

SHASTA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

Meeting Location:

Shasta County Office of Education
Professional Development Center
2985 Innsbruck Drive
Redding, CA 96003

July 14, 2021

Regular Meeting Minutes

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

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

Erica Flores, 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.)

De'An Chambless

Kimmy Pullen

Katy Martin

Jennifer Smart

Jessica Tegerstrand

Rebecca Walker

Dan Ostrowski

Kathy Stainbrook

Julie Crummet

Cheryl Taylor

Kelly Rizzi

Jeff Misner

Mary Lord

Don Austendorph

Kurt Swanson

Brenda Woods

Jim Powers

Colt Roberts

Linda Johnson

Lisa Michard

Jessica Watkins

Parker Wilson

Melody Fowler

Sarah Sprickman

Bella Rose

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Mills led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION: Board Member MacFarland moved to approve the Agenda, after moving Item 4 to after Item 7.1 to allow members of the public to arrive that are traveling from the Magnolia location.

Vice President Barry 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:

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

5.1. Board

5.1.1. June 16, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes

5.1.2. June 23, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

5.2. Administrative Services

5.2.1. Credentials and Oaths for Temporary Certificates

5.2.2. Surplus Equipment-SELPA

ACTION: Board Member Hull moved to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted.

Vice-President Barry 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:

6. INFORMATION

Materials were provided in the Board agenda packet for the following Information items. No discussion took place during the Board meeting.

6.1. Administrative Services

6.1.1. General Fund Board Report

6.1.2. Chrysalis Charter School Adopted Budget (2021/22)

6.1.3. Northern Summit Academy Adopted Budget (2021/22)

6.1.4. Redding STEM Academy Charter School Adopted Budget (2021/22)

6.2. Instructional Services

6.2.1. Chrysalis Charter School Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)

6.2.2. Northern Summit Academy LCAP

6.2.3. Redding STEM Academy LCAP

7. PRESENTATION

7.1. Trauma Informed Work-Kelly Rizzi

Kelly Rizzi, Director of School and District Support, presented to the Board.

Ms. Rizzi led the group in a breathing exercise using a Hoberman Sphere. She shared that the exercise helps to “down regulate” the stress response system.

Ms. Rizzi shared that she has had the opportunity to travel all over the community and state for 5 years in a row, training staff in trauma informed practices and adverse childhood experiences sharing

what she has learned from Dr. Bruce Perry. Since COVID, there hasn't been a lot of participation in trainings. From Kelly's perspective, this makes sense because, following the science of trauma, a person cannot take in new information when they are overstressed. The same is true for students. Science has shown that when they don't feel safe or calm, it's impossible for them to learn. She also shared how this work has been embedded in the social-emotional learning that schools have been very involved in over the last school year.

Board Member Brown commented that trauma affects the entire family and creates an environment where it is impossible for the family to cope. He asked if there are programs for families to be able to offer a calm for their children.

Ms. Rizzi responded that they are offering workshops to parents through schools and parent clubs to teach coping so they can offer support to their children.

4. HEARING OF PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

President Mills thanked members of the public for attending and shared the protocols for addressing the Board.

The following members of the public spoke to oppose student masking in schools and requested the board and superintendent to take action in support of family rights and oppose the masking mandate:

- Jim Powers
- Linda Johnson
- Jessica Watkins
- Melody Fowler
- Bella Rose
- Kimmy Pullen
- Jennifer Smart
- Rebecca Walker
- Kathy Stainbrook
- Jeff Misner
- Don Austendorph
- Brenda Woods
- Colt Roberts
- Lisa Michard
- Parker Wilson
- Parker Wilson's mom
- Sarah Sprickman

The following member of the public spoke against Critical Race Theory:

- Jennifer Smart

The following members of the public spoke against the California Sexual Health curriculum:

- Jennifer Smart
- Kathy Stainbrook
- Cheryl Taylor

CLOSED SESSION

7.2. Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation. Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (2) Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9. One potential case.

7.3. Report from Closed Session

There was no action taken in the Closed Session, therefore nothing to report.

8. ACTION

8.1. Administrative Services

8.1.1. Early Childhood Services Building Project Acceptance of Lowest Bid

Dan Ostrowski, Executive Director of Facility Maintenances & Operations, presented to the Board. The Early Childhood Services Expansion Center Project went out to bid, with the bid processes opening on 7/1/21 at 3:00 p.m. McCuen Construction came in with the lowest bid of \$6,360,000.

