

**COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION**  
**SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**GAYLORD A. NELSON ADMINISTRATION CENTER / BOARD ROOM**  
**2922 TRANSWORLD DRIVE / STOCKTON, CA**  
**APRIL 17, 2019 / 1:00 P.M.**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** David Thoming, New Jerusalem Elementary School District Superintendent; Leila Alamri-Kassim, Lozano Smith; Shalice Tilton, National Demographics Corporation; Janai Stanton, Recorder.

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

President Ottesen called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

**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. Establishing Trustee Election Areas and an Alternate Method of Election in the New Jerusalem Elementary School District: Attorney Leila Almari-Kassim, Superintendent Thoming, and National Demographics Corporation representative Shalice Tilton presented the following information regarding the study completed by staff at the New Jerusalem Elementary School District and items approved by the New Jerusalem Elementary School District Governing Board pertaining to a proposal to create trustee areas in their school district and select an alternate method for electing Governing Board members.
  - Resolution #18-1114A was approved on November 14, 2017 and indicates the New Jerusalem Governing Board's intent to transition to trustee-area elections, where each trustee must reside within the designated trustee-area boundary to be elected only by the voters in said trustee area.

- National Demographics Corporation was retained by New Jerusalem Elementary School District to prepare trustee-area boundary map options for the New Jerusalem Governing Board and the public's consideration. Those options were drawn with all applicable laws and regulations in mind, including the California Voting Rights Act and the Federal Voting Rights Act.
- The New Jerusalem Governing Board held a public hearing on December 11, 2018 to consider public input and comment regarding whether to submit a waiver to the State Board of Education allowing for implementation of by-trustee area elections without the requirement of an election. It was explained that it was advantageous for the school district to apply for the waiver in order to avoid the cost of an election and to expedite the process. In preparation for approval of said waiver, New Jerusalem School District staff members met with the ELA Advisory Committee and the unions who all supported the waiver and the transition to trustee areas in general.
- Resolution #19-1211A was approved by the New Jerusalem Governing Board on December 11, 2018 authorizing the New Jerusalem Superintendent to seek a waiver from the state. The State Board of Education will consider approval of the waiver at the May 8 – 9, 2019 meeting.
- The New Jerusalem Governing Board held a public hearing on January 10, 2019 to consider public input and comment regarding potential composition of trustee-areas prior to the drawing of trustee-area boundary maps.
- Resolution #19-0110A was approved on January 10, 2019 establishing criteria to guide National Demographics Corporation and district staff in the development of proposed trustee-area boundary maps for the New Jerusalem Governing Board and the public's consideration.
- The New Jerusalem Elementary School District published proposed trustee-area boundary maps on February 5, 2019 and made the proposed maps available on the New Jerusalem School District website and district office for public review and comment.
- The New Jerusalem Governing Board held a public hearing on February 12, 2019 and March 13, 2019 to consider public input and comment regarding consideration of the proposed trustee-area boundary maps. At the March board meeting, Map A was adopted to be included in the proposal.
- If the proposal is approved by the County Committee on School District Organization and the waiver is approved by the State Board of Education, New Jerusalem will implement a staggering schedule in terms of the election of board members. Proposed Trustee Area 1 will be up for election in 2020 and areas 2 and 3 will be up in 2022. The 2020 census data will be considered prior to the 2022 election.

County Committee members asked questions regarding the most populated area and how it will be split equally between the three trustee areas, whether the public hearings in the school district were well attended, and clarified their role in this process.

V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION:

2. Minutes: On a motion from Janet Dyk, second by Vern Gebhardt, the County Committee approved the minutes from the October 8, 2014 meeting as presented.

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

3. Public Hearing Date: On a motion from Vern Gebhardt, second by Ken Vogel, the County Committee set May 14, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. as the date for a public hearing to be held in the New Jerusalem Elementary School District in order to gather input to create trustee areas in the school district and to select an alternate method for electing Governing Board members.

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

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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