

MONTEREY COUNTY COMMITTEE
ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION
SPECIAL PUBLIC HEARING
SEPTEMBER 17, 2019
APPROVED MINUTES

1. Opening Business

1.1 Call to Order: Chair Ronald Panziera called the Special Public Hearing of the Monterey County Committee on School District Organization to order at 6:34 PM at Prunedale Elementary School, located at 17719 Pesante Road, Salinas.

1.2 Roll Call

COUNTY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

County Committee

Ronald Panziera, Chair

Trustee Area #5

John McPherson, Vice Chair

Trustee Area #2

Harvey Kuffner

Trustee Area #1

Judy Pennycook

Trustee Area #3

Janet Wohlgemuth

Trustee Area #4

Mary Claypool

Trustee Area #6

Lupe Sánchez

Trustee Area #7

Dr. Deneen Guss, Monterey County Superintendent of Schools and Secretary to the Monterey County Committee

STAFF TO SUPERINTENDENT:

Garry Bousum

Ginny Brown

Carla Stewart

GUESTS:

Community Members

Lagunita Staff

NMCUSD Staff

2. Pledge of Allegiance: Garry Bousum led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Adoption of the Agenda: MSC 19-20-04 (7-0) Judy Pennycook, Janet Wohlgemuth

“That the Monterey County Committee on School District Organization approves the agenda as presented.”

4. Explanation of Petition and Purpose of Public Hearing: Erin Stagg, Legal Counsel, explained the procedure and presented a PowerPoint on the process.

5. Explanation of Guidelines for Public Hearing: Ronald Panziera, Chair, explained the guidelines for the public hearing.

6. Open Public Hearing: Chair Panziera opened the hearing to the public at 6:44 PM.

7. Presentation of the Petition: Amy Bordi, Chief Petitioner, presented a summary of her petition and her rationale for the boundary petition.

8. Comments by School Districts Involved:

- 8.1 North Monterey County Unified School District: Kari Yeater, NMCUSD Superintendent, Michael Addy, NMCUSD Legal Counsel, and Shin Green, NMCUSD analyst, spoke regarding property values in the projected transfer area.
- 8.2 Lagunita Elementary School District: Daniel Stonebloom, Lagunita Superintendent/Principal, spoke regarding the number of children and families enrolled at the District.
- 8.3 Salinas Union High School District: The district is neutral on the territory transfer request.

9. Public Comment:

The following individuals spoke in favor of the petition: Dick Johnson, Caroline Hodges, Carol Howard, Bryan Schalesky, Alejandro Ramirez, Shawn Thomas, Chuck Shearn

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the petition: Adrian Ayala, Kyle Samuels, Lillian Mulvey, Ray Torres, Mary James, Patty Padilla-Salsberg, Krisha Kerr-Poole, Noemy Loveless, Ricardo Diaz Jr., Melissa Lewington, Valerie Bigham, Maureen Vanderpool, Maria Yolanda Barrientos, Margarita Palacios, Diana Castellanos, Selena Miranda, Chandalee Wood, Dawn Harrell, Jessica Munoz

10. Summation:

- 10.1 Chief Petitioner: Amy Bordi thanked the community members for attending the public hearings.
- 10.2 North Monterey County Unified School District: Kari Yeater spoke regarding the current process for interdistrict requests, as well as the territory in question.
- 10.3 Lagunita Elementary School District: Marguerite Leoni, Lagunita legal counsel, presented PowerPoint with rationale on why all nine criterion were met.
- 10.4 Salinas Union High School District: The district is neutral on the territory transfer request.

11. Close Public Hearing: Chair Panziera closed the hearing at 8:05 PM.

12. Closing Statement: Chair Panziera thanked everyone for attending and for their courtesy.

13. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm

APPROVED: _____
Ronald Panziera, Chair