

**SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION**  
**TRACY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT / BOARD ROOM**  
**1875 LOWELL AVENUE / TRACY, CA**  
**OCTOBER 24, 2023 / 5:30 P.M.**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Ken Vogel, President; Greg Clark, Vice President; Vern Gebhardt, Committee member; Troy Brown, Secretary.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dr. Rob Pecot, Tracy Unified School District Superintendent; Bobbie Etcheverry, Tammy Jalique, Jason Noll, Sheryl Smith, Tania Salinas, Julianna Stocking, Tracy Unified School District staff; Steve Abercrombie, RG Fagin, Lynn Dell Hawkins, Navi Kahlon, Tracy Unified School District Governing Board members; William Tunick, legal counsel; Kristen Parks, National Demographics Corporation; Janai Stanton, SJCOE staff; Marlene Acosta, Recorder.

**ABSENT:** Janet Dyk, Committee member; Doug Vigil Committee member.

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

President Vogel called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. County Committee member Gebhardt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:** There were no additions to the agenda.

**III. COMMENTS:** Tracy Unified School District Governing Board President Steven Abercrombie commented "I understand this is a done deal and it is out of the control of your committee to change it. The elections for the Board of Trustees for Tracy Unified School District are now going to be done via areas. The intent of this change is to try and make sure there is for equal representation throughout the school district. However, there are some flaws and issues with new process. First, there could be a time when no one runs for the board from an area. I have been told if no one runs then the Board shall appoint someone. That works if someone from the area applies. What happens if no one applies? Please don't say 'Well that will never happen'. There was a time when people think someone would walk on the moon, run a sub four-minute mile or the Cubs would win another World Series. I have also witnessed representatives only concern themselves with their area and not what is best for the district. They have stated I only need to keep the people who elected me happy. That is a disservice to our students and staff. You could also get stuck with a shmuck in an area. A person with their own agenda to undermine what is best for the district. We have recently seen this on our board. If no one in that area runs against that representative the district is stuck with them. As I previously stated that this is a done deal, but I want people to have a clear understanding of some possibilities that could occur. Oh, and in case the public doesn't know this was caused by an attorney in Santa Barbara that has no connection to Tracy. He just saw an easy way to collect \$35,000 from the district. Got to love our state."

There were no additional comments from the audience.

**IV. PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. Establish Trustee Election Areas and an Alternate Method of Election in the Tracy Unified School District: President Vogel opened the public hearing at 5:33 p.m. in order to discuss and receive input from the public relative to establishment of trustee areas and an alternate method of electing governing Board members of the Tracy Unified School District.

Superintendent Brown introduced Kristen Parks from National Demographics Corporation. Ms. Parks reviewed the process that the Tracy Unified School District Governing Board underwent in selecting the trustee areas and alternate method of election, and noted that six Board meetings were held, five of which were public hearings, to provide opportunity for public input and discussion. During the public hearings, there was only one comment from the public; however, there were several community members present.

The County Committee reviewed the resolution and map exhibit, which included demographic variations of the proposed areas, adopted by the Tracy Unified School District Governing Board. There were no additional comments from the members of the audience.

President Vogel noted his appreciation for the thorough and extensive work of the Tracy Unified School District Governing Board on behalf of the County Committee and closed the public hearing at 5:46 p.m.

V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION:

2. Minutes: On a motion from Vern Gebhardt, second by Greg Clark, the County Committee approved the minutes from the February 9, 2023, regular meeting as presented.

AYES: Vogel, Clark, Gebhardt  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None

3. Resolution #24-01 – Establishing Trustee Election Areas and an Alternate Method of Election in the Tracy Unified School District: On a motion from Vern Gebhardt, second by Greg Clark, the County Committee approved this resolution establishing trustee election areas and an alternate method of election in the Tracy Unified School District as presented.

AYES: Vogel, Clark, Gebhardt  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

 A blue ink signature is written over the word "REDACTED" in large, bold, red capital letters.

Troy A. Brown, Ed.D.  
Secretary to the Committee / County Superintendent of Schools