

County Committee on School District Organization

This meeting will be offered on a virtual platform

November 9, 2020

6:30 pm.m

Minutes

NOTICE: PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER N-25-20, EXECUTED BY GOVERNOR NEWSOM ON MARCH 12, 2020, Government Code section 54953(b) has been suspended.

In accordance with Executive Order N-25-20, one or more County Committee Members may participate by teleconference.

Additionally, in accordance with Order No. C19-03 of the Health Officer of the County of Sonoma, the public may participate in this meeting via telephone.

1. **Call to Order**-Jeanne Bassett Fernandes, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.
2. **Pledge to the Flag:** Jeanne Bassett Fernandes 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 (Joined at 7:42pm)	P	Erin Stagg-SCLS	P
Jeremy Brott	P	Ed Sheffield	A	Bonnie Tanner-SCOE	P
Deborah Bull	P	Russ Wigglesworth	P		
James DeWilder	P	Jennifer Wiltermood	P		
Vacant Position					

4. **Approval of November 9, 2020 meeting agenda**

Motion: Approval of November 9, 2020 agenda

First: James DeWilder

Second: Jeremy Brott

Ron Abler	Yes	Linda Mayberry-Chavez	Yes
Jeanne Bassett-Fernandes	Yes	Frank Pugh	Absent
Jeremy Brott	Yes	Ed Sheffield	Absent
Deborah Bull	Yes	Russ Wigglesworth	Yes
James DeWilder	Yes	Jennifer Wiltermood	Yes
Vacant Position			

Motion Passed by Roll Call Vote

5. Approval of March 23, 2020 meeting minutes

Motion: Approval of March 23, 2020 minutes

First: James DeWilder

Second: Jeremy Brott

Ron Abler	Yes	Linda Mayberry-Chavez	Yes
Jeanne Bassett-Fernandes	Yes	Frank Pugh	Absent
Jeremy Brott	Yes	Ed Sheffield	Absent
Deborah Bull	Yes	Russ Wigglesworth	Yes
James DeWilder	Yes	Jennifer Wiltermood	Yes
Vacant Position			

Motion Passed by Roll Call Vote

6. Public Comment

No Public Comments were addressed to the Committee.

7. Information/Discussion Items

a. West Sonoma County Unification

- i. Jeanne Bassett-Fernandes explained the reason for the request to this committee and led a discussion with the committee members on the details of this request to Dr. Herrington. The request has come from Dr. Herrington, County Superintendent of Schools for Sonoma County, to see what information this Committee would like to see included in the Unification Study. His office will be moving forward with the study but wants to ensure that the final report includes all of the information the County Committee will need if they are tasked with making a decision on the Unification of some or all districts within this area.
- ii. Members of the public were given an opportunity to to address the Committee to share their feelings and desires regarding this study. They were reminded that this study is not related to the issue of the Consolidation of High Schools within the West Sonoma County Union High School District and only pertains to the unification of Elementary Districts with the High School District.

b. Elections

Bonnie Brown updated the Committee on the status of the Elections for the upcoming year. Ballots have been sent out and are due back by December 11, 2020.

8. Action Items

a. West Sonoma County Union High School District’s Request for Unification Feasibility Study

Motion: The County Committee members, and legal counsel, will work jointly with the Superintendent of Schools to develop a Feasibility Study for the Unification of West Sonoma County Union High School District and the Elementary Districts within their geographical area.

First: Frank Pugh

Second: Jeremy Brott

Ron Ablor	Yes	Linda Mayberry-Chavez	Yes
Jeanne Bassett-Fernandes	Abstain	Frank Pugh	Yes
Jeremy Brott	Yes	Ed Sheffield	Absent
Deborah Bull	Yes	Russ Wigglesworth	Yes
James DeWilder	Yes	Jennifer Wiltermood	Yes
Vacant Position			

Motion Passed by Roll Call Vote (Jeanne Basset-Fernandes, a member of the West Sonoma County Union High School District Board, abstained from the discussion and vote)

9. Next Meeting Date and Time

The next meeting dates were selected as follows:

- January 11, 2021
- February 1, 2021

10. Adjournment: [REDACTED] adjourned the meeting at 8:07 pm.