

SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES Special Meeting – Study Session August 17, 2017

The Solano County Board of Education met in special session on August 17, 2017, at the Solano County Office of Education (SCOE), 5100 Business Center Drive in Fairfield, California.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board President Dana Dean called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM. Dr. David Patterson, Director of CARSNet, led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present

Dana Dean, President (Trustee Area 3)
Elease Cheek, Vice President (Trustee Area 5)
Mayrene Bates (Trustee Area 4) *(arrived at 1:08 PM)*
Peggy Cohen-Thompson (Trustee Area 7)
Michelle Coleman (Trustee Area 1)
Doug Ford (Trustee Area 6) *(arrived at 1:10 PM)*
Amy Sharp (Trustee Area 2)

Trustee Dean welcomed those in attendance and noted that a quorum was present as was Lisette Estrella-Henderson, Solano County Superintendent of Schools, serving as Secretary to the Board.

Others Present:

County Superintendent of Schools Office –

Tommy Welch	Laryn Bishop	Gethsemane Moss
Victor Romualdi	Monica Ross	Jennifer Dickinson
Kim Kopp		

David Patterson, Ed.D., Alameda County Office of Education

Jennifer Hicks, Placer County Office of Education

Peter Birdsall, California County Superintendents Educational Services Association
(CCSESA)

Joan Gaut, Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District Governing Board

III. APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Trustee Coleman, seconded by Trustee Cheek, and unanimously carried by a vote of those present to approve and adopt the agenda as presented. *(Trustees Bates and Ford were absent.)*

IV. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

There were no comments from the community.

V. CHARTER SCHOOL WORKSHOP

Superintendent Estrella-Henderson introduced Dr. David Patterson, Director of Charter Authorizers Regional Support Network (CARSNet) with the Alameda County Office of Education, and Jennifer Hicks, Executive Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Educational Services with the Placer County Office of Education, who serves as the CARSNet Regional Lead. They presented a PowerPoint of the charter school authorization process and legal requirements specific to county boards of education including what charter schools are and the different types, the Board's role in the charter school lifecycle, what to look for when reviewing a charter petition, memorandums of understanding (MOU), and charter school oversight. The presenters provided a list of charter school resources and answered questions from the Board and staff throughout the presentation.

VI. STATUTORY FUNCTIONS OF COUNTY BOARDS AND SUPERINTENDENTS

Superintendent Estrella-Henderson introduced Peter Birdsall, Executive Director of CCSESA, who presented a PowerPoint about the statutory functions of the Board and County Superintendent, their different roles in the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) as well as in the oversight of charter schools. He answered questions from the Board and staff.

VII. WRAP-UP/EVALUATION +/▲

The Board discussed aspects of the study session that went well and those that can be improved to make next year’s session better.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liked the smaller venue for big topic <i>(Trustee Coleman)</i> • Liked the interaction and being able to ask questions when needed and have them answered by an expert <i>(Trustee Dean)</i> • Comfortable room <i>(Trustee Cohen-Thompson)</i> • Good to limit discussion to one main topic at a time <i>(Trustee Ford)</i> • Appreciates transparency, collaboration, ability to discuss difficult issues, and information provided by staff so Board can make the right decisions <i>(Trustee Cohen-Thompson)</i> • Snacks: for lengthy meetings, Board members could take turns bringing food or sharing expense of purchasing food <i>(Trustees Coleman & Dean)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would like more information on, and time allotted to, the different roles of the Board and County Superintendent as well as presenters from the Board’s point of view <i>(Trustee Sharp)</i> • Want PowerPoints and supplementary materials included with board meeting agendas to allow more time for review in advance <i>(Trustees Cheek & Dean)</i>

VIII. CLOSING COMMENTS

Superintendent Estrella-Henderson thanked the Board Members for their attendance and participation in this valuable and timely topic.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 PM.