

SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

Regular Meeting March 11, 2015

The Solano County Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, March 11, 2015, at the Solano County Office of Education (SCOE), 5100 Business Center Drive in Fairfield, California.

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

Board President Michelle Coleman called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Trustee Elease Minor led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present

Michelle Coleman, President (Area 1)
Mayrene Bates (Area 4) *(arrived at 6:13 PM)*
Peggy Cohen-Thompson (Area 5) *(arrived at 6:02 PM)*
Doug Ford (Area 6)
Elease Minor (Area 7)
Raymond Silva (Area 2)

Members Absent

Dana Dean, Vice President (Area 3)

Trustee Coleman welcomed those in attendance and noted that a quorum was present as was Jay Speck, Solano County Superintendent of Schools, serving as Secretary to the Board.

Others Present:

County Superintendent of Schools Office –

Lisette Estrella-Henderson	Laryn Bishop	Ann Williams
Tommy Welch	Susan Labrecque	Ken Scarberry
Janet Harden	Becky Lentz	Lorraine Villarreal
Sandy Jessop		

Vanden High School, Travis Unified School District –

Sidra Barry	Alisa Turner
Jaycee Cao	Alisson Rowland

Other members of the community

III. APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Trustee Silva, seconded by Trustee Ford, and carried by a unanimous vote of those present to approve and adopt the agenda as presented. *(Trustees Bates, Cohen-Thompson, and Dean were absent)*

IV. CONSENT ITEMS

Motion was made by Trustee Silva, seconded by Trustee Ford, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote of those present to approve the following items. *(Trustees Bates and Dean were absent)*

- (a) Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held February 11, 2015.
- (b) Resolution No. B14-15-24 recognizing March as Women's History Month (Attachment A)
- (c) Resolution No. B14-15-25 recognizing March as California School Bullying Prevention Month (Attachment B)
- (d) Gifts and donations received for which the County Superintendent will write letters of appreciation to the donors (Attachment C)

V. AGENDA ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT ITEMS

There were no items removed from Consent to be considered.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items of correspondence to be considered.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

(a) Academic Decathlon Report

Ken Scarberry, Director of Youth Development, reported on the 2015 North Bay Region Academic Decathlon and introduced the four members present from Solano County's winning team, Vanden High School in the Travis Unified School District. Other members of the team were preparing for the California Academic Decathlon championship being held in Sacramento March 19-22, 2015. This year's theme is alternative energy.

He showed a video and distributed a fact sheet about this year's regional competition. Each of the Vanden students – Sidra Barry, Jaycee Cao, Alisa Turner, and Alisson Rowland -- spoke briefly about what being on the team has meant to them during their senior year and what their plans are for the future.

(b) California PROMISE Grant

Susan Labrecque, Program Manager for Workforce Development, and Lorraine Villarreal, Transition Specialist, presented a PowerPoint with information on CaPROMISE (Promoting Readiness of Minors in Supplemental Security Income), a five-year grant awarded through a joint initiative of the U.S. Department of Education, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, U.S. Department of Labor, and U.S. Social Security Administration.

This is a new \$50 million, three-year research project, with the possibility of a two-year extension, aimed at promoting the financial independence readiness of minors age 14-16 who are currently receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) by working with these children and their families to provide resources, reduce dependence on SSI, and increase their quality of life. The U.S. government gives SSI to minors who come from a low-income family and have a significant disability, although less than 50% have an Individualized Education Program (IEP). The students are then reassessed at the age of 18.

The grant addresses challenges such as the lack of access to effective employment services, gaps in school-based services, low expectations about working and self-sufficiency; concerns about losing health and social services, and the lack of knowledge or work incentives and how paid work affects benefits. This grant will help coordinate services and provide parent training, case management, transition and benefits planning, and career and work-based learning experiences based on the student's goals.

Mrs. Labrecque answered questions from the Board and shared that the grant's statewide program enrollment goal is 3,078, with Solano County's goal being 52. We currently have 41 and are closer to our goal than any of the other grant recipients. Our grant contract requires meeting with these families at least once per month, but we may meet with them daily or weekly depending on need. Project participants will be tracked for 25 years to gather research data.

(c) 2014-15 Second Interim Report

Tommy Welch, Associate Superintendent of Administrative Services and Operations, reviewed SCOE's Second Interim Report. Every district and county office of education must submit this report to the California Department of Education (CDE) by March 15th. SCOE is filing a positive certification.

