

## **APPROVED**

### MINUTES OF THE SAN MATEO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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| Meeting Date:                     | December 13, 2023                                                                              |
| Meeting Location:                 | San Mateo County Office of Education<br>101 Twin Dolphin Dr.<br>Redwood City, California 94065 |
| Board Members Present:            | Chelsea Bonini, Hector Camacho, Jr., Jim Cannon, Beverly Gerard, Ted Lempert, Hugo Torres      |
| Board Members Absent:             | Susan Alvaro                                                                                   |
| County Attorney Present:          | John Nibbelin, County Attorney (remote)                                                        |
| Staff Officials Present:          | Nancy Magee, Secretary (remote); Jennifer Perna, Executive Assistant                           |
| Other Staff Present:              | Kevin Bultema, Marco Chávez, Lisa Cho, Niambi Clay, Patricia Love, Kris Shouse, Mary Yung      |
| Youth Commission Liaison Present: | Bethany Zhao (left at 8:19 p.m.)                                                               |

#### **1. OPENING ITEMS**

##### **A. Call to Order**

Board President Beverly Gerard called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

##### **B. Approval of Agenda**

After a motion by Board Member Lempert and a second by Board Member Cannon, the December 13, 2023, agenda as presented was approved by a vote of six in favor (Bonini, Camacho, Cannon, Gerard, Lempert, and Torres) and one absent (Alvaro).

#### **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following speaker provided live public comment:

**PUBLIC COMMENT (continued)**

- Janice Pellizzari, SMCOE teacher and San Mateo County Educators Association (SMCEA) President

**3. ANNUAL ORGANIZATION MEETING**

**A. Election of President**

Superintendent Magee presided over the election of President for the San Mateo County Board of Education for 2024 and called for nominations. After a motion by Board Member Camacho and a second by Board Member Lempert, and hearing no other nominations, the Board elected Chelsea Bonini as President of the San Mateo County Board of Education for 2024, by a vote of six in favor (Bonini, Camacho, Cannon, Gerard, Lempert, and Torres) and one absent (Alvaro), by roll call vote.

**B. Election of Vice President**

Board President Bonini presided over the election of Vice President for the San Mateo County Board of Education for 2024 and called for nominations. After a motion by Board Member Gerard and a second by Board Member Cannon, and hearing no other nominations, the Board elected Hugo Torres as Vice President of the San Mateo County Board of Education for 2024, by a vote of six in favor (Bonini, Camacho, Cannon, Gerard, Lempert, and Torres) and one absent (Alvaro), by roll call vote.

**4. PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING 2023 BOARD PRESIDENT BEVERLY GERARD**

**A. Presentation to Outgoing 2023 Board President Beverly Gerard.**

Superintendent Magee made a presentation honoring Beverly Gerard's year of service as Board President.

Board Member Gerard shared she was touched by the presentation. She stated it was an honor to serve as President. Board Member Gerard spoke of how the County Office and the Board mean so much to her and she has spent a lot of time and effort over the years engaged in many activities, but it has all been worth it. She emphasized that she could never convey what an honor it has been for her to be Board President. Board Member Gerard thanked everyone for allowing her to represent them.

**5. EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**

**A. December 2023 Employee of the Month Anthony Maldonado, Custodial/Maintenance Worker, Facilities Services, Business Services Division**

Board President Bonini recognized the December 2023 Employee of the Month Anthony Maldonado, Custodial/Maintenance Worker, Facilities Services, Business Services Division, and honored him on behalf of the Board.

**6. RECEPTION TO HONOR OUTGOING 2023 BOARD PRESIDENT BEVERLY GERARD**

A. Recess to Honor Outgoing 2023 Board President Beverly Gerard

The meeting recessed at 7:35 p.m. for a reception in honor of the 2023 Board President Beverly Gerard. The meeting resumed at 7:50 p.m.

