

SONOMA COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION  
**Sonoma County Office of Education**  
5340 Skylane Boulevard, Santa Rosa, CA 95403

**DECEMBER 14, 2015 MEETING MINUTES – UNADOPTED**

MEETING	Jeanne Bassett Fernandes, Committee Chair, called the meeting of the Sonoma County Committee on School District Organization in order at 5:30 p.m. and led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held at the Sonoma County Office of Education in the Board Room.
MEMBERS PRESENT	Ron Abler, Jeanne Bassett Fernandes, Jeremy Brott, James DeWilder, Sandra Elliott, Ronald Kristof, Rick Massell, and Jennifer Wiltermood
MEMBERS ABSENT	Rick Call, and Russ Wigglesworth
STAFF PRESENT	Michael Juric, Patti Springer, and School and College Legal Services representative, Frank Zotter
INTRODUCTIONS	Dr. Juric introduced himself and staff; and Committee members introduced themselves.
1. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 14, 2015 AGENDA	On motion by Mr. DeWilder, seconded by Ms. Elliott, the motion carried to approve the December 14, 2015 agenda.
2. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 26, 2015 MINUTES	On motion by Mr. DeWilder, seconded by Ms. Wiltermood, the motion carried to approve the January 26, 2015 minutes.
3. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 14, 2012 MINUTES	Ms. Bassett Fernandes explained that it was discovered that the May 14, 2012 minutes had never gone before the Committee for their approval. On motion by Mr. DeWilder, seconded by Ms. Bassett Fernandes, the motion carried to accept the May 14, 2012 minutes as written.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT	None.
5. SELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON	Ms. Bassett Fernandes expressed her willingness to again serve as Committee Chairperson. On motion by Ms. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Brott, the motion carried to select Ms. Bassett Fernandes as the County Committee Chairperson.
6. SELECTION OF COMMITTEE VICE CHAIRPERSON	Mr. Kristoff nominated Mr. DeWilder, who expressed his willingness to again serve as Committee Vice-Chairperson. On motion by Mr. Kristoff, seconded by Ms. Elliott, the motion carried to select Mr. DeWilder as the County Committee Vice-Chairperson.
7. INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS	
7.1 <i>Kashia Lapsation / Transfer of Territory</i>	Mr. Zotter provided an overview of Kashia's location and explained that under Ed Code if the ADA is less than 6 for the entire year, it lapses. He said the ADA is likely to exceed 6 over the next few years, and is not in any danger of lapsation right now. If it did lapse, it would trigger the process of the County Committee's review; and there is a provision that if the building ceases to be used as a school, the building would revert back to the original private property owner and would become part of Horicon again. Discussion included the current ADA of 13-17, which includes kindergarten; the low graduation rate; new administration; and future considerations if it did come before the Committee for review.
7.2 <i>Santa Rosa Junior College District Trustee Areas</i>	Mr. Zotter explained that the Santa Rosa Junior Colleges' trustee areas consist of four single-person trustee areas and one large trustee area with three trustees; which is an issue of concern in regards to minority voting populations. The SRJC is looking at the possibility of splitting the at-large area into three separate areas; each of which would then have 1/3 of the population of the large area. Mr. Zotter and Mr. Cerreta met with Dr. Chong about six to eight months ago and there was some interest from the Board to move forward with this. Mr. Zotter was contacted by an attorney who was looking for a demographer for the SRJC to study the population, trends, ethnic makeup, potential exposure of the California Voting Rights Act, etc. He said the demographer has not been hired yet but the JC is looking at that process.

This will come back to the County Committee if the trustee area boundaries need to be adjusted based on population numbers. A petition will come to the Committee in one of three ways: 1) citizen's petition, 2) Board of Entity (SRJC) can bring it forward with a resolution; and 3) the County Committee can initiate a petition. If the SRJC initiates the petition, they would pay for a demographic study, if the County Committee initiates, then they would pay.

7.3 *AB331 Passed – Lowering  
Boards from 5 to 3*

Mr. Zotter stated that he worked with Dr. Herrington, Superintendent of Schools, on the language of AB331, which has been passed. Before the passing of this bill, districts could start with 3 board members, but once they reach 300 ADA they were required to increase their Board Members to 5. AB331 provides districts with the option to remain at 3 board members, or to go back to 3 from 5, and will take effect on January 1, 2016.

7.3 *Committee Member  
Resignation/Replacement –  
Supervisorial District 2  
Vacancy*

Dr. Juric advised the Committee that Mary Schafer resigned her position as a representative of Supervisorial District 2; Mr. Cerreta will be contacting districts to solicit for appointees.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, June 13, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in Oak Room D.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Bassett Fernandes adjourned the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Juric, Ed.D., Acting Secretary  
S.C.C.S.D.O.