

SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES Special Meeting/Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Hearings #2 May 16, 2016

In accordance with Education Code sections 46601–46603, the Solano County Board of Education met on Monday, May 16, 2016, in a *Closed Hearing* to act as an appeals board to review an interdistrict attendance appeal.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Dana Dean called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present

Dana Dean, President (Trustee Area 3)
Elease Cheek, Vice President (Trustee Area 5)
Peggy Cohen-Thompson (Trustee Area 7)
Michelle Coleman (Trustee Area 1)
Doug Ford (Trustee Area 6)
Raymond Silva (Trustee Area 2)

Members Absent

Mayrene Bates (Trustee Area 4)

Trustee Dean welcomed those in attendance and noted that a quorum of Board Members was present.

III. APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Trustee Cohen-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Ford, and unanimously carried by a vote of those present to approve and adopt the agenda as presented.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED HEARING AGENDA ITEM

There were no comments from members of the public.

V. CLOSED HEARING OPENS

The hearing began at 7:04 PM.

- (a) Introduction of appellant(s), district representative(s), SCOE staff, legal counsel, and others present

Lisette Estrella-Henderson, Associate Superintendent of Student Programs and Educational Services, explained her role as facilitator of the hearing and introduced Solano County Superintendent of Schools Jay Speck, who serves as Secretary to the Board, and Dr. Victor Romualdi, Assistant Superintendent of Student Programs, who served as timekeeper. These three individuals are not voting members in this matter; only the Board will vote on the outcome. The Board Members introduced themselves.

The student, a 16-year-old male in 11th grade, was not present but was represented by his mother and father.

The Respondent, Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District (FSUSD), was represented by Angie Avlonitis, Director of Student Services, and Andrew Ownby, Executive Director of Pupil Services.

- (b) Review of legal authorization, purpose, scope, and procedures of the interdistrict attendance appeal hearing and materials pertaining to the appeal

Mrs. Estrella-Henderson stated that the expulsion appeal was being held as a closed hearing. Prior to the hearing, all parties involved received a record of the case for their advance review. Mrs. Estrella-Henderson reviewed the hearing procedures, agenda, and order of presentations. She explained the Board's limited authority and possible actions that the Board may take. Following the presentation of

the case, the Board Members were given an opportunity to ask questions of the presenters. Questions were limited to the scope of the hearing.

VI. PRESENTATION OF CASE

(a) Opening statement by Appellant(s)

The Appellant's mother and father spoke in support of granting the appeal to allow their son to attend school outside of the district of residence (FSUSD). Both father and mother answered questions from the Board Members.

(b) Opening statement by representative(s) from District of Residence and District of Proposed Attendance, when applicable

Ms. Avlonitis spoke in support of the district's decision to deny the Appellant's request and answered questions from the Board.

(c) Closing remarks by Appellant(s)

Appellant's parents made a closing statement.

(d) Closing remarks by representative(s) from District of Residence and District of Proposed Attendance, when applicable

FSUSD's representatives made a closing statement on behalf of the district.

VII. HEARING CLOSSES – CLOSED SESSION DELIBERATIONS BEGIN

The hearing closed at 7:31 PM. Pursuant to Education Code §35146, the Board adjourned to closed session to deliberate the appeal.

VIII. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened at 7:57 PM.

Motion was made by Trustee Ford, seconded by Trustee Cheek, and carried by the following roll call vote to grant the appeal based on the facts of the case and evidence presented. (AYES (5): Trustees Cohen-Thompson, Ford, Silva, Cheek, Dean; NOES (0): None; ABSTINTIONS (1): Trustee Coleman; ABSENCES (1): Trustee Bates)

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the hearing concluded and the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Signature on File

Jay Speck
Secretary to the Solano County Board of Education