

SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
March 10, 2010

The Solano County Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, March 10, 2010, at 5100 Business Center Drive in Fairfield, California.

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

Board President Larry Asera called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Trustee Doug Ford, Area 6, led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present

Larry Asera, President
Rozzana Verder-Aliga, Ed.D., Vice President
Mayrene Bates (*arrived at 7:15 PM*)
Doug Ford
John Galvan
Maria Kennedy
Raymond Silva

Mr. Asera noted that a quorum was present as was County Superintendent of Schools Dee Alarcón, serving as Secretary to the Board.

Others Present:

County Superintendent of Schools Office –

Lettie Allen	Laryn Bishop	Sandy Austin
Rob Phillips	Janet Harden	Marianne Duncan
Jay Speck	Marsha Ludwig	Ann Williams
Lisette Estrella-Henderson		

Other members of the community

III. APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Mr. Galvan, seconded by Dr. Verder-Aliga, and unanimously carried by those present to approve and adopt the agenda as presented. Mrs. Bates was absent.

IV. CONSENT ITEMS

Motion was made by Ms. Kennedy, seconded by Dr. Verder-Aliga, and unanimously carried by a roll call vote of those present to approve the items on the consent calendar consisting of the following. Mrs. Bates was absent.

- (a) Minutes of the regular and special meetings on January 13, and regular meeting on February 10, 2010
- (b) 2009-10 Budget Revision 7 (Attachment A)
- (c) Resolution No. B09-10-16 recognizing March as Women's History Month (Attachment B)
- (d) Resolution No. B09-10-17 opposing further state funding cuts to education (Attachment C)
- (e) Gifts and donations received for which the County Superintendent will write letters of appreciation (Attachment D)

V. CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Alarcón shared the following items of correspondence: (1) a newspaper article that appeared in the Vallejo Times-Herald about Major Wollard, an English teacher at Jesse Bethel High School (VCUSD), who was nominated by a former student and selected as one of the five 2009 Outstanding Teachers of America by the Carlston Family Foundation; (2) a newspaper article about Lilibeth Pinpin, biotechnology teacher at Hogan High School (VCUSD), who was nominated by Assemblymember Noreen Evans and honored by the State Assembly as Woman of the Year for the 7th Assembly District.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

(a) Special Education Report

Marianne Duncan, Special Education Program Manager, showed a video produced by Grayson Hunley, Assistive Technology Specialist, about SCOE's Assistive Technology (AT) Department. Mr. Hunley has worked for SCOE for 30 years, 19 of them in the AT Department. Different from the Information Technology Department, the AT Department's focus is to support the services detailed in the Individualized Education Programs (IEP) of students with disabilities (e.g., tools for occupational, physical, and speech therapy; parent training, etc.) by helping them read, write, play, and work independently in the mainstream with assistive technology devices. AT provides services such as consulting, assessment, staff training, software design, product research, equipment programming and maintenance, etc., to the five school districts in our Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) and to SCOE's students. AT has accumulated an inventory of over 1,100 items at the Irene Larsen Center that are available to be loaned out as needed.

(b) Association of Educational Service Agencies (AESA) Report

Mrs. Alarcón gave an overview of the AESA organization and showed a video on its origin and history. She has been involved in AESA for several years and will begin serving as its president in April. Her hope is that the resulting leadership insight, partnerships, and networking will be beneficial to SCOE as well as the other members of AESA.

(c) Financial Report

Lettie Allen, Associate Superintendent of Administrative Services and Operations, presented the financial report for February, which continues to reflect that revenue is not keeping up with expenses, although it is becoming more even. While we would have normally received over \$27.5 million by this time, this year we have only received about half a million dollars. The school districts are experiencing the same effect as a result of the deferrals going on at the state level. We are trying to make sure that SCOE and the districts are maintaining a sufficient cash flow.

Mrs. Allen also reviewed the Second Interim Report, which was distributed in advance to the Board members for review. She stated that there have been a few insignificant adjustments since the First Interim Report was filed, but SCOE continues to have a positive certification. SCOE is looking at options to deal with what is anticipated to be a deficit of about \$1 million next year and the following year; however, SCOE's reserves are placing us in a better financial position in comparison to other organizations. The Board is scheduled to review SCOE's 2010-11 proposed budget in June.

Mrs. Allen distributed copies of the brochure "Solano County School Funding Crisis" developed by SCOE with input from the districts. In it are the shocking details of the millions of dollars being taken away from our county's students and districts due to repeated funding reductions by the State. Educators plan to distribute this document during upcoming events and visits with legislators. Other regions are also using it as a template to create their own effective messages.

SCOE's communication initiative is progressing with the connection of all employees to the e-mail system and the implementation of the Global Connect automated phone system that will send out its first message about the census next week. For greater online security, the Board members and all

employees are urged to carefully review and activate their Outlook Web Access (OWA). Information packets containing instructions were distributed last week.

(d) Human Resources Report

Jay Speck, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, announced the hiring of Michele Dawson, Program Manager of Instructional Technology. This position is funded with categorical dollars and is shared with the Napa County Office of Education (50% each).

(e) Temporary Certificates

Temporary certificates for credential applicants approved by the County Superintendent were noted. (Attachment E) In response to Mr. Asera's suggestion, the attached chart indicating the number of certificate types issued to each organization is in a new format and contains year-to-date totals in addition to monthly figures.

(f) Meetings/Special Dates

Activity Calendars for March and April were distributed. The following upcoming events were reviewed, and Board members were encouraged to participate by providing timely RSVPs to Monica Ross, Executive Assistant (399-4403, mross@solanocoe.net).

- March 17, 2010 – Principal For A Day Reception, 2:45 PM, SCOE
- March 18, 2010 – Youth Ag Day, 9:00 AM, Solano County Fairgrounds, Vallejo
– Transition Information Fair, 5:00 PM, SCOE
- March 24, 2010 – Solano County Spelling Bee, 6:00 PM, Nelson Community Center, Suisun
- March 31, 2010 – Solano EDC Breakfast Meeting, 7:30 AM, Hilton Garden Inn, Fairfield
- April 27, 2010 – SELPA CAC Recognition Awards, 3:00 PM, SCOE
- May 6, 2010 – SCRA Student Writing Awards, 7:00 PM, Wood High School Theater, Vacaville
- May 23-24, 2010 – CCBE/CSBA Legislative Action Conference, Sacramento (*participant to be determined by the Board President*)

Also distributed were flyers regarding the March 31st Solano Economic Development Corporation (EDC) breakfast spotlighting education (RSVP by March 24th; Mrs. Alarcón is a guest speaker) and the April 1st Workforce Investment Board (WIB) regional career fair.

Mrs. Alarcón's recent activities included: continuing to award SCOE calendars to the student artists during district board meetings; a bowling event benefitting special education; the Vacaville Elks Club scholarship dinner; an Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) legislative action breakfast; and the California Schoolmasters Club annual awards dinner honoring outstanding educations from Northern California.

Mrs. Alarcón provided an update on the Gomer Historical School. The site needs work on the well, parking lot, a sewer expansion, and other improvements to the parcel. Gomer's future is uncertain. SCOE's options include closing the site or selling it. Several people have indicated an interest in turning the site into a museum or visitor center, but none have come forward to purchase it yet. SCOE is open to discussions with serious buyers.

Mr. Asera inquired about SCOE's involvement with the Vallejo Chamber of Commerce to sponsor an educational summit in April. Mrs. Alarcón stated that SCOE is not involved with the summit planning, although Janet Harden, Senior Director of Career Technical Education/Workforce Development, had provided information to the planners, and Mrs. Bates is aware of the summit due to her association with Touro University where the event is being held.

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

There were no comments from the community.

VIII. BOARD DISCUSSION

(a) CCBE Policy Platform 2010

Every two years, the California County Boards of Education (CCBE) revises and refines the policy platform that guides the organization's work. County boards throughout the state are encouraged to give input that will help provide a broad policy framework for implementing CCBE's mission and set the agenda for county boards of education and the students we serve. The existing policy platform was distributed to the Board members last week for review. The members had no comments or revisions to submit to CCBE.

(b) Board Member Reports

The Board members were given an opportunity to report on their recent activities including visits to SCOE's program sites.

Mr. Silva spent time at the State Capitol last week with the retired teachers association to protest cuts to education funding.

Dr. Verder-Aliga reported that Mrs. Bates had recently received an award from the Solano County Democratic Central Committee for her outstanding work in the community. Dr. Verder-Aliga attended fundraising events in Vallejo for Loma Vista Elementary School and the Christian Help Center homeless shelter. She also attended a Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accreditation meeting at Bethel High School and an event hosted by C.C. Yin for a visiting Chinese cultural arts group from Beijing.

Mr. Galvan reported that local athletes from Vallejo and Josh Lewis of Benicia High School made a good showing at the recent California State Wrestling Championships.

Mrs. Bates' activities included attending the Fun on the Run dinner and auction at Rancho Solano sponsored by the City of Fairfield to raise money for toys and balls that can be distributed to neighborhood children during the summer months to encourage physical activity. She has also been attending the educational lecture series sponsored by Touro University and participated on the Touro WASC Accreditation Committee. She attended the ACSA Legislative Action breakfast, Schoolmasters awards dinner, and will serve as a judge at the upcoming State Academic Decathlon.

