

SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
December 9, 2009

The Solano County Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, December 9, 2009, at 5100 Business Center Drive in Fairfield, California.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Board President John Galvan called the meeting to order at 10:32 AM. Mayrene Bates, Trustee Area 4, led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present

John Galvan, President
Larry Asera, Vice President
Mayrene Bates
Doug Ford (*arrived at 10:47 AM*)
Maria Kennedy
Raymond Silva
Rozzana Verder-Aliga

Mr. Galvan noted that a quorum was present as was County Superintendent of Schools Dee Alarcón, serving as Secretary to the Board.

Others Present:

County Superintendent of Schools Office –

Lettie Allen	Marsha Ludwig	Roxie Allen
Lisette Estrella-Henderson	Monica Ross	Roni Cox
Jay Speck	Sheldon Reber	Adriana Brignone-Forshay
Laryn Bishop	Sandy Austin	Ann Williams

Mark Lieb, Community Member
Jim Bates, Community Member
Other members of the community

III. APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Due to November's regular meeting being scheduled later in the month and the office closure for the Thanksgiving holidays, Mr. Galvan asked to table item (a) Approval and Adoption of Minutes, under agenda item VI. Consent Items, to allow sufficient time for staff to prepare and the Board members to review the November meeting minutes.

Motion was made by Ms. Kennedy, seconded by Dr. Verder-Aliga, and unanimously carried by those present to approve and adopt the agenda with the above mentioned revision. Mr. Ford was absent.

IV. OATH OF OFFICE

Mrs. Alarcón administered the oath of office to returning Trustees Mayrene Bates (Area 4) and John Galvan (Area 3), both of whom ran unopposed.

V. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

(a) A president of the County Board of Education will be elected.

Mr. Silva nominated Mr. Asera to serve as Board President in 2010. Ms. Kennedy seconded the nomination. Motion was made by Dr. Verder-Aliga and seconded by Mrs. Bates to close the

nominations, and the nomination was unanimously carried by those present to elect Mr. Asera as President for 2010. Mr. Ford was absent.

Mr. Galvan passed the gavel to the newly elected president, and Mr. Asera thanked the Board members for their confidence in his abilities to serve in this capacity. Mrs. Alarcón presented Mr. Galvan with a token of appreciation for all his hard work serving as Board President in 2009.

(b) A vice president of the County Board of Education will be elected.

Mr. Silva nominated Dr. Verder-Aliga to serve as Board Vice President in 2010, and Mr. Galvan seconded the nomination. Motion was made by Mr. Galvan and seconded by Mrs. Bates to close the nominations, and the nomination was unanimously carried by those present to elect Dr. Verder-Aliga as Vice President for 2010. Mr. Ford was absent.

(c) A representative to the Solano County School Boards' Association (SCSBA) will be elected.

Mr. Galvan commented on Mr. Ford's interest and past involvement in the SCSBA and nominated Mr. Ford to serve as the Board's representative in 2010. Mr. Silva seconded the nomination. Motion was made by Mrs. Bates and seconded by Mr. Galvan to close the nominations, and the nomination was unanimously carried by those present to select Mr. Ford as SCSBA representative for 2010. Mr. Ford was absent for the vote but accepted the position upon his arrival.

VI. CONSENT ITEMS

(a) Minutes of the regular meeting held November 18, 2009

This item was tabled until the Board's January 13, 2010, regular meeting. (*See agenda item III. Approval and Adoption of Agenda*)

Motion was made by Ms. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Galvan, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote of those present to approve items (b) through (d) on the consent calendar consisting of the following. Yea (6): Mrs. Bates, Ms. Kennedy, Mr. Silva, Dr. Verder-Aliga, Mr. Asera, Mr. Galvan; No (0): None; Abstain (0): None; Absent (1): Mr. Ford

(b) 2009-10 Budget Revision 4 (Attachment A)

(c) Resolution No. B09-10-11 acknowledging School Board Recognition Month (Attachment B)

(d) Gifts and donations received for which the County Superintendent will write letters of appreciation (Attachment C)

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Alarcón distributed copies of an article regarding Solano County winning the 2009 Cities, Counties and Schools Partnership Award. SCOE played a key role in at least two of the areas that were considered for the award: (1) the Youth Summit held last fall, and (2) working with business leaders to develop a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) program for Solano's students.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

(a) Financial Report

Lettie Allen, Associate Superintendent of Administrative Services and Operations, presented the financial report for November 2009-10. She stated that the financial report continues to indicate that the state is managing its cash flow issues through deferred payments and categorical cuts to education. Solano school districts and SCOE are fortunate that our county treasurer has allowed

education agencies to tap into future tax revenues, but we do not know how much longer this practice will be possible. SCOE has planned well, and that will help us make it through these challenging financial times. We are hopeful that the state's fiscal situation will improve soon.

