

MONTEREY COUNTY COMMITTEE
ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION
OCTOBER 21, 2015
APPROVED MINUTES

1. Opening Business

1.1 Call to Order: Chair Harvey Kuffner called the meeting to order at 12:09 PM in the Dr. Ray Charlson Board Chambers of the Monterey County Office of Education.

1.2 Roll Call

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Harvey Kuffner, Chair

Judy Pennycook, Vice-Chair (*via conference call 2885 Lighthouse Road, Petrolia, CA 95558*)

John McPherson

Francisco Javier Estrada

Ronald Panziera

Mary Claypool

Sergio Alejo

Dr. Nancy Kotowski, Secretary to the County Committee

STAFF TO SUPERINTENDENT:

Garry Bousum

Ginny Brown

Dr. Deneen Guss

Carla Stewart

GUESTS:

Angel Cante

Doc Ervin

Roberto Salinas

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance: Conducted during the Regular meeting of the Monterey County Board of Education.

1.4 Adoption of Agenda:

MSC 15-16-01 (7-0) John McPherson, Francisco Javier Estrada

AYES: Sergio Alejo, Mary Claypool, Francisco Javier Estrada, Harvey Kuffner, John McPherson, Ron Panziera, Judy Pennycook (*via conference call*)

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

2. Communications

2.1 Correspondence: None

2.2 Oral Comments from the Public (*Limited to Items not on the Agenda*): None

3. New Business Non Action Items

3.1 Review of the Board Policies and Bylaws Related to Projects of the County Committee on School District Organization

Chair Harvey Kuffner reviewed the Board policies, including the Bylaws of the County Committee. Staff will work to update the County Committee Bylaws, including the recent minor changes to the County Committee process.

3.2 Review of the Process of Establishing a New Unified School District

Chair Kuffner reviewed the process of the unification, pending the verification of petition signatures from the Monterey County elections department.

3.3 Review of the Timeline for Greenfield's Unification Proposal

Chair Kuffner and Dr. Kotowski reviewed the proposed timeline of Greenfield's unification process, pending the verification of signatures by the Monterey County Elections Department. Ginny Brown shared some concerns about the petitions that were circulated, brought to staff's attention by the Monterey County Elections Department. Despite these concerns, the Election's Department is still in the process of validating signatures. Staff is waiting for legal counsel's opinion on the validity of the petition based on these concerns expressed by the Election's Department.

The County Committee agreed to hold on their calendars the dates of December 7, December 8, and December 10 for possible public hearings, pending validation of petition.

4. Unfinished Business Non Action Items: None
5. New Business Action Items: None
6. Unfinished Business Action Item: None
7. The meeting was adjourned at 12:46 PM.

Approved: November 4, 2015

Harvey Kuffner, Chair

Nancy Kotowski, Ph. D.,
Secretary to the County Committee