**7. INTRODUCTION OF NEW/RECENTLY PROMOTED STAFF**

A. Introduction of Carla Llewelyn-Vasquez, Coordinator, Language and Literacy, Educational Services Division

Carla Llewelyn-Vasquez introduced herself in her new role as Coordinator, Language and Literacy, Educational Services Division.

B. Introduction of Donna Yuriar, Coordinator, P-3 and Early Education, Educational Services Division

Donna Yuriar was unable to attend the meeting.

**8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. November 15, 2023, Regular Board Meeting

After a motion by Board Member Gerard and a second by Board Member Camacho, the Minutes of the November 15, 2023, Regular Board Meeting were approved by a vote of six in favor (Bonini, Camacho, Cannon, Gerard, Lempert, and Torres) and one absent (Alvaro).

**9. CONSENT AGENDA**

B. Receive Staffing Reports

C. Adopt Joint Resolution No. 23-37 Honoring Lilian Flores MacDonald on Her Retirement

D. Adopt Joint Resolution No. 23-38 Honoring Sara Ortiz on Her Retirement

After a motion by Board Member Camacho and a second by Board Member Lempert, the Consent Agenda was approved by a vote of six in favor (Bonini, Camacho, Cannon, Gerard, Lempert, and Torres) and one absent (Alvaro).

**10. BUSINESS SERVICES DIVISION**

A. Receive, Review, and Approve with Positive Certification the 2023-2024 First Interim Financial Report

**BUSINESS SERVICES DIVISION (continued)**

Kevin Bultema, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services Division presented the 2023-2024 First Interim Financial Report.

Board Member Lempert asked if Deputy Superintendent Bultema had a general sense of how much the reserves vary for districts in the county. Deputy Superintendent Bultema replied that it depends on the district. Board Member Lempert asked if it varies a lot. Deputy Superintendent Bultema confirmed it does. Some of the districts have large reserves and others did not make their 3%. There are districts which are highly funded on a per-student basis and others are closer to the state average.

Board Member Camacho said when he looks at the numbers for spending, for example at Gateway or on the Outdoor Education program, it would be helpful to break down the numbers to a per-pupil level. In future presentations, he would like to know that it costs x amount per pupil for County Office programs. Deputy Superintendent Bultema confirmed it would be easy to take the information provided for each program and break it down on a per-pupil basis.

Board Member Camacho noted that the programs forecast out how many students will come through, and while the numbers for Outdoor Education are stable, the numbers can fluctuate for Gateway. He asked if there is a significant increase in the number of students at Gateway, whether the County Office sticks to the cost suggested at the beginning of the year. Deputy Superintendent Bultema explained the Gateway agreement is specific to spots, but adjustments are made to the final charges if the budget differences resulted in reduced costs. However, the practice of agreeing to a given dollar amount related to a certain number of students has been in place for a long time.

Board Member Camacho referred to the students at the Youth Services Center and asked how the cost per student varies compared to what a district spends per pupil, which is roughly \$15,000. Deputy Superintendent Bultema noted he would need to run those numbers for comparison, and the per-pupil count could be added to future reports.

Board President Bonini said the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission (JJDPC) looks at costs and asked Board Member Camacho if he was asking about costs from the education perspective only. Board Member Camacho replied that he wonders how to talk about this issue with the public, and he wants to provide context on what it costs to educate a pupil, for example at the Youth Services Center.

Youth Commission Liaison Zhao asked if once the County Office operates at a deficit would the reserve funding be used. Deputy Superintendent Bultema confirmed that was accurate. Youth Commission Liaison Zhao asked how long the reserve funding can support operations. Deputy Superintendent Bultema explained there are healthy reserves. There is \$22.7 million, along with Fund 17, which is in essence a savings account with close to \$70 million. The challenge will be how to effectively use reserves and one-time money when running an ongoing deficit. He emphasized that we cannot drive deficits of \$10-15 million and sustain that over the long term. The challenge is how to pay employees competitively and run programs that impact students in real ways, but not create ongoing deficits that burn through reserves too quickly.

