

San Mateo-Foster City School District Minutes

SPECIAL MEETING~BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 16, 2020, 4:30 PM

1170 Chess Drive

Foster City, CA 94404

1. CALL TO ORDER: 4:30 P.M.

The Special Board meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm.

2. FLAG SALUTE

3. ROLL CALL

All Members were present:

Kenneth Chin
Noelia Corzo
Rebecca Hitchcock
Alison Proctor
Shara Watkins

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: January 16, 2020 (v)

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

Yes Kenneth Chin
Yes Noelia Corzo
Yes Rebecca Hitchcock
Yes Alison Proctor
Yes Shara Watkins

5. STATEMENTS

5.1. Public Statements related to agenda item(s). Please limit statements to three minutes.

Public Comments:

Randy Paynter wanted to remind the Board that the purpose of the Magnet policy is to increase socioeconomic diversity in the District and asked what mechanisms are in place to support that goal? She had questions about the priorities and how they affected the wait list.

Stephanie Petit, a College Park parent, stated that the topic of Magnet schools is very important to her and asked the Board that parents be notified of the meetings before any decision is made.

Erin White also stated that this topic is important to her and was concerned that parents were not invited to this meeting. She asked the Board to notify parents of meetings concerning the Magnet schools.

6. SUPERINTENDENT SERVICES/BOARD

6.1. Magnet Schools

The Board received a brief history of Magnet schools in the District. The Trustees then discussed and asked questions about the Magnet Schools in the District, neighborhood set asides, Magnet Policy 0411 and socio-economic balance in the Magnet Schools and how schools might change their theme.

There are 4 schools in the District which are truly magnets as they have no neighborhood of their own and there are 5 other schools which have also been named magnets because they have a themed program that draws in students from throughout the District.

The Board discussed their desire to see that all of the Magnet schools are in alignment with the approved Magnet Policy 0411. In order to support that alignment, Trustees discussed how the District could better ensure that all of our schools meet the socio-economic balance as stated in the policy, particularly the schools without neighborhood. They asked staff to explore neighborhood set asides for Fiesta Gardens and College Park such as what is now in place for Parkside Montessori and North

Shoreview Montessori and bring back information. It was also discussed that if a school would like to change their theme, they should go through a process with their community and bring forward a Board item for approval similar to the process used by Borel Middle School when they changed their IB focus.

7. ADJOURNMENT

7.1. Adjournment (v)

The Special Board meeting adjourned at 5:27 pm.

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

Yes Kenneth Chin
Yes Noelia Corzo
Yes Rebecca Hitchcock
Yes Alison Proctor
Yes Shara Watkins

Board Secretary

Date