

SHASTA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

May 12, 2021
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 Mills at 1:30 p.m.

Members Present

Kathy Barry, Vice President
Robert Brown
Rhonda Hull
Steve MacFarland
Laura Manuel
Denny Mills, President
Kaitlin Killion, Student Board Member
Leah Perez, Student Board Member

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)

(There may have been others in attendance. Those in attendance may have attended only a portion of the meeting.)

De'An Chambless

Amy Morales

Jodie VanOrnum

Kate Bates

Nathan Fairchild

Austin Preller

Mary Lord

Jill McWilliams

Michelle Larsen

Ben Claasen

Irene Salter

Mike Freeman

Julia Knight

Catherine Thompson

John Husome

Rebecca Lewis

Rosemary Mitchell

2. TELECONFERENCE PROTOCOLS

President Mills explained the protocols of the meeting, as it was held online.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Shasta County Board of Education

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

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

Student Board Members

AYES: Killion, Perez

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

4. HEARING OF PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Julia Knight, Executive Director of Northern Summit Academy, opened the discussion regarding Assembly Bill 1316. She shared importance of the proposed legislation. She requested the SCOE Board pass a resolution opposing the bill. She shared that it proposes to discriminate against CA students in charter schools especially in non-classroom based programs. It will decrease funding and impose unequitable restrictions. There are approximately 650-700 thousand students in California public charter schools, and about 200, 000 of those are enrolled in the 310 non-classroom based charter schools. She said this would be a stepping-stone to the eventual elimination of school choice and the healthy competition that is part of the charter law.

Irene Salter, co-Administrator of Chrysalis Charter School, spoke to the Board. She said this bill would impose mandates and attendance requirements, and change the independent study program. It would require live engagement with the teacher of record every three days. It also threatens inflexible contracting and credentialing requirements for teachers. It would limit enrollment to students in Shasta County. Oversight fees would increase from 1% to 3%, and an overall expenditure increase of 44 thousand dollars.

Ben Claasen, Director/Superintendent of Shasta Charter Academy, shared that the bill is catastrophic in the restrictions it imposes. He requested the SCOE Board adopt the proposed resolution in opposition.

John Husome, Director of Redding STEM Academy, spoke to the Board. He shared that AB 1316 is an example of a “Bureaucratic Creep” and “death by a thousand cuts”. Cuts will continue to come one at a time. Year after year, there will be new mandates, laws, and burdens on charter schools. One of the most difficult parts is that all teaching staff must be employed by the school, so schools cannot share services with other schools or districts. If the bill were to pass, it would put them in jeopardy of failing to comply with special education law. It is important to recognize that the bill is unnecessary. Mr. Husome requested the Board support the resolution to oppose it.

Nathan Fairchild shared that they have a discussion scheduled for May 20, which is four days before the hearing to better understand the specifics of the bill that local charter schools are opposed to.

Mike Freeman shared that some aspects of the legislation will affect County Office programs.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

5.1. Board

5.1.1. April 14, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

5.2. Administrative Services

5.2.1. Credentials and Oaths for Temporary Certificates

5.2.2. Revised Board Policy & Administrative Regulation 3551-Business & Noninstructional Operations-Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund

5.3. Instructional Services

5.3.1. Revised Board Policy and Exhibit 0420.41-Philosophy, Goals, Objectives, & Comprehensive Plan-Charter School Oversight

5.3.2. Revised Board Policy 6154-Homework/Makeup Work-Courses of Study

5.3.3. Revised Board Policy & Administrative Regulation 6143-Instruction-Courses of Study

5.3.4. Revised Board Policy 5141.22-Students-Infectious Diseases

5.3.5. Revised Board Policy 0420.42-Philosophy, Goals, Objectives, & Plans-Charter School Renewal

5.3.6. Revised Administrative Regulation 1312.4-Community Relations-Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures

ACTION: Vice President Barry moved to approve the Consent Agenda, with a change to the Minutes as discussed.
Board Member Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

Shasta County Board of Education

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

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

Student Board Members

AYES: Killion, Perez

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

6.2. Instructional Services

6.2.1. Quarterly Reports on Williams Uniform Complaints

7. DEPARTMENT UPDATE

7.1. Student Programs-Part 1

Mary Lord, Executive Director of Student Programs, opened the presentation.

Jill McWilliams and Kate Bates of Project Share shared 2020/21 highlights. They described it as a year of transitions where safety and teamwork were the focus. Looking ahead, they will seek to expand technology, have credentialed teachers on site to address student learning loss, have on-site licensed therapists, and cross train paraprofessionals to provide Behavior Management Assistance.

Austin Preller, Director of Youth Support Services, presented. Mr. Preller gave a summary of the services Youth Support Services offers. He shared the department goals, which include delivering high quality service to partner agencies, with an intentional focus on hopefulness and helpfulness. Current celebrations include the successful launch and year one of the new Tier 2 consortium, new staffing, involvement in Community Connect, and the launch of Host Homes.