His PowerPoint showed that, since the First Interim Report reported on last December, revenues and expenditures have both increased and fiscal uncertainties remain. He explained that the keys to protecting SCOE's financial flexibility and solvency in unpredictable conditions include maintaining adequate reserves, closely watching our cash flow, and limiting commitments to avoid harming educational programs.

He discussed SCOE's various funding sources, restricted and unrestricted revenues and expenditures, multiyear projections, and trend data noting that our ending fund balance is relatively stable at this time. Of SCOE's budget, 76% is restricted; 8% is "restricted like," meaning that it used to be restricted but is now been moved elsewhere; and 16% is unrestricted funds and operations.

Mr. Speck thanked Mr. Welch and his staff for their hard work to keep SCOE out of financial peril. Since he has been our chief business official, he has planned responsibly to ensure we stay close to our budget and remain in a good position. Although a lot of information was covered in a short time, Mr. Speck reminded the Board that Mr. Welch is available by phone to answer questions from the Members at any time.

(d) 2015-16 Budget Development

Mr. Welch distributed copies of the Transportation and Division of Unaccompanied Children's Services (DUCS) Community School budgets as a part of his ongoing discussion of SCOE's 2015-16 Budget Development process. The handouts show the funding sources for full-time equivalent (FTE) staff and a slight rise in expenditures is projected for both budgets due to step-and-column increases.

Mr. Speck stated that the DUCS budget consists of approximately \$87,000 from the Baptist Children's and Family Services (BCFS), and the remaining \$128,000 comes from the State.

Of the \$1.4 million Transportation budget, the State contributes about \$486,000, and the remaining balance of approximately \$940,000 is charged back to the districts because it is their students that SCOE transports. It is an expensive operation with some children being transported to services outside of Solano County. SCOE must provide good service at a reasonable cost, or the districts will look elsewhere for a transportation provider.

(e) Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Update

Lisette Estrella-Henderson, Associate Superintendent of Student Programs and Educational Services, provided an update on SCOE's LCAP saying that the stakeholder engagement process continues as does the analysis of data through methods such as parent and student surveys, student achievement, the California Healthy Kids Survey, the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) visitation beginning on March 22nd, etc.

As requested at the last meeting, a calendar of upcoming stakeholder meetings was e-mailed to the Board, and Mrs. Estrella-Henderson encouraged the Members to participate. A meeting will be held at SCOE's main office on March 27th.

Another update will be given to the Board during its meeting in April, a draft of the LCAP will be presented in May, a revised draft will be discussed at the first meeting in June, and the Board will be asked to approve the final LCAP at the second June meeting.

(f) Human Resources Report

Janet Harden, Associate Superintendent of Human Resources, Workforce Development, and Public Information, reported that one Health Assistant/Paraeducator for special education had been hired since the February 11, 2015, Board Meeting.

(g) State and Federal Legislative Update

Mr. Speck asked Trustee Cohen-Thompson to talk about her experience at the March 10th California School Boards Association (CSBA) Legislative Action Day in Sacramento. Trustee Cohen-Thompson shared that she was part of a group, which also included board members from Vallejo City Unified

School District (VCUSD) and Contra Costa County, who visited legislatures and their staff members to discuss local initiatives and concerns such as modifying legislation regarding the reserve cap and its trigger language; Assembly Bill (AB) 6 on bonds, transportation, and school facilities; the common core block grant; Proposition 98; and the addition of building trades to Career Technical Education (CTE).

Mr. Speck said there is a lot of activity in the State Legislature now as the Governor's May budget revisions and the budget approval deadline approach. The State Board of Education (SBE) voted today to not have an Academic Performance Index (API) for next year. The federal government did not like it when the SBE did the same thing last year but finally granted a waiver to California due to our implementation of the Smarter Balanced Assessment practice test.

Also on the federal level, there is a lot of conversation about the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), which became the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001 when it was previously reauthorized.