**BUSINESS SERVICES DIVISION (continued)**

Board President Bonini expressed her gratitude that Deputy Superintendent Bultema answered some of her questions in advance. She had asked for detail about the number of employees at the different sites. One of the responses referred to “CCC” and she asked what that acronym stands for. Deputy Superintendent Bultema confirmed it refers to Court and Community Schools.

After a motion by Board Member Gerard and a second by Board Member Lempert, the 2023-2024 First Interim Financial Report was approved with positive certification by a vote of six in favor (Bonini, Camacho, Cannon, Gerard, Lempert, and Torres) and one absent (Alvaro).

**11. OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

**A. Receive Information on Updated Superintendent Policies**

Superintendent Magee provided information on updated Superintendent Policies.

Board President Bonini referred to the cover memo, which listed the existing versions of the policies as Board Policies (BPs) and asked if the proposal was to switch them to Superintendent Policies (SPs). Superintendent Magee confirmed that was correct.

**B. Public Hearing on the Initial Proposal from California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter 789 to the San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools for the 2023-2024 Reopener Collective Bargaining Agreement**

Board President Bonini opened the public hearing on the initial proposal from California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter 789 to the San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools for the 2023-2024 reopener collective bargaining agreement. Receiving no public comment, Board President Bonini declared the public hearing closed.

**C. Public Hearing on the Initial Proposal from the San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools to California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter 789 for the 2023-2024 Reopener Collective Bargaining Agreement**

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**D. Public Hearing on the Initial Proposal from California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter 158 to the San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools for the 2023-2024 Reopener Collective Bargaining Agreement**

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**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT (continued)**

E. Public Hearing on the Initial Proposal from the San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools to California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter 158 for the 2023-2024 Reopener Collective Bargaining Agreement

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F. Superintendent's Comments

Superintendent Magee began by personally thanking Board Member Gerard, Board Member Torres, and Board President Bonini for attending the dinner ceremony for the Golden Bell Award for the Environmental Literacy and Sustainability Initiative. The Environmental Literacy and Sustainability Initiative is connected to a larger statewide curriculum development project, which will conclude in 2025. The team is looking to advocate for funding to support the rollout and professional development of that curriculum. The team is excited about the work moving forward, and she expects the environmental literacy program will continue to impact students across the state in significant ways.

Superintendent Magee shared the California Association of School Business Officials (CASBO) is a statewide organization, and Faith Marte Kroeger, Manager, Systems and Payroll Retirement Reporting, Business Services Division, was recognized at the December 8 CASBO Northern Section event with a Magnificent 7 outstanding school employee award. The CASBO Northern Section Board of Directors selects and honors nominees who work at K-12 school districts or county offices of education. The nominees are staff who provide extraordinary support and service to their business offices, students, parents, and communities. There was an awards dinner and many staff attended to help Manager Kroeger celebrate her wonderful award. Superintendent Magee congratulated Manager Kroeger and the team for being recognized in such a significant way.

Superintendent Magee reported that the California Dashboard goes live across the state on Friday and there will be a presentation on the Dashboard in January. Earlier in the day, she attended a private preview for the county superintendents. Some categories of data have not seen new data since 2017 or 2019, and it will be good to have the state's accountability system back to full functionality.

Superintendent Magee thanked the Board for their unwavering support during her health crisis. She expressed how she could not be more grateful for their kindness, compassion, and warm wishes for her continued healing and return to the office, which she looks forward to.

Superintendent Magee thanked Core Cabinet – Deputy Superintendent Chávez; Deputy Superintendent Bultema; Kris Shouse, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services Division; and Tami Moore, Associate Superintendent, Human Resources; for everything they have done to keep the office functioning during her time out of the office. The County Office has not missed a beat. Superintendent Magee thanked Patricia Love, Executive Director, Strategy and Communications, for her leadership in keeping the office humming in a happy and healthy way.

