

**Better Together for Public Education**  
**Exploring School District Unification in Marin**  
**Meeting Minutes- DRAFT**

August 30, 2021

**I. Call to order**

Sheri Mowbray called to order the regular meeting of the Better Together Coalition at 12:00 on August 30, 2021 on Zoom.

**II. Roll call**

The following members were present: Sheri Mowbray, Sloan Bailey, Laura Anderson, Michael Futterman, Catherine Way, Ruth Dell, Shelley Hamilton, and Mark Burton.

**III. Minutes from August 16, 2021 meeting approved**

**IV. Open issues**

A. Report on discussion with Mary Jane Burke (Marin County Superintendent of Schools) with Ruth and Valorie.

- Overview of current school districts, governance, and trustees.
- What are the “drivers” for changing the existing district structures? Historically, parents, superintendents, or finances prompt changes with school system organization.
- Support from all stakeholders is essential for change.
- Are there more areas for collaboration and sharing of services within the existing system?
- Superintendent Burke will be joining our discussion at the September 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

B. School Site Council discussion

- Important local control remains with school site councils.

C. Update on Website design and language ([bettertogethermarin.org](http://bettertogethermarin.org)): Shelley

**V. New Business**

A. Upcoming Events and Presentations: will develop outreach plan to speak at various organizations and school meetings beginning in October.

B. New Committee Member recruitment: Mill Valley, Sausalito, Marin City, Kentfield, and/or Ross.

**VI. Adjournment**

Sheri Mowbray adjourned the meeting at 1:00 pm. Next meeting September 13, 2021.

Minutes submitted by: Catherine Way