

SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
June 13, 2012

The Solano County Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, June 13, 2012, 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 Dr. Rozzana Verder-Aliga called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Trustee Larry Asera, Area 5, led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present

Rozzana Verder-Aliga, Ed.D., President
Doug Ford, Vice President
Larry Asera
Mayrene Bates
Michelle Coleman
John Galvan
Raymond Silva

Dr. Verder-Aliga 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 –

Lettie Allen	Jan Donaldson	Kerri Gardner
Lisette Estrella-Henderson	Willette McClellan	Alton Gay
Janet Harden	Ann Williams	Peggy Rosselli
Laryn Bishop	Christine Long	Kim Lane
Sandy Austin	Sheldon Reber	Pam Smith

Karen Donahue, retired SCOE employee
Ed Lane, spouse of SCOE employee
Matthew Green, student, and his mother
Other family, friends, and members of the community

III. APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

IV. APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Mrs. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Asera, and unanimously carried by a vote of those present to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2012, regular meeting as presented.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to consider.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

(a) Eagle Scout Project – Landscaping Improvements to T.C. McDaniel Garden

Jan Donaldson, Special Education Principal, introduced Matthew Green, an 8th grade student from Green Valley Middle School in Fairfield, who planned, organized, and accomplished a project to

refurbish the garden at the T.C. McDaniel Early Learning Center. Matthew just graduated and will be attending Rodriguez High School in the fall. Ms. Donaldson described him as dedicated, hard-working, and one of the youngest to pursue the rank of Eagle Scout. He chose the T.C. McDaniel Center as the site for his community service project because he was a student there 10 years ago. The staff and students really enjoyed working with him on this project.

Matthew explained the objectives of his completed service project and showed a video of the before, during, and after results. First, he consulted with others and gained approval for the project. Next, he planned what the finished product would look like and what it would take to achieve it. He then organized and oversaw the workers, volunteers, and fellow scouts as they laid sod, installed ginger rock, and hung musical instruments with which the children at T.C. McDaniel Center could interact whenever they visit. He named the project "Karen's Garden" after retired teacher Karen Donahue. Matthew also thanked Ms. Donaldson and Willette McClellan, Me Too Program Infant/Toddler Special Education Teacher, for their support of his scouting goal and with this project.

The Board thanked Matthew for his efforts to help children and congratulated him on the successful achievement of the project. Lisette Estrella-Henderson, Associate Superintendent of Student Programs and Educational Services, added that it takes a lot of time and work to reach the designation of Eagle Scout, and only a few have the aptitude to accomplish it. Mr. Speck also thanked Ms. Donahue for continuing to support students and SCOE's programs even though she is retired.

(b) Recognition of SCOE Classified Employees of the Year

Janet Harden, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Workforce Development, reported on the California Department of Education's annual Classified Employee of the Year program. The following five SCOE employees were nominated in the category listed next to their name.

- Terri Bush, Paraeducator
- Paul Deal, Office & Technical Services
- Kimberly Lane, Support Services
- Pamela Smith, Transportation
- Peggy Rosselli, Maintenance & Operations

Although not all of them could be present, Mrs. Harden and the Board recognized three of the exemplary employees with a Certificate of Appreciation for their contributions, expertise, and overall commitment to quality education.

Kim Lane is a Vocational Specialist in the Transition Services Department at the Golden Hills Education Center. Susan Labrecque, Program Manager for Career Technical Education (CTE)/Workforce Development and Ms. Lane's supervisor, wrote in the nomination application that Kim is a vital part of the T2 (Transition Partnership Program and WorkAbility II) program's success and truly deserves this honor because she sincerely believes in her clients and students.

Peggy Rosselli is the Secretary/Program Analyst for the Facilities/Maintenance/Operations Department at Golden Hills Education Center. In her nomination application, Ms. Rosselli's supervisor Alton Gay, Director of Facilities/Maintenance/Operations/Transportation, wrote about how much he values Peggy's personal integrity, attention to detail, enthusiasm, and hard work; all of which helps keep projects on track, the department running efficiently, and him and his staff in line.