Media headlines frequently mention the amount of funds flowing to schools, which generates the public perception that we have plenty, and giving us more money is not the solution to better education. However, the views differ between educators and legislators on how much is "adequate" funding. It would cost \$6 billion to raise California's per pupil funding by just \$1000, and it would take \$18 billion to raise the funding level by \$3,000 to reach the national per pupil average. Money may not be the total solution, but it buys equipment so students can be better trained and it helps provide better pay and working conditions for teachers so we can compete in today's job market. It is important to keep reminding our legislators about how underfunded we are in California. We do not want them to just continue moving inadequate funds around; we want our students to be well prepared for college and the workforce, including those with the highest needs (e.g., students with disabilities, English learners, etc.) that SCOE serves.

(h) Temporary Certificates

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

(i) Meetings/Special Dates

Mr. Speck reviewed upcoming events and encouraged the Board to check their SCOE e-mail regularly for any time or location changes, cancellations, and new invitations. Copies of the Board Activity Calendars for the remainder of March and the month of April were distributed as well as copies of the recently updated SCOE 2014-15 Fingertip Facts.

Highlights of Mr. Speck's recent activities included: visiting the classroom of Phillip Green, Isolated Classroom Environment Supervisor at Benicia High School, who is Solano County's 2014-15 Classified Educator of the Year; attending the 2nd Annual Children & Families Policy Forum; reading to children on Dr. Seuss Day at the Cordelia Library; and attending the Schoolmasters Annual Awards Dinner.

VIII. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

Ann Williams, RN, Credentialed School Nurse and President of the Solano County Education Association (SCEA) certificated bargaining unit, mentioned that the nurses are helping to finalize updates to SCOE's policies on tuberculosis as well as the use of epinephrine auto-injectors. New legislation on immunizations is also expected due to the recent measles outbreak. She recently attended one of the LCAP stakeholders meetings, and felt Mrs. Estrella-Henderson did a great job facilitating.

IX. BOARD DISCUSSION

(a) Board Member Activity Reports

Some of the Board members gave a brief report on their recent education-related activities.

Trustee Silva is scheduled to participate in next week's annual Youth Ag Day.

Trustee Minor attended the Umoja Program mixer at Solano Community College (SCC) sponsored by the Solano County Black Chamber of Commerce, went to an economic forum also held at SCC, and assisted students from Armijo High School who worked on an art project with the kids at the Heather House homeless shelter.

Trustee Cohen-Thompson continues serving as a mentor to a VCUSD student in the district's Hospitality Academy; attended two events honoring Black History Month – one at the JFK Library sponsored by the Vallejo Sister City Association whose sister city is in Tanzania in East Africa, and the other at Christ Temple church; participated in the Children and Families Policy Forum; went to a mixer for Umoja program students who will begin to be mentored by members of the Solano County Black Chamber of Commerce; and attended the CSBA Legislative Action Day.

Trustee Bates' recent activities included visiting Cleo Gordon Elementary School and Suisun Elementary School as part of the Rotary Book Club and attending the following events: Children and Families Policy Forum, fundraiser for high school scholarships at Ulatis in Vacaville, Fairfield-Suisun Chorus concert of middle and high school kids at Rodriguez High School, Black History Month event at Fairfield High School, annual Schoolmasters Awards Dinner, Air Force Band concert at Rodriguez High, Red Carpet Gala for the Fairfield Center for Creative Arts, and the Transition Information Fair at SCOE.

Trustee Ford discussed the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence (CCEE), a new organization funded through the Riverside County Office of Education to help struggling districts implement the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). He also distributed the following handouts: (1) *The California Education Puzzle* thumbnail sketch of quotes about what has happened in education in our state in the past 35-40 years; (2) information about the Policy Analysis for California Education (PACE) research center that publishes many helpful articles by scholars who have studied education for many years; (3) a *Sacramento Bee* article by Tom Torlakson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction (SSPI) titled "*New tests focus on what our students really need to learn*"; and (4) an article on past changes in California's education governance and the characteristics of good governance.

Trustee Coleman attended the Schoolmasters Awards Dinner.

Mr. Speck announced that Superintendents Janice Adams of Benicia Unified School District (BUSD) and Ken Jacopetti of Vacaville Unified School District (VUSD) have both announced their retirement at the end of this school year.

(b) Board Member Requests

There were no member requests to represent the Board at any education-related activities.

(c) Suggestions on future Board agenda items

- (1) Board members may suggest future topics to be coordinated by the County Superintendent and presented by SCOE staff or external presenters.

There were no suggestions for future agenda items.

- (2) The Board may identify current topics of particular interest and, by consensus, choose one of its members to lead a brief discussion at a future meeting.