CTE: K-12 Strong Workforce Program - Rosemary Mitchell, K12 Pathway Coordinator, gave the report. The Career & Technical Education (CTE) programs are available to all middle school, high school, and community college students in our region. Ms. Mitchell provides technical assistance and support to all schools that are interested in offering CTE at their sites. Program goals include students completing 2 or more CTE courses in high school that include early college credit, work-based learning, or third-party certification. Ms. Mitchell shared program celebrations. There are K-14 CTE Communities of Practice in all sectors across our region. This includes Shasta, Tehama, Trinity, Modoc, Lassen, and Siskiyou counties. They are piloting a new high quality education pathway in partnership with Shasta College. This program is 100% online.

8. RECOGNITION

8.1. Jennifer Snider for her Service on the Shasta County Board of Education

Board Members thanked Ms. Snider for her service on the Board from April 2020 to April 2021.

8.2. 2020/21 Student Board Members

President Mills shared that Ms. Killion and Ms. Perez's participation on the Board has been highly valued and that they have contributed a lot to the discussion. She shared that she was sorry not to have had more opportunities to meet in person throughout the year.

Superintendent Flores commented that student voices are so critical, especially in a year like this one, and that they represented themselves and their school communities very well. She added that having their input enabled the Board to monitor how things were going throughout the year.

Board Member Hull shared that she appreciated their service and wishes it could have in person.

Board Member Manuel thanked them for hanging in there this year. She shared that their input helped the Board feel more connected to the schools. She added that their reports were always a highlight of the Board meetings.

Vice President Barry commented that they are both articulate and gifted and that the Board had exceptional Student Board Members in an exceptional year. Ms. Barry shared that she expects great things from them, and asked them to stay in touch and keep the Board posted on their futures.

9. STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

- Leah Perez, Shasta High School
Since the last Board meeting, school has returned to being back on campus 5 days per week. Peer tutoring is now being held both in-person and online.
Shasta High School has an official prom in two Saturdays. There will also be a parent-run prom. U-Prep had a parent prom as well.
They are in their second week of AP testing and there are many senior activities going on. Graduation will be held on the field. Each graduate gets four tickets for guests, and an

extra ticket if they complete their FAFSA. Scholarship night will be in-person in two weeks.

Sports are in full swing, with half of the sports happening now.

Ms. Perez shared that she has not made a final decision on a school yet, but she is mostly considering UC Berkeley right now.

Board Member Manuel asked what a “parent-run” prom is.

Ms. Perez shared the parents run everything and the cover all costs. U-PREP had their parent-run prom at the rodeo grounds.

- Kaitlin Killion, Enterprise High School
There are 15 in-person days left of school. Finals are 2 ½ weeks away.
Last week was School Spirit week for all grades. Wednesday they held a “May the 4th be with you” blood drive. Those who dressed up in Star Wars costumes received an extra gift after giving blood.
Sports and clubs are preparing for next year and lower grades are taking their finals. The seniors are excited and celebrating.
It has been a confusing year, but they have all persevered together.
There will be a parent-led prom on the 15th.

10. ACTION

10.1. Board

10.1.1. Interview Student Board Member Candidates and Make Appointment for 2021/22

- 2:45 p.m.** • Ava Gebhart
- 3:00 p.m.** • Adam Little-Varga
- 3:15 p.m.** • Carly Tawney

The Board interviewed the three candidates and selected Carly Tawney and Adam Little-Varga as the two Student Board Members for 2021/22.

ACTION: Board Member MacFarland moved to approve **Item 10.1.1** as submitted.
Board Member Manuel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

Shasta County Board of Education

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

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

Student Board Members

AYES: Killion, Perez

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ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

10.1.2. Change Time of June 16, 2021 Special Meeting/Budget Study Session

Superintendent Flores shared that the reason for the time change is interview Board Member candidates to replace Jen Snider before the deadline. She requested a motion to be able to adjust the time as needed.

ACTION: Board Member MacFarland moved to approve **Item 10.1.2** 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, Snider

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

Student Board Members

AYES: Killion, Perez

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

10.2. Administrative Services

10.2.1. Board Policy 3110-Business & Noninstructional Operations-Transfer of Funds (First Read)

De'An Chambless reported to the Board. She shared that this Board Policy came as a recommended change. As they looked into it, they recognized that CSBA policies are drafted for districts, so the changes cause it to relate to a county office of education. The changes align with SCOE's current practice.

ACTION: Board Member Hull moved to approve **Item 10.2.1** 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, Snider

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

Student Board Members

AYES: Killion, Perez

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

10.3. Instructional Services

10.3.1. Approve Expenditure Plan for Expanded Learning Opportunity Grant

Mary Lord presented to the Board. At the beginning of the year, SCOE received a grant from the federal government to address learning loss due to COVID. The Expenditure Plan reflects the best way to spend the funds in a way that serves students. They have determined that social-emotional support is most critical need, due to isolation during the pandemic.

Superintendent Flores added that this is one of several one-time funding grants that SCOE will receive. The others do not require the spending plans to come as an action item to the Board. The other grants aren't as specific in terms of use of funds. This one is very specific as to what the money can be used for.

ACTION: Board Member Hull moved to approve **Item 10.3.1** as submitted.

