

SONOMA COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION
Santa Rosa City Schools-Board Room
211 Ridgway Ave.
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Minutes-Unadopted
March 19, 2018
6:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order 6:00 pm**
2. **Pledge to the Flag** - Jeanne Bassett Fernandes
3. **Roll Call** – Bonnie Tanner

Ron Abler	x	Ron Kristof	x	Mary Downey, SCOE	x
Jeanne Bassett Fernandes (Chair)	x	Rick Massell	x	Bonnie Tanner, SCOE	x
Jeremy Brott	x	Ed Sheffield	x	Frank Zotter, SCLS	x
James DeWilder (Vice-Chair)	x	Russ Wigglesworth	x	Jennifer Nix, SCLS	x
Sandra Elliott	absent	Jennifer Wiltermood	x		
Tracy Farrell	x				

4. **Approval of the March 19, 2018 meeting agenda** A motion was made by James DeWilder, with a second by Jeremy Brott, to approve the agenda for March 19, 2018 as presented.
5. **Information Items**
 - 5.1. **Presentation by Santa Rosa City School (SRCS) personnel and guests**

A presentation was made to the Committee by Diann Kitamura, Superintendent, SRCS; Jenni Klose, Board President, SRCS; Milton Foster, attorney with Fagen, Friedman & Fulfrost; and Larry Ferchaw, demographer with Cooperative Strategies. Their presentation included consideration to transition to “By Trustee Areas” from the current “At Large” elections for SRCS. They outlined the options presented to the public and community at several public hearings and community meetings. After consideration from public feedback, the board chose “Scenario Map #4”.

Open Public Hearing ([Attachment](#)) The Public Hearing was opened at 6:41 pm.

6. **Public Comment**
 - Mike Von der Porten: community member addressed the committee stating his opposition to the proposed scenario for trustee areas.
7. **Close Public Hearing** The Public Hearing was closed at 6:45 pm.
8. **Correspondence** Jeanne Bassett Fernandes, chair, shared with the Committee, two letters that have been received.

9. Action Items

9.1. SRCS Resolution 2017/18-030: Approve Trustee Area Plan Scenario No. 4 ([Attachment](#))

- Frank Zotter explained the process for this type of agenda item and the role of Committee for this consideration.

Jeanne Bassett-Fernandes, Chair, called for a motion on the agenda item.

- James DeWilder made a motion to **approve the proposal and resolution submitted by SRCS for the transition to “By Trustee Area” representation and the Scenario Map #4**, with a second by Jeremy Brott.

Discussion

- Members of the Committee asked SRCS presentation panel questions about the process and future options for redistricting.
- Committee members made comments on their person feelings about the proposal.
- With no additional comments or questions, Jeanne Bassett Fernandes called for a vote:

Ron Abler	yes	Ron Kristof	no
Jeanne Bassett Fernandes (Chair)	yes	Rick Massell	yes
Jeremy Brott	yes	Ed Sheffield	yes
James DeWilder (Vice-Chair)	yes	Russ Wigglesworth	yes
Sandra Elliott	absent	Jennifer Wiltermood	yes
Tracy Farrell	yes		

- **The motion passed with 9 “yes” votes and 1 “no” vote.** A Resolution will be written up to show acceptance of the transition to “by Trustee Areas’ following “Scenario Map #4”. This Resolution will be signed by the Chair of the County Committee and forwarded to SRCS.

10. Adjournment Jeanne Bassett Fernandes adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.