

County Committee on School District Organization

Minutes of Special Meeting

Monday, April 4, 2022 -- Zoom – 2 p.m.

Santa Barbara County Education Office
4400 Cathedral Oaks Road, Santa Barbara

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m. by Robin Sawaske, Chairperson

2. Welcome

Robin Sawaske welcomed everyone and thanked the Committee for joining via Zoom.

3. Roll Call

Members Present

Terry Hickey Banks
Jan Clevenger
Dr. Ed Cora
Linda Cordero
Judith Dale
Nancy Harter
Margaret Ontiveros
Robin Sawaske
Steve Straight
Janet Zilli

Members Absent

Steve Minjarez

Others Present

Teresa Acosta, Executive Assistant, Business Services, Lompoc Unified School District,
Matthew Beecher, Interim-Superintendent, Santa Maria-Bonita School District
Denice Cora, Secretary to County Committee
Amada Dulay, Senior Administrative Assistant, School Business Advisory Services
Bryn Hammarberg, Redistricting Partners
David Lopez, Cooperative Strategies
Trevor McDonald, Superintendent, Lompoc Unified School District
Austin Payne, Legal Counsel
Todd Robbins, Cooperative Strategies
Dr. Susan Salcido, County Superintendent – Santa Barbara County Education Office
Doug Sorum, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, Lompoc Unified School District
Bree Valla, Deputy Superintendent, Lompoc Unified School District

4. **Public Comments**

None

5. **Approval of minutes for March 14, 2022, Special Meeting**

The minutes for the March 14, 2022, Special Meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as presented.

MOVED: Linda Cordero SECONDED: Nancy Harter

AYES: Terry Hickey Banks, Dr. Ed Cora, Jan Clevenger, Linda Cordero, Judith Dale, Nancy Harter, Margaret Ontiveros, Robin Sawaske, Steve Straight, Janet Zilli

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

6. **Reminders of legal criteria and procedure for approval of school district proposals to establish trustee areas and to elect governing board members using district-based elections.**

Austin Payne reviewed the legal criteria and procedures for school district proposals.

7. **Public Hearing on Santa Maria-Bonita School District's Proposal to Establish Trustee Areas and to Elect Governing Board Members Using District-Based Elections**

Robin Sawaske opened the hearing. The district's Interim Superintendent Matthew Beecher and David Lopez from Cooperative Strategies presented the process and board-approved recommendation for the Santa Maria-Bonita School District. Presentation attached.

The hearing was opened for public comment. No comments were made, and the public hearing was closed.

8. **Action on Santa Maria-Bonita School District's Proposal to Establish Trustee Areas and to Elect Governing Board Members Using District-Based Elections**

Committee members appreciated the thorough presentation by the district. After discussion and questions, a motion was made and seconded to approve the map presented by the Santa Maria-Bonita School District to transition to By-Trustee Areas.

MOVED: Steve Straight SECONDED: Janet Zilli

Roll Call Vote

AYES: Terry Hickey Banks, Dr. Ed Cora, Jan Clevenger, Judith Dale, Nancy Harter, Margaret Ontiveros, Robin Sawaske, Steve Straight, Janet Zilli

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Linda Cordero

9. **Public Hearing on Lompoc Unified School District's Proposal to Establish Trustee Areas and to Elect Governing Board Members Using District-Based Elections**

Robin Sawaske opened the hearing and district superintendent Trevor McDonald and Bryn Hammarberg of Redistricting Partners presented the process and board-approved recommendation for the Lompoc Unified School District. Presentation attached.

The hearing was opened for public comment. No comments were made, and the public hearing was closed.

10. **Action on Lompoc Unified School District's Proposal to Establish Trustee Areas to Elect Governing Board Members Using District-Based Elections**

Committee members appreciated the thorough presentation by the district. After discussion and questions, a motion was made and seconded to approve the map presented by the Lompoc Unified School District to transition to By-Trustee Areas.

MOVED: Janet Zilli SECONDED: Linda Cordero

Roll Call Vote

AYES: Terry Hickey Banks, Dr. Ed Cora, Jan Clevenger, Linda Cordero, Judith Dale, Nancy Harter, Margaret Ontiveros, Robin Sawaske, Janet Zilli

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Steve Straight

11. **Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-18-CC Recognizing a State of Emergency and Reauthorizing Teleconferenced Meetings**

Robin Sawaske presented the 2022-18-CC Resolution for Recognizing a State of Emergency and Reauthorizing Teleconference Meetings. In accordance with AB 361, the County Committee adopted Resolution No. 2022-18-CC recognizing a state of emergency and reauthorizing teleconferenced meetings for a period of thirty (30) days.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the Resolution as presented.

MOVED: Terry Hickey Banks SECONDED: Nancy Harter

AYES: Terry Hickey Banks, Dr. Ed Cora, Jan Clevenger, Linda Cordero, Judith Dale, Nancy Harter, Margaret Ontiveros, Robin Sawaske, Steve Straight, Janet Zilli

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

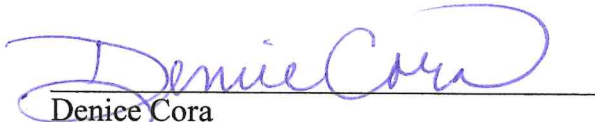
12. **Discussion regarding dates/timing for upcoming meetings**

A discussion ensued regarding upcoming meeting dates and planning for district submission of packets to the County Committee. The Committee agreed to cancel the April 11, 2022, Regular Meeting due to lack of agenda items.

13. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:59 p.m. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 31, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,



Denice Cora

Secretary to the County Committee on School District Organization