

SHASTA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Shasta County Office of Education
1644 Magnolia Ave.
Redding, CA 96001

July 8, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

This meeting was held via teleconference and met the requirements of the Brown Act as allowed by the California Governor's Executive Order issued in response to the "shelter-in-place" requirements based on the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic.

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ADOPTED

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Hull at 1:30 p.m.

Members Present

Kathy Barry
Robert Brown
Rhonda Hull, President
Steve MacFarland
Laura Manuel
Denny Mills, Vice-President

Jennifer Snider

Members Absent

None

Administrators Present

Judy Flores, Shasta County Superintendent of Schools
Adam Hillman, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services
Brien McCall, Associate Superintendent, Instructional Services

Others Present

Erica Flores, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent (Recording Secretary)

(NOTE: The following listed their name and representation on a sign-in sheet, there may have been others in attendance. Those in attendance may have attended only a portion of the meeting.)

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Mike Freeman

Mary Lord

Rebecca Lewis

Kaitlin Killion

2. TELECONFERENCE PROTOCOLS

Superintendent Flores provided an overview of the protocols for meeting via teleconference, including how to address the Board with public comments, and that all Action Items will be completed by a roll call vote of the Board Members.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION: Board Member MacFarland moved to approve the Agenda as submitted.
Board Member Brown seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously as follows:
Shasta County Board of Education
AYES: Barry, Brown, Hull, MacFarland, Manuel, Mills, Snider
NOES:
ABSTENTIONS:
ABSENT:

4. HEARING OF PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

There were none.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

5.1. Board:

5.1.1. June 17, 2020 Special Meeting/Budget Study Session Meeting Minutes

5.2. Administrative Services:

5.2.1. Credentials and Oaths for Temporary Certificates

5.2.2. Surplus Obsolete Equipment

5.2.3. Revised Board Policy & Administrative Regulation 3515.4-Business and Non-Instructional Operations-Recovery For Property Loss Or Damage

5.2.4. Revised Board Policy & Administrative Regulation 3260-Business and Non-Instructional Operations-Fees and Charges

5.3. Instructional Services:

5.3.1. Revised Board Policy 5144-Students-Discipline

ACTION: Board Member Snider moved to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted.
Vice-President Mills seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously as follows:
Shasta County Board of Education
AYES: Barry, Brown, Hull, MacFarland, Manuel, Mills, Snider
NOES:
ABSTENTIONS:
ABSENT:

6. INFORMATION

Materials were provided in the Board agenda packet for the following Information Items. No discussion took place during the Board meeting unless otherwise noted below.

6.1. Administrative Services:

6.1.1. General Fund Board Report

6.1.2. Chrysalis Charter School Adopted Budget (2020/21)

6.1.3. Northern Summit Academy Adopted Budget (2020/21)

6.1.4. Redding STEM Academy Charter School Adopted Budget (2020/21)

6.2. Instructional Services:

6.2.1. Chrysalis Charter School COVID-19 Operations Report

6.2.2. Northern Summit Academy COVID-19 Operations Report

6.2.3. Redding STEM Academy COVID-19 Operations Report

7. ACTION

7.1. Instructional Services:

7.1.1. Board Policy 5131.8-Students-Mobile Communication Devices (First Read)

Mary Lord, Executive Director of Student Programs, reported on new devices and devices for distance learning. This is a policy that includes current technology being used within our programs.

ACTION: Board President Hull moved to approve item 7.1.1 as submitted.
Board Member MacFarland seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously as follows:

Shasta County Board of Education

AYES: Barry, Brown, Hull, MacFarland, Manuel, Mills, Snider

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

7.2. Board:

7.2.1. Review Board Bylaw 9150 for Student Board Member Interview Process

Superintendent Flores explained the proposed changes to the Student Board Member interview format. All interviewees would be sent the interview questions the morning of the interviews, and each candidate would be interviewed individually.

Board Member MacFarland clarified that this new format would continue even when the Board resumes meeting in person.

ACTION: Vice-President Mills moved to approve item 7.2.1 as submitted.
Board President Hull seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously as follows:

Shasta County Board of Education

AYES: Barry, Brown, Hull, MacFarland, Manuel, Mills, Snider

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

7.2.2. Board Member Attendance at CSBA Conference

After discussion, it was agreed that two Board members will attend the virtual version of the CSBA Conference.

ACTION: MacFarland moved to approve item 7.2.2 as submitted.
Board Member Snider seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously as follows:

Shasta County Board of Education

AYES: Barry, Brown, Hull, MacFarland, Manuel, Mills, Snider

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

8. BOARD BUSINESS

8.1. Board Comments/Discussion/Reports/Correspondence

Board Member Manuel asked for Superintendent Flores' perspective on the Grand Jury's report regarding French Gulch School. Ms. Flores stated she hasn't seen final report but that she was interviewed for the report. She will review the final version and share her thoughts in her end-of-the-week email to the Board.

Vice President Mills stated she was surprised to learn that schools can charge parents for transportation to and from school.

Mr. Hillman clarified that transportation is not a mandated service, but that the topic comes up during budget talks. Parents are charged on an income-based scale.

Board Member Snider said that Chrysalis Charter School is the only charter school that charges for transportation. This began when the school moved to Palo Cedro and they began bussing students.

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Science of Hope

Superintendent Flores shared the following quote from the book, the Science of Hope: "Hope is the belief that your future can be brighter and better than your past and that you actually have a role to play to make it better." She explained that our goals are connected to what we believe about ourselves and about others, and that hopeful people see pathways and opportunities. Kids that come out of abusive homes need an opportunity to experience something different from their circumstances. Opportunities include mentoring and seeing different household models.

Mike Freeman, Senior Executive Director of Instructional Services, added that what he took away from the Science of Hope presentation was that the resiliency of kids is not by default. It occurs when a pathway is provided.

COVID-19 Update and School Reopening

Ms. Flores participates in a weekly phone call with Dr. Karen Ramstrom, Shasta County Public Health Officer. As of today, masks are encouraged but not required. The California Department of Public Health will revise their guidance for schools to be in alignment with the Governor's Executive Order on the wearing of masks indoors. Currently Ms. Flores and Cabinet members are working on a plan for if a COVID case were to occur on one of our school campuses.

Back-to-school surveys were jointly created with bargaining units and sent to parents, classified staff, and teachers. Once all the data has been accumulated, it will be discussed, and planning for reopening can begin.

Board Member Snider asked whether parents have a choice if their children return.

Ms. Flores responded that, yes, we have to provide them with a choice.

Priorities for the New Year:

1. Working closely with departments within SCOE that are responsive to COVID-19 needs in the community and also supportive of our employees. Finding that balance is important.
2. Implementing well Year One of Supporting School Attendance
3. Reach Higher Shasta Secondary-continue to encourage positive change within our middle and high schools, focused on attendance, behavior, and grades, specifically targeting Math while still focusing on attendance, behavior, and grades.
4. American Indian Advisory Committee now has an official representative from each tribe. A move in the new year will be to hear celebrations from each tribe as well as challenges students from each tribe are facing.
5. Importance of Storytelling in communication. Putting information in the context of a story paints a picture and results in greater retention than merely sharing figures and data.

10. MEETING FEEDBACK/SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Laura Manuel shared that EdSource published a story about the value of Outdoor Education

11. REMINDERS/UPCOMING EVENTS

All Call is August 10th and will be held via Zoom

12. NEXT MEETING

August 12, 2020 1:30 p.m. via Zoom

13. ADJOURN

President Hull adjourned the meeting at 2:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Flores, Shasta County Superintendent of Schools
Ex-Officio Secretary to the Board