**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT (continued)**

Superintendent Magee discussed how there has been a lot going on over the last few weeks, including the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Conference. Staff both attended and gave presentations, including Associate Superintendent Shouse, who presented on the Big Five with the Monterey County Office of Education. Mason Henricks, Coordinator, School Safety and Risk Prevention, Educational Services Division, presented with San Diego County and a few other counties with whom the County Office is collaborating on the Safe Schools work. Superintendent Magee thanked Deputy Superintendent Chávez for attending the Golden Bell Awards and expressed her gratitude for everyone who showed up when necessary. She thanked Associate Superintendent Moore for her leadership with negotiations, which have been positive. Superintendent Magee underscored her gratitude to Core Cabinet for keeping the OneSMCOE culture thriving. She described that earlier in the day, the Holiday Event "A Starry Night, Full of Light" went well.

Superintendent Magee noted the previous week the County Office hosted the Chief's Breakfast, for police chiefs, fire chiefs, most of the school legal team from the County Attorney's Office, and the chief of probation. The group worked to continue to review the work of the Coalition for Safe Schools and Communities, which is now more than 10 years old and a best practices model across the state.

Lastly, Superintendent Magee wished everyone happy holidays. She wished everyone good times with their family and friends and shared she looks forward to seeing everyone in the new year.

**12. BOARD MEMBERS**

**A. Discuss/Act on Board Compensation**

Board Member Camacho commented that in a year of contract negotiations, the Board typically does not act on this item. The Board took no action on this item.

**B. Report Out on the California County Boards of Education (CCBE) Breakfast/Membership Meeting at the 2023 California School Boards Association (CSBA) Annual Conference**

Board Member Gerard shared that at the CCBE Breakfast Meeting, it was announced that CCBE will be dissolved as of January 29. This decision was made by the CSBA Board of Directors. They took the current CCBE Board of Directors and made them a region of CSBA so they can attend the Delegate Assembly as Region 19. There will no longer be officers, but they will elect a regional director. The one stipulation they allowed is that Region 14 delegate members can elect their own regional director, while the other regional directors of CSBA are elected by the body. Board Member Gerard emphasized that this news was quite a shock.

Board Member Gerard felt this was a terrible blow to county board members because CCBE had developed over the years into an extraordinary organization. CCBE had become a body to be noticed with exemplary training provided to county board members and in some cases, to county offices of education. They had an excellent conference they put on each year and had an outstanding March workshop, with many trainings for both new and existing board members. They were knowledgeable when it came to legislators and what was and was not happening for county

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board members. Although there are now four county board members serving as representatives on the legislative committee, in the past, it was noted that items which pertain to county boards or county offices of education did not get noticed. There is a committee being formed, with its first meeting on January 12, with 15 county board members who will spend the next year talking with CSBA representatives about what county boards feel they need. She has been invited to serve on that committee. Board Member Gerard noted if anyone had comments or input, she could bring that to the committee.

Board Member Camacho shared he was also at the CCBE Breakfast Meeting and the situation could have been handled differently. Many people were surprised by the announcement, including several county superintendents, which was troubling. Action has been taken but the transition committee can raise concerns. One of his biggest concerns was there will be a premium on membership dues for county board members in the new structure. If the main premise is that CSBA is the representative voice of school board members in California, it does not make sense that county board members would be charged a premium for that level of service, which does not meet the need of county board members at this time.

Board Member Camacho noted he had spoken to Karen Staph Walters, Executive Director, California County Superintendents, and Derick Lennox, Senior Director, Governmental Relations and Legal Affairs, California County Superintendents, and suggested this was an opportunity to continue conversations with them because so much progress has been made in the relationship between California county boards and California county superintendents. They joined together on advocacy efforts which were successful for Court and Community School students and county offices of education, and he felt that collaboration needed to continue.