Pam Smith is a Bus Driver in SCOE's Transportation Department. Kerri Gardner, Transportation Manager and Ms. Smith's supervisor, stated in the nomination application that it is a pleasure knowing Pam because she deeply cares about SCOE and its students and does all she can to ensure the children's safety. She is a dedicated worker who serves as an inspiration to others.

Mr. Speck thanked these classified employees for all they do to make SCOE's programs excellent, because we cannot have great programs without great people.

(c) Human Resources Report

Mrs. Harden reported that the HR Department had been busy preparing for the August start of the 2012-13 school year and working hard to get the right employees into the right positions. Toward that deadline, six paraeducators and two more teachers were hired in the past month.

(d) Financial Report

Lettie Allen, Associate Superintendent of Administrative Services and Operations, presented the monthly financial report saying that SCOE remains on target for this year. (Attachment A)

In her update on the facilities project at the Golden Hills site, Mrs. Allen said construction is well underway, and the parking lot has been removed to the dirt level so it can be modernized.

Mrs. Allen spoke about the financial status of Solano County's school districts. For the 2011-12 fiscal year, two districts (Benicia and Vacaville) had a positive certification, two (Dixon and Fairfield-Suisun) had a qualified certification, and two (Travis and Vallejo City) had a negative certification indicating that these two districts will not be able to meet their financial obligations for the current and two subsequent fiscal years. SCOE continues to work with the most troubled districts to monitor that the proper decisions are being made to avoid further financial distress.

All of the districts are suffering due to the state budget crisis as well as federal funding issues. In an effort to help ease their budget distress, some districts are currently working through tentative agreements with their bargaining units to establish staff furlough days. SCOE is advising all the districts to plan for the worst case scenario because, until we know the outcome of November's ballot initiatives, it is difficult to predict whether the situation will get better or worse for the districts.

Mr. Speck commented that, during this year's Board Study Session in August, staff will focus more on reporting what is happening in the districts and SCOE's part in helping them.

(e) Meetings/Special Dates

Mr. Speck reviewed the following upcoming events, and Board members were encouraged to participate by providing timely RSVPs to Monica Ross, Executive Assistant (399-4403, mross@solanocoe.net).

- June 27, 2012 – Regular Board Meeting (replaces July's regular meeting), SCOE
- July 4, 2012 – Solano Offices Closed – Independence Day
- August 1-5, 2012 – Solano County Fair & Student Art Faire, Vallejo Fairgrounds
- August 8, 2012 – Regular Board Meeting, SCOE
- August 22, 2012 – Annual Board Study Session, SCOE (*more details as time gets closer*)

Mr. Speck added that SCOE had received so many Interdistrict Attendance Appeals that a special meeting would need to be scheduled. The tentative date is July 9th, and more information will follow.

Mr. Speck's recent activities included attendance at several graduations and program completion ceremonies as well as numerous community events such as California Distinguished Schools celebrations. He received his Employee Service Award for working at SCOE for 35 years, and today he commemorated his 60th birthday.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(a) CalPERS Health Benefits Plan – Board Policy Revision

As discussed at the Board's regular meeting on May 9, 2012, SCOE recently moved to CalPERS as its health benefits provider. This change requires revisions to Board Policy 9250 – Remuneration, Reimbursement, and Other Benefits, and the associated Appendix D, in order to allow Board members to continue to be eligible for health benefits. (Attachment B)

To continue eligibility, CalPERS requires that active Board members must be currently enrolled in, or receiving a retirement benefit from, CalSTRS or CalPERS or enrolled in a 457 Plan to which the employer contributes an appropriate amount per month. This proposed policy revision will allow applicable Board members to receive an appropriate amount of their monthly compensation in the form of an employer contribution to the CalPERS 457 plan.

