

ORANGE COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION
MINUTES
Special Meeting
January 20, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER ORANGE COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION
The special meeting of the Orange County Committee on School District Organization was called to order at 6:35 p.m., January 20, 2010 in the Board Room of the Orange County Department of Education, 200 Kalmus, Costa Mesa, California.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Robert Singer.
3. ROLL CALL
Present:
Shelia Henness, Vice-Chair Jo-Ann Purcell
James Reed Virginia Wilson
Carolyn McInerney Dean McCormick
Mary Fuhrman Robert Singer, Ph.D.
Karin Freeman Sheila Benecke

Absent:
Shirley Carey, Chairperson
4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA Motion by McCormick, seconded by Fuhrman, and carried by a unanimous vote of all members present to adopt the agenda as presented.
5. ADOPTION OF ORAL COMMUNICATION GUIDELINES Motion by Fuhrman, seconded by Freeman and carried by a unanimous vote to adopt the Oral Communication Guidelines. Oral Communications from members of the public will be limited to 3 minutes per person.
6. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES Motion by Wilson, seconded by Freeman, and carried by a unanimous vote to approve the Minutes of January 13, 2010.
7. Discussion Session/Action Consideration to hold a Public Hearing in CUSD Vice-Chair Shelia Henness explained that at the County Committee's last meeting, held on Wednesday, January 13, 2010, the County Committee heard from chief petitioner, Erin Kutnick, who requested that the County Committee rescind its earlier decision that ordered an election to be held June 8, 2010 and asked to have the election re-set for November 2, 2010.

Vice-Chair Henness explained that because the topic was not an item on the agenda for that meeting, the County Committee could not take action on it. She explained that the County Committee called the meeting so that the members would have an opportunity to determine whether they should call a public hearing to hear additional public comments on the matter.

Vice-Chair Henness also explained that if the County Committee were to decide to call a public hearing, a sufficient amount of time would have to be given for all interested parties to be notified. In addition, the public hearing would be held in the Capistrano Unified School District.

Public Comments

Attorney Phillip Greer, speaking on behalf of the Capistrano Unified School District Governing Board, stated that the Capistrano Unified School District Governing Board supported the request to re-open the public hearing and to move the election from June 8, 2010 to November 2, 2010. The CUSD Governing Board believes moving the election date will save the district several hundred-thousand dollars, will provide a more open and fair election and will provide the community the opportunity to express their opinion as to whether or not this issue should be decided in November, rather than June.

Vice-Chair Henness invited the members of the County Committee to discuss the issue.

Members of the County Committee discussed the option of calling a public hearing in the Capistrano Unified School District as well as asked a number of questions that were answered by staff.

It was moved by McInerney, seconded by Fuhrman, and carried by a unanimous vote to notify the constituents of the Capistrano Unified School District of the public hearing by various means, and to hold a public hearing within the District on Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

8. CLOSED SESSION

Vice-Chair Henness reported there was no need to adjourn to closed session.

9. OPEN SESSION -
Report out from
Closed Session

N/A

10. PRESENTATION FROM
THE PUBLIC

None

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by McCormick, seconded by Freeman and carried by a unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business Vice Chair Henness adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.