

SACRAMENTO COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES - Unapproved

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 5:35 PM

Members present via teleconference: Trustee Karina Talamantes, Trustee Bina Lefkovitz, Trustee Paul Keefer, Trustee Harold Fong, Trustee Heather Davis, Trustee Alfred Brown, Trustee Joanne Ahola

Also present via teleconference were David W. Gordon, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; Nancy Herota, Deputy Superintendent; Teresa Stinson, General Counsel; Nicolas Schweizer, Associate Superintendent; Brent Malicote and Jacqueline White, Assistant Superintendents; Jerry Jones, Rachel Perry, Executive Directors; Tim Herrera and Shanine Coats, Directors; other staff; and Wende Watson, Executive Assistant.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Keefer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the Minutes of the County Committee Meeting of November 16, 2021

Motion to Approve by Trustee Paul Keefer, second by Trustee Alfred Brown.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Trustee Karina Talamantes, Trustee Bina Lefkovitz, Trustee Paul Keefer, Trustee Heather Davis, Trustee Alfred Brown, Trustee Joanne Ahola

Not Present at Vote: Trustee Harold Fong

4. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt agenda by Trustee Heather Davis, second by Trustee Paul Keefer.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Trustee Karina Talamantes, Trustee Bina Lefkovitz, Trustee Paul Keefer, Trustee Harold Fong, Trustee Heather Davis, Trustee Alfred Brown, Trustee Joanne Ahola

5. Visitor Presentations

A. General Public - There were no public comments.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Public Hearing and Action on Natomas Unified School District's Proposal Under Education Code Section 5019 to Change Election Methods, Adopt Trustee Areas Map, and Establish Sequence of Elections; Action on Resolution No. CC-22-01 - Teresa Stinson

The Sacramento County Committee on School District Organization held a public hearing on the Natomas Unified School District's proposal to change its method of electing governing board members, adopt a trustee area boundaries map, and establish the sequence of elections. Currently, Natomas' five board members are elected under an "at-large" system, where each trustee is elected by the registered voters of the entire school district. Natomas proposed, effective for the November 2022 and 2024 election cycles, to change its election method so one board member residing within each trustee area will be elected by the registered voters residing in that trustee area ("by-trustee area" elections). This public hearing will provide the opportunity for public comment and input regarding Natomas' proposal to change election methods. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the County Committee may approve or deny Natomas' proposal.

The public hearing opened at 5:39 p.m.

Superintendent Chris Evans presented Natomas Unified School District's Proposal to change election methods, adopt trustee areas map, and establish sequence of elections. Also present was Board President Micah Grant, Former Board President Susan Heredia, Legal Counsel, and Justin Smith from Cooperative Strategies.

Fourteen individuals provided public comments: Rory Barlew, Brenda Borge, Sandra Reyes, Z. Wayne Johnson, Herman Barahona, Heather Fargo, Magen Hernandez, Noel Mora, Mara Harvey, Erica Jaramillo, Amie Tokuhama, Crystal Baham, Sachiko Konatsu, and Scott Rafferty.

This public hearing closed at 6:26 p.m.

The County Committee deliberated, asked questions, and had a lengthy discussion regarding NUSD's proposal.

Following the Board's deliberations, Chair Talamantes asked if there was a motion to approve or deny the Natomas Unified School District's proposal.

Trustee Brown moved to approve and adopt Resolution No. CC-22-01 approving the Natomas Unified School District's proposal to change to by trustee area elections.

There was additional discussion regarding the proposal.

Trustee Brown moved, and Trustee Ahola seconded the motion to approve and adopt Resolution No. CC-22-01 approving the Natomas Unified School District's proposal to change to by trustee area elections.

Additional conversation regarding this motion took place.

Trustee Fong proposed a substitute motion to deny the Natomas Unified School District Board's proposal to change to by trustee area elections. There was no second.

Chair Talamantes then asked Superintendent Gordon to conduct a roll call vote on Trustee Brown's motion, which was seconded by Trustee Ahola, to approve and adopt Resolution No. CC-22-01 approving the Natomas Unified School District's proposal to change to by trustee area elections.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Trustee Karina Talamantes, Trustee Bina Lefkovitz, Trustee Paul Keefer, Trustee Heather Davis, Trustee Alfred Brown, Trustee Joanne Ahola

No: Trustee Harold Fong

B. Notice of Public Hearing - Public Hearing and Action on Natomas Unified School District's Proposal Under Education Code Section 5019 to Change Election Methods, Adopt Trustee Areas Map, and Establish Sequence of Elections; Action on Resolution No. CC-22-01 - Teresa Stinson

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn Meeting

Motion by Trustee Joanne Ahola, second by Trustee Paul Keefer.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Trustee Karina Talamantes, Trustee Bina Lefkovitz, Trustee Paul Keefer, Trustee Harold Fong, Trustee Alfred Brown, Trustee Joanne Ahola

Not Present at Vote: Trustee Heather Davis

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Gordon
Secretary to the County Committee

Date approved: