

SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES Regular Meeting August 13, 2014

The Solano County Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, August 13, 2014, 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. Board Vice President Dana Dean led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present

Michelle Coleman, President (Trustee Area 1)
Dana Dean, Vice President (Trustee Area 3)
Mayrene Bates (Trustee Area 4)
Doug Ford (Trustee Area 6)
Raymond Silva (Trustee Area 2)

Members Absent

Vacant (Trustee Area 5)
Vacant (Trustee Area 7)

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

Tommy Welch

Janet Harden

Sandy Jessop

Laryn Bishop

Ann Williams

Victor Romualdi

Mike Minahen, Benicia Unified School District

Jan Tomsy, Attorney and Managing Partner with Fagen Friedman & Fulfrost

Kristine Strong, Ph.D., Licensed Educational Psychologist

Steven Nose, parent

Jennifer Sinnott, parent

Other members of the community

III. APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Trustee Bates, seconded by Trustee Silva, and unanimously carried by a vote of those present to approve and adopt the agenda as presented.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment on the Closed Session item.

V. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to Education Code section 49070, the Solano County Board of Education adjourned to closed session at 6:10 PM to hear, deliberate, and act upon an appeal challenging student records. The custodial parent's initial request to correct or remove information from his child's records was denied.

VI. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

(a) Call to Order

The Board reconvened, and the meeting was called to order at 7:11 PM.

(b) Report of Action Taken in Closed Session

Trustee Coleman reported that the Board had decided to sustain a portion of the parent's request and deny a portion. Attorney Jan Tomsy will prepare the detailed written decision for the parent.

VII. APPEAL HEARINGS REGARDING INTERDISTRICT ATTENDANCE REQUESTS

The Solano County Board of Education acted as an appeals board to review two interdistrict attendance requests in which Vallejo Unified School District (VCUSD), the district of residence, had initially released the students to attend school in Benicia Unified School District (BUSD), but BUSD had revoked both requests.

Student A: The hearing began at 7:13 PM. The student, a 14-year-old female entering 9th grade, was not present but was represented by her mother and grandmother. BUSD was represented by Mike Minahen, Principal of Benicia Middle School. Lisette Estrella-Henderson, Associate Superintendent of Student Programs and Educational Services, explained the hearing process and gave a brief overview of the case.

The mother stated that her daughter had attended school in BUSD her whole life except for last year when she worried that transporting her to and from school was a hardship on her family, so she began the year at VCUSD and finished the year in an independent study (IS) program due to a knee surgery. She had some problems at the school in VCUSD but was able to improve her grades while on home study, and now she wants to return to BUSD. The mother also feels that BUSD is the best option because she is concerned about her daughter's safety in VCUSD, and she does not believe VCUSD provided sufficient services in alignment with her daughter's Individualized Education Program (IEP). The grandmother echoed the desire for her granddaughter to attend BUSD again saying that last year at VCUSD had been a very bad time, and her granddaughter would be emotionally devastated if she had to return there.

In answer to questions from the Board, the mother added that her daughter had gotten better grades while in IS, but she lacked interaction with other kids and missed activities with her peers. The discipline issues her daughter had while in BUSD were all related to the same matter, which she hopes will not be an issue after a year away.

In response to members' questions, Mr. Minahen cited some of the reasons the student was denied re-entry into BUSD including excessive absences, classroom disruptions, violence toward other students, defiance toward a teacher, unacceptable language, ongoing dispute between two groups of girls causing recurrent intervention from school administration, etc., most of which occurred in the past couple of years.

Pursuant to Education Code §35146, the Board adjourned to closed session at 7:27 PM to deliberate the appeal. The hearing resumed at 7:35 PM.

Motion was made by Trustee Coleman, seconded by Trustee Dean, and unanimously carried by a roll call vote of those present to deny Student A's appeal. Trustee Coleman recommended that the mother request that VCUSD conduct an IEP meeting for her daughter. The hearing concluded at 7:38 PM

Student B: Mr. Speck announced that the mother of Student B had informed SCOE this afternoon that an agreement had been reached with BUSD, and she requested that the appeal hearing be removed from the agenda.

