

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

June 16, 2021

Special Meeting/Budget Study Session Minutes

ADOPTED

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Mills at 8:30 a.m.

Members Present

Kathy Barry, Vice President
Robert Brown
Rhonda Hull
Steve MacFarland
Laura Manuel
Denny Mills, President

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.)
Mike Freeman
De'An Chambless
Mary Lord
Dan Ostrowski
Paula Percy
Dr. Sharon Brisolaro
Nicholas Webb
Shere DePaoli
Jackie Titus

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 follows:

Shasta County Board of Education

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

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

4. HEARING OF PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

There was no public comment.

5. ACTION

5.1. Board Bylaw 9223-Filling Vacancies

Superintendent Flores proposed the changing Board Bylaw 9223 to conduct interviews the same way they are done with Student Board Members, interviewing one candidate at a time. She proposed changing the bylaw wording from *"The questions will be rotated so that each candidate has an opportunity to answer at least one question first."* to *"Candidates will be interviewed one at a time, with the interview questions sent out ahead of time to all candidates."*

ACTION: Board Member Manuel moved to approve **Item 5.1** with changes to the wording as proposed.

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

Shasta County Board of Education

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

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

5.2. Interview Candidates and Make Provisional Appointment to Fill Area 1 Board Vacancy

- 8:35 a.m. • Dr. Sharon Brisolaro
- 9:00 a.m. • Paula Percy
- 9:25 a.m. • Nicholas Webb

The three candidates were interviewed by the Board. After discussion, the Board submitted their first vote as follows:

First Vote

Laura Manuel:	Nick Webb
Steve MacFarland:	Nick Webb
Rhonda Hull:	Paula Percy
Robert Brown:	Sharon Brisolaro
Kathy Barry:	Sharon Brisolaro
Denny Mills:	Sharon Brisolaro

Because none of the candidates received a majority vote, after discussion, the Board submitted a second vote as follows:

Second Vote

Lauara Manuel:	Nick Webb
Steve MacFarland	Nick Webb
Rhonda Hull	Nick Webb
Robert Brown	Sharon Brisolaro
Kathy Barry	Sharon Brisolaro
Denny Mills:	Nick Webb

ACTION: Board Member MacFarland moved to approve **Item 5.2**, appointing Nicholas Webb as Board Member.
Board Member Hull seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously as follows:
Shasta County Board of Education
AYES: Barry, Brown, Hull, MacFarland, Manuel, Mills
NOES:
ABSTENTIONS:
ABSENT:

6. DISCUSSION

6.1. Instructional Services

6.1.1. Summary of Support to School Districts and Schools for Differentiated Assistance and LCAP (21/22) and Update

Brien McCall, Associate Superintendent of Instructional Services, began the report. He shared that COVID presented many challenges and they have had to remain flexible to meet the needs of districts. The biggest challenge is to offer support without overwhelming the districts.

Since there was no LCAP last year, and without a dashboard, they cannot identify new districts with red and orange indicators. Therefore, the Professional Learning & Leadership Support Services team created a new, 3-tiered plan to support districts.

Shere Depaoli, Director of Continuous Improvement & Support, shared the new 3-tier plan with the Board.

Tier 1 focuses on creating surveys to get feedback from districts on the areas of greatest need. The county office of education is providing attendance support and will add behavioral support to all schools as part of this tier.

Tier 2 supports schools previously identified as needing specialized services. (New schools will not be identified. The same schools offered these services in the past will receive the same next year.)

Tier 3 will have no changes moving forward. Schools receiving more intensive support will continue receiving them.

This year the most support was given at the Tier 1 level. Moving forward, the focus will be on coming alongside districts, helping with their current initiatives, rather than adding new things since the same districts continue as those identified for Differentiated Assistance.

Board Member Manuel commented that it seems like COVID has upended everything. She asked if they anticipate Differentiated Assistance continuing.

Mr. McCall answered that he believes once the California School Dashboard returns they will continue with it. He added that they could keep the spirit of it by looking for root causes of issues, and explore new ideas and try them.

Board President Mills asked if a 2021-22 Dashboard is anticipated.

Ms. DePaoli responded that they are two years from identifying new schools and there is a possibility of not having a Dashboard at all this fall. Traditional testing is scheduled for the spring, but it takes two years to get a color on the Dashboard.