There were no suggestions for future member-led discussions.

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X. ADJOURNMENT

Jay Speck
Secretary to the Solano County Board of Education

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Attachments: (A) Resolution No. B14-15-24 (C) Donations/Gifts
(B) Resolution No. B14-15-25 (D) Temporary Certificates

SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Solano County, California

**RESOLUTION NO. B14-15-24
NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**

WHEREAS, America's history has been shaped by independent and pioneering women with passionate beliefs, limitless potential, and fierce determination, motivating them to shatter professional and social ceilings and challenge injustice in pursuit of equality; and

WHEREAS, women of every race, religion, and background constitute a significant portion of the labor force, whether working inside or outside of the home, and are seizing opportunities to shape the future of America by making unique and vital contributions to the endeavors and triumphs of our nation in all walks of life including education, government, business, medicine, entertainment, the arts, media, athletics, military service, and motherhood by giving care and guidance to our nation's children, which helps strengthen their character and build a foundation for their success; and

WHEREAS, during Women's History Month, we commemorate their struggles, celebrate their progress, and thank them for their immeasurable strength in our families, communities, nation, and world, through their vision, ingenuity, fortitude, leadership, and unrelenting actions; and

WHEREAS, the theme for the 2015 Women's History Month is "*Weaving the Stories of Women's Lives*" to honor our female role models who have shown exceptional strength in the face of challenges, expansive vision through the choices they have made, encouragement to young girls and other women to think and accomplish in large and bold ways, and upended social assumptions and stereotypes about what women can achieve in our present world and in the future; and

WHEREAS, today's women serve as leaders of industry, civil society, and government and play a crucial role in our nation's economic, cultural, political, and social spheres demonstrating to our children that no dream is beyond reach; yet, despite all of their accomplishments and contributions, the role of American women in history is often overlooked and undervalued in the literature, teaching, and study of our nation's history.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Solano County Board of Education hereby recognizes the month of March 2015 as Women's History Month and encourages the educational community and all citizens to thank the women who are important in their lives, celebrate the many ways women strengthen and enrich America, and commemorate this occasion with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities that honor the extraordinary contributions and accomplishments of American women as they drive our nation to continue its progress toward making our society more prosperous, just, and equal.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of March 2015 by the Solano County Board of Education, Solano County, California, by the following vote:

AYES: Trustees Peggy Cohen-Thompson, Doug Ford, Eleese Minor, Ray Silva, Michelle Coleman
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Trustees Mayrene Bates, Dana Dean

CERTIFICATION

I, Jay Speck, 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.

Signature on File
Secretary's Signature

March 11, 2015
Date

SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Solano County, California

**RESOLUTION NO. B14-15-25
CALIFORNIA SCHOOL BULLYING PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, the American Psychological Association defines bullying as a form of aggressive behavior in which someone intentionally and repeatedly causes another person injury or verbal, physical, or psychological discomfort in the form of bodily contact, words (spoken or electronic), or more subtle actions; and

WHEREAS, bullying is a significant and growing problem among California's schools, with our State having one of the highest quantities of K-12 bullying incidents in the nation and statistics indicating that 77% of students are harassed, intimidated, threatened, attacked, and bullied mentally, verbally, or physically on a routine basis, compared with 35% nationwide; and

WHEREAS, data shows that bullying contributes to youth violence including homicide and suicide, and revenge against bullying is the strongest motivator for school shootings because bullying, including cyber-bullying, can have devastating and lasting effects on those victimized such as increased anxiety, depression, loss of self-esteem, behavior problems, school avoidance, and poor academic performance, which can lead them to drop out of school or engage in unlawful activity; and

WHEREAS, bullying costs schools much-needed funds when thousands of students, statewide, miss classes every day due to the fear of attack or terrorization by their peers, while optimal learning can only occur when school environments help students feel safe and instill peaceful conflict resolution skills; and

WHEREAS, studies further confirm that adult and peer intervention reduces bullying incidents, and the best way to protect students against bullying is to establish programs that create awareness through education, training, and best practice methodologies; and

WHEREAS, a report released in September 2007 by the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) Task Force on School and Campus Safety contained specific recommendations to address school safety issues including open and frequent discussions among students, parents, teachers, school administrators, law enforcement, and all other stakeholders on the strategies, implementation, continuation, and expansion of bullying prevention measures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Solano County Board of Education supports March as California School Bullying Prevention Awareness Month, in alliance with the National Bullying Prevention Month campaign held during the month of October, and calls upon school leaders to provide resources and establish programs that educate and train teachers and administrators on how to identify and handle bullying and help students effectively report bullies and bullying incidents.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of March 2015, by the Solano County Board of Education, Solano County, California, by the following vote:

AYES: Trustees Peggy Cohen-Thompson, Doug Ford, Eleese Minor, Ray Silva, Michelle Coleman
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Trustees Mayrene Bates, Dana Dean

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I, Jay Speck, 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.

