for Individuals Listed

5.2.2. Approval of Resignations, Releases, and/or Retirees

6. PUBLIC HEARING: Third Public Hearing to Solicit Public Input on Draft Maps of Potential Trustee Areas.

Mr. Rosendo Padilla, Deputy County Council, gave a brief presentation of the timeline and the overall process related to transition to by trustee area election system.

Superintendent Ochoa thanked Mr. Padilla for his presentation and reported that the information was sent to 10,000 recipients, outreached on Facebook and that a large number of comments were received. The District produced 4 sets of the maps and placed them in front of schools. They were also placed on bus stops in the community. Superintendent also added that tonight we have 5 additional maps presented today in the board meeting. He also thanked the board for addressing the topic and confirmed he is available for further information.

Douglas Johnson, demographer, gave a detailed explanation of all the maps and the areas that they covered.

The following community members made public comments:

Marcella

Vishnu
Randi
Andrew
Scott

7. SUPERINTENDENT

7.1. Selecting a By-Trustee-Area Map

Superintendent Ochoa invited Legal Deputy County Council Mr. Padilla to join him with any comments or remarks. He added that the public hearings contained quite a bit of comments that shaped many of the maps that are before the board tonight. This section of the agenda is very important because it is the point in the agenda in which the 5 board members deliberate about the many maps that have been presented with the demographic information and arrive to a decision.

Mr. Padilla commented that the timeline is beyond our control since it has 90 days to complete the process. An extension was requested and denied two times and the District could be sued. Mr. Padilla also added that the 2020 census numbers have been release by the federal government but they have not been validated by the state of California. The board would need to revise its maps after the census.

Douglas Johnson, demographer confirmed that the cities and counties are using the data but it will be validated.

Superintendent Ochoa stated that the District and the board are working with what they received.

Public Comments:

Scott expressed his concerns about the maps and not using 2020 census data.

Clarifying Questions from the Board:

Trustee Watkins questioned what would happened if the Board doesn't make a decision tonight.

Deputy Council Padilla stated that the deadline is September 8th.

Johnson commented that the 2020 data was verified by the state but in the demographic world verifying and validating are completely different things. The new data will be out in late September. The district could be used if we missed the deadline. Two weeks is not enough time to adjust the maps with the new validated data.

Trustee Watkins expressed that a lot of work has been done by the District and that many people are not aware of the process and this is a huge decision. We have been trying to push for community engagement but in this process we have not and feel conflicted with moving forward with the decision.

Trustee Corzo communicated that she feels affected by the public comments. Stated that it is frustrating and feels very confident that we have been looking at maps with the right priorities in mind. The process is not completely over. We want to value community engagement. This is a very complicated decision and process. It is not easy to understand and it takes a long time. I feel we can make the right decision for communities that have not been communicated. We have the right intensions, we have put a lot of time into this and I have seen a lot of effort to put this out and they have not received a lot of community comments. People don't have an hour and half to fill out this form. We were elected to make these decision even when it is hard.

Deputy Council Padilla commented that the board is being presented with the best available data that we have from a demographer that has worked with many districts. If the map is adopted today, the board can simply move the lines to match the population of the areas.

The Trustees opened the discussion to move from 5 trustee members to 7 trustee members. They talked about the pros and cons and gave a lot of detailed information about each area map. The Trustees expressed their opinions of why they support or not support the idea to continue with 5 or go to 7. They agreed to eliminate the 7 area maps and focus on the 5 areas selecting map 209 as the top choice.

Trustee Chin Recommended take action to select map 209.

Motion to adopt map 209.

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Shara Watkins and a second by Noelia Corzo.

Yes Kenneth Chin
Yes Noelia Corzo
Yes Alison Proctor
Yes Lisa Warren
Yes Shara Watkins

7.2. Resolution No. 04/21-22: Establishing and Implementing Trustee Area

The following community members made public comments:

Drew
Randi
Scott
Vishnu
Marcela
Julie
Joy
Martin

District Elections for Board Members Pursuant to Elections

Code Section 10010 (v)

7.3. Approval of revised Board Policy and Administrative Regulation: Instruction: Independent Study BP 6158/AR 6158 (v)

Superintendent Ochoa stated that the State of California has updated the 21-22 language pertaining to how Independent Study is upgraded throughout the state. Definition of the Independent Study has changed to focus on in-person instruction. This is the Board's second time reviewing this item.

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Alison Proctor and a second by Shara Watkins.

Yes Kenneth Chin
Yes Noelia Corzo
Yes Alison Proctor
Yes Lisa Warren
Yes Shara Watkins

8. BUSINESS/FINANCE

8.1. Approval of Participation Agreement for the Pooled Testing Program with the California Department of Public Health (v)

Superintendent Ochoa presented to the board and the community to be able to see a clear explanation on how the policy would work. Pooled testing is a quick and efficient way to test for COVID 19. One group of students and staff to be testing together which is called pooled test. The process takes in classroom and 15 minutes to complete. It is a nasal swap using a Q-tip. Test shares within 24 hours. It will allow to test every student in the district every week. It would allow to test all students in our District who have parent consent forms completed every week. It provides equally access to all individuals at no cost. It identifies kids and staff that do not feel sick but could be positive for COVID. It is proposed to start September 13.

Questions from the Board:

Trustee Warren questioned what process would be followed when families do not want their children tested.

Superintendent Ochoa responded that if positive results come back, the family would need to follow the modify quarantine with a COVID test and report the results to the District.

The following community members made public comments:

Randi
Julie
Debbie
Rongugo
Bruce

Superintendent Ochoa informed that this is a program to contribute to the safety of students. Many families seek different testing sites. The district historically has asked parents to opt in and this is a strong effort to keep children in schools. Wearing masks and using hand sanitizers, in and out of buildings. Contact tracing that takes place. This is another strategy that we are using. Our expectations will have in the range of 1,000 students to be testing in our schools.

Board comment:

Trustee Watkins asked what the testing protocol would be for teachers to opt in / out. Suggested to have staff to do the testing weekly. Also expressed concerned for coverage for classes when teacher test positive and teachers support when students are at home.

Trustee Proctor commented that this is a great idea and resource to families and staff. Totally support the pool testing. Resource to families get tested quickly and easily.

Superintendent Ochoa thanked Suzi Riley and Amanda Goll for the excellent support. Many schools are already taking modified quarantine.

Trustee Watkins informed that over the counter test is very expensive. Providing testing to families who cannot afford is great.

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Shara Watkin and a second by Lisa Warren.

Yes Kenneth Chin
Yes Noelia Corzo
Yes Alison Proctor

Yes Lisa Warren
Yes Shara Watkins

9. BOARD MEMBER STATEMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Trustee Warren announced that the SEDAC meeting is next Tuesday, August 31 at 7:00 pm and that special education employees will be introduced.

10. FUTURE MEETING DATES

September 9
September 23

11. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Chin ended with honoring Ruth Nagler who passed away a few weeks ago at age 99. Ms. Nagler was a board member in our District back in the 60s for 10 years. A trustee during the challenging times when the School District was desegregating. She was for a long time the only female board member and was a strong champion of actually desegregating the District as a benefit for all students.

11.1. Adjournment (v)

The Regular Board Meeting adjourned at 10:03p.m.

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Kenneth Chin and a second by Noelia Corzo.

Yes Kenneth Chin
Yes Noelia Corzo
Yes Alison Proctor
Yes Lisa Warren
Yes Shara Watkins

Board Secretary

Date