

ORANGE COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION
MINUTES
Special Meeting
January 15, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER

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The Special Meeting of the Orange County Committee on School District Organization was called to order by Chairperson Sheila Benecke at 6:05 p.m., January 15, 2014 in the Board Room of the Orange County Department of Education, 200 Kalmus Drive, Costa Mesa, California, 92626.

2. FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jo-Ann Purcell.

3. ROLL CALL

Present:

Sheila Benecke, Chairperson	Joey Van Camp
Meg Cutuli	Janice Wagner
Jo-Ann Purcell	Virginia Wilson
Barbara Michel	Karin Freeman

Absent:

Sharon Wallin	Robert Singer
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Invited Guest:

Suzie Swartz

4. OATH OF OFFICE

Chairperson Benecke administered the oath of office to Jo-Ann Purcell.

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Virginia Wilson, seconded by Joey Van Camp, and carried by a unanimous vote of all members present to adopt the agenda as presented.

6. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Motion by Meg Cutuli, seconded by Joey Van Camp, and carried by a 6-0 vote with Virginia Wilson and Barbara Michel abstaining, the County Committee approved the minutes of the November 6, 2013 meeting.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson Benecke asked Dr. Wendy Benkert, Secretary to the County Committee to give a brief staff report.

Dr. Benkert explained that on November 8, 2013 the official resignation from County Committee member Shelia Henness was received. Education Code section 4006 and the County Committee By-laws provide that a vacancy shall be filled by the majority vote of the remaining County Committee members within 70 days of the vacancy (January 17, 2014) and the appointment shall be for the duration of the unexpired term, in this case November 2015.

The vacancy created was for a member that would represent the 5th supervisorial district. As with past practice, all remaining County Committee members were notified of the vacancy as well as members of the Nominating

Committee whose district is located within the corresponding supervisorial area for nominations/applications.

One application was received for the vacant seat: Suzie Swartz, current school board member for the Saddleback Valley Unified School District.

A motion by Virginia Wilson, seconded by Barbara Michel, to appoint Suzie Swartz to the County Committee, representing Supervisorial District 5, was unanimously approved.

Chairperson Benecke then administered the oath of office to the newly appointed County Committee Member, Suzie Swartz.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Dr. Benkert informed the County Committee that staff was notified last week that the governing board of the Anaheim Union High School District approved a resolution to establish trustee areas from which the Anaheim Union High School District governing board members would be elected in a by-trustee area election process. Anaheim Union High School District also requested a waiver from the State Board of Education for conducting an election. Once the County Committee receives a formal request from the Anaheim Union High School District, it is required to call and conduct a public hearing within the district boundaries and take action to approve or disapprove the proposal.

9. PRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

10. NEXT MEETING

TBD

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Chairperson Benecke adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

All documents submitted to the County Committee prior to, during and subsequent to this public hearing have been posted on the County Committee's website at <http://www.ocde.us/CCSDO/Pages/Meeting-Agendas.aspx> and are available for viewing and/or downloading. An audio recording of this meeting is also available upon request.