Ms. Kennedy informed the group that former educator and close personal friend Jaime Escalante, made famous in the movie "Stand and Deliver," has been diagnosed with bladder cancer. A fund has been started to assist with medical expenses. She will provide more information to those who wish to contribute.

Mr. Asera expressed congratulations to Vallejo High School's girls basketball team for making it to the state quarter finals, as well as the boys basketball team at St. Pat's who also made it to the state finals. He will be participating in the Principal for a Day program on March 17th where he will shadow the principal at his alma mater Vallejo Middle School, which was known as Solano Junior High at that time. He was in the school's first graduating class.

(c) Suggestions on future Board agenda items

There were no suggestions for future agenda topics.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Attachments: (A) Budget Revision 6 (D) Donations
(B) Resolution No. B09-10-16 (E) Temporary Certificates
(C) Resolution No. B09-10-17

Signature on File

Dee Alarcón, Secretary
Solano County Board of Education

GENERAL FUND

GENERAL FUND			Certificated Salaries	Classified Salaries	Employee Benefits	Books and Supplies	Other Operating	Sites, Bldgs, Equipment	Other Outgo	Fund Balance
Program	Resource	Revenue	1000	2000	3000	4000	5000	6000	7000	Difference
Unrestricted (local; Schools In Action)	0000	16,550				5,000	14,584			(3,034)
Lottery (PY adj; c/o)	6300	344				1,437				(1,093)
Transportation (local)	7240	520					495		25	
Larsen Preschool Integration (local)	9180	1,255				1,255				
Larsen Pool Rental (local)	9250	1,125				1,125				
TC McDaniel Misc Donations (local)	9380	2,094				2,094				
Spec Ed Misc Donations (local)	9450	250					250			
Misc Teacher Grants (local)	9500	1,000				1,000				
Preschool Readiness (new grant)	9670	59,000	11,068	932	1,990	1,500	39,884		3,626	
Total		82,138	11,068	932	1,990	13,411	55,213		3,651	(4,127)

SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Solano County, California

RESOLUTION NO. B09-10-16
NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, throughout the shaping of America's history, women have strengthened the fabric of their families, communities, our country, and the world, in countless ways through their vision, ingenuity, courage, determination, passion, leadership, and hard work; and

WHEREAS, women have played and continue to play a crucial economic, cultural, political, and social role in every sphere of our nation and have been particularly important in the establishment of America's charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions; and

WHEREAS, American women of every race, religion, and background have made unique and vital contributions to the endeavors and triumphs of our nation, breaking down social and professional barriers, providing a majority of the volunteer labor force, and constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home; and

WHEREAS, our nation is a land of great opportunity, and women are seizing that opportunity and shaping the future of America in all walks of life including education, science, business, the arts, media, athletics, government, military service, and motherhood by giving care and guidance that helps build a foundation for the success of our nation's children and strengthening the character of our country; and

WHEREAS, 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;

WHEREAS, the theme for Women's History Month 2010 is "*Writing Women Back Into History*" to recognize the various aspects of women's achievements that are frequently left out of the history books and highlight the accomplishments of viable female role models; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Solano County Board of Education hereby recognizes the month of March 2010 as Women's History Month and encourages the educational community and all citizens to 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 10th day of March 2010, by the Solano County Board of Education, Solano County, California, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Ford, Mr. Galvan, Ms. Kennedy, Mr. Silva, Dr. Verder-Aliga, Mr. Asera
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Mrs. Bates

CERTIFICATION

I, Dee Alarcón, 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.

Secretary's Signature

March 10, 2010
Date

SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Solano County, California

RESOLUTION NO. B09-10-17
OPPOSITION TO FURTHER CUTS TO EDUCATION FUNDING

WHEREAS, despite Governor Schwarzenegger's vow to protect education, his proposed budget manipulates the numbers to reduce education funding by \$900 million in the current year and an additional \$2.4 billion in 2010–11; and

WHEREAS, California's education system plays a vital role in the state's economic future and schools are now in a crisis bigger than any ever seen—one that the governor and legislators must take more seriously; and

WHEREAS, these unprecedented cuts are changing the face of education for an entire generation of school children; and

WHEREAS, California's educational programs have been cut to the bone, in some cases down to the marrow, and as a result schools have been forced to eliminate summer school, libraries, transportation, athletics, technology, agriculture, Regional Occupational Programs (ROP) and General Education Development (GED); and

WHEREAS, the educational programs being cut are the very programs that help our students succeed in school and compete in the workforce; and

WHEREAS, administrative costs have taken the biggest hit in most districts and yet the governor's budget proposal recommends that 10 percent be cut from school district and county office of education administrative costs; and

WHEREAS, district and county office administration provides important functions that have a direct impact on what happens in the classroom, and currently California's schools rank among the lowest in the nation in the number of administrators per student; and

WHEREAS, schools simply cannot continue to absorb these cuts on top of the \$17 billion in reductions they've endured over the past two years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Solano County Office of Education opposes further cuts to education funding and urges the legislature to take responsibility for California's future by making education a priority.