Mrs. Allen stated that the initial suggested revision to Policy 9250 indicated that one dollar (\$1) of the eligible Board members' monthly compensation would be contributed to a CalPERS 457 plan, but she recommended that the policy language be further revised by replacing the words "one dollar" with the term "an appropriate amount." This change will allow for future contribution increases as necessary without having to revise the policy each time.

Mrs. Allen said the health benefits are scheduled to become effective on July 1, 2012, and the CalPERS 457 plan will be open to all eligible employees. Mr. Asera asked whether it was permissible to contribute more than the minimum amount to the 457 plan, but they decided to discuss the matter further at another time in order to keep the meeting's focus on health benefits rather than retirement.

Since this was the first reading of the proposed revision to Board Policy 9250 and Appendix D, no action was required. The item will be brought back for Board action during its regular meeting on June 27, 2012.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

(a) 2012-13 Tier III Flexibility (Assembly Bill 189)

The public hearing was called to order at 6:39 PM.

Mrs. Allen explained that Education Code section 42605 grants flexibility in Tier III categorical programs and authorizes the use of these funds for any educational purpose. For the fiscal years 2008-09 through 2014-15, inclusive, local educational agencies that use the flexibility provision of this section shall be deemed to be in compliance with the program and funding requirements contained in statutory, regulatory, and provisional language.

As a condition of receiving the funds, the Board is required, at a regularly scheduled open public hearing held prior to and independent of a meeting where the Board adopts the annual budget, to take testimony from the public; identify any program that is proposed to be closed; discuss, approve, or disapprove the proposed use of funding; and make explicit the purposes for which the funding will be used. Providing an opportunity for public comment on the use of funds for any potentially closing programs is a new requirement. The chart on Attachment C shows the Tier III programs for which funds are being used.

There was no community input to be considered, and the hearing was closed at 6:40 PM.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bates, seconded by Mr. Ford, and unanimously carried by a roll call vote of those present to adopt Resolution No. B11-12-37 approving the use of funding and making explicit the purposes for which the funding will be used. (Attachment C)

(b) 2012-13 Tier III Flexibility and Receipt of Funds (Senate Bill x3 4)

The public hearing was called to order at 6:40 PM.

Mrs. Allen stated that education agencies are authorized to shift funds received from the state that were initially intended for Tier III Programs, and use these funds instead for any educational purpose to the extent permitted by state law. Additionally, Education Code section 42605 provides education agencies with the flexibility to transfer these funds during fiscal years 2008-09 through 2014-15.

This public hearing is to receive input prior to the Board's acceptance of the funds and to establish the intent to use the flexibility option again for the 2012-13 fiscal year. Following the recommendation of its auditor, SCOE is holding this hearing at a separate meeting from when the budget is to be approved.

There was no community input to be considered, and the hearing was closed at 6:41 PM.

Motion was made by Mrs. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Silva, and unanimously carried by a roll call vote of those present to adopt Resolution No. B11-12-38 accepting state categorical funds and implementing the flexibility authorized by SB x3 4 for the 2012-13 fiscal year. (Attachment D)

(c) 2012-13 Budget Study Session

The public hearing began at 6:42 PM.

Mrs. Allen and Sandy Austin, Director of Internal Business Services, reviewed the proposed 2012-13 County School Service Fund budget with a PowerPoint presentation, and copies of the slides were distributed to the Board members. Copies of the budget binder were sent to the Board members in advance of the meeting to give them sufficient time to review the information. The layout of the binder is the same as in prior years. Some of the budget assumptions on which the figures were based have changed since the binders were prepared, so Ms. Austin distributed revised assumptions to insert into the binder after the first tab titled Budget Overview.

Mrs. Allen went over the budget planning timeline that began early in the 2011-12 fiscal year, and she talked about the budget assumptions such as the impact of the governor's proposed 2012-13 state budget, funding deferrals, interest earnings, salary adjustments, and potential options like flexibility. SCOE has not changed the way it develops its budget, but there are several unknowns this year including the outcome of the governor's tax initiative and specifics of his proposed weighted student formula. The information contained in the binder represents conservative planning in the worst case scenario if the governor's tax initiative fails and trigger cuts to education take place.

