

County Committee on School District Organization

Sonoma County Office of Education

5340 Skylane Blvd

Santa Rosa, CA 95403

January 6, 2020

Minutes-UnAdopted

1. **Call to Order**-Jeanne Bassett Fernandes, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.
2. **Pledge to the Flag**-Mary Downey, Secretary, led the Pledge of Allegiance
3. **Roll Call**-Bonnie Tanner

Ron Abler	P	Linda Mayberry-Chavez	P	Mary Downey-SCOE	P
Jeanne Bassett-Fernandes	P	Frank Pugh	P	Jennifer Nix-SCLS	A
Jeremy Brott	P	Ed Sheffield	P	Erin Stagg-SCLS	P
Deborah Bull	P	Russ Wigglesworth	P	Bonnie Tanner-SCOE	P
James DeWilder	A	Jennifer Wiltermood	P		
Tracy Farrell	P				

4. **Oath of Office**-Mary Downey, Secretary, administered the Oath of Office to Linda Mayberry-Chavez and Deborah Bull.
5. **Selection of Committee Chair**-Jeremy Brott nominated Jeanne Bassett-Fernandes as Chair, with a second by Russ Wigglesworth. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote.
6. **Selection of Committee Vice-Chair**-Jeanne Bassett-Fernandes nominated Jennifer Wiltermood as Vice-Chair, with a second by Tracy Farrell. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote.
7. **Approval of January 6, 2020 meeting agenda**-On a motion by Jeremy Brott, and a second by Russ Wigglesworth, the agenda was approved by a unanimous vote.
8. **Approval of January 31, 2019 meeting minutes**-On a motion by Russ Wigglesworth, and a second by Jennifer Wiltermood, the minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.
9. **Public Comment**-There were no comments from the public presented to the committee.
10. **Action Items**-No Action Items on the agenda

11. Information/Discussion Items

- a. **School and College Legal Services Presentation**-Erin Stagg, School and College Legal Services of California, made a presentation to the committee on their roll regarding the reorganization of districts and election methods.
- b. **Sonoma Valley Intention to Change to Trustee Area Voting Format**-Bruce Abbott, Associate Superintendent of Sonoma Valley USD, made a presentation to the committee on the status and process of their change to Trustee Area voting for board members.
- c. **Cotati-Rohnert Park Intention to Change to Trustee Area Voting Format**-Michael Watenpaugh, Interim Superintendent, and John Salt, district counsel, made a presentation to the committee about their intention to change to Trustee Area voting for board members.
- d. **Sonoma County Local Agency Formation Commission Correspondence**-Mary Downey briefed the committee on the history of the Local Agency Formation Commission, what the correspondence letters mean and how they could or could not affect our school districts. The committee reviewed the letters that have been received since the last committee meeting.

12. Next Meeting Date and Time- The committee would like to propose that the next meeting in Sonoma be held on either January 27th or February 5th. The committee would like to schedule the following meeting in the Cotati-Rohnert Park district on either March 23rd or March 30th. Bonnie Tanner will contact each district to coordinate the meetings and locations.

13. Adjournment- Jeanne Bassett-Fernandes, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.