

Board of Trustees Agenda Item

Board Meeting Date: 10/4/10

Title of Item:

Designation of Board Member to Vote in County Committee Election

Background and Analysis:

On November 29, 2010 the Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization will hold an election to fill two seats. Voters in the election are board members designated annually (as required by California Education Code 35023) by each school district in the county.

Foothill-De Anza's designated trustee to vote in the 2009 election was trustee Pearl Cheng. The board must now select one of its members to vote in the upcoming election.

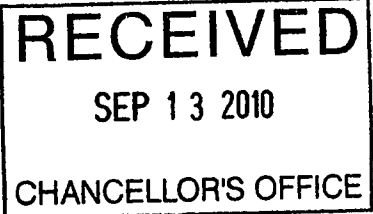
Recommendation: Chancellor Linda Thor recommends the board designate one of its members to vote in the county committee election.

Submitted by:	Interim Chancellor Mike Brandy
Additional contact	
Is backup provided?	Yes



Santa Clara County Office of Education

Charles Weis, Ph.D.
County Superintendent of Schools



September 1, 2010

TO: Santa Clara County School District Superintendents and
School Board Presidents

FROM: Suzanne Carrig, Administrator Special Projects
Office of the Superintendent *SC*

SUBJECT: Candidates for the Santa Clara County Committee on School
District Organization

The Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization, the elected body responsible for school district organization and boundaries, will hold an election on November 29, 2010 to fill two seats. Voters in the election are the designated school board members of each school district in the county (California Education Code 35023 requires that each school board annually select one of its members to vote in the county committee election); candidates for the County Committee must be registered voters who reside within the supervisorial district they wish to represent. County Committee members serve four-year terms.

There are eleven seats on the County Committee – two from each of the five county supervisorial districts, and one at-large seat. This year, two seats are up for election, one each in Supervisorial Districts 2 and 4 and one at-large. The supervisorial districts include local school districts as follows (high school districts are not listed since they belong in the same supervisorial districts as their feeder elementary school districts):

Supervisorial District 2 - Area contains most of east county, encompassing all or parts of the following school districts*: Alum Rock Union Elementary, Evergreen, Franklin-McKinley, Oak Grove, and San Jose Unified

Supervisorial District 4 - Area contains most of central county, encompassing all or parts of the following school districts*: Cambrian, Campbell Union, Cupertino Union, Luther Burbank, Moreland, San Jose Unified, Santa Clara Unified, and Union.

* High School Districts are not listed since they belong in the same supervisorial districts as their feeder elementary school districts.

The purpose of this letter is to ask for your help in identifying and encouraging qualified candidates to stand for election to the County Committee. No employee of a public school district or of the County Office of Education may serve on the Committee, but members of school boards **may** serve. If you know of someone who meets these eligibility requirements and would be willing to contribute to the work of the County Committee, please ask them to consider submitting an application to the County Office of Education. The application should consist of a letter of intent to serve and a brief résumé of background and experience which would contribute to participation in the activities of the County Committee. Candidates must submit the letter and résumé by 5:00 p.m., October 28, 2010 to:

County Superintendent of Schools
Santa Clara County Office of Education
1290 Ridder Park Drive
San Jose, CA 95131

Candidate materials and the election ballots will be mailed the first week in November and must be returned by Monday, November 29, 2010 (information regarding where to send the ballot will be provided at a later time). It is recommended that districts place this election item on their agendas. Any ballots received after November 29th will not be counted.

Please contact me at 408-453-6869 if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Attachments

Brief Description of the County Committee
Residency Requirements and County Supervisorial Districts

Copies (with attachments)

Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization
Santa Clara County Board of Education

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY
COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION**

The Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization (County Committee) is comprised of 11 elected members -- two members from each of the five County Supervisorial Districts and one at-large member. Members are elected to four year terms by representatives from the governing boards of the 36 Santa Clara County school districts (one vote from each district). All candidates must be registered voters and reside within the County Supervisorial District which they wish to represent. No employee of a public school district or the County Office of Education may serve on the County Committee. However, members of the governing board of a school district may serve.

The primary responsibilities of the County Committee are the reorganization of school districts (through territory transfers and unification) and the establishment/rearrangement of governing board trustee areas in the school districts. The County Committee is the central initiator, coordinator, facilitator, and arbitrator for these operations. It formulates plans, responds to petitions, conducts public hearings, develops and releases information, and analyzes proposals.

The County Committee is subject to the legal requirements expressed in the California Education Code and to policies and regulations of the State Board of Education. County Committees are given great latitude within which to work so that each local situation can be considered in its own context.

Following is a list of Santa Clara County Committee members as of September 2010. The County Committee is readily accessible through its staff at the Santa Clara County Office of Education.

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Steve Glickman	1	2013
Rich Garcia	3	2013
Josephine Lucey	5	2013
Ernest Guzman	2	2010
Nejleh Abed	4	2010
Phil Nielsen	1	2011
Vacant	3	2011
Vacant	5	2011
Nick Gervase	2	2012
Teresa O'Neill	4	2012
Pam Parker	At-large	2012

Santa Clara County Office of Education staff:
Suzanne Carrig (408) 453-6869

COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

Residency Requirements and County Supervisorial Districts

Seats on the County Committee are allocated to areas from which County Supervisors are elected. These supervisorial district boundaries do not always coincide with school district boundary lines. Each member of the County Committee must reside within the supervisorial district in which he/she serves. For more complete information on the boundaries of supervisorial districts, contact the Registrar of Voters Office at (408) 299-2694 or Suzanne Carrig at the County Office of Education (408) 453-6869.

Supervisorial District 1 (Don Gage, County Supervisor)

Area contains most of south county, encompassing all or parts of the following school districts*: Cambrian, Franklin-McKinley, Gilroy Unified, Lakeside Union, Loma Prieta Joint Union, Los Gatos Union, Morgan Hill Unified, Oak Grove, San Jose Unified, Saratoga Union, and Union.

Supervisorial District 2 (George Shirakawa, County Supervisor)

Area contains most of east county, encompassing all or parts of the following school districts*: Alum Rock Union Elementary, Evergreen, Franklin-McKinley, Oak Grove, and San Jose Unified.

Supervisorial District 3 (Dave Cortese, County Supervisor)

Area contains most of northeast county, encompassing all or parts of the following school districts*: Alum Rock Union Elementary, Berryessa Union, Cupertino Union, Evergreen, Milpitas Unified, Mount Pleasant, Mountain View Whisman, Oak Grove, Orchard, San Jose Unified, Santa Clara Unified, and Sunnyvale.

Supervisorial District 4 (Ken Yeager, County Supervisor)

Area contains most of central county, encompassing all or parts of the following school districts*: Cambrian, Campbell Union, Cupertino Union, Luther Burbank, Moreland, San Jose Unified, Santa Clara Unified, and Union.

Supervisorial District 5 (Liz Kniss, County Supervisor)

Area contains most of northwest county, encompassing all or parts of the following school districts*: Campbell Union, Cupertino Union, Los Altos, Moreland, Mountain View-Whisman, Palo Alto Unified, Santa Clara Unified, and Saratoga Union.

* High School Districts are not listed since they belong in the same supervisorial districts as their feeder elementary school districts in most instances; Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint High School District has a small portion in Supervisorial District 5. If a candidate wished to run for a particular district it is recommended that he/she contact the Registrar of Voters office to verify Supervisorial District of residency.