Ms. Austin reviewed SCOE's various sources of revenue and the percentage of income from each source, the difference between restricted and unrestricted revenue and expenditures and which programs use each type, SCOE's anticipated declining enrollment and the financial impact of this loss of Average Daily Attendance (ADA), the amount of Federal Impact Aid that is generated by and returned to the special education programs, and the meaning of deficit spending. She pointed out that all of SCOE's restricted/categorical programs are self-funded, and about 65% of our unrestricted expenditures are for salaries and benefits.

Although we will not know the full impact to SCOE's budget until after the November election, the Board will be asked to approve SCOE's budget at its June 27th meeting in order to meet the June 30, 2012, budget adoption deadline.

Mrs. Bates said she was aware that there will be another initiative on the November ballot that differs from the governor's tax initiative, and she asked about the impact of voting for both initiatives. Mrs. Allen briefly talked about what analysts say will happen if the vote is split. Mrs. Bates thanked Mrs. Allen and her staff for their good work on the budget. She has been on many boards throughout her life and feels that SCOE's budget is the easiest to understand and most well done. She wished the state was as efficient as Ms. Austin and her staff.

Mr. Asera added that, when he first joined the Board, he found education finance to be very complex and difficult to understand. He appreciates how Mrs. Allen and her staff do all they can to make SCOE's budget transparent and simple to understand. He, too, sits on other boards and believes SCOE could teach other public agencies the best way to develop a budget.

Mr. Speck agreed that Mrs. Allen, Ms. Austin, and staff do an excellent job of helping SCOE respond to ever-changing financial factors without moving into crisis mode. They have a talent for conservative planning, and he appreciates their easy-to-understand presentations. If the Board members have any questions regarding the budget, Mr. Speck encouraged them to contact Mrs. Allen before the June 27th meeting, because it is very important for SCOE to start the 2012-13 fiscal year with an approved budget.

There was no community input to be considered, and the hearing was closed at 7:01 PM.

This was the first reading of SCOE's proposed 2012-13 Budget, and no action was required. The Board will be asked to take action at its next regular meeting scheduled for June 27, 2012.

IX. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

There were no comments from the community.

X. BOARD DISCUSSION

(a) CCBE 2012 Fall Conference

Mr. Asera inquired about the amount of funds in the Board's travel and conference budget. Mr. Speck replied that, a few years ago when education funding began to get very limited, the Board had decided to cut down on the number of its members who would attend conferences. However, in order to do its job thoroughly, the Board needs to remain current and informed even when financial times are tough. Mr. Asera stated that the Board can use its funds conservatively by carpooling to nearby conferences and driving back and forth each day instead of paying for a hotel.

After some discussion, the Board members agreed that Trustees Ford and Asera will represent the Board at the California County Boards of Education (CCBE) Fall Conference in Monterey on September 14-16, 2012.

(b) CSBA 2012 Annual Conference

The California School Boards Association (CSBA) will hold its Annual Education Conference and Trade Show on November 29 – December 1, 2012, in San Francisco. As a new Board member, Mrs. Coleman attended last year's conference and found there were so many great sessions to attend that she could not go to all of them. Mrs. Bates agreed that sending two members would enable them to go to different sessions and gather twice as much valuable information.

Following some discussion, it was agreed that Trustees Verder-Aliga and Coleman will represent the Board at the CSBA Annual Conference.

(c) Date for Annual Board Study Session

After consulting their calendars, the Board members preferred Wednesday, August 22, 2012, as the date for the Board's Annual Study Session. Staff will work on the arrangements and agenda and provide more specific details as the plans are completed. It is likely that the meeting times will be similar to prior years with a morning start time and an early afternoon dismissal.

(d) Board Member Reports

The Board members had an opportunity to give a brief report on their recent activities.

Mrs. Bates announced the passing of Juanita Tomasini who had been her mentor and a longtime teacher in the Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District. A memorial service is scheduled for Friday, June 15th, at 1:00 PM at the Bryan-Braker Funeral Home in Fairfield.

