

APPROVED

MINUTES OF THE SAN MATEO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting Date: August 4, 2022

Meeting Location: Held Remotely

Board Members Present: Susan Alvaro, Chelsea Bonini, Jim Cannon, Jr., Beverly Gerard

Board Members Absent: Hector Camacho, Jr., Ted Lempert, Joe Ross

Staff Officials Present: Nancy Magee, Secretary
Jennifer Perna, Executive Assistant

Other Staff Present: Claire Cunningham, Patricia Love

1. OPENING ITEMS

A. Call to Order

Board President Beverly Gerard called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

B. Discuss/Act on Resolution No. 22-45 Finding the Ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic State of Emergency Presents Imminent Risks to the Health or Safety of Attendees and that it Continues to Directly Impact the Ability of Members of the San Mateo County Board of Education to Meet Safely in Person

Superintendent Magee referenced the memo she sent to the Board in advance of the meeting explaining the recommendation of the Board President and Superintendent was to hold in-person meetings as routinely as possible. However, if the Board passed this resolution, they would have the option to hold meetings remotely for the next 30 days. In the event a Board Member might experience a COVID-19 exposure or infection, the Member could attend the meeting remotely without the Board having to take any additional steps. The Board could pass the resolution and decide either that evening or at a later time whether to hold the August 17 Board Meeting remotely or in person.

Trustee Alvaro noted that passing the resolution that evening would cover the August 17 meeting but not the September 7 meeting and discussed how the county is firmly in the red. She asked if it was correct that the Board could pass the resolution that evening and then vote again on September 7. Superintendent Magee indicated that was correct.

OPENING ITEMS (continued)

Trustee Bonini asked if the Board passes the resolution would that mean they intend to meet remotely rather than they intend to meet in person unless someone is ill. She stated given the concerns of Board Members, it would be her preference to meet remotely for at least the next meeting and then to reconsider the option.

Superintendent Magee explained if the Board passes the resolution, they still have the option to meet in person. That choice would need to be made in advance of each meeting in order to agendize the meeting correctly and prepare accordingly.

Trustee Alvaro asked if there would be a determination that evening regarding the August Board Meeting. Chief Deputy County Attorney Cunningham indicated that could happen later because it does not require a formal action of the Board, but if the Board was prepared to make that decision, it would be useful from an operational standpoint. Trustee Alvaro summarized this takes one motion and then the Board could have discussion. Superintendent Magee agreed if the Board expressed its desire to meet remotely on August 17, that would be helpful.

After a motion by Trustee Alvaro and a second by Trustee Bonini, the Board approved, by a vote of four in favor (Alvaro, Bonini, Cannon, and Gerard) and three absent (Camacho, Lempert, and Ross), by roll call vote, Resolution No. 22-45 Finding the Ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic State of Emergency Presents Imminent Risks to the Health or Safety of Attendees and that it Continues to Directly Impact the Ability of Members of the San Mateo County Board of Education to Meet Safely in Person.

Trustee Alvaro suggested the Board make a decision regarding the August 17 meeting and recommended they meet remotely. Trustee Bonini, Trustee Cannon, and Board President Gerard agreed.

C. Approval of Agenda

After a motion by Trustee Cannon and a second by Trustee Alvaro, the Board approved, by a vote of four in favor (Alvaro, Bonini, Cannon, and Gerard) and three absent (Camacho, Lempert, and Ross), by roll call vote, the August 4, 2022, agenda as presented.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no persons wishing to address the Board.

3. OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

A. Superintendent's Comments

Superintendent Magee wished an upcoming happy birthday to Board President Gerard.

4. CLOSED SESSION: INTERDISTRICT ATTENDANCE APPEALS IAA-22-5 AND IAA-22-6

- A. Hear Interdistrict Attendance Appeal 22-5 (IAA-22-5) Filed on Behalf of a Student Currently Residing in the South San Francisco Unified District, but Requesting to Attend School in the San Mateo Union High School District
- B. Hear Interdistrict Attendance Appeal 22-6 (IAA-22-6) Filed on Behalf of a Student Currently Residing in the South San Francisco Unified School District, but Requesting to Attend School in the San Mateo Union High School District

At 7:14 p.m., Board President Gerard announced the meeting would move into Closed Session to hear Interdistrict Attendance Appeal 22-5 (IAA-22-5) and Interdistrict Attendance Appeal 22-6 (IAA-22-6), both filed on behalf of students currently residing in the South San Francisco Unified School District but requesting to attend school in the San Mateo Union High School District.

5. OPEN SESSION: REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

- A. Report on Action Taken in Closed Session on Interdistrict Attendance Appeals 22-5 (IAA-22-5) and 22-6 (IAA-22-6)

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 9:40 p.m.

After a motion by Trustee Alvaro and a second by Trustee Cannon, IAA-22-5 was denied, by a vote of four in favor (Alvaro, Bonini, Cannon, and Gerard) and three absent (Camacho, Lempert, and Ross), by roll call vote, due to a lack of sufficiently compelling evidence.

After a motion by Trustee Bonini and a second by Trustee Alvaro, IAA-22-6 was approved, by a vote of four in favor (Alvaro, Bonini, Cannon, and Gerard) and three absent (Camacho, Lempert, and Ross), by roll call vote, for four school years. The Board cited Factor 6, a pupil who has been the victim of an act of bullying.

6. BOARD MEMBERS

- A. Board Member Comments

Trustee Alvaro

Trustee Alvaro had no comments.

Trustee Cannon

Trustee Cannon expressed hopes that Board President Gerard had a wonderful special event. She agreed it was a wonderful event.

Trustee Bonini

Trustee Bonini had no comments.

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BOARD MEMBERS (continued)

Board President Gerard

Board President Gerard had no comments.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m. Board President Gerard announced the next regular meeting will take place on Wednesday, August 17, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Nancy Magee

Nancy Magee, Secretary

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