Board Member Cannon commented on the tremendous job Board Member Gerard has done over the last 20 years making CCBE much more responsive than it was when he started. He used to attend their meetings and saw what little was being done and what little was appropriate for the current needs in education. She shepherded leadership into the organization such as Board Member Camacho and former Board Member Ross.

Board Member Gerard stated that part of the issue was they have done an excellent job, especially in the last five years, to elevate the standard of services that CCBE provided to county boards to a level equal to CSBA, if not above. Part of the issue was training, and the CCBE trainings, as well as the handbook, which former Board Member Ross was instrumental in developing, were outstanding.

Board Member Gerard discussed how the news was announced at the Board of Directors meeting on Thursday and then came to the general membership on Friday. She emphasized that county boards do not do what district boards do and they are having a difficult time convincing CSBA of that. She speculated that CCBE will no longer be doing their own training, and all training will be done through CSBA. They have been informed that CSBA will plan the March training, even though she is on the planning committee and the entire training had already been planned. Now it will be planned by CSBA, along with the September conference.

**BOARD MEMBERS (continued)**

Board President Bonini shared she had attended all these meetings, including the Board of Directors meeting as an observer. She could see both sides and where CSBA could legally do what they did, but she did not feel they proceeded in the best way. Board President Bonini indicated it was a sad time and the news was consuming, so she spent time focusing on that instead of other CSBA activities.

Board President Bonini commented that this would be a continuing conversation and she looks forward to hearing updates from the committee.

**C. Suggested Topics for Future Board Agendas**

Board President Bonini referred to the pending request for the JJDPIC inspection reports, scheduled for early 2024. She requested that members of the committee come in January because some members are departing the commission, and it would work well to have the presentation in January. They posted all of the inspection reports, specifically the education report, which has a number of items relevant to the work of the County Office. She had provided each Board Member with a hard copy of the report and asked County Attorney Nibbelin if the report should be posted since it had been shared with the entire Board. County Attorney Nibbelin confirmed it needed to be made available to the public. Board President Bonini informed it was also posted on the county site and could be linked. County Attorney Nibbelin indicated that would be sufficient.

Board Member Camacho referred to the governance calendar and asked where that will live. Board President Bonini noted that the governance calendar was scheduled to be discussed at the second meeting in January and possibly posted afterwards. Board Member Camacho asked if the governance calendar was intended to be part of this standing discussion item. Board President Bonini indicated she did not think so and hopefully it would be a living document that gets updated, and there would be further discussion in January.

Board President Bonini discussed the work around dyslexia and support of districts in rolling out screenings, as well as the report from the JJDPIC addressing this issue for students beyond second grade, potentially including students in County Office programs. She requested a report on these topics.

**D. Board Member Comments**

**Board Member Lempert**

Board Member Lempert thanked Board Member Gerard for another outstanding service as President, which was appreciated. He congratulated Board President Bonini and Vice President Torres and shared he was looking forward to their leadership over the coming year.

Board Member Lempert sent thoughts and best wishes to Superintendent Magee to hang in there and be strong, and noted he looked forward to seeing her in person soon.

Board Member Lempert spoke of the importance of Don Horsley and paid tribute to his contributions to the county and the County Office. They got to know each other well when Supervisor Horsley first ran for sheriff, and Board Member Lempert was running for the Board of

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Supervisors. They campaigned together throughout the county, and Board Member Lempert learned a lot from such an exceptional public servant and human being. Supervisor Horsley went to the County Sheriff's Office because they paid more than what he really wanted to do, which was remain a teacher. Board Member Lempert discussed using this fact in advocacy because Supervisor Horsley was an excellent teacher and from a taxpayer point of view, law enforcement was prioritized over education. Board Member Lempert spoke of how Supervisor Horsley was an exceptional leader and ahead of his time in promoting a more sensible approach to justice and keeping people safe. He loved serving with Supervisor Horsley on the task force on violence against women and other areas. Supervisor Horsley helped the County Office and education in general a great deal and was the kind of leader who never received the accolades he deserved, given his commitment to students and the county. Board Member Lempert expressed his appreciation to be able to say a few words about a special person.

