

County Committee on School District Organization

Sonoma County Office of Education

December 14, 2021

6:00 pm

Minutes

On September 22, 2021, Sonoma County Public Health recommended that public meetings be held online via teleconference as such meetings present the lowest risk of transmission of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. Accordingly, this meeting is being held online via teleconference pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(1)(A).

The recommendation of Sonoma County Public Health is available here:

<https://socoemergency.org/recommendation-of-the-health-officer-public-meetings/>

- 1. Call to Order-**Jeanne Bassett Fernandes, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.
- 2. Pledge to the Flag-**Jeanne Bassett-Fernandes led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. Roll Call-** Bonnie Brown

Ron Abler	x	Linda Mayberry-Chavez	AB	Mary Downey-SCOE	x
Jeanne Bassett-Fernandes	x	Frank Pugh	x	Greg Medici	x
Jeremy Brott	x	Ed Sheffield	x	Jennifer Nix-SCLS	x
Deborah Bull	x	Russ Wigglesworth	x	Erin Stagg-SCLS	
James DeWilder	AB	Jennifer Wiltermood	AB	Bonnie Brown-SCOE	x
Vacant Seat					

- 4. Introduction of new Deputy Superintendent and Secretary to the County Committee on School District Organization–**Mary Downey

5. Oath of Office-Mary Downey

- a. Mary Downey delivered the Oath of Office to Russ Wigglesworth, Ed Sheffield, and Jeanne Bassett-Fernandes. Stephen Collins was not in attendance so the Oath of Office will be administered to him at the next meeting.

6. Approval of December 14, 2021 meeting agenda

Motion to approve Agenda for December 14, 2021

First: Russ Wigglesworth

Second: Jeremy Brott

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

Motion Passed by Roll Call Vote

7. Approval of meeting minutes

- a. **October 14, 2021 ([Attachment](#))**

Motion to approve Minutes from October 14, 2021

First: Frank Pugh

Second: Russ Wigglesworth

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

Motion Passed by Roll Call Vote

8. Public Comment No comments from the public were presented to the Committee.

9. Action Items

a. Review of Emergency Circumstances and Findings to determine whether to continue with teleconferencing of meetings for 30 days pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(3).

- i. The Committee is being asked to reconsider the state of emergency authorizing modified teleconferencing and determine whether either of the following circumstances exist: 1) the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person or (ii) state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing. Upon a finding, by majority vote, that either of the circumstances exist, the Committee may direct administration to conduct all legislative body meetings under the modified teleconferencing requirements for the next 30 days.

Motion: Approve virtual meetings for the next 30 days.

First: Frank Pugh

Second: Jeremy Brott

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

Motion Passed by Roll Call Vote

b. 2020 Census Redistricting

- i. The Committee needs to determine how the trustee areas for the County Board of Education will be drawn. At the last meeting, the Committee chose to align the County Board of Education trustee areas with the redistricted trustee areas of the County Board of Supervisors. The Committee will review the County Board of Supervisors' chosen map, if available, and will review current options, if not available.

Motion: Consult with a demographer to ensure the selected map meets all Education Code requirements.

First: Frank Pugh

Second: Russ Wigglesworth

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

Motion Passed by Roll Call Vote

10. Information Items

a. District Trustee Area Conversion ([Attachment](#))

- i. **Jeanne Bassett-Fernandes shared with the Committee that the West Sonoma County Union High School District will be considering a map and conversion to Trustee Areas. This item will be coming before the County Committee in the future for approval.**
- ii. **Ed Sheffield shared that Santa Rosa City Schools has hired a demographer to evaluate their Trustee Areas after the 2020 Census. This item is not required to come back before the County Committee.**

11. Next Meeting Date and Time

- **January 10, 2022-**
 - **Organizational Meeting**
 - **Change to Online Agenda Platform**
- **February 7, 2022**

12. Adjournment-Jeanne Bassett-Fernandes adjourned the meeting at 6:39 pm.