VIII. CONSENT ITEMS

Motion was made by Trustee Bates, seconded by Trustee Ford, and unanimously carried by a roll call vote of those present to approve the following items.

- (a) Minutes of the regular meetings held June 11 and 25, 2014
- (b) Resolution No. B14-15-01 commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I have a dream..." speech (Attachment A)
- (c) Resolution No. B14-15-02 recognizing September as Attendance Awareness Month (Attachment B)
- (d) Gifts and donations received for which the County Superintendent will write letters of appreciation to the donors (Attachment C)

IX. AGENDA ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT ITEMS

There were no items removed from Consent to be considered.

X. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Speck shared a letter and certificate of appreciation from the Vacaville High School Robotics Team thanking SCOE for its sponsorship and mentoring.

XI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

(a) Quarterly Report on *Williams* Uniform Complaints

As part of the *Williams* Uniform Complaint Procedures, school districts and SCOE are each required to report quarterly summary data regarding the nature and resolution of all complaints. Mrs. Estrella-Henderson reported that no complaints were filed with any of the following three SCOE programs during the time period of April 1 – June 13, 2014: Juvenile Court and Community School (JCCS), Division of Unaccompanied Children Services (DUCS), and Juvenile Detention Facility (JDF). (Attachment D)

(b) Attendance Awareness Month

Mrs. Estrella-Henderson thanks the Board for adopting Resolution No. B14-15-02 recognizing September as Attendance Awareness Month. She talked about the efforts of SCOE and Solano County's school districts to focus on the importance of regular school attendance and its impact on academic success. Planned activities include: public service announcements recorded by Mr. Speck and played on KUIIC Radio, editorials printed in local newspapers, banners displayed at every school in Solano County reminding parents and students that every minute matters, a poster contest, posting an attendance toolkit for school principals on SCOE's website, and posting a Facebook message each day of the month to highlight the benefits of regular school attendance and the need to reduce chronic absences.

Throughout the year, SCOE's School Attendance Liaison Terri Bush, along with our Information Technology Department, collect student attendance data from our local districts. Ms. Bush also attends the county's truancy court, participates in district School Attendance Review Board (SARB) meetings, and provides support to families to overcome issues that affect student attendance, such as transportation, by connecting them with applicable community resources.

(c) Requests for Employee Compensation Data

Tommy Welch, Associate Superintendent of Administrative Services and Operations, used a PowerPoint to address the matter of requests by the public for SCOE employee compensation data and specifically talked about a recent request from the California State Controller. While SCOE makes great effort to be transparent and regularly provides employee compensation data upon request, Mr. Welch reviewed the problems with the Controller's demand and the reasons SCOE is reluctant to execute this particular request. After Mr. Welch answered questions from the Board, the members shared SCOE's assessment of the situation and encouraged Mr. Speck to send a formal response to the Controller offering to provide the requested data in a format that has already been compiled and is accurate.

(d) State and Federal Legislative Update

Mr. Speck gave an update on state and federal legislative activity including the Proposition 1 water bond, tying Proposition 2 rainy day funds to a cap on school district reserve levels, a proposed school facilities bond, and the possible extension of the maintenance of effort requirement for career technical education programs.

(e) Human Resources Report

Janet Harden, Associate Superintendent of Human Resources/Workforce Development/Public Information, reported that SCOE is close to being fully staffed again following the many retirements that occurred at the end of the 2013-14 school year.

As required by law, Mr. Speck informed the Board of an internal promotion resulting in a salary increase of \$10,000 or more. SCOE initially hired Nicola Parr, Program Manager of Student & Program Support, for a classified management position; however, she has now taken on the responsibilities of the recently retired Program Manager of Instructional Support, which is a certificated management position. SCOE will be saving money by not replacing the Instructional Support position.

(f) Temporary Certificates

Temporary certificates for credential applicants approved by the County Superintendent were noted. Mr. Speck pointed out the new format for the report, which is now generated by the Escape financial system instead of being prepared by hand. (Attachment E)

(g) Meetings/Special Dates

Mr. Speck reviewed upcoming activities and announced additional events that arrived after the agenda was published. Updated copies of the August and September Activity Calendars were recently e-mailed to the Board.

