

ORANGE COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION
MINUTES
Special Meeting
November 7, 2012

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 Shelia Henness at 6:07 p.m., November 7, 2012 in Board Room of the Orange County Department of Education, 200 Kalmus Drive, Costa Mesa, California, 92626.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rosalee Hormuth.

3. ROLL CALL

Present:

Shelia Henness, Chairperson
Meg Cutuli
Karin Freeman
Jo-Ann Purcell

Robert Singer
Janice Wagner
Virginia Wilson

Absent:

Sheila Benecke
Carolyn McInerney
Barbara Michel

Special Guests in attendance:

James Reed
Sharon Wallin

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

5. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Motion by Virginia Wilson, seconded by Meg Cutuli, and carried by a 6-0 vote with Janice Wagner abstaining the committee approved the minutes of the May 9, 2012 meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

(A) Chairperson Henness asked Dr. Wendy Benkert, Secretary to the County Committee to give a brief staff report on the results from the Nominating Committee meeting held on October 24, 2012.

Dr. Benkert explained that on Wednesday, October 24th the Nominating Committee met for the annual County Committee elections. Elections were held for the 1st and 3rd Supervisorial member seats and the At-large member seat. Nominating Committee Members were given the option to vote via absentee ballot or traditional paper ballot. In all, 22 ballots were cast, 12 ballots were cast via absentee and 10 ballots were cast in-person.

Dr. Benkert then presented outgoing members Jim Reed and Carolyn McInerney, who had decided not to run for re-election this year, with a Certificate of Appreciation for all of their years of service to the Orange County Committee on School District Organization. Dr. Benkert then congratulated re-elected member Janice Wagner representing the At-large seat and welcomed newly elected members Joey Van Camp representing the 1st Supervisorial District and Sharon Wallin representing the 3rd Supervisorial District.

(B) Chairperson Henness then administered the oath of office to both Janice Wagner and Sharon Wallin.

(C) Chairperson Henness then asked Dr. Benkert to conduct the election of Chairperson. A nomination was made by Meg Cutuli for Shelia Henness to continue as Chairperson and carried by unanimous vote of all members present.

Chairperson Henness then conducted the election for vice-chairperson. A nomination was made by Virginia Wilson for Karin Freeman and carried by unanimous vote of all members present.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

Chairperson Henness asked Dr. Benkert to give a brief update on the appeal of the Silverado Transfer of Territory.

Dr. Benkert explained that in May 2010, a group of citizens from the unincorporated community of Silverado Canyon submitted a petition to transfer territory from the Orange Unified School District to the Saddleback Valley Unified School District. The County Committee held the required public hearings within the affected districts on August 4, 2010. On October 20, 2010 the County Committee held their CEQA public hearing and made their determination to deny the transfer of territory.

Dr. Benkert further explained that petitioners submitted an appeal and the file was submitted to the California Department of Education (CDE) on November 22, 2011. This September our office and the related school districts received written notification from CDE that they were reviewing the appeal. CDE requested some updated and additional information and anticipated that their analysis and recommendation would be presented to the State Board of Education (SBE) at the January 2013 meeting.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

9. PRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

10. NEXT MEETING

None

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Karin Freeman, seconded by Virginia Wilson and carried by a unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business Chairperson Henness adjourned the meeting at 6:22 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.