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MARIN COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION
Regular Meeting
March 4, 2013
5:00 p.m. Board Room

The regular meeting of the Marin County Committee on School District Organization was held on **March 4, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.**, in the Board Room at the Marin County Office of Education, 1111 Las Gallinas Avenue, San Rafael.

1. Call to Order Chairperson Richard Sloan called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Marin County Office of Education
2. Roll Call Members present: Nadine Agosta, Aaron Brown, Karen Crockett, Alan Harris, Stephanie O'Brien, Carlos Porrata, Elizabeth Robbins, and Richard Sloan

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval and Adoption of Agenda
M/s/c Stephanie O'Brien and Nadine Agosta to approve and adopt the Agenda
(Vote: 8 ayes – 0 nays – 0 abstain – 3 absent)
2. Approval of Minutes, Marin CCSDO Annual Organization Meeting December 10, 2012
Minutes were approved with no changes.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Marin Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) notices dated December 13, 2012, December 17, 2012, February 13, 2013 and February 22, 2013 were shared as informational items.

Member Robbins asked why the Marin CCSDO receives LAFCO notices. Ms. Mares explained that the Marin LAFCO copies the Marin CCSDO on annexations and transfers of land in Marin County that may affect school district boundaries. In the case of the LAFCO notices shared today, there is no impact to any school district boundary, and the Marin CCSDO had no need to comment on any of the four notices.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. As follow-up to the April 30, 2012 meeting, Member Brown requested discussion of moving the duties of the Marin CCSDO to the Marin County Board of Education.

Highlights of the discussion:

Member Brown recalled that at the April 30, 2012 Special Meeting of the CCSDO, Larry Shirey of the California Department of Education stated that the majority of California County Boards assume the duties of the CCSDO. Member Brown's interest in the discussion is to maximize resources, pointing out that the issue has not been discussed in 20 years. Member Brown also requested confirmation that the majority of CCSDO's reside with the county boards of education. Ms. Mares committed to confirm this and bring the information back to the group.

August 25, 1992 Minutes from a Marin County Board of Education (MCBE) meeting were shared with the CCSDO. The 1992 minutes listed a discussion and action on assuming the responsibilities of the County Committee on School District Organization. The MCBE voted not to assume the CCSDO responsibilities.

Ms. Mares reported that at this time, the MCBE is not asking for information on this topic.

Member Porrata commended Member Brown for bringing the item to the Marin CCSDO for discussion and consideration, especially in the interest of efficiency. Other members shared there are many reasons for the Marin CCSDO to be separate from the MCBE. The diverse 11-member committee provides for a broad representation. The MCBE usually has a full agenda and could be overwhelmed by the demand of a district reorganization matter, while the Marin CCSDO can be available for the processes of reorganization. Members cited the unification of the Dixie and Terra Linda school districts proposal that spanned from 2000-2003 with one-two public hearings in each district.

The Marin CCSDO currently has one meeting per year with others scheduled as needed. Several members voiced the opinion that if neither the Board nor a citizen was driving this issue, there is no reason to take action. Interest in sharing and/or consolidating services and thinking creatively to maximize resources was expressed.

2. Report of County Committee Members
No reports were given.

3. Report of Secretary of County Committee
Ms. Mares shared information on Governor Brown's proposed reform on school finance, the Local Control Funding Formula, specifically because the proposal may result in a change to current law governing school district reorganization.

ADJOURNMENT

M/s/c Stephanie O'Brien and Karen Crockett to adjourn the meeting at 5:39 p.m.
(Vote: 8 ayes – 0 nays – 0 abstain – 3 absent)