

**SHASTA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
Shasta County Office of Education  
Professional Development Center  
2985 Innsbruck Drive, Redding, CA 96003  
**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**  
**May 11, 2022**  
**1:30 pm**

**ADOPTED**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

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

Members Present

Kathy Barry, Vice President  
Robert Brown  
Rhonda Hull  
Steve MacFarland  
Laura Manuel  
Denny Mills, President  
Nick Webb  
Adam Little-Varga, Student Board Member  
Carly Tawney, Student Board Member

Members Absent

None

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)  
*(There may have been others in attendance. Those in attendance may have attended only a portion of the meeting.)*  
Dan Ostrowski  
Austin Preller  
Cynthia Vengley  
Jennifer Cobb  
De'An Chambless  
Rebecca Lewis  
Richard Galardo

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Mills led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. 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: Little-Varga, Tawney  
NOES:  
ABSTENTIONS:  
ABSENT:

#### 4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

President Mills reviewed the public comment procedures. Richard Galardo spoke during public comment. He said that he has received reports that school districts are threatening employees depending on how they vote. However, he has not substantiated the reports. He suggested educating the school districts by sending them an email on Election Code 18540.

#### 5. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

##### 5.1. **Board**

5.1.1. April 6, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes

##### 5.2. **Administrative Services**

5.2.1. Credentials and Oaths for Temporary Certificates

5.2.2. Intent to Sell Personal Property to Redding School District - Juniper Portable Sale

##### 5.3. **Instructional Services**

5.3.1. Certification of Supervisors of Attendance

5.3.2. Revised Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5148.2 - Students - Before/After School Programs

Board Member Manuel pulled item 5.1.1. and noted that items 7.1.1. and 7.2.1. in the April 6, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes should have stated waiving the second read instead of waiving the first read.

**ACTION:** Board Member Manuel moved to approve the Consent Agenda without item 5.1.1. Board Member MacFarland 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: Little-Varga, Tawney

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

**ACTION:** Board Member Brown moved to approve corrected item 5.1.1. Board Member Webb 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: Little-Varga, Tawney

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

#### **6.2. Instructional Services**

6.2.1. Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints

6.2.2. Consolidated Application Mid-Year Report

### **7. RECOGNITION**

7.1. 2021/22 Student Board Members

Superintendent Flores presented Student Board Members Tawney and Little-Varga with certificates of appreciation for their time on the Board.

### **8. DEPARTMENT UPDATE/PROGRAM REPORT**

8.1. Student Programs - Part 1

Austin Preller, Director of Youth Support Services, explained that we offer countywide support for foster youth, homeless youth, and support districts and students in tobacco use prevention education.

Cynthia Vengley, Coordinator - Youth and Family Support Services, shared her role. She assists with the foster, homeless, and probation youth that come into our county. She helps with school stability, academic success, enrichment support, and mental health support. She tries to help prevent students from moving school to school so they can have more success. This support is done by gathering school data and monitoring grades, attendance, special education services, and behavior. She advocates for the foster youth by attending several different types of meetings on their behalf and by providing trainings to help put support in place for these students. 576 meetings have been attended from July through March of 2021-2022. There are currently 302 K-12 foster youth enrolled in Shasta County schools.

Board Member Brown asked how many foster youth are on IEPs. It is in the 50s of the 300. It is significantly higher than the general student, non foster, population. The most common identified disability is emotional disturbance. He also asked why there was a significant drop between meetings in 2020-21 and 2021-22. There are still three more months of meetings. They average 150-200 meetings per a month.

Vice President Barry asked if we are still participating in Purposity. She was dropped from the email list. Ms. Vengely will make sure that she is added.

Board Member Manuel asked about the context for the 302 foster youth: has the number stayed relatively stable or fluctuated quite a bit? It fluctuates every month, but has stayed stable between 250-350 in the last four years.

Board Member Brown asked if all of the youth in our programs are placed with families in Shasta

County. Yes, they are either placed with a relative, foster family, or resource family. More foster families are needed.

Jennifer Cobb, Project Coordinator-TUPE (Tobacco Use and Prevention Education), shared how her job falls into three main areas: prevention, intervention, and cessation. In the area of prevention, she has presented to 96 classrooms and used the Stanford Tobacco Tool Kit. For intervention we contract with Shasta County Chemical People and they offer peer mentoring on campuses. There are two options for cessation, a cessation class at the high school and a K-12 community class. Ms. Cobb also facilitates campus events and professional development.

Mr. Preller explained that the services for education of homeless children and youth mirror what is done for foster youth. The difference is that there is not an agency supporting them like foster youth, so the assistance of our community partners is needed to see where we can get their support. Two resources have been the passing of Assembly Bill 27 that requires an annual administration of housing questionnaires and CommunityConnect where districts can refer a homeless student.

The Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA) is a big partnership with Shasta County Children's Mental Health. It supports the mental and behavioral health services to students attending Alternative Education and Community Day Schools. They have already received 44 referrals this year.

The FOCUS (Focussing on Children Under Stress) program is a partnership with the Shasta County District Attorney's Office. It is a way to connect first responders, schools, and community resources.

A couple of challenges within the department are transportation and a complicated housing situation. Celebrations include foster youth school stability improves when students are enrolled and the Youth Support Services Team.

Diana Reed, Director of Project Share, said that regardless of the pandemic and staffing shortages they have still been able to provide high quality programs. She shared the STEAM Showcase presentation that included lego robotics, games that are disguised learning, keva planks, 100 day math challenge, pottery, floral arts, culinary arts, student led lessons, reverse engineering legos, Botley the coding robot, biology, anatomy, and gardening.

Project Share celebrations include huge growth in funding, money went to the school districts, and summer programs in most of the schools. The main challenges were staffing shortages and increased workloads.

Board Member Manuel asked about the term Expanded Learning and what it encompasses. CDE has changed their after school division to the expanding learning division. Expanded learning is anything that happens before school hours, after school hours, or during days that school is not in session.

## **9. ACTION**

### **9.1. Administrative Services**

- 9.1.1. New Exhibit 1113 - Community Relations - District and School Websites (First Read)

Adam Hillman, Associate Superintendent of Administrative Services, shared that there is nothing new in the exhibit. It contains a list of what is required to be on the website.

**ACTION:** Board Member Brown moved to approve item 9.1.1. as submitted, waiving the second read. Board Member MacFarland 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: Little-Varga, Tawney

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

**9.2. Instructional Services**

9.2.1. Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan

Mike Freeman, Associate Superintendent of Instructional Services, explained that one of the requirements of ESSER III (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund) is to create a plan. It needs to be brought before the Board every six months until 2025. We have synced this plan with the latest CDC guidelines.

**ACTION:** Board Member MacFarland moved to approve item 9.2.1. 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: Little-Varga, Tawney

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

**9.3. Board**

9.3.1. Board Member Attendance at California County Boards of Education (CCBE) Conference - September 9-11, 2022 in Monterey

Superintendent Flores shared that in the past the Board had decided not to attend CCBE conference because they felt that California School Board Association's conference provides greater value. The membership fees would need to be renewed if the Board decided to attend. The Board chose not to renew or attend the conference. No action was needed.

9.3.2. Interview Student Board Member Candidate and Make Appointment for 2022/23

- 2:30 p.m. - Ava Gebhart

The Board interviewed the one candidate, Ava Gebhart, that had applied and selected her as the Student Board Member for 2022/2023.

**ACTION:** Board Member Hull moved to approve Ava Gebhart as the 2022-23 student board

member. Board Member Barry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

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NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

**Student Board Members**

AYES: Little-Varga, Tawney

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

**10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**10.1. Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining - CDEA, SSCEA, Unrepresented**

Superintendent Flores shared that SCOE had settled with all three bargaining units for the 2022-23 school year. There will be a 5.5% increase effective July 1, 2022 and a one-time off schedule payment made with the May 2022 payroll to show appreciation to everyone who has gone above and beyond. Changes were also made to the Retiree Health Insurance Benefits.

**10.2. RHS Update**

Superintendent Flores said that Wendy Zanatelle is going to lead the Reach Higher Shasta business committee. They are planning to start meeting in June after some grants are submitted. She is excited to see the committee under Ms. Zanotelli's leadership and in making the connections for student internships, job shadowing opportunities, and short term jobs. During the school year, most committees were not able to meet because administrators were tapped out because of COVID.

Board Member Manuel asked if students graduating with an AA was unique to West Valley. More schools are going in the direction of dual enrolled classes.

Board Member Webb mentioned that the dual enrolled classes are huge here compared to other community colleges.

Superintendent Flores mentioned that the Educator Appreciation Event took place and it was great to be in person. The student board member speeches were the highlight.

She also shared the following:

- She had the chance to make several school visits in the past month that included Sequoia, Shasta High, and North Cottonwood.
- Walked with native partners during the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) day.
- We are writing a grant in support of our native youth that is due tomorrow. We only pursue grants that are aligned with the work that we are already doing. This grant is perfectly aligned and will continue and expand the work that we are already doing.
- The CommunityConnect data has shown that through the end of April we have had 844 referrals. It is exciting to see that schools are referring and over 70% of the families are

committing to and engaged in services.

Superintendent Flores shared an update on goal areas.