Mrs. Allen reviewed the First Interim Report, a copy of which was distributed in advance to the Board for examination. While the bulk of the document is the state report, the first few pages contain a useful summary prepared by Sandy Austin, Director of Internal Business Services. The county superintendent has certified SCOE as positive. Our multiyear projection shows that SCOE is equipped to continue managing deficits as in the past. Staff is already beginning next year's budget planning and will make adjustments as the state budget changes.

In response to Board member questions, Mrs. Allen explained that those areas where SCOE did not meet the state's Standards and Criteria are not necessarily areas of concern. The criteria look for a range or percentage of change. Several factors, including declining enrollment and participation in the Tier III and Flex options, caused SCOE to be outside of the allowable percentage range in some areas, but it is not a negative position. Ms. Austin pointed out that the explanations for not meeting the criteria are often too long to fit in the small space provided in the Standards/Criteria section, so SCOE has included detailed explanations at the end of the report.

SCOE's First Interim Report will now be sent to the state for review. District reports, however, are reviewed by SCOE and do not go to the state unless challenged, requested by SCOE, or the district has a state loan, as is the case with Vallejo City USD. The districts continue to make reductions, but there are two districts that will likely have to file as negative or qualified. The districts' first interim reports are due to SCOE by December 15th, and, once they are reviewed, we should know their status after the first of the year. Mrs. Allen will notify the Board of the status of the districts at February's regular meeting.

(b) Human Resources Report

Jay Speck, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, reported that there were two replacement vacancies filled since the last meeting, a youth outreach specialist and an executive assistant, and one office assistant was promoted to a vacant secretarial position.

(c) Temporary Certificates

Temporary certificates for credential applicants approved by the County Superintendent were noted. (Attachment D)

(d) Meetings/Special Dates

Activity Calendars for December and January were distributed. Board members were encouraged to participate in these upcoming events and asked to provide timely RSVPs to Monica Ross, Executive Assistant (399-4403, mross@solanocoe.net).

- December 23-25, 2009 – Winter Holidays – SCOE Offices Closed (*Some departments will be open Dec. 21-22, although SCOE offices will be closed to the public.*)
- December 30, 2009 – January 1, 2010 – Winter Holidays – SCOE Offices Closed (*Some departments will be open Dec. 28-29, but SCOE offices will be closed to the public.*)
- January 18, 2010 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observed – SCOE Offices Closed
- January 28, 2010 – Solano EDC Annual Meeting, 11:30 AM, Hilton Garden Inn, Fairfield (*Save the Date notices were distributed; invitations will follow.*)
- January 30 and February 6, 2010 – North Bay Region Academic Decathlon (*Call Ken Scarberry at 646-7600 to volunteer.*)

The members also received a recent Benicia USD board newsletter.

Mrs. Alarcón urged the members to attend the closing ceremony on the last day of the Academic Decathlon and help distribute awards because it means a lot to the students. She also reported that Assemblymember Mariko Yamada met with the district superintendents to receive input on various issues so she can be a beneficial advocate for education. Among Mrs. Alarcón's other activities, she and some of the Board members attended a Solano Economic Development Corporation (EDC) meeting focusing on an energy cluster report, and she attended the national conference of the Association of Educational Services Agencies (AESAs).

Mrs. Alarcón administered the oath of office to returning Trustee Doug Ford (Area 6) who was re-elected in November.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Establish Date, Time, and Location of 2010 Regular Meetings

In accordance with Education Code Sections 1009 – 1011 and Government Code Title 5, Division 2, Chapter 9, Section 54954ff, the Board was asked to review a schedule of dates and times for regular meetings in the 2010 calendar year and determine the location of the regular meetings pursuant to Board Policy 9320(I). In selecting the Board's meeting dates, consideration was given to the various holidays observed so as to be sensitive to the needs of diverse groups. Mrs. Alarcón also pointed out that the County Teacher of the Year reception, which is typically held prior to October's regular meeting, is being moved to another date in 2010. (Attachment E)

Motion was made by Mr. Ford, seconded by Dr. Verder-Aliga, and unanimously carried by those present to adopt the attached schedule of meetings for the 2010 calendar year.

X. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

Roxie Allen, President of the California School Employees Association (CSEA) Solano County Chapter 608, thanked the Board for choosing to hold its regular meetings primarily in the evenings to make its members more accessible to the public and attendance possible to those of the community who work during the day.

Mark Lieb, community member and former SCOE employee, invited the Board members to attend a Crab Feed benefiting Mark's Growing Center group homes for developmentally disabled adults. The event will be at 6:00 PM on January 23, 2010, at the Elmira Fire House. Tickets are \$40 each and can be purchased from Mr. Lieb or the Yellow Brick Road at 317 Parker Street in Vacaville. Announcement flyers were distributed.

XI. BOARD DISCUSSION

(a) CSBA Conference Report

Mr. Ford gave a brief overview of the California School Boards Association (CSBA) 2009 Annual Education Conference that he attended in early December. Although attendance was down considerably from past years, he felt that the conference was excellent. The organization's new president is Frank Pugh, former director of CSBA Region 3, consisting of Marin, Napa, Solano, and Sonoma counties. Mr. Ford attended a workshop on leadership for aspiring board presidents, met lots of new and interesting people, and listened to many great presentations. While attending the delegate assembly meeting, he heard about a movement proposing national education standards supported by President Obama and State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell but opposed by CSBA. One of the best workshops Mr. Ford attended was "Go Green to Save Green" about solar and wind energy and what schools are doing in the area of waste management such as reducing food scraps. The California County Boards of Education (CCBE) organization has been rejuvenated, and he urged the members to visit the CCBE website for ideas on local involvement. The 2010 conference will be held in San Francisco the first week of December.

Mr. Ford also distributed copies of an article that appeared in Dixon's newspaper this morning pertaining to the 2009 Cities, Counties and Schools Partnership Award recently won by Solano County.

(b) Board Program Visits

Board members were given an opportunity to make a brief report on their recent activities including visits to any of SCOE's program sites.

Mrs. Bates attended the annual Spirit of Solano luncheon; Solano EDC energy cluster report; teacher recognition dinner hosted by the Solano Community Foundation where over \$27,000 in mini grants was awarded to local teachers for educational projects; funeral for the husband of Solano Community College board member Marie Young; staff meeting at Fairview Elementary School where she distributed books donated by the Rotary Club; Congressman John Garamendi's town hall meeting; and the Children's Network awards dinner.

Dr. Verder-Aliga attended a couple of meetings focusing on the proposed closure of some Vallejo City USD schools; has been named vice president of the Bethel High School parent/teacher organization; and will be administering the oath of office to Cris Villanueva as he begins another term on the Vallejo City USD governing board.

Ms. Kennedy attended an event raising funds for the Childhaven organization and has been conducting a lot of senior scam stoppers events as a member of the Vacaville Commission on Aging.

The members congratulated those who were sworn in to serve another term, thanked Mr. Galvan for his service as Board President during the past year, congratulated the coming year's new Board officers, and wished happy holidays to everyone.

(c) Suggestions on future Board agenda items

There were no suggestions for future agenda items.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:32 AM.