Board Member Lempert wished happy holidays to everyone.

**Board Member Cannon**

Board Member Cannon congratulated and thanked Board Member Gerard for her service. He shared he looked forward to working with Board President Bonini and Vice President Torres over the next year.

Board Member Cannon sent love and support from his family to Superintendent Magee, shared his respect for all she is accomplishing in her health battle, and wished her the very best for the holiday season.

Board Member Cannon discussed the visits to the Anne Campbell Center for Children and Families and the K-22 sites. Staff are dedicated and committed to making the wonderful programs even better. He spoke of the efforts of the Employee of the Month Anthony Maldonado, as well as Gustavo Canales, Lead Custodial Maintenance Worker, Business Services Division, who keep up an immaculate building.

Board Member Cannon reported he attended the Chief's Breakfast, which was filled with many reminders of the excellent work over the last ten years since Beyond Newtown, focused on safety for students in the county. There have been tremendous efforts to coordinate programs and focus on mental health, as well as physical health. The presenters were wonderful, including Claire Cunningham and Mason Henricks, Coordinator, School Safety and Risk Prevention, Educational Services Division, who did an excellent job explaining the work of the County Office to support the mental and physical health of students. He summarized that it was a productive morning.

Board Member Cannon wished happy holidays to everyone.

**Board Member Camacho**

Board Member Camacho shared it was wonderful to see Superintendent Magee and sent positive thoughts from the Camacho family.

**BOARD MEMBERS (continued)**

Board Member Camacho discussed Board Member Gerard's service as President during his time on the Board. He noted that she makes the work look easy and makes people feel welcome. It is incredibly important for attendees to feel a part of the County Office and welcome at the meetings. He expressed appreciation for her mastery, leadership, and warmth toward visitors, staff, and students, and thanked her for her service as Board President and to CCBE.

Board Member Camacho welcomed Board President Bonini and Vice President Torres.

Board Member Camacho discussed his attendance at the CCBE Conference and shared he enjoyed connecting with trustees throughout the county and state and learning about their similar challenges and successes. Networking has become a treasured aspect of the conference for him because it reminds him of the goals they are working on to better the lives of students. Being able to connect with others across the state who are committed to children is refreshing and enlightening and helps fuel the upcoming year for him. The energy around those gathering for children was amazing.

Board Member Camacho described how in his day job he has had the opportunity to meet with district officials, teachers, paraprofessionals, and other classified staff, and they asked the leadership team to share what they were grateful for. He shouted out everyone who works in schools and expressed how thankful he was for their efforts. The professionalism that school employees bring is all in the service of children because he has yet to meet someone who does this work for themselves. The Board and the new staff are exemplary of this. Board Member Camacho shared appreciation for the work the school staff does and the expertise they bring. He noted it is an exceptionally difficult time to be a school employee and they stick with it.

Board Member Camacho wished everyone a safe and joyous holiday season.

**Board Member Gerard**

Board Member Gerard deferred to Board Member Camacho to speak about the new CSBA President Albert Gonzalez from the Santa Clara Unified School District. Board Member Camacho informed that Trustee Gonzalez is taking the helm as CSBA President this year. They got to know each other because they joined the rotation at the same time – Trustee Gonzalez became Vice President when Board Member Camacho became President of CCBE. Not only is Trustee Gonzalez a humble leader, he is also child-focused and welcoming. Board Member Camacho is excited for his leadership because he is skilled at hearing people's issues and concerns.

Board Member Gerard said the new CSBA officers are elected in Delegate Assembly in December. She agreed that Trustee Gonzalez is welcoming and she was happy to see him step into that position.

