

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

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 23, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER: Jeanne Bassett Fernandes, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG - Jeanne Bassett Fernandes led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL –

Members present: Ron Abler, Jeanne Bassett Fernandes, Jeremy Brott, James DeWilder, Sandra Elliott, Tracy Farrell, Ronald Kristof, Rick Massell, Russ Wigglesworth, and Jennifer Wiltermood.

Staff present: Mary Downey, Frank Zotter, Jennifer Nix, Patti Springer, and Bonnie Tanner.

**Introduction – Mary Downey/Staff**

**1. Oath of Office**

Mary Downey administered the Oath of Office to Ron Abler, James DeWilder, and Tracy Farrell.

**2. Selection of Committee Chairperson**

On a motion by Ron Kristof, and second by Ron Abler, Jeanne Bassett Fernandes was nominated to continue as the Chair for the term January 23, 2017 – December 31, 2017. Committee members confirmed nomination with a unanimous vote.

**3. Selection of Committee Vice-Chairperson**

On a motion by Ron Kristof, and second by Sandra Elliott, James DeWilder was nominated to continue as the Vice-Chair for the term January 23, 2017 – December 31, 2017. Committee members confirmed nomination with a unanimous vote.

**4. Approval of the January 23, 2017 meeting agenda**

The committee members approved the agenda for January 23, 2017.

**5. Approval of the December 14, 2015 meeting minutes**

On a motion by Ron Kristof, and second by Jennifer Wiltermood, the minutes from December 14, 2015 were approved with a unanimous vote.

**6. Public Comment**

No comments from the public were presented to the committee.

**7. Overview/Orientation –**

Frank Zotter, attorney from School and College Legal Services of California, presented an overview of the roles and responsibilities of this committee.

**8. Discussion/Action Items**

There are no Action Items on the agenda.

**9. Information/Discussion Items**

9.1 Correspondence from Sonoma Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) regarding Cloverdale Reorganization filing.

- This letter is for information purposes only, very low impact to this committee.

- 9.2 Correspondence from Marin COE regarding voluntary lapse of Marin County's Union School District and the possible affects on school districts within Sonoma County
- Mary Downey shared an email from Jim Cerreta, Marin County Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, advising that Union School District will likely voluntarily lapse within the next two years due to low ADA. This action may have an effect on districts in Sonoma County but that will be determined as the process moves forward.
- 9.3 Staus Report on Santa Rosa City Schools
- Ron Kristof announced that there are two new trustees on the SRCS Board.
- 9.4 Status Report on Santa Rosa Junior College
- Mary Downey gave a brief update on the redistricting of the SRJC. The next step in the process will be a meeting in which the SRJC Board will select one of the redistricting mapsy that they received from their consultant.

#### **10. Next Meeting Date and Time**

A conference room for June 19, 2017 has been reserved for the next meeting. If there are no issues to discuss the meeting will be cancelled.

#### **11. Adjournment**

Jeanne Bassett Fernandes adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.