

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MARIN PUPIL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY

MINUTES
August 4, 2022

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chris Carson (Ross Valley), Carlos Estrella (Reed), Bob Marcucci (San Rafael Elementary & High School Districts), Michele Rollins (Mill Valley) & Carol Slender (Ross)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Corbett Elsen (Tamalpais), Itoco Garcia (Superintendent & Interim Chief Business Official for Sausalito – Marin City), Paula Rigney (Larkspur – Corte Madera) & Kirsten Starsiak (Kentfield)

STAFF PRESENT:

Dennis Petri, Executive Director

GUESTS:

Josue Calvo-Perez, First Student Contract Manager for San Rafael
Brigden Summers, First Student Area General Manager
Royce Woods, First Student Senior Location Manager, Richmond

I. CALL TO ORDER: (9:01 a.m.)

Chairperson Michele Rollins called the Board of Directors Special meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. in the Board of Trustees Room at San Rafael City Schools District Office. 310 Nova Albion Way in San Rafael.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT: (9:01 a.m.)

There were no public comments.

Members of the audience and Board members introduced themselves at this time.

III. ACTION SESSION

1. **Review & Possible Action on the Agenda (9:02 a.m.):** -- Members approved the Agenda as presented.

(M/Carlos Estrella, S/Carol Slender)

Vote by member:

Aye: Carson, Estrella, Marcucci for SRES, Marcucci for SRHS, Rollins, Slender

Nay: No members

Abstention: No members

Absent: Elsen, Garcia, Rigney, Starsiak

2. **Review and Possible Action on First Student's request to increase the COLA from 3.5% to 6.0% (9:02 a.m. to 9:57 a.m.):** -- There was a lot of discussion on this matter, including First Student's performance in past years.

a. After lengthy discussion, Chairperson Rollins recommended that the Board approve a 5% increase for the 2022-2023 school year. The additional 1.5% increase is to be used solely for wage increases for First Student drivers – in an effort to retain current drivers as well as an incentive for applicants.

b. In order for First Student to receive the additional 1.5% COLA, all MPTA school bus routes must be covered by qualified drivers.

c. The Executive Director was instructed to work with Legal Counsel to create an Amendment to the Transportation Contract to reflect the issues agreed upon.

(M/Michele Rollins, S/Chris Carson)

Vote by member:

Aye: Carson, Estrella, Marcucci for SRES, Marcucci for SRHS, Rollins, Slender

Nay: No members

Abstention: No members

Absent: Elsen, Garcia, Rigney, Starsiak

3. **Review AB 361 state of emergency virtual meeting procedures and Marin County Health Conditions. Discuss future meeting consideration (9:58 a.m.):** -- Members agreed to hold the September meeting in person, changing the date to September 13, 2022.

(M/Michele Rollins, S/Carlos Estrella)

Vote by member:

Aye: Carson, Estrella, Marcucci for SRES, Marcucci for SRHS, Rollins, Slender

Nay: No members

Abstention: No members

Absent: Elsen, Garcia, Rigney, Starsiak

IV. DISCUSSION / INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Future agenda items requested by Board members.

a. Chairperson Rollins asked to schedule a mid-year review of First Student's performance. If acceptable, the Board may consider an additional 1% COLA increase to be used for driver wages and as an enticement for applicants for the position.

b. Board members were reminded to keep the Executive Director informed of any school bell changes within their respective school districts.

2. Reminder of next meeting date.

~~September 14, 2022~~

As noted under Action Session 3 (above) the next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 13, 2022**. Meeting to be held in the Board of Trustees Room at San Rafael City Schools District Office. 310 Nova Albion Way in San Rafael.

V. ADJOURNMENT (9:59 a.m.)

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