

**SHASTA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**September 13, 2023**

**ADOPTED**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

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

Members Present

Kathy Barry, President  
Robert Brown, Vice President  
Authur Gorman  
Laura Manuel  
Denny Mills  
Cindy Vogt  
Nick Webb  
Robin Comas, Student Board Member  
Jackson Richards, 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.)*

Jessica Bigby  
Lauren Stroud  
Josh Brown  
Bobbie Simpson  
Kerri Schuette  
Stephanie Byars  
Rebecca Lewis  
Cole Rumford  
Nick Syrrist  
Jenn Cobb  
Will Barnett  
Heather Nichols  
Austin Preller  
De'An Chambless  
Shere DePaoli

Sarah Kohlbeck  
Carie Webb  
Tara Schwerdt  
Kim McKenzie  
James Alspach  
Ada Rappaport  
McKenzie Hoffman

## 2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Board Member Mills led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## 3. **ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO 2023/24 STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS**

- Robin Comas, University Preparatory School
- Jackson Richards, Shasta High School

## 4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following spoke during public comment:

- Bobbie Simpson
- Michelle Dugar
- Joshua Brown
- Rich Gallardo
- Lori Bridgeford
- George Marsh
- Monique Molene

## 5. **BOARD INITIATIVES**

### 5.1. Substance Abuse Prevention

Austin Preller, Executive Director Youth Support Services, and Jen Cobb, Youth Support Services Coordinator, provided information on Substance Abuse Prevention. They shared what they have done, data trends, this new school year, and future opportunities.

In the past year, 5th-12th grade students have received classroom based education with presentations on vaping and fentanyl/prescription drugs. Professional Development has been offered through the Shasta County Prevention Summit, YVAPE Intervention Curriculum, Stanford Triangulum Conference, Stanford Tobacco Toolkit Training, Spring Into Action event, and various speakers. Student Engagement has been provided through intervention and cessation classes, on-campus lunch events, and referral posters. Parent Engagement has included movie theater and Facebook Ads and Spring Into Action event. Community Partnerships include the Tobacco Education Coalition and Shasta Substance Use Coalition.

The data trends for vape use and alcohol and drugs was varied. It showed a decrease in use of vape products in both middle and high school. There was a better understanding about the harm of vaping, and an overall increase in quit attempts. The numbers for the use of alcohol or other drugs are up. Parents report “lacking enough knowledge” as their main issue in keeping them from talking to their children about drugs.

A couple of new partnerships have been established this year. We have a marijuana education partnership with Shasta County Public Health. Also, increased community Partnerships with Hill

Country and Shasta Community Health Center.

There are several future opportunities. They include peer education, pending grant applications, Elevate Youth California, increased parent engagement, awareness campaigns, emphasis on alcohol education, and law enforcement partnerships.

## 5.2. Literacy

Rebecca Lewis, Executive Director Professional Learning and Leadership Support Services, and Stephanie Byars, Director District and School Support, presented information on literacy work underway that is aligned with the Board Initiative. They shared the current data and how literacy impacts every area of our life. There is a high percentage of students who cannot read that fail to graduate high school, are incarcerated, or on welfare. 95% of students are cognitively capable of reading. However, less than 40% are proficient in reading.

“Getting Reading Right” is a teaching program that is helping to build knowledge in the science of reading for teachers and paraeducators. The North State Reading Consortium has been formed through the collaboration of Shasta, Siskiyou, Butte, and Glenn Counties. Shasta County has participating staff in 14 districts.

They shared ways that the community can support this effort and what Reach Higher Shasta Literacy Committee is doing. Ways for the community to support included reading to children, participating in community literacy activities, supporting books drives, and participating in the Shasta County Literacy Conference Community Event. Reach Higher Shasta is helping with the conference and a training opportunity, as well as working on K-2 data collection.

Board Member Webb asked what the board can do to support this program. Ms. Byars suggested showing up for local literacy events, Reach Higher Shasta, grant work, helping to spread the word, financial support, encouraging family engagement, and spreading the word through social media and friends on the importance of reading.

## **6. DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

### 6.1. Professional Learning & Leadership Support Services

Rebecca Lewis, Executive Director Professional Learning and Leadership Support Services, and Shere DePaoli, Senior Director Professional Learning and Leadership Support Services, shared about their branch of Instructional Services. They explained the support that they offer the districts, schools, and educators. It includes professional learning, networks, resources, regulatory support, and continuous improvement. The California System of Support and the different levels of support offered were also discussed. Fourteen Shasta County districts qualified last year for the level 2 differentiated assistance support.

Program highlights shared included Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports, PBIS. Shasta County is the California PBIS Region 2 Technical Assistance Center. Hands-on science is offered through Whiskeytown Environmental School, Schreder Planetarium, and STEM Career Day. Learning Communities for Native Success Grant has provided lesson development, learning opportunities, family liaison connectors, and activities for native youth and families.

The two 2022-23 department goals were service and culture. Service was focused on building relationships and providing proactive and responsive support to schools and districts. The second goal

was to cultivate culture with expressions of gratitude and appreciation toward one another and our collective impact.

President Barry called for a break, 3:33 p.m to 3:44 p.m.

## **7. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

### **7.1. Board**

7.1.1. August 9, 2023 Special Board Meeting Minutes

7.1.2. August 9, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

### **7.2. Administrative Services**

7.2.1. Credentials and Oaths for Temporary Certificates

### **7.3. Instructional Services**

7.3.1. Donation/Gift Acceptance - City of Redding

7.3.2. Donation/Gift Acceptance - Reach Higher Shasta

Board Member Manuel asked to pull 7.1.1. from the Consent Agenda. She wanted to strike the words “hate and” from her comment under 10.1.1. since she actually said berate.