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**Donations to Solano County Office of Education
January 2010**

Monetary gift of \$100 donated by Monica Espinosa of Star Realtors, Vacaville, to the special education adapted physical education programs to be used for the 17th Annual Joy Graham Bowling Event to be held in February.

Monetary gift of \$100 donated by the Vacaville Elks Lodge, Vacaville, to the special education adapted physical education programs to be used for the 17th Annual Joy Graham Bowling Event to be held in February.

Monetary gift of \$70 and a Sears Kenmore sewing machine valued at \$159 donated by Joe Patch of Patch Services LLC, Suisun City, to the Transition Services program at Golden Hills Education Center.

Treadmill (used) in good condition valued at \$400 donated by Mark Lieb, Dixon, to the Special Day Class at Vacaville High School.

TEMPORARY CERTIFICATES

<u>Name</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Credential</u>
Nicholas Girimonte	Dixon	Administrative Services
Connie Harder	Vacaville	Career Emergency Substitute Permit
Joanne Bucsko	Vacaville	Administrative Services
Kaylie Stenger	Dixon	Emergency Substitute Permit
Traci White	Vacaville	Supplementary Authorization: Intro Math
Marjorie Olson	SCOE	CLAD Certificate
Jason Morace	Fairfield-Suisun	Single Subject/English
John Carabillo	Fairfield-Suisun	Single Subject/Foundation-Level Math/Short-Term Staff Permit
John Berry	Fairfield-Suisun	CLAD Certificate
Mollie Mosier	Fairfield-Suisun	Administrative Services
Jennifer Borrego	Fairfield-Suisun	Multiple Subject/BCLAD: Spanish
Jacqueline Bautista	Travis	Multiple Subject
Jason Hicks	SCOE	CLAD Certificate
Tren Kauzer	Vacaville	Single Subject/Science: Biological/ Provisional Intern Permit
Japheth Aquino	Benicia	Emergency CLAD
Robert Evans	Vallejo	Emergency CLAD
Deanna Dunn	Vallejo	Emergency CLAD
Robert McKinney	Vallejo	Emergency CLAD
Floretta Brumfield	Vallejo	Emergency CLAD
Sara Mains	Vallejo	Designated Subjects/Adult Ed/ Communication Skills; Creative Arts; Parent Education; Performing Arts; Physical Fitness; Self-Maintenance (Older Adults)
Meredith Lee	Dixon	Emergency Substitute Permit
Mary Thompson	Travis	Multiple Subject
Harriett Morgan	Vallejo	Emergency CLAD
Matthew Marzel	Vallejo	CLAD Certificate
Jared Austin	Vacaville	Certificate of Completion of Staff Development
Katherine DeLozier	Vacaville	Administrative Services
Loretta Beard	Vallejo	Child Development Teacher Permit
Mark Richardson	Vacaville	CLAD Certificate
Margaret Moran	Vallejo	Emergency CLAD
Daniel Little	Vallejo	Emergency CLAD
Juliette Monaco	Fairfield-Suisun	Emergency CLAD
Pamela Moore	Fairfield-Suisun	Administrative Services
Kellie Clinger	Fairfield-Suisun	Single Subject/Science: Biological
David McKim	Fairfield-Suisun	CLAD Certificate
Anthony Farina	Fairfield-Suisun	Certificate of Completion of Staff Development
Alexis Gaskin	Vacaville	CBEST Substitute/Waiver
James Feaster	Vacaville	CBEST Substitute/Waiver
Kelly D'Innocenti	Vacaville	CBEST Substitute/Waiver
Isidro Alvarez	Benicia	Single Subject/Foreign Language: Spanish
Marvl Thomas	Vacaville	Education Specialist/Mild-Moderate

Temporary County Certificates Issued February 2010

District	Full Credential/ Auth.		Intern Cred.		Prov. Intern Permit		Short-Term Staff Permit		Emergency Permit		Waiver		Emergency Sub		Child Dev. Permit	
	Mo	YTD	Mo	YTD	Mo	YTD	Mo	YTD	Mo	YTD	Mo	YTD	Mo	YTD	Mo	YTD
Benicia	1	2							1	5						
SCOE	2	2								1						
Dixon	1	2											2	4		
Fairfield-Suisun	8	13					1	1	1	1				1		
Travis	2	3								12						
Vacaville	6	7			1	1					3	6	1	1		
Vallejo	2	10						1	7	9		1		1	1	1
MIT Academy																
Private/NPS																
Solano College																
Solano County																
Totals	22	39			1	1	1	2	9	28	3	7	3	7	1	1