Capacity Building - This week was the final Leadership Team meeting of the year. One goal was to divide up who was leading various components within the team. Three-fourths of the members presented at some point during the year. Capacity is also seen in the district superintendents supporting the work taking place with the School Attendance Review Teams and Behavior Monitoring Teams. This makes the CommunityConnect work truly happen. They had a breakthrough moment at the superintendents meeting when fifteen clinicians shared their background and the work that they are doing.

Communication - This campaign has given her many opportunities to share about the work that we are doing. Also, this spring she has been gathering input through Friday Feedback from the staff. Staff appreciate that she is asking for feedback.

Student Voice - She had the opportunity to meet with a school and family after being tagged in a Facebook post from a Native adult in the community. She was able to see first hand why we are doing the work with the Native Americans in terms of bringing trainings and support to schools and how desperately it is needed.

## **11. STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT**

- Carly Tawney, Foothill High School

Miss Tawney shared the following:

- Many peers are graduating with an AA degree.
- There are four more weeks of school.
- LINK Crew, the freshmen orientation program, is starting training.
- Kool April Days was a success and included spirit week and an outside BBQ.
- Max Steiner was invited to speak to the government class.
- Advance Placement (AP) testing will finish this week.
- They have new picnic tables with chess boards.

- Adam Little-Varga, Central Valley High School

Mr. Little-Varga reported the following highlights:

- Students have confirmed where they are going to college.
- Four students received McConnell scholarships.
- A good amount of students took the AP Calculus exam.
- Music and drama classes were able to take a trip to Ashland for the Shakespearean Festival.
- Prom was larger than they planned. Since it was crowded, they'll need a bigger venue next year.
- Honor Grads Scholarship Night is coming up. The CV Community Scholarships will be revealed at this event.
- They had a Spring Fling and movie night.
- The Walkout Rally, shifting of the grades, will be happening soon.
- Every senior is graduating with some college credit.
- The co-valedictorian finished his AA degree.

## **12. BOARD BUSINESS**

### **12.1. Board Comments/Discussion/Reports/Correspondence**

- 12.1.1. Board Member Attendance at Graduation/Promotion Ceremonies

Superintendent Flores shared the graduation schedule for SCOE-sponsored charter schools, EXCEL, and Independent Study. A sheet was passed around for Board Members to mark which promotion/graduation ceremonies they were planning to attend.

#### 12.1.2. Board Member Meeting Feedback

Board Member Manuel requested a future topic of Whiskeytown Environmental School (WES). She had received a newsletter from the WES Community Group. In the newsletter, it stated that there are plans to start up in temporary facilities.

President Mills shared that she attended the CCBE Board Meeting Conference in March. One of the sessions that she attended was on Criticism, Chaos, Decorum, and Order. She thought it was helpful in leading some of the discussions that we have had. Some of the takeaways were to engage proactive clear messaging on meeting procedures and expectations to the community. Another one was on communications via social media. It is okay to answer questions, provide information to the public or to solicit information. Board members are not allowed to respond directly to any social media communications by another member involving the subject matter jurisdiction.

Board Member Webb offered an open invitation to help with conducting mock interviews. If anyone is interested in participating on a panel let him know.

Board Member Brown had a few items to share.

- He attended the ROP school board meeting. The Board voted to renew Charlie Hoffman as superintendent. They already have almost full enrollment for next year.
- The CAC (advisory committee to SELPA) met last month. A group of concerned citizens addressed them regarding the GREAT Partnership dissolution. He invited them to address the Board, but no one showed up.
- He suggested checking out the full eclipse on Sunday, May 15, right as it gets dark.

#### 12.1.3. Board Member Comments

### 13. **REMINDERS/UPCOMING EVENTS**

- May 12, 2022 - Spring Fling
- May 18, 2022 - Northern Summit Academy Graduation - 11:00 a.m., Anderson River Park
- June 2, 2022 - R-STEM Graduation - 6:00 p.m., Shasta Lake Community Center
- June 7, 2022 - Chrysalis Charter School Graduation - 7:00 p.m., On Campus
- June 8, 2022 - Independent Study 8th Grade Promotion - 10:00 a.m., On Campus
- June 8, 2022 - Independent Study Graduation - 6:30 p.m., R-STEM's Campus
- June 9, 2022 - EXCEL 8th Grade Promotion - 10:00 a.m., On Campus

### 14. **NEXT MEETINGS** at Shasta County Office of Education, 2985 Innsbruck Drive, Redding, CA 96003

- June 15, 2022 - Special Meeting/Budget Study Session, 12:30 p.m.
- June 22, 2022 - Regular Meeting, 1:30 p.m.

### 15. **ADJOURN**

President Mills adjourned the meeting at 3:17 p.m.

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