Mrs. Coleman announced the passing of Tom Newsom, a principal in the Travis Unified School District where he had worked for over 30 years. His memorial mass will be held on Friday, June 15th.

(e) Suggestions on future Board agenda items

There were no suggestions for future agenda items.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Attachments: (A) Financial Report (C) Resolution B11-12-37
(B) Board Policy 9250 (D) Resolution B11-12-38

Signature on File

Jay Speck
Secretary to the Solano County Board of Education

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

June 13, 2012

- **Consolidated Budget and Financial Report as of May 15, 2012**
- **Consolidated Budget and Financial Report/Special Projects as of May 15, 2012**

County School Service Fund
Consolidated Budget and Financial Report 2011-12
 5/15/2012
 Presented June 13, 2012

Revenues:	2011-12		
	Budget	Received	Balance
Revenue Limit Sources	\$ 9,835,183	\$ 8,155,732	\$ 1,679,451
Federal Revenue	5,633,997	3,137,949	2,496,048
Other State Revenue	26,522,882	15,721,295	10,801,587
Local Revenue	11,796,986	6,309,447	5,487,539
Total Revenue	\$ 53,789,048	\$ 33,324,423	\$ 20,464,625

Expenditures:	2011-12		
	Budget	Expended	Balance
1000 Certificated Salaries	\$ 10,837,119	\$ 8,372,412	\$ 2,464,707
2000 Classified Salaries	12,121,651	9,571,158	2,550,493
3000 Employee Benefits	7,219,325	5,554,319	1,665,006
4000 Books and Supplies	3,050,547	1,482,732	1,567,815
5000 Other Operating Expenses	21,439,219	10,388,067	11,051,152
6000 Sites, Buildings, Equipment	227,584	111,104	116,480
7000 Other Outgo	364,252	216,490	147,762
Total Expenditures	\$ 55,259,697	\$ 35,696,282	\$ 19,563,415

Fund Balance:	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Beginning Fund Balance:	\$ 11,911,169	\$ 5,902,141	\$ 17,813,310
+ Revenue	\$ 8,520,367	\$ 45,268,681	\$ 53,789,048
-Expenses	9,256,826	46,002,871	55,259,697
= Projected Ending Balance	\$ 11,174,710	\$ 5,167,951	\$ 16,342,661

Designations of Unrestricted Ending Balance:

Revolving Cash Fund	\$ 15,000
Economic Uncertainty	2,055,000
Retiree Benefits	314,655
Mandated Costs	705,812
Fiscal Stabilization	1,883,037
Deferred Maintenance	730,131
Lottery	540,194
County School Facilities Cash Flow	1,500,000
Career Technical Education	778,160
Total designated:	\$ 8,521,989
Unappropriated	\$ 2,652,721
Total designated + Unappropriated	
= Projected Ending Balance	\$ 11,174,710

Solano County Office of Education
Jay Speck, County Superintendent
Consolidated Budget and Financial Report/Special Projects
through Period Ending 5/15/12
Presented June 13, 2012

