Committee Chairperson, Mary Schafer, called the Sonoma County Committee on School District Organization meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held at the Sonoma County Office of Education in the Curriculum and Instruction Conference Room.

Jeanne Bassett Fernandes, Jeremy Brott, Dan Bunting, James DeWilder, Rick Massell, and Mary Shafer

Vernon Calsy, Noreen Carvolth, Kathy Hayes, and Bob Koenitzer

Jerry Johnson, Susanne Reed, Frank Zotter, and Patti Springer,

Mr. Johnson explained that an insufficient number of absentee ballots were received, so Dr. Carl Wong reappointed Vernon Calsy, James DeWilder, and Mary Schafer; and also appointed Rick Massell. Mr. Johnson administered the Oath of Office to appointed member, Rick Massell, and reappointed members James DeWilder and Mary Schafer.

Members then reviewed the committee roster and made necessary updates.

None

On motion by Mr. DeWilder, seconded by Mr. Brott, the motion carried to approve the December 8, 2008 agenda.

On motion by Ms. Fernandes, seconded by Mr. Bunting, the motion carried to approve the June 16, 2008 minutes.

Mr. Johnson stated that the Governor vetoed AB2243. He said that opposition by the Controller's Office might have implications in terms of mandated costs. Mr. Johnson added that he spoke with Larry Shirey, and the bill will be introduced after budgetary matters are dealt with - maybe in the spring.

The bill would have allowed the Committee to act on Monte Rio/Guerneville, which is delayed by the State until spring or summer of next year; and might be as late as June 2010. If the bill is passed before State action on Monte Rio/Guerneville, the County Committee could process it. Also the CEQA findings could be adopted by the State if they meet their standards or requirements. If they don't, it would be a significant cost increase to the State.

Mr. Johnson reported that he spoke with Denise Calvert regarding the study with School Services. The results of the study deemed that there would not be any financial advantages to consolidation. The districts continue to share services.
The Committee reviewed the Bylaws, with the proposed amendments to Term of Membership, Attorney, Means of Travel/Travel Reimbursement, Meetings, Open Meetings, Abstentions, Posting of Agenda, Amendment of Bylaws, and Suspension of Bylaws. On motion by Mr. Bunting, seconded by Ms. Fernandes, the motion carried to adopt the Committee Bylaws with the amendments.

Mr. DeWildor suggested having the June meeting in Horicon; the committee was open to the location. On motion by Mr. Brott, seconded by Mr. DeWildor the motion carried to hold the next meeting on March 9, 2009, but if there were no business to address at that time, the committee would postpone the meeting until June.

Ms. Schafer adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Johnson, Secretary
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