- Attachments:
- (A) Budget Revision 4
 - (B) Resolution No. B09-10-11
 - (C) Donations
 - (D) Temporary Certificates
 - (E) Proposed Schedule of 2010 Regular Board Meetings

Dee Alarcón, Secretary
Solano County Board of Education

GENERAL FUND

Program	Resource	Revenue	Certificated Salaries 1000	Classified Salaries 2000	Employee Benefits 3000	Books and Supplies 4000	Other Operating 5000	Sites, Bldgs, Equipment 6000	Other Outgo 7000	Fund Balance Difference
Unrestricted (Tier III alloc adj, local, Tier III c/o)	0000	(44,494)				4,000	5,691		309	(54,494)
ROP (Tier III alloc adj)	0635	(17)								(17)
Lottery	1100	124,862					124,862			
Juvenile Hall (Tier III alloc adj; Tier III c/o; revenue limit adjustment)	2410	(63,971)	999	474	(950)		389		16	(64,899)
Court Community School (Tier III alloc adj; Tier III c/o; revenue limit adjustment)	2420	37,306	2,712	2,523	901				524	30,646
ARRA Stabilization (c/o)	3200						255,833			(255,833)
SELPA IDEA ARRA (local)	3313	174,300					174,300			
Title II Teacher Quality (adj alloc)	4045	85					77		8	
Homeless Education - ARRA	5635	32,900		14,597	6,445	2,000	6,726		3,132	
Medi-Cal (c/o)	5640						30,000			(30,000)
Lottery - Instructional Materials	6300	14,905				14,905				
Special Education (local)	6500	3,460	2,930	142	388					
SELPA Program Specialists (c/o)	6505					1,100	3,000			(4,100)
Spec Ed Infant (c/o)	6510					20,000			1,000	(21,000)
CECC Consortium (California Education Computer Consortium)	9025					14,780				(14,780)
SELPA Personnel Develop Consort (local)	9260	500				350	126		24	
Career & College Club contract	9420	30,730		16,005	7,845	300	4,304		2,276	
Total		310,566	6,641	33,741	14,629	57,435	605,308	-	7,289	(414,477)

SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Solano County, California

RESOLUTION NO. B09-10-11
SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

WHEREAS, an excellent public education system is vital to the quality of life as well as to the economic health and future of all Californians; and

WHEREAS, school boards create a vision and set clear standards for their students, districts, schools, and programs; are accountable to the community for operating schools that support student achievement; align resources with planned strategies to benefit students; create a climate that supports the philosophy that all children can learn at high levels; and build collaborative relationships based on trust, teamwork, and shared accountability, all while considering the diverse educational needs of all children and empowering them to become competent, productive contributors to our democratic society and ever-changing world; and

WHEREAS, local school board members face complex and demanding challenges and are responsible for providing a solid foundation for our school system; and

WHEREAS, local school board members engage their communities, communicate with the public, strive to improve their knowledge and leadership roles to manage complex education issues, and serve as strong advocates for children; and

WHEREAS, these board members demonstrate their commitment to children by contributing their dedicated energies and devoting countless hours to providing a quality public education to each child while receiving very little compensation for their tireless efforts; and

WHEREAS, local school board members are powerful campaigners for public education and are responsible for communicating the needs of the school district to the public and the public's expectations to the district.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Education declares its appreciation for the members of the governing board of each district in our county and proclaims the month of January 2010 as School Board Recognition Month urging all citizens to join in recognizing the year-round dedication and hard work of local school board members and work with them to support an education system that meets the needs of both today's and tomorrow's children.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of December 2009, by the Solano County Board of Education, Solano County, California, by the following vote:

AYES: Mrs. Bates, Ms. Kennedy, Mr. Silva, Dr. Verder-Aliga, Mr. Asera, Mr. Galvan
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Mr. Ford

CERTIFICATION

I, Dee Alarcón, secretary to the Solano County Board of Education, Solano County, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said Board at a regular meeting thereof held on the above stated date, which resolution is on file in the office of said Board.

Secretary's Signature

December 9, 2009

Date

**Donations to Solano County Office of Education
November 18, 2009**

Monetary donation of \$281.67 by California State Prison–Solano, Vacaville, to the preschool program at Irene Larsen Center for the purchase of classroom materials.

