

**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY  
COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION**

**MINUTES  
May 2 – 3, 2017**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON PETITION TO FORM THE NORTHGATE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
(County Committee on School District Organization)**

**TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.**  
Concord Senior Center (Wisteria Room)  
2727 Parkside Circle, Concord

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.**  
The Gardens at Heather Farm (Camellia Room)  
1540 Marchbanks Drive, Walnut Creek

ALL PRESENTATIONS TOOK PLACE ON MAY 2, 2017 ONLY. COPIES OF THE PRESENTATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE CCCOE WEBSITE - <http://www.cccoe.k12.ca.us>

**MEMBERS**

Fatima Alleyne, Area 1 Trustee (arrived at 7:27 p.m.)  
Christine Deane, Area 2 Trustee  
Vikki Chavez, Area 3 Trustee  
Mike Maxwell, Area 4 Trustee  
Jeff Belle, Area 5 Trustee

**ABSENT**

None

**1. CALL TO ORDER - May 2, 2017**

President Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**2.3 Agenda Review and Adoption**

Belle moved, Deane seconded, and the Board voted 4-0-1 to adopt the agenda presented.

AYES: Belle, Chavez, Deane, Maxwell

NOES: None

ABSENT: Alleyne (arrived at 7:27 p.m.)

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

None

**4. PUBLIC HEARING**

President Maxwell opened the Public Hearing at 6:08 p.m.

**4.2 The President will Acknowledge Receipt of all Documents Submitted to the Committee by the Petitioners, Mt. Diablo Unified School District, and the Public before the Hearing**

President Maxwell acknowledged receipt of all documents submitted to the committee by petitioners, Mt. Diablo Unified School District, and the Public before the hearing.

**4.3 Receive report from Committee Consultant Robert Miyashiro, School Services of California, Describing the Process for Considering the Petition to form the Northgate Unified School District - 15 minutes**

Robert Miyashiro, School Services of California shared a PowerPoint describing the process to be followed and explained the nine criteria that need to be met to receive approval.

**4.4 Receive Report from Associate Superintendent Bill Clark Describing the Petition and the Territory of the Proposed Northgate Unified School District - 10 minutes**

Bill Clark shared information on the proposed territory.

**4.5 Presentation from Lead Petitioner, Linda Loza - 15 minutes**

Linda Loza, Lead Petitioner, shared information outlining the proposal for a new school district.

**4.6 Presentation from Mt. Diablo Unified School District (MDUSD) - 15 minutes**

Larry Shoenke, attorney representing Mt. Diablo Unified School District shared that the Mt. Diablo USD Board of Education unanimously oppose the petition. Shen Green, fiscal analyst, shared information on the proposed demographics. Superintendent Nellie Meyer, shared data points on student academics and graduation rates.

**4.7 Response from Lead Petitioner, Linda Loza - 5 minutes**

Linda Loza, responded to the presentation made by Mt. Diablo Unified School District.

**4.8 Response from Mt. Diablo Unified School District - 5 minutes**

Larry Schoenke and Nellie Meyer responded to the presentation made by representatives for the Northgate proposal.

**4.9 Comments from the Public - 2 minutes per speaker - one time during public hearing**

**In Favor of Forming Northgate Unified School District**

Ralph Austin, Clare Beckner, Sarah Boaz-Shelley, Don Baudley, Julie Chestnutt, Audrey Gee, Becky Hammel, Gina Haynes, Carol Hehmeyer, Daniel Kanaan, Herbert Lee, Spencer Mills, Andrea Newman, Kassie Wenzell

**Opposed to Forming Northgate Unified School District**

Thomas Ammon, Leyla Benson, Jessica Clark, Brian Corbett, Brandi deAssis, Brenda Duenas, Lizze Fisher, Peter Gaughan, Pete Gaughan, Mary Gray, Michelle Hammons, Anita Johnson, Cherise Khaund, Dr. Harmesh Kumar, Melanie McGoldrick, Jennifer Nash, Annie Nolen Kipp Penovich Christine Reimer, Anna Rikkelmal, Ryan Sheehy, Lucy Siale, Allyson Tayao, Kevin Taylor, Gail VanTassel, Laura Wagner, Ellen Weinstock Mehl

President Maxwell recessed the public hearing at 8:44 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. May 3, 2017.

**MAY 3, 2017**

**6. CALL TO ORDER - MAY 3, 2017**

President Maxwell reconvened the meeting at 6:02 p.m. at The Gardens at Heather Farm, Camellia Room, 1540 Marchbanks Drive, Walnut Creek

**MEMBERS**

Fatima Alleyne  
Christine Deane  
Vikki Chavez  
Mike Maxwell  
Jeff Belle

**ABSENT**

None

**7. OPENING PROCEDURES**

President Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

None

**9. PUBLIC HEARING**

**9.1 President Maxwell reconvened the public hearing at 6:06 p.m.**

**9.2 Comments from the Public - 2 minutes per speaker - one time during public hearing**

**In Favor of Forming Northgate Unified School District**

Sydney Austin, Marie Raybold, Morten Mikkelsen, Usha Vedagiri, Marge Joehnk, Kris Cropper, George Doddington, Brian Bigelow, Gale Bosche, Steve Dexter, Susan Pricco, Doris Kawakami, Tilman Hamilton, Nick Arenson, Mari Mielcarski, Brenda Walsh, Karla Galvez, Anna Halverson, Stefanie Tomlinson, John Chestnutt, Mike Wenzell, Melissa Sunbury, Genevieve Blasius, Justin Pickering, David Ackerman, Erica Ruff, Kent Caldwell, Cricket Riley, Judy Barber, Julie Stokol, Ron Loza, Ted Reyes, Diamera Bach

**Opposed to Forming Northgate Unified School District**

Linda Mayo, Ray Triana, Nance Juner, Sherry Whitmarsh, Janine Payne, Lee Cyr, Ellen Terminello, Cori Starr, Debbi LaDue Rosie Reid, Joann Magelby Tina Segrove, Patti Kjonnaas Edi Birsan, Mark York, Janet Gay, Erin Flory, Evan Starr, Melanie Scott, Estelle Yim, Nancy Grabow, Wendi Aglily, Denise Lambert, Ady Olvera, Lila Samady, Joann Jacobs, Dylan Kupsa, Aliza Selinger, Maria Lopez, , Ellora Easton, Mark Sung, Guy Moore, Gemma Tosto, Jonathan Eagan, Chris Holleran, Ryan Boyd, August Houston, Leif Salveson, Jose Espinoza, Marina Ware, Dorothy Weisenberger, Isabel Lara, Tucker Farrar, Michael McAlister, Frith O'Steen, Pamela Mirabella, Mackenzie Champion, Max Kuhn, Todd Bauleice, Melissa Ghorbani, Sandy Cremin, Jennifer Krnich, Rachel Levy, Brian Lawrence, Karen Jenkins Kristianna Bryant, Craig Rose

The public hearing adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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