**ACTION:** Board Member Webb moved to approve the Consent Agenda without item 7.1.2.

Vice President Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

#### **Shasta County Board of Education**

AYES: Barry, Brown, Gorman, Manuel, Mills, Vogt, Webb

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

#### **Student Board Members**

AYES: Comas, Richards

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

**ACTION:** Board Member Manuel moved to approve item 7.1.2 with the edits mentioned. Board Member Gorman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

#### **Shasta County Board of Education**

AYES: Barry, Brown, Gorman, Manuel, Mills, Vogt, Webb

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

#### **Student Board Members**

AYES: Comas, Richards

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

## 8. INFORMATION

### 8.1. Administrative Services

8.1.1. General Fund Board Report

8.1.2. New, Retired, and Exited Employee Quarterly

A member of the public, Laura, spoke about the election.

## CLOSED SESSION

### 9. Closed Session Real Estate Negotiations (Gov. Code Section 54956.8)

Property: 1177 Placer Street, Redding

Negotiating parties: Dustin McCracken, Re/Max; Adam Hillman and Cole Rumford, SCOE

Asking Price: \$2,000,000.00

Assessor Parcel Numbers: 101660034000

## OPEN SESSION

### 10. ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

There was no reportable action taken.

### 11. ACTION

#### 11.1. Instructional Services

##### **11.1.1. PUBLIC HEARING-Receive Public Comment Regarding Sufficient Textbooks and Instructional Materials for Fiscal Year 2023/24**

Associate Superintendent Mike Freeman explained that this is certifying that we have sufficient materials and online licenses for the students enrolled in our programs.

President Barry opened the public hearing at 4:03 p.m. and closed it at 4:04 p.m.

#### 11.1.2. Resolution Regarding Sufficiency or Insufficiency of Instructional Materials

**ACTION:** Board Member Mills moved to approve item 11.1.2. as submitted.  
Board Member Webb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

##### **Shasta County Board of Education**

AYES: Barry, Brown, Gorman, Manuel, Mills, Vogt, Webb

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

##### **Student Board Member**

AYES: Comas, Richards

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

### 11.1.3. Certification of Instructional Materials

**ACTION:** Board Member Manuel moved to approve item 11.1.3. as submitted. Board Member Vogt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

**Shasta County Board of Education**

AYES: Barry, Brown, Gorman, Manuel, Mills, Vogt, Webb

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

**Student Board Member**

AYES: Comas, Richards

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

### 11.1.4. Approval of 2023 Spring Consolidated Application

**ACTION:** Board Member Mills moved to approve item 11.1.4. as submitted. Board Member Webb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

**Shasta County Board of Education**

AYES: Barry, Brown, Gorman, Manuel, Mills, Vogt, Webb

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

**Student Board Member**

AYES: Comas, Richards

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

## **12. STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT**

- Robin Comas, University Preparatory School

Student Board Member Comas shared that she is managing the business side (marketing/social media) of her school's yearbook. She is involved in Interact Club, Science Bowl, and Peer Court. She plays piano, works at PokeLand, and took a trip to Paris and London over the summer.

- Jackson Richards, Shasta High School

Student Board Member Richards shared his report that he handed out to the Board. It included the things that he is personally involved in, upcoming community events, and future goals.

## **13. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Flores shared the following:

- The countywide first week of school enrollment is up by 381 students, a 1.5% increase.
- SCOE hosted the State of Education event where the Report to the Community was released. It was an event to help the community understand and highlight the work we are doing with

students and families, and share ways they can get involved. There were short presentations on literacy, preschools, Student Mental Health, the Native Grant, Science Programs, and Community Schools. Sixty five members of the community attended.

- Early Childhood Services received a visit from CDE. Joy Garcia, Brandy Groves and Renee Menefee took them on tour.
- Superintendent Flores was a panelist for West Ed to talk about the work SCOE is doing to increase engagement with our Native Students. The webinar was attended by 260 people. She shared ways that they can work with their partners.

#### **14. DISCUSSION**

##### 14.1. Board

14.1.1. Report from California County Board of Education (CCBE) Conference Attendee Vice President Brown shared what sessions he attended at the CCBE Conference. He focused on the “Leading Interagency Collaboration to Help Vulnerable Students” presentation by Monterey County Office of Education. He felt that the board could use their model as a guide for creating our own initiatives. The board received and reviewed the handout from Monterey County.

##### 14.1.2. Board Reports/Correspondence/Comment

#### **15. REMINDERS/UPCOMING EVENTS**

Superintendent Flores shared that we received a call from Joseph Fairfield regarding a Gateway candidate forum on September 28.

#### **16. BOARD MEMBER MEETING FEEDBACK**

Board Member Vogt noted that the community members only came to make their public comments and are missing out on the real work that is being done by the board.

Board Member Mills is interested in how the board initiatives evolve.

President Barry and Board Member Manuel both liked the reordering of the agenda.

**17. NEXT MEETING** - Special Board Planning/Training Meeting - September 27, 2023, 11:00 am at Shasta County Office of Education, 2985 Innsbruck Drive, Redding, CA 96003

#### **18. ADJOURN**

President Barry adjourned the meeting at 4:47 p.m.

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