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

Shasta County Board of Education

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

NOES:
ABSTENTIONS:
ABSENT:
Student Board Members
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ABSENT:

11. BOARD BUSINESS

11.1. School Reopening Plans

Mary Lord presented to the Board. The reopening plans include academic, social-emotional, and physical. They were created with help from Maintenance & Operations, and address all of SCOE facilities and the safeguards to keep staff and students safe.

Board Member Hull asked why masks are still worn if the vaccine is available.

Ms. Flores responded that, because we cannot ask people if they've been vaccinated and cannot require it, we must assume some people haven't been. Shasta County is below average in the number of people vaccinated and currently still in the red tier. Public Health says the distancing requirements will be lifted soon.

Board Member Hull asked if the students in SCOE preschool programs wear masks.

Ms. Flores responded that the current mandate requires children 2 years and above be masked.

11.2. Board Member Attendance at Graduation/Promotion Ceremonies

Superintendent Flores shared the graduation schedule for SCOE-sponsored charter schools and Independent Study.

Several Board Members and Ms. Flores signed up to attend various ceremonies.

11.3. SABE vs. SABLE Conference for Student Board Members

In her January presentation, Student Board Member Perez recommended the Student Advisory Board on Education (SABE) conference over the Student Advisory Board on Legislation in Education (SABLE). She shared she favors SABE because it provides the opportunity for students to work through the process of developing proposals.

Board Member MacFarland shared that he likes the idea of getting the Student Board Members involved early on in their term. SABE happens in November, whereas SABLE isn't until January.

Superintendent Flores shared that the Student Board Member Symposium is another resource. It will be held online and low in cost.

Ms. Perez added that the California Association of Student Councils (CASC) is potentially getting 6.3 million in grants, so the price may go down significantly.

Board Member Manuel commented that the Region Conference is low in cost as well. She proposed they offer the SABE Conference, the SBM Symposium, and the Region Conference this year.

11.4. Board Comments/Discussion/Reports/Correspondence

Board Member Manuel shared that the Planetarium is now open for school field trips. They are following distancing guidelines and there are no hands-on exhibits.

Board Member MacFarland shared that, at the recent Juvenile Justice Commission meeting, they shared that they have started a new program called Rivers Edge Academy. Opening up the third pod at the Juvenile Rehabilitation Center is going to have an effect on SCOE eventually needing a third classroom teacher.

12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

12.1. Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining-All Employees

Superintendent Flores shared that, even though the Board is not involved in negotiations with employees, they use this opportunity to provide the public the results of the negotiations with the collective bargaining units. They have settled with all three bargaining units for the 21-22 school year. There will be a 3% ongoing increase in July, and a 2% one-time payment in October. In addition, SCOE provided a 2% one-time payment in June as a thank you to our employees for their extraordinary efforts throughout the pandemic.

12.2. Reach Higher Shasta Update

Ms. Flores shared the Board report outlining the work Reach Higher Shasta (RHS) staff was involved in this year. All the work was done virtually this year. RHS provides an opportunity to bring together schools and charter schools around the county in order to collectively support improvement of outcomes for all students countywide.

12.3. Other

COVID Update

Shasta County Public Health has a campaign called "Why I've Been Vaccinated." When people see someone they know has been vaccinated they feel more comfortable being vaccinated.

Currently there are plans to vaccinate 12–15-year-olds. Vaccination clinics will be held on high school campuses.

There is no direction yet from the State as far as masking and distancing requirements for next year.

Next Monday there will be a "masks-off rally" in front of SCOE on Magnolia. It is being sponsored by Informed Parents of California.

California Community Schools Partnership Program

The CCSPP Grant, plus the support of Shasta Health and Human Services Agency (HHS), are enabling doors to open to support students in the areas of behavior and mental health. Districts and charters will not have to pay anything for this support. Donnell Ewert and HHS are working with us. A meeting is planned for this Friday to bring together charter school leaders and district superintendents to finalize plans so they can take the budget to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

13. MEETING FEEDBACK/SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Board Member Manuel thanked staff for sending the email this morning with background information regarding the Public Comment portion of the meeting. It was helpful to have the information ahead of time.

She shared that the Assembly Bill situation seems very fluid. She would like to know more information before supporting a resolution.

Ms. Flores commented that after Mike and Nate speak with charter leaders Monday, we will know more.

14. REMINDERS/UPCOMING EVENTS

- *May 19, 2021-Northern Summit Academy Graduation (time and location to be determined)*
- *May 28, 2021-RSTEM Academy Graduation (9:00 a.m., On Campus)*
- *June 1, 2021-Chrysalis Graduation (6:00 p.m., On Campus)*
- *June 3, 2021-EXCEL 8th Grade Promotion (10:00 a.m., On Campus)*
- *June 3, 2021-Independent Study Graduation, 6:00 p.m. (Oasis Road Campus)*

15. NEXT MEETING – Special Board Meeting/Budget Study Session-June 16, 2021-Time TBD
SCOE Professional Development Center, 2985 Innsbruck Drive, Redding

16. ADJOURN

President Mills adjourned the meeting at 4:43 p.m.

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