

SHASTA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

November 17, 2021
Special Meeting Minutes

Consistent with AB 361 and Government Code section 54953, this meeting was held remotely.

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ADOPTED

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Mills at 2:00 p.m.

Members Present

Kathy Barry, Vice President

Robert Brown

Rhonda Hull

Steve MacFarland

Laura Manuel

Denny Mills, President

Nick Webb

Carly Tawney, Student Board Member

Members Absent

Adam Little-Varga, Student Board Member

Administrators Present

Judy Flores, Shasta County Superintendent of Schools

Adam Hillman, Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services

Mike Freeman, Associate Superintendent, Instructional Services

Others Present

Carmen Bahr, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent (Recording Secretary)

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION: Board Member MacFarland moved to approve the Agenda as submitted.
Board Member Hull seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

Shasta County Board of Education

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

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

Student Board Members

AYES: Tawney

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT: Little-Varga

3. HEARING OF PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

There was no public comment.

4. DISCUSSION/ACTION

4.1. Board

4.1.1. Board consideration of in person or virtual regularly scheduled meetings and any committee meetings of the Board.

Board Member MacFarland would prefer to have a virtual meeting since we will have just celebrated Thanksgiving.

Board Member Brown asked about the actual COVID numbers in Shasta County.

Superintendent Flores explained that when we have a surge, there is a two-week delay in terms of hospitalizations and a two-week delay of death counts. If the trend continues, we would continue to see a large number of deaths because of the high level of people in the hospital. There were over sixty people in the hospital yesterday. Superintendent Flores has been using the case rates to determine if SCOE's meetings should be held in person or virtual. The case rate should be under 100 in 100,000. Currently Shasta County's case rate is 198.5, double the state rate of 93.1.

ACTION: Board Member MacFarland moved to approve the December 15, 2021 Board meeting to be held virtually. Board Member Hull seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

Shasta County Board of Education

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

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

Student Board Members

AYES: Tawney

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT: Little-Varga

5. MEETING FEEDBACK/SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

On December 15 the schedule will be as follows: 12:15 p.m. - County Committee, 12:30 p.m. - Budget Study Session, and 1:30 p.m. - Regular Board Meeting.

Student Member Tawney offered to send her student report via email since she was absent at the November 10, 2021. She asked if there was anything in particular that they would like to know about in her future reports.

President Mills suggested how COVID is impacting the students and staff, anything significant, and anything impacting her.

Superintendent Flores shared with the board that one of the purposes of the December meeting is to determine the presentations for the year and calendar when they will be presented.

Board Member MacFarland stated as a reminder that board meetings are a meeting for the board that are held in public, not a meeting of the public.

President Mills and Board Member Manuel are working on the board bylaw for meeting conduct. They want to make sure that the agenda is proactive and clear about public comments. Things being considered are: What should be in it and what is missing? Anything that can be removed to shorten it? Teleconference and in person protocol?

Board Member Brown suggested that it clearly spell out who can and cannot suggest items for the agenda. It should be a clearly written bylaw about how these meetings are conducted.

Superintendent Flores shared that under the Brown Act there are two models for allowing public comment. Public comment can be allowed at the beginning of the meeting for items that are on the agenda as well as not on the agenda; or during the meeting with each agenda item along with a generic public comment item for those comments that do not tie to an agenda item but are within the jurisdiction of the board.

Board Member Webb added that this was a valuable conversation for the board to have, especially if they can handle it proactively.

6. NEXT MEETING – December 15, 2021, 12:30 p.m. via Teleconference.

7. ADJOURN

President Mills adjourned the meeting at 2:27 p.m.

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