TEMPORARY CERTIFICATES

<u>Name</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Credential</u>
Shelly Folden	Fairfield-Suisun	Multiple Subject
Kenyetta Pitcher	Fairfield-Suisun	Single Subject/Science: Biological/Limited Assignment
Cynthia Coble	Fairfield-Suisun	Education Specialist/Mild-Moderate/Intern
Diannah Cox	Fairfield-Suisun	Single Subject/English/Short-Term Staff Permit
Manuel Garcia	Vacaville	Administrative Services
Ron Wheat	Benicia	Administrative Services
Patricia Kutza	Vallejo	CBEST Substitute/Waiver
Lynn Bremner	Vallejo	Emergency CLAD
Kenneth Kauffman	Vallejo	Emergency CLAD
Robin Jones	Vallejo	CBEST Substitute/Waiver
Zachary Maruda	Vacaville	CBEST Substitute/Waiver
Nannette Williams	Fairfield-Suisun	Single Subject/Art/Short-Term Staff Permit
Charles Davenport	Vallejo	Emergency CLAD
Dave Plump	Vallejo	Emergency CLAD
Robert Ingham	Vallejo	Administrative Services
Fred Odell	MIT	Single Subject/English
Jaimisyn Kopilec	Vallejo	CBEST Substitute/Waiver
Oliver Taban	MIT	Education Specialist/Mild-Moderate/Short-Term Staff Permit
Maire McDermid	Dixon	Emergency Substitute Permit
Kathryne Buchanan	Dixon	Administrative Services
Jennifer Annuzzi	SCOE	CBEST Substitute/Waiver
Shannon Sanders	Vacaville	CBEST Substitute/Waiver
Jose Mendoza	Travis	CBEST Substitute/Waiver
James Wallace	SCOE	CBEST Substitute/Waiver
Matthew Floyd	Dixon	Emergency Substitute Permit
Amalia Wiley	Dixon	Emergency Substitute Permit
Max Riley	Vacaville	CBEST Substitute/Waiver
Emilia McFarland	Vacaville	CBEST Substitute/Waiver
David Elliott	Vacaville	Designated Subjects/Career Tech Ed/Arts, Media, and Entertainment
Kara Pickens	Fairfield-Suisun	Special Education Limited Assignment/Moderate-Severe
Beverly Taylor	Fairfield-Suisun	Administrative Services
Erin Hassig	Fairfield-Suisun	Emergency CLAD

Temporary County Certificates Issued November 2009

District	<i>Full Credential/ Auth.</i>	<i>Intern Cred.</i>	<i>Prov. Intern Permit</i>	<i>Short- Term Staff Permit</i>	<i>Emergency Permit</i>	<i>Waiver</i>	<i>Emergency Sub</i>	<i>Child Dev. Permit</i>
Benicia	1							
SCOE						2		
Dixon	1				1		2	
Fairfield- Suisun	4	1		2	1			
Travis						1		
Vacaville	2					4		
Vallejo	1				4	3		
MIT Academy	1			1				
Private/ NPS								
Solano College								
Solano County								
Totals	10	1		3	6	10	2	

ESTABLISHMENT OF DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

The establishment of the time, place, and date of regular meetings of the County Board of Education is required at the annual organizational meeting. Current Solano County Board of Education Policy 9320(l) sets the time and place of regular meetings, unless otherwise specified, at 6:00 PM on the second Wednesday of each month in the boardroom of the Solano County Office of Education, 5100 Business Center Drive, Fairfield.

PROPOSED 2010 SCHEDULE			
DATE	TIME	LOCATION	COMMENT
Wednesday, January 13, 2010	6:00 PM	SCOE Boardroom	
Wednesday, February 10, 2010	6:00 PM	SCOE Boardroom	
Wednesday, March 10, 2010	6:00 PM	SCOE Boardroom	
Wednesday, April 14, 2010	6:00 PM	SCOE Boardroom	
Wednesday, May 12, 2010	6:00 PM	SCOE Boardroom	
Wednesday, June 9, 2010	6:00 PM	SCOE Boardroom	
Wednesday, June 23, 2010	6:00 PM	SCOE Boardroom	Rescheduled from July 14 th in order to meet the June 30 th budget adoption deadline
<i>July meeting rescheduled</i>	- - -	- - -	See comment above
Wednesday, August 11, 2010	6:00 PM	SCOE Boardroom	
Wednesday, September 8, 2010	6:00 PM	SCOE Boardroom	
Wednesday, October 13, 2010	6:00 PM	SCOE Boardroom	
Wednesday, November 10, 2010	6:00 PM	SCOE Boardroom	
Wednesday, December 8, 2010	10:30 AM	SCOE Boardroom	Annual Organizational Meeting