Dept.	Resource	Description:	Budgeted	Received	Expended
Human Resources	0000*	Peer Assistance Review	\$ 10,911	\$ 4,218	\$ 345
Professional Development and Educational Services	3010	Title I, Part A, Basic & Neglected	\$ 755,923	\$ 302,687	\$ 334,159
	4035	Title II - Teacher Quality	10,728	7,232	10,342
	4045	Title II - Education Technology	1,465	-	220
	4203	Title III - Limited English Proficiency	39,262	8,698	435
	0000*	Intern	283,968	283,968	61,306
	0000*	CTAP (California Technical Assistance Project)	132,305	101,299	45,776
	9030	Preschool for All - County contract	44,000	40,333	36,536
	9210	RSDSS - Regional System of District and School Support	22,926	22,926	19,027
	9440	Region IV After School Programs	11,288		5,850
	9440	Region IV Education Technology	3,724	3,724	-
	9620	Teaching American History	201,993	18,556	84,786
	9625	Teaching American History 10-11 - 12-13	330,645	219,939	219,940
9640	Mental Health Prevention and Early Intervention	447,412	298,699	283,271	
9670	School Readiness - County Contract	98,831	67,576	79,755	
			<u>\$ 2,384,470</u>	<u>\$ 1,375,637</u>	<u>\$ 1,181,403</u>
Career Technical Education	3410	T2 - Workability II and Transition Partnership Project	\$ 837,957	\$ 363,331	\$ 533,987
	6355	ROC/P Training & Certification for DSP	42,714	30,960	18,356
	6385	Middle Schools Career Technical Education & Career Pathways Grant	145,328	108,996	82,080
	6520	Workability I	211,700	145,505	150,788
	9650	Mental Health Transition Aged Youth	133,653	80,833	84,551
	9690	Professional Development Project	144,943	-	99,930
			<u>\$ 1,516,295</u>	<u>\$ 729,625</u>	<u>\$ 969,692</u>
Juvenile Court and Community Schools	3025	Title I Part D	\$ 821,956	\$ 428,867	\$ 491,204
			<u>\$ 821,956</u>	<u>\$ 428,867</u>	<u>\$ 491,204</u>
Youth Development and Prevention	5630	Education for Homeless Children	\$ 38,406	\$ 22,041	\$ 21,906
	5830	Foster Youth Building Infrastructure	250,000	-	74,002
	6680	Tobacco Use Prevention and Education Technical Assistance	47,216	35,787	30,656
	6690	Tobacco Use Prevention and Education Grades 6-12	4,500	4,500	2,151
	7366	Foster Youth Services	190,000	85,500	115,156
			<u>\$ 530,122</u>	<u>\$ 147,828</u>	<u>\$ 243,871</u>
Operations	9120	Safety Credit	\$ 19,586	\$ 2,332	\$ 2,332
Special Education	5640	Medi-Cal Reimbursement - Special Education	\$ 161,092	\$ 138,174	\$ 64,679
		TOTALS	<u><u>\$ 5,444,432</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,826,681</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,953,526</u></u>

*Tier III Programs now part of unrestricted budget

SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Policy 9250

REMUNERATION, REIMBURSEMENT AND OTHER BENEFITS

- I. Compensation for Members: Compensation for each member of the Solano County Board of Education shall be the amount designated for the class of county in Education Code Section 1090. Members of the Solano County Board of Education may be paid for any meeting for which s/he is absent pursuant to the provisions of Resolution No. 97-98-3. An Absence Verification form must be submitted to the County Superintendent of Schools before compensation can be made. The authorization for personal necessity shall be allowed in accordance with personnel policy for employees of the Solano County Superintendent of Schools. (See Appendix C)

Each active Board member of the Solano County Board of Education not enrolled in or receiving a retirement benefit from CalSTRS or CalPERS shall have the option to take one dollar (\$1) an appropriate amount of their monthly compensation in the form of an employer contribution to a 457 Plan chosen by the Solano County Superintendent of Schools in order to be eligible to enroll in the CalPERS health benefits insurance plan.

- II. Compensation for Secretary: The secretary may be allowed the sum of ten dollars (\$10) per day for the actual time that the Board may be in session. (Education Code Section 1092)
- III. Mileage Allowance: Allowable mileage may be paid to members of the County Board of Education at the same rate as allowed the employees of the Office of the Solano County Superintendent of Schools. (Education Code Section 1090)
- IV. Allowable Expenses for Attendance at Organization Meetings: The County Board of Education may select a member or members of the Board to attend meetings of any society, association, or organization for which the board has subscribed for membership, or any convention to which the governing board of a school district may pay the expenses of any employee. The Solano County Superintendent of Schools shall monitor all Board conference and meeting expenditures paid by SCOE. The actual and necessary expenses, within the limits set by law and the Office of the Solano County Superintendent of Schools, arising from the discharge of the member's or members' official duties shall be allowed and paid from the County School Service Fund. (Education Code Section 1096; 5 CCR §17432)

Board members attending such functions shall notify the County Superintendent's designee of his/her plans in a timely manner so the necessary arrangements can be made (e.g., registration, hotel, and/or airline reservations, etc.) at the most cost-effective rate. Failure to provide timely notification of plans by the established deadline may require the Board member to make part or all of his/her own reservation/registration arrangements and may result in out-of-pocket and/or non-reimbursable expenses to the Board member.

