

ORANGE COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION
MINUTES
Organizational Meeting
October 21, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER ORANGE COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION
The annual organizational meeting of the Orange County Committee on School District organization was called to order at 6:30 p.m., October 21, 2009 in the Board Room, 200 Kalmus, Costa Mesa, California.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mary Fuhrman.
3. ROLL CALL
Present:
Shirley Carey, Chairperson Shelia Henness
James Reed Jo-Ann Purcell
Carolyn McInerney Virginia Wilson
Mary Fuhrman Robert Singer, Ph.D.
Karin Freeman Dean McCormick

Absent:
Sheila Benecke

AMENDMENT TO AGENDA Motion by Wilson, seconded by Freeman, and carried by a unanimous vote of all members present to add the topic of Public Records Request to the agenda, under item #8.
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS There were three people who gave public comments regarding the recent decision by the County Committee that approved the petition to change the method of election and ordered an election to be held on June 8, 2010 within Capistrano Unified School District. It was requested that emails and photos be entered into public record (see attached).
5. WELCOME MEMBERS Chairperson Carey welcomed the reelected members Purcell, Singer, and Benecke. Their new term expires in 2013.
6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS Motion by Henness, seconded by Reed, and carried by a unanimous vote of all members present that Chairperson Carey continue as Chair for 2010.

Motion by Fuhrman, seconded by Freeman, and carried by a unanimous vote of all members present that Member Henness will serve as Vice-chair for 2010.
7. MINUTES Motion by Freeman, seconded by Reed, and approved by a 7-0 vote, with McInerney, McCormick and Singer abstaining, to approve the Minutes of September 30, 2009.
8. NEW BUSINESS Secretary Wendy Benkert, Ed.D., provided the County Committee Members with the timeline that the Capistrano Unified Governing Board adopted at

a regular board meeting held on October 13, 2009. The timeline provides pertinent dates to be followed so that a rearrangement of trustee areas could be completed prior to the November 2, 2010 election for governing board members. There was discussion among the Members regarding the timeline and the possibility that it would not be followed.

Dr. Benkert gave a report explaining the status of the appeal brought forward by the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District. Secretary Benkert explained that the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District chose to appeal the County Committees decision to approve the transfer of territory to the Brea Olinda Unified School District. The State Board of Education (SBE) has received the appeal notice and is estimating that the appeal will be heard prior to July of 2010.

Dave Wilson, Manager, Business Services explained Assembly Bill 174, which was recently signed into law. Mr. Wilson explained that AB 174 makes the County Committee the lead agency and final authority for proposals relating to school district organization when certain conditions exist. If the certain conditions are not satisfied, then the State Board of Education bears the cost of any environmental studies and acts as the final authority in the approval process.

Karen Meyers, Counsel to County Committee, explained that the County Committee had received two separate Public Records Requests. The requests are wide ranging and ask for records pertaining to the County Committee and Capistrano Unified School District. Ms. Meyers asked the members to forward any documents that were sent or received, as they pertain to the requests, to Dave Wilson.

9. NOMINATING COMMITTEE
VOTING PROCEDURES

Secretary Benkert updated the County Committee regarding the Nominating Committee Voting Procedures as well as the correspondence that was sent out. In all, 23 ballots were cast; 16 via absentee and 7 in the traditional paper ballot method.

The County Committee directed staff on the following:

- Look into developing a website for the County Committee

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairperson Carey adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.