Mr. Speck congratulated the three incumbent members whose terms of office expire in November this year but who are unopposed. One person filed for the vacant seat representing Trustee Area 7 and will be sworn in at the December Board meeting. There were no filers for the Area 5 vacancy. The topic will be placed on the September regular meeting agenda for the Board to decide on a process to appoint someone between now and the November election to fill that office.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Revisions to Board Policy on Appeals

Mrs. Estrella-Henderson presented proposed changes to Board Policy 9000.21 to include appeals to challenge student records. Jan Tomsy, Attorney and Managing Partner with Fagen Friedman & Fulfroost, stated that the revision language has been taken from Education Code, and she answered questions from the members.

There was no action taken as this was the first reading of the proposed updates. The item will be brought back to the Board for action in September.

(b) Salary of County Superintendent

The California Constitution assigns authority to the County Board of Education for establishing the salary of the County Superintendent of Schools. In preparation for the start of Mr. Speck's new term of office, which begins in January 2015, Mrs. Harden asked if the Board wanted to form an ad hoc committee to review data with SCOE staff, as has been past practice, then advise the full Board of its recommendation at an upcoming Regular Board Meeting.

Motion was made by Trustee Ford, seconded by Trustee Bates, and unanimously carried by a vote of those present to establish a two-member limited term advisory ad hoc committee to review the Superintendent's salary and make recommendations to the Board at a subsequent meeting. Trustees Coleman and Ford volunteered to serve on the ad hoc committee.

XIII. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

Ann Williams, RN, Credentialed School Nurse and President of the Solano County Education Association (SCEA), commented on the great start to another school year.

XIV. BOARD DISCUSSION

(a) Board Member Activity Reports

Some of the members gave brief reports on their recent activities, including visits to SCOE program sites and district programs, as well as attendance at any educational conferences and workshops.

(b) Board Member Requests

There were no requests from members to represent the Board at upcoming education-related activities that require support in accordance with Board Policy 9250.

(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 topics proposed for future meeting presentations.

- (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 topics proposed for potential member-led discussions.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

- Attachments: (A) Resolution No. B14-15-01
(B) Resolution No. B14-15-02
(C) Donations and Gifts
(D) Quarterly *Williams* Report
(E) Temporary Certificates

Signature on File

Jay Speck
Secretary to the Solano County Board of Education

SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Solano County, California

**RESOLUTION NO. B14-15-01
ANNIVERSARY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'S
"I HAVE A DREAM..." SPEECH**

WHEREAS, on August 28, 1963, in Washington, DC, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., delivered his celebrated "I have a dream..." speech, which has been referred to as one of the most acclaimed speeches in our nation's history; and

WHEREAS, on that same historic day, a quarter-million people of all ages, races, and backgrounds filled the landscape of Washington, DC, to take part in what Dr. King called "the greatest demonstration for freedom in the history of our nation," as diverse people were woven together like an exquisite American tapestry, sharing in the dream that our nation would one day make real the promise of liberty, equality, and justice for all, while in Solano County, approximately 800 citizens marched peacefully in downtown Vallejo with placards demanding civil rights and singing the iconic song, "We Shall Overcome;" and

WHEREAS, the March On Washington capped off a summer of discontent, a time when the call for civil rights was met with imprisonment, bomb threats, and brutality, and the marchers endured powerful water blasts from fire hoses and beatings with truncheons, yet the marchers chose to respond with nonviolent resistance and a fierce dignity that stirred our nation's conscience and paved the way for two major victories of the Civil Rights Movement: the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965; and

WHEREAS, we remember that the March On Washington was a demonstration for jobs and justice, and the coalition that brought about civil rights understood that racial equality and fairness for workers are bound together, leading us to learn that we are stronger when we march together, America flourishes when we acknowledge our common humanity, and our future is interdependently linked to every other human on Earth; and

WHEREAS, it is not enough to reflect with pride on the victories of the Civil Rights Movement; we must honor those who worked hard to attain the liberties we enjoy today, and continue to make progress by guarding against prejudice everywhere, whether at the polls, in the workplace, on our streets, or in our hearts, and let us pledge that, in the words of Dr. King quoting the Bible (Amos 5:24), "we will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters, and righteousness like a mighty stream;" and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Education does hereby encourage all Solano County citizens to embrace our diversity by observing appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities throughout the year with in commemoration of the 51st Anniversary of Dr. King's inspiring speech.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of August 2014, by the Solano County Board of Education, Solano County, California, by the following vote:

AYES: Trustees Mayrene Bates, Doug Ford, Ray Silva, Dana Dean, Michelle Coleman
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Vacancies in Trustee Area 5 and Area 7

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

August 13, 2014
Date

SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Solano County, California

RESOLUTION NO. B14-15-02
RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER AS ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, good attendance is essential to student achievement and graduation, and the Solano County Office of Education is committed to dedicating resources and attention to reducing chronic absenteeism rates starting in the earliest years of school and continuing through commencement; and

WHEREAS, chronic absence is defined as missing 10% or more days of school for any reason, including excused and unexcused absences, and students are at risk academically if they miss just 2-3 days a month or 18 days per school year; and

WHEREAS, while chronic absence rates are higher in secondary school, it is crucial to start addressing the problem among our youngest students, before they slip off track academically and poor attendance habits become entrenched; and

WHEREAS, chronic absence in kindergarten is associated with lower academic performance in subsequent grades and often has long-term impact due to the reality that not all students have equal opportunities to learn when they frequently miss school; and

WHEREAS, chronic absence is a proven predictor of academic trouble (such as course failure or struggling to meet vital benchmarks like third-grade reading proficiency) as well as dropout rates, both of which weaken our communities and local economy; and

WHEREAS, to reduce chronic absence, it is crucial for schools to: track attendance data and review patterns of absenteeism by grade, classroom, and sub-population; educate parents on the importance of attendance starting in kindergarten; encourage families to help each other get their children to school every day and on time; reach out to chronically absent students and their families to identify barriers to attendance; and connect to community resources (such as after-school, preschool, and health programs) that can help address attendance obstacles; and

WHEREAS, the education of all students, even those who show up regularly and punctually, is adversely affected by chronic absence when teachers divert attention away from the class to spend time reviewing for students who missed lessons; and

WHEREAS, improving attendance takes commitment, collaboration, and tailored approaches to particular challenges and strengths in each community, and chronic absence can be significantly reduced when schools, parents, and communities work together to monitor and promote good attendance and address hurdles that keep children from getting to school every day and on time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Education pledges to support Solano County school districts in their efforts to reduce the student chronic absentee rate of every school; and

RESOLUTION NO. B14-15-02 (Continued)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Education makes the commitment to partner with schools and community affiliates to assist parents in making their children's school attendance a priority.

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**Donations to Solano County Office of Education
June & July 2014**

Description/Purpose	Recipient Program	Donor	Estimated Value (declared by donor)
20 Backpacks for the Stuff the Bus campaign	Foster and Homeless Youth Services	Barbara Wilkins El Sobrante, CA	\$ 100.00
School supplies & gift cards for the Stuff the Bus campaign	Foster and Homeless Youth Services	The Wednesday Club Suisun City, CA	\$ 450.00

TOTALS:	Cash	Non-Cash
Monthly	\$ -----	\$ 550.00
Year-to-Date	\$ -----	\$ 550.00
<i>Prior Year</i>	\$ 6,158.00	\$ 3,834.96

Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints
2013 – 2014 Academic Year
 [Education Code § 35186]

District: Solano County Office of Ed. Golden Hills Community School/JDF/DUCS

Person completing this form Rick Vaccaro Title: Director/Alt Ed.

Quarterly Report **Submission Date:** (check one) October 2013 (*July-September complaints*)
 January 2014 (*October-December complaints*)
 April 2014 (*January – March complaints*)
 July 2014 (*April – June complaints*)

Date for information to be reported publicly at governing board meeting: August 13, 2014

Please check the box that applies:

- No complaints were filed with any school in the district during the quarter indicated above.
- Complaints were filed with schools in the district during the quarter indicated above. The following chart summarizes the nature and resolution of these complaints.