Board members must reimburse the Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) within 30 days for nonrefundable expenses incurred when the Board member does not: (a) timely cancel according to the cancellation policy and deadline of the event organizer, and (b) provide documentation of an extenuating circumstance as described below. In the event of a last-minute cancellation by a Board member of an approved organization meeting or convention due to extenuating circumstances, the County Superintendent shall determine the reimbursable and non-reimbursable amounts due to SCOE resulting from the cancellation. Extenuating circumstances are defined as conditions beyond the Board member's control and may include,

REMUNERATION, REIMBURSEMENT AND OTHER BENEFITS (Continued)

but are not limited to: natural disaster; death, serious illness, or injury of an immediate family member (immediate family member as defined by Education Code Section 45194); serious illness or injury of the Board member; jury duty; etc. Board members declaring extenuating circumstances for nonattendance at a pre-registered organization meeting or convention must complete an Absence Verification form (Appendix C) and submit it to the Superintendent along with supporting documentation (e.g., obituary, medical visit verification, etc.). In such cases, an alternate attendee will be sought when possible.

Regardless of a documented extenuating circumstance, Board members must reimburse SCOE for nontransferable and nonrefundable expenses incurred, but that remain as a credit for the Board member's later use. An example of such an expense is airfare when the Board member cancels a nontransferable and nonrefundable flight but retains the cost of the flight as a credit toward later airfare.

- V. Qualification for Benefits: Active and qualified former members of the County Board of Education are entitled to the same health and welfare benefits as are provided to members of the certificated management staff.

In order to be eligible to enroll in the CalPERS health benefits insurance plan, active members of the County Board of Education must opt to receive one dollar (\$1) an appropriate amount of their monthly compensation as an employer contribution to a 457 Plan chosen by the Solano County Superintendent of Schools if they are not enrolled in, or receiving, a retirement benefit from CalSTRS or CalPERS (as required by CalPERS).

Former members are qualified to receive such benefits if they meet the qualifications set forth in Government Code §53201(b). Former members who terminated their service prior to the effective date of this policy are entitled to such benefits prospectively only. (See Appendix D.)

Board Policy 9250 (Continued)
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POLICY NO. 8317.5

EXTENSION OF HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS TO
MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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SOLANO COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION
 EXTENSION OF BENEFITS FOR RETIRED (FORMER) BOARD MEMBERS

	Less than 12 Years of Service*	12 or More Years of Service*
Under Age 60**	(1) Government code 53201 allows agency to provide benefits if the board member agrees to pay the full cost of the benefits; unlimited duration. Covers member and dependents.	(2) Same provisions as retired management; board members may purchase benefits for unlimited duration. Covers member and dependents.
Over Age 60**	(3) If service is 7 years or more, same as management provisions in that board members will be eligible for employer-paid premiums of \$260 per month for 8 years for member and dependents. May purchase benefits for unlimited duration after employer-paid premiums terminate. If less than 7 years, same language as one (1).	(4) Eligible for employer-paid premiums from \$260 to a maximum of \$380 per month for 8 years for member and dependents. May purchase benefits for an unlimited duration after employer-paid premiums terminate.

If a board member retires prior to age 60, member is not eligible for any retroactive employer-paid provision when member turns 60.

