

County Committee on School District Organization

Minutes of Special Meeting

Monday, March 14, 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 2:01 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
Steve Minjarez
Margaret Ontiveros
Robin Sawaske
Steve Straight

Members Absent

Janet Zilli

Others Present

Denice Cora, Secretary to County Committee
Amada Dulay, Senior Administrative Assistant, School Business Advisory Services
Anne Hubbard, Superintendent, Hope School District
Elizabeth O'Brien, Hope School Board Member
Daniel Phillips, National Demographic Corporation
Diana Rigby, Superintendent, Carpinteria Unified School District
Austin Payne, Legal Counsel
Craig Price, Legal Counsel
Bill Ridgeway, Assistant Superintendent, Santa Barbara County Education Office
Dr. Susan Salcido, County Superintendent – Santa Barbara County Education Office

4. Public Comments

None

5. **Approval of minutes for February 28, 2022, Special Meeting**

The minutes for the February 28, 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, Steve Minjarez, Margaret Ontiveros, Robin Sawaske, Steve Straight

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.**

Craig Price reviewed the legal criteria and procedures for school district proposals.

7. **Public Hearing on Hope 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 Anne Hubbard presented the process and board-approved recommendation for the Hope School District. Presentation attached.

The hearing was opened for public comment and Elizabeth O'Brien shared information about the Hope School District.

The public hearing was closed.

8. **Action on Hope 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 Hope School District to transition to By-Trustee Areas.

MOVED: Nancy Harter SECONDED: Jan Clevenger

Roll Call Vote

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

9. **Public Hearing on Carpinteria 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 Diana Rigby presented the process and board-approved recommendation for the Carpinteria Unified School District. Presentation attached.

The public hearing was closed.

10. **Action on Carpinteria 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 Carpinteria Unified School District to transition to By-Trustee Areas.

MOVED: Terry Hickey Banks

SECONDED: Nancy Harter

Roll Call Vote

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

11. **Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-17-CC Recognizing a State of Emergency and Reauthorizing Teleconferenced Meetings**

Robin Sawaske presented the 2022-17-CC Resolution for Recognizing a State of Emergency and Reauthorizing Teleconference Meetings. In accordance with AB 361, the County Committee adopted Resolution No. 2022-17-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: Nancy Harter

SECONDED: Steve Straight

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

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 remove the March 28 meeting and continue with the scheduled meetings.

13. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Denice Cora

Secretary to the County Committee on School District Organization