General Subject Area	Total # of Complaints	# Resolved	# Unresolved
Textbooks and Instructional Materials	0		
Teacher Vacancy or Misassignment	0		
Facilities Conditions	0		
TOTALS	0		

Jay Speck
 Print Name of District Superintendent

Jay Speck
 Signature of District Superintendent

7-28-14
 Date

Registered between 05/30/2014 and 08/01/2014

Name	SSN4	Assign Orgs	Document # Term:Description	TC Requirement Authorizations	Subjects	Registered Renewal Codes	Expires
Title SA12 - Crosscultural, Language and Academic Development Certificate							
HAWKINS, COLBY E	0790	008	TCC-VUSD CL: Clear			07/01/2014	03/31/2015

Title SA1P - Resource Specialist Permit

GREEN, MELANIE	9344	006	TCC-TUSD EM: Emergency	S1		08/01/2014	02/01/2015
LYNCH, ANNA M	9988	006	TCC-TUSD EM: Emergency	S1		08/01/2014	02/01/2015
Total Persons Listed for SA1P: 2							

Title SC1A - Administrative Services Credential

CUSHMAN, WILLIAM B	7248	None	TCC-FSUSD P5: Preliminary	R54A		07/01/2014	01/01/2015
ESTUPIN, LIZAL	0477	003	TCC-VCUSD P5: Preliminary			07/01/2014	03/31/2015
KLEINSCHMIDT, BRIANNA M	5376	001	TCC-BUSD IN: Intern			07/31/2014	03/31/2015
MILLER, ALICIA M	0827	050	TCC-SCOE P5: Preliminary	R54A		07/01/2014	01/01/2015
Moreno-Bowie, Monica	1828	003	TCC-VCUSD P1: Preliminary			07/01/2014	03/31/2015
NADER, SUSAN C	4952	006	TCC-TUSD P5: Preliminary			07/01/2014	01/31/2015
PARROTT, KIRK E	9226	006	TCC-TUSD P5: Preliminary	R54A		07/01/2014	01/01/2015
WIGHT, ADAM E	5905	008	TCC-VUSD IN: Intern	R54A		07/28/2014	03/31/2015

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Name	SSN4	Assign Orgs	Document # Term:Description	TC Requirement Authorizations	Subjects	Registered Renewal Codes	Expires
Total Persons Listed for SC1A: 8							

Title SC2E - Teacher Librarian Services Permit

KORYNTA, AIMEE M	0524	006	TCC-TUSD EM: Emergency	R53B		06/01/2014	02/01/2015
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Title SC3A - School Nurse Services Credential

WILLIAMS, ANN P	1848	050	TCC-SCOE CL: Clear	R52N		07/01/2014	01/31/2015
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Title SC8 - Speech-Language Pathology Services Credential

VOHS, CECILIA Y	3125	None	TCC-FSUSD WV: Waiver	R56A	LSH	07/01/2014	03/31/2015
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Title SUBP - 30-Day Substitute Teaching Permit

COOPER, TONI R	7653	003	TCC-VCUSD EM: Emergency	P30		06/01/2014 P30	12/31/2014
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Title TC1 - Single Subject Teaching Credential

RAMSEY, JENNIFER L	4340	002	TCC-DUSD CL: Clear	R1S ELA1	ENGL	07/12/2014	12/31/2014
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Title TC2 - Multiple Subject Teaching Credential

MILLER, CHRISTINA L	0463	None	TCC-FSUSD P2: Preliminary	R2M R2B SMAA R242	EC ENGL GSX LITE	05/30/2014	11/30/2014
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Name	SSN4	Assign Orgs	Document # Term:Description	TC Requirement Authorizations	Subjects	Registered Renewal Codes	Expires
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Title TC3S - Education Specialist Instruction Credential

HINESLEY, THOMAS J	6763	003	TCC-VCUSD L2: Level II	R3MM R3MS ELA1 AAAS	MM MS	06/01/2014 R20	12/01/2014
STRALLA, MARTIA	6297	006	TCC-TUSD L1: Level I	AAAS ELA1 R3MM		06/01/2014	12/01/2014

Total Persons Listed for TC3S: 2

Title TLA1 - General Education Limited Assignment Single Subject Teaching Permit

MARTINSON, MARJORIE E	2610	006	TCC-TUSD AL		SBS	06/01/2014	02/01/2015
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Total Persons Listed: 20

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