Signature on File
Secretary's Signature

March 11, 2015
Date

**Donations to Solano County Office of Education
February 2015**

Description/Purpose	Recipient Program	Donor	Estimated Value (declared by donor)
5 Cases of .35 ounce bags of Jelly Belly samples to be used as giveaways at the San Francisco Bay Area Student Entrepreneurship Conference and Trade Show	Career Technical Education (CTE)/Workforce Development	Jelly Belly Candy Company Fairfield, CA	\$ 510.00

TOTALS:	Cash	Non-Cash
Monthly	- - -	\$ 510.00
Year-to-Date	\$ 3,030.78	\$ 5,338.00
<i>Prior Year</i>	\$ 6,158.00	\$ 3,834.96

Registered between 01/28/2015 and 02/24/2015

Name	SSN4	Assign Orgs	Document # Term-Description	TC Requirement Authorizations	Subjects	Registered Renewal Codes	Expires
Title P12D - Child Development Master Teacher Permit							
BEARD, LORETTA K	0303	003	TCC-VCUSD			02/09/2015	07/31/2015

Title SA13 - Crosscultural, Language and Academic Development Permit

BAILEY, LINSEY L	3398	001	TCC-FSUSD EM: Emergency			02/04/2015	04/30/2015
BUTLER, LOIS I	4489	003	TCC-VCUSD CL: Clear			02/13/2015	06/30/2015
CICCONE, MARIA E	0143	None	TCC-FSUSD EM: Emergency	ELA1		01/29/2015	04/30/2015
PORTER, RICHARD R	8881	003	TCC-VCUSD EM: Emergency			02/23/2015	07/31/2015
Total Persons Listed for SA13: 4							

Title SA15 - Bilingual, Crosscultural, Language and Academic Development Permit

DIETRICH, MARGARET	4322	None	TCC-FSUSD EM: Emergency			02/13/2015	07/31/2015
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Title SC1A - Administrative Services Credential

HIGUERA, SHELLIE R	9956	003	TCC-VCUSD PS: Preliminary	R54A		02/13/2015 R68L	07/31/2015
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Title SUBP - 30-Day Substitute Teaching Permit

O'NEAL, TIMOTHY R	2014	None	TCC-VCUSD EM: Emergency	P30		02/24/2015 P30	04/30/2015
RANDLE, SHARON	0173	None	TCC-VCUSD WV: Waiver	P30B		02/13/2015	07/31/2015

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Name	SSN4	Assign Orgs	Document # Term:Description	TC Requirement Authorizations	Subjects	Registered Renewal Codes	Expires
Total Persons Listed for SUBP: 2							

Title TC13 - Short-Term Staff Permit

FASHOKUN, ADETINUKE A	1167	None	TCC-FSUUSD SL: Single Subject w/EL TC10	R1S	SBS	01/28/2015	07/31/2015
VANN, TROY D	0047	003	TCC-VCUSD SL: Single Subject w/EL TC10	R1S	ENGX	02/24/2015 STP	06/30/2015
Total Persons Listed for TC13: 2							

Title TC2 - Multiple Subject Teaching Credential

DIETRICH, MARGARET	4322	None	TCC-FSUUSD P5: Preliminary	R2M ELA1	GSX	02/06/2015	04/30/2015
PORTER, RICHARD R	8881	003	TCC-VCUSD CL: Clear	R2M	GSX	02/23/2015 R20	07/31/2015
Total Persons Listed for TC2: 2							

Title TLA1 - General Education Limited Assignment Single Subject Teaching Permit

GARCIA, ASHLEY D	8157	008	TCC-VUSD	R1S	SP	02/17/2015	07/31/2015
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Total Persons Listed: 12

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