

SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Meeting
Wednesday, March 6, 2013
1:00 PM
Boardroom
5100 Business Center Drive
Fairfield, California

AGENDA

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

II. ROLL CALL

Doug Ford, President (Trustee Area 6)
Michelle Coleman, Vice President (Trustee Area 1)
Larry Asera (Trustee Area 5)
Mayrene Bates (Trustee Area 4)
Raymond Silva (Trustee Area 2)
Rozzana Verder-Aliga, Ed.D. (Trustee Area 7)
Vacant (Trustee Area 3)
Jay Speck, Secretary

III. APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

IV. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Changing County Board Member Elections from Odd- to Even-Numbered Years

In an effort to increase voter participation by consolidating with state and national ballot items, the Board will consider Proposed Resolution No. B12-13-22 in support of moving its elections from odd- to even-numbered years. With more entities switching their elections to even-numbered years, such a move is also expected to save money by reducing SCOE's portion of the election costs due to splitting expenses between more entities. Attachment A

Action: Adopt Resolution No. B12-13-22 changing the date of municipal elections from odd- to even-numbered years and extending the term of Board members by one year.

V. PUBLIC SESSION CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS

The resignation of a member of the Solano County Board of Education, representing Trustee Area 3, created a vacancy on the Board effective March 1, 2013. At its regular meeting on January 23, 2013, the Board approved a 60-day process for filling the vacancy by soliciting applications from eligible candidates.

Each candidate will have ten minutes in which to make an opening statement and answer prepared questions agreed upon by the Board.

Action: Consider making a provisional appointment to fill the vacancy in Trustee Area 3 for the remainder of the term.

VI. OATH OF OFFICE

Action: If the Board makes a provisional appointment from the candidates interviewed, the oath of office will be administered to the selected applicant.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Attachment A: Resolution No. B12-13-22

Signature on File

Jay Speck
Secretary to the Solano County Board of Education

SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Solano County, California

RESOLUTION NO. B12-13-22
CONSOLIDATION OF FUTURE TRUSTEE ELECTIONS WITH THE
STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTIONS HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Education Code sections 1007 and 5000, members of the Solano County Board of Education ("Board") have for many years been elected biennially on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd-numbered years; and

WHEREAS, historically, there is greater voter participation in general elections held in November of even-numbered years than there is in Uniform District Elections (UDEL), in which the Board currently participates, held in November of odd-numbered years; and

WHEREAS, in recent months, several entities who also hold elections in odd-numbered years have decided to move to even-numbered year elections; and

WHEREAS, with more entities switching their elections to even-numbered years, the cost to those who maintain odd-year elections is predicted to increase because there will be fewer groups with whom to share the expenses; and

WHEREAS, the four-year terms of the Trustees from Areas 3, 4, and 6 are scheduled to expire in 2013, and the four-year terms of the Trustees from Areas 1, 2, 5, and 7 are set to expire in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to expand voter involvement in the election process and incur the lowest possible costs for its elections while promoting the efficient use of government resources; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code sections 1302(b) and 10404.5 permit the Board to change its election year with the approval of the Solano County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the boundaries of Trustee Area 2 extends beyond Solano County and into Napa County creating the need for action also by the Napa County Board of Supervisors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Solano County Board of Education adopts this resolution to change its future elections from the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd-numbered years to coincide with the Statewide general elections currently held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of even-numbered years and, thus, consolidate with other elections held throughout Solano County on that day; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the terms of the Board members will be extended by a year so that the terms of Trustees in Areas 3, 4, and 6 will expire in 2014, and the terms of Trustees in Areas 1, 2, 5, and 7 will expire in 2016; and

RESOLUTION NO. B12-13-22 (Continued)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Registrars of Voters in Solano and Napa Counties will cause, at the Solano County Board of Education's expense, a notice to be mailed in their respective county to all applicable registered voters informing them of the change of election years as specified above and the resultant changes in the terms of the elected Board members.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of March 2013, by the Solano County Board of Education, Solano County, California, by the following vote:

AYES: Larry Asera, Trustee Area 5; Mayrene Bates, Trustee Area 4;
Ray Silva, Trustee Area 2; Rozzana Verder-Aliga, Trustee Area 7;
Michelle Coleman, Trustee Area 1; Doug Ford, Trustee Area 6

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: (A vacancy currently exists in Trustee Area 3)

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 the Board at a special meeting held on the above-stated date, which resolution is on file in the office of the Board.

Signature on File
Secretary's Signature

March 6, 2013
Date