

**COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION
SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
GAYLORD A. NELSON ADMINISTRATION CENTER / BOARD ROOM
2922 TRANSWORLD DRIVE / STOCKTON, CA
NOVEMBER 20, 2019 / 1:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Janet Dyk, Committee Vice-President; Vernon Gebhardt, Committee member; Peter Ottesen, Committee member; Greg Clark, Committee member; James Mousalimas, Secretary.

ABSENT: Kenneth Vogel, Committee President.

OTHERS PRESENT: Scott Anderson, Deputy Superintendent; Troy Brown, Associate Superintendent; Janine Kaeslin, Assistant Superintendent; Dan Moore, Bill Huyett, Patricia Speer, Banta Elementary School District; Art Hand, FB² Solutions; Addison Covert, Attorney at Law; Janai Stanton, Recorder.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Vice President Dyk called to meeting to order at 1:45 p.m. Committee member Gebhardt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

III. COMMENTS: There were no comments from the audience.

IV. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION:

1. **Banta Elementary School District Unification Proposal:** Banta Elementary School Superintendent Dan Moore introduced himself and the team who are working together on a unification proposal that includes a portion of the Tracy Unified School District and the entire Banta Elementary School District that would then become the Banta Unified School District. The team member present included Bill Huyett, former interim superintendent for the district, attorney Addison Covert, FB² Solutions consultant Art Hand, and Banta Board President Patricia Speer. Mr. Moore reported that the governing boards of the Tracy Unified and Banta Elementary school districts have passed a joint resolution supporting the unification proposal, as well as a preunification agreement that both governing boards have approved.

Mr. Hand provided a report that outlined the unification process including a review of the applicable Education Code criteria, the election of a five-member board, the growth potential in the area, the available environmental impact information, and an overview of the timeline that would place the question of unification on the November 2020 ballot and a potential unification effective date of July 1, 2021.

Discussion followed and included the projected enrollment numbers, the idea of working with community groups to develop an acceptable plan for establishing trustee areas, the level of support from the communities involved in the proposal, potential bonding capacity of the proposed unified school district, the commitment and management of the River Islands development, the level of collaboration with the charter schools within the existing elementary school district boundaries, the mitigation agreements between the Banta Elementary and Tracy Unified school districts, the ability of Banta Elementary to maintain its community identity if the proposal is approved, and whether the new high school would provide learning opportunities reflective of the area's culture.

V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION:

2. Minutes: On a motion from Pete Ottesen, second by Vern Gebhardt, the County Committee approved the minutes from the June 26, 2019 meeting was presented.

AYES: Ottesen, Dyk, Gebhardt
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Clark

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



James A. Mousalimas
Secretary to the County Committee /
County Superintendent of Schools