* Government Code 53201

** SCOE Management Policy provides a choice of dental, vision, and medical.

SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Solano County, California

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. B11-12-37
TIER III CATEGORICAL FLEXIBILITY**

WHEREAS, as added and amended by Senate Bill x3 4 (SBx3 4), Assembly Bill x4 2 (ABx4 2), and Senate Bill 70 (SB 70), Education Code section 42605 grants flexibility in "Tier III" categorical programs and authorizes the use of these funds for "any educational purpose, to the extent permitted by federal law." For the 2008-09 fiscal year to the 2014-15 fiscal year, inclusive, local educational agencies that use the flexibility provision of this section shall be deemed to be in compliance with the program and funding requirements contained in statutory, regulatory, and provisional language; and

WHEREAS, as a condition of receipt of the funds, the Board is required, at a regularly scheduled open public hearing, to take testimony from the public, discuss and approve or disapprove the proposed use of funding, and make explicit the purposes for which the funding will be used; and

WHEREAS, AB 189 became effective January 1, 2012, and requires the Tier III public hearing to be held prior to, and independent of, a meeting at which the budget is adopted; and

WHEREAS, AB 189 also requires the Board to identify in the public hearing notice any Tier III program that is proposed to be closed; and

WHEREAS, attached to this resolution is a list identifying specific programs, the estimated funding amounts, and the proposed activities for which the funds are to be expended.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, following a public hearing in which public testimony was taken, discussion regarding the proposed uses of the funds took place, and programs proposed to be closed were identified, the Solano County Board of Education adopts this Resolution approving the proposed uses of the funds as shown on the attached list.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of June 2012, by the Solano County Board of Education, Solano County, California, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Asera, Mrs. Bates, Mrs. Coleman, Mr. Galvan, Mr. Silva, Mr. Ford, Dr. Verder-Aliga

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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

June 13, 2012

Date

A public hearing will be held for the purpose of taking testimony from the public, discussing the proposed receipt and use of the Tier III categorical funds, identifying closed programs, and to approve or disapprove the proposed use of funding from the 39 programs identified in E.C. 42605.

Resource Code	Program Description	Available Funding	Active	Partial	Closed	Purpose
6260/6262/ 6263	Alternative Credentialing	\$415,340.00		X		Dollars remaining in unrestricted will be used for educational purposes.
6760	Arts & Music Block Grant	\$10,175.00		X		Dollars remaining in unrestricted will be used for educational purposes.
7055	California High School Exit Exam	\$39,472.00	X			
7385	County Office Oversight (Williams Settlement)	\$60,991.00	X			
6205	Deferred Maintenance Apportionment	\$175,000.00		X		Dollars remaining in unrestricted will be used for educational purposes.
7110	Education Technology	\$138,802.00	X			
7156	Instructional Materials Realignment	\$29,142.00		X		Dollars remaining in unrestricted will be used for educational purposes.
7294/7296	Staff Development: Math & Reading/ English Learner	\$6,015.00			X	Dollars remaining in unrestricted will be used for educational purposes.
7271/7275/ 7295	Peer Assistance & Review/ Staff Development	\$5,148.00	X			
7393	Professional Development Block Grant	\$75,631.00		X		Dollars remaining in unrestricted will be used for educational purposes.
6350	Regional Occupational Centers and Programs (ROC/Ps)	\$3,147,588.00		X		Dollars remaining in unrestricted will be used for educational purposes.
7395	School & Library Improvement Block Grant	\$420.00			X	Dollars remaining in unrestricted will be used for educational purposes.
6405	School Safety & Violence Prevention, Gr. 8-12	\$9,663.00	X			
7385	Valenzuela	\$13,781.00	X			
Total		\$4,127,168.00				

SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Solano County, California

**RESOLUTION NO. B11-12-38
ACCEPTING STATE CATEGORICAL FUNDS AND
IMPLEMENTING FLEXIBILITY AUTHORIZED BY SBx3 4 FOR 2012-13**

WHEREAS, the students served by the Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) deserve the highest quality education; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor already imposed billions of dollars in statewide education budget reductions since September 2008 resulting in a significant reduction of essential programs and services that are integral to students' success; and

WHEREAS, these statewide budget reductions have resulted in serious cuts in