Board Member Gerard shared that Region 5 is amazing. Board President Bonini is one of the members representing a district currently. They are brilliant, wonderful, and caring school board members and it is a delight to serve with them as Region 5 on the Delegate Assembly.

Board Member Gerard reported that she presented at the CSBA Conference on the role of county boards of education, in partnership with the Santa Clara County and Placer County superintendents.

**BOARD MEMBERS (continued)**

She and John McPherson, President of CCBE until January 29, were the participating board members. It was well attended for a late afternoon presentation with many excellent questions asked.

Board Member Gerard spoke of her attendance at the Chief's Breakfast, which was outstanding. The presentations by staff were informative, and everyone was happy to be reminded about procedures and safety issues. She learned a tremendous amount and was pleased to attend.

Board Member Gerard congratulated the staff members who received awards.

Board Member Gerard noted she was happy that Superintendent Magee could attend the night's meeting and was progressing. She hoped Superintendent Magee will be back in the office soon.

Board Member Gerard shared that the special vase honoring her presidency would have a place of honor in her home, and she loves it.

**Board Member Torres**

Board Member Torres said it was wonderful to see Superintendent Magee, and he sent lots of love her way.

Board Member Torres reported he attended his first CSBA Conference, which was good and bad with the CCBE news. Knowing that Board Member Gerard is on the committee is helpful.

Board Member Torres noted he was pleased to see Board Member Gerard accept the Golden Bell Award.

Board Member Torres thanked Board Member Gerard for her leadership and said she would always be President in his heart. Her leadership, as well as her heart, shined through. She has a calmness and makes everything look so easy. Despite a busy schedule, she still made time to meet and help him adjust to his new role.

Board Member Torres shared he looked forward to working with Board President Bonini and he is excited for his role, which he takes seriously.

Board Member Torres wished happy holidays to everyone.

**Board President Bonini**

Board President Bonini indicated it was wonderful to see Superintendent Magee, who she hopes continues to feel better and better.

Board President Bonini thanked Board Member Gerard for being an outstanding mentor and shared she enjoyed working closely together, which they will still do on their committees. She learned a lot, especially about the role of county board members. Board President Bonini expressed her appreciation to Board Member Gerard and shared she considers her a good friend.

**BOARD MEMBERS (continued)**

Board President Bonini expressed her excitement for her new role, which is a little intimidating at the beginning, having not sat in that role for a number of years.

Board President Bonini reported she enjoyed the site visits the previous day. They had the opportunity to join in circle time in one of the classrooms for hearing-impaired preschoolers, which was lovely and precious. There is a lot going on at the sites, and they look forward to seeing more classrooms open and learning about the future developments. She thanked Principals Heather Logan and Ellen Paulino for the tours and shared it was exciting to see the teachers and students in action. Board President Bonini thanked staff for the opportunity to participate in the site visits and shared she looks forward to more in the future.

Board President Bonini said it was her second time attending the Delegate Assembly at the CSBA Conference, which is a long week, but there were many important sessions. The CCBE issue was concerning, stressful, and sad, but she hopes something positive will come out of it.

Board President Bonini shared she enjoyed attending the Holiday Event at the County Office earlier that day. It was fun to see the lights and stars, and hear how the décor was assembled by the team. She was warmly welcomed by Kristin Stout, Coordinator, Professional Development and Employee Experience, Human Resources, who was leading the committee, and was happy to sit with Jennifer Perna, Executive Assistant to the Board. It was a lovely event.

Board President Bonini wished everyone happy and joyous holidays.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:19 p.m. in honor of former County Supervisor, Sheriff, and educator Don Horsley, an inspiring and tireless leader who helped make San Mateo County a more safe and supportive home for all students. Supervisor Horsley's legacy will live on in the commitment and actions of leaders today and in the future to make San Mateo County a place that cares deeply about its young people.

Board President Bonini announced that the next regular meeting would take place on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.



Nancy Magee, Secretary

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