Board Member Manuel asked how current costs compare to when plans were first created. Mr. Ostrowski answered that original estimates were upwards of \$8 million, however with some reductions to the scope of the project we are well under \$7 million, so things look good.

ACTION: Board Member Brown moved to approve **Item 8.1.1** 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:

8.2. Board

8.2.1. Board Member Attendance at CSBA Conference:

Superintendent Flores shared that, in the past, Board members have attended the conference. Last year, a virtual option was added and two Board members attended. The 2021 dates are as follows: In-Person in San Diego 12/2-12/4/21, and Virtual/Online 12/9-12/10/21
 Board Member Webb shared he would like to attend the in-person event.

ACTION: Board Member Brown moved to approve Item 8.2.1, sending Board Member Webb to the conference.
 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:

**8.2.2. New Board Member Attendance at CSBA Orientation for New Trustees:
 In-Person/San Diego 12/1/21; Virtual/Online 12/8/21**

Board Member Webb shared that he is interested in attending the orientation for new trustees.

ACTION: Board Member Manuel moved to approve Item 8.2.2, sending Board Member Webb to the orientation.
 Board Member Brown 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:

9. BOARD BUSINESS

9.1. Board Comments/Discussion/Reports/Correspondence

President Mills thanked the Board for their patience through the public comment. She shared she decided to let the Public Comment go past the allotted time so that any member of the public wishing to speak could be heard.

Board Member Brown commented that it is the Board's responsibility to go by facts and by what the science shows, not rumor or political opinions.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Flores shared her priorities for the 2021/22 school year.

Student Voices

Over last two years working with the American Indian Advisory, she has had the opportunity to hear from Native Americans regarding attendance and behavior. In her meetings with Eddy McAllister and representatives from the Shasta County Citizens Against Racism, she has come to see that the need for student voices expands well beyond the work with Native Americans. She wants to work to capture student perspectives and share those perspectives with districts and schools in professional learning opportunities.

Building Capacity

Because many of the current managers within SCOE are nearing retirement age, Administrative Council has been discussing how to build the capacity of those within SCOE to continue this important work. They are working to build up the capacity of those within the Leadership Team. There is also a need to build capacity within the Reach Higher Shasta Secondary Committee with a planning committee formed that includes district representatives this year for the first time. In addition, with the in-depth work being done in the areas of attendance and behavior, identifying best practices for how district superintendents can support this work at their schools is critical.

Communication

Ms. Flores shared that throughout the 2020-21 school year, she provided emails to all staff every Friday. In addition to updates specific to SCOE and COVID-19, she shared stories of "hopefulness and helpfulness". She would like to investigate other ways to communicate since not everyone reads email, like videos and in visiting department meetings like she was able to do prior to the pandemic. She plans to seek feedback from staff on what is working and what is not.

Equity

Ms. Flores recapped the work that has been done around equity with the American Indian Advisory. Dr. Nikki Sandoval, previously on the State Board of Education, shared that what SCOE is doing to support the Native Americans has the potential to become a model for the State in working with indigenous peoples and is in the process of writing up what has happened within two different journals. Superintendent Flores shared that there is more work to be done and is hopeful that this approach can be used with other student groups in Shasta County as well as in other counties around the state.

Vice President Barry shared that one of her most impactful experiences has been hearing Native Americans share their experiences as students in Shasta County schools.

County Committee

Adam Hillman responded to the question from a previous Board meeting, “Why can’t someone from the community college be on the County Committee?”

Mr. Hillman shared that, after speaking with the SCOE attorney, there are conflicting codes about this subject. Therefore, given the fact that it is rare for an item to come before the County Committee regarding Shasta College, he believes Board Member Webb could sit on the Committee and simply recuse himself should the college become a subject of discussion.

11. MEETING FEEDBACK/SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Board Member Manuel requested an update regarding the Environmental Education Grant.

12. REMINDERS/UPCOMING EVENTS

There were no upcoming events.

13. NEXT MEETING – August 11, 2021, 1:30 p.m. at the SCOE Professional Development Center, 2985 Innsbruck Drive, Redding

14. ADJOURN

President Mills adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

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