Board Member Manuel asked if not having a Dashboard would affect the County Office's funding.

Mr. McCall responded they anticipate it continuing since the same districts moved forward without a Dashboard.

6.1.2. Proposed Revisions to Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)

Mary Lord, Executive Director of Student Programs, presented a slideshow. She reminded the Board that, last year, there was no LCAP. The State established a list of ten priorities to support the Local Control Funding Formula. Ms. Lord shared an image from CDE website that explained the ten priorities, and the goals created to support them. The ten State priorities are:

1. Basic Services
2. State Standards
3. Course Access
4. Expelled Youth
5. Foster Youth
6. Parent Involvement
7. Student Engagement
8. School Climate
9. Student Achievement
10. Student Outcomes

Ms. Lord also provided a brief summary of each LCAP Goal.

6.1.3. Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) Budget Overview for Parents

Mary Lord gave a report on the overview.

The Overview now includes a 3-part section that has a breakdown, which is much easier for parents to understand. It has been used for the last three years.

Board Member Manuel commented on how much clearer it is, and much easier to understand.

6.1.4. **PUBLIC HEARING** to Receive Public Comment Regarding the Proposed LCAP/Annual Update and LCFF Budget Overview for Parents

President Mills opened the Public Hearing. There was no public comment.

7. **BUDGET STUDY SESSION**

7.1. Proposed 2021/22 Budget

Adam Hillman shared a slide presentation.

He shared that, in the 2020-21 fiscal year, SCOE received many one-time funds from the Federal and State governments. The total of these grants will be spent through 2024. Program directors and Cabinet have worked collaboratively to develop spending plans to support students in our county.

Superintendent Flores shared on the Attendance and Behavior “Systems of Support”. The California Community Schools Partnership Program (CCSPP) Grant will enhance the current attendance and behavior work supporting districts. The funds will provide additional supports especially to assist schools in developing positive behavior systems that support all students so that those submitted to the CommunityConnect system are truly those in need of mental health services.

SCOE staff, Jeremy Sawtelle and Wendy Hall, will lead the project. Additional staff will be hired, to include mental health clinicians and clerical support.

Board Member Barry asked what the clinicians' job title would be.

Ms. Flores shared that it will be "Educationally Related Mental Health Clinicians."

Mr. Hillman shared details of the General Fund adopted budget. Regarding revenues, there is a modest decline in countywide enrollment, but SCOE student programs remain steady. Regarding expenditures, he explained that SCOE employees will receive a 5% salary increase and unemployment insurance has increased from .05% to 1.23%.

Mr. Hillman explained changes to staffing, including new positions in Professional Learning & Leadership Support, Student Programs, IT, and Maintenance & Operations.

Project SHARE is expanding summer programs and is making upgrades to technology and robotics equipment.

SCOE received an Environmental Education Grant of \$120,000. This will provide continued support for teachers throughout Northern California.

Business Services did some restructuring in order to provide a full-time business manager to support Early Childhood Services.

Jackie Titus shared a summary of Early Childhood Services. She explained the budget for each of their programs: Family Services, Provider Services, Community Services, Health & Nutrition Services, and Operational Services.

The proposed budget will be on the June 23 board agenda for action. Within 45 days of the governor signing the State budget, management will outline any significant budget changes. Unaudited Actuals will be presented in October.

Board Member Manuel commented that it is good to share the breakdown of how the grant funding will be spent. Over the last year, students have lost ground, and the ways we are supporting them should be communicated.

Superintendent Flores added that the state and federal grants come with stipulations about how it the money is spent.

7.2. **PUBLIC HEARING** to receive Public Comment Regarding the Proposed 2021/22 Budget

President Mills opened the Public Hearing. There was no public comment.

8. **MEETING FEEDBACK/ OTHER COMMENTS**

President Mills asked the Board's input on whether to continue holding meetings at the PDC, or to return to the Board Room at Magnolia. After discussion, the Board will continue meeting at the PDC and revisit the subject in the near future.

9. **NEXT MEETING** – June 23, 2021, 1:30 p.m. at Professional Development Center, 2985 Innsbruck Drive, Redding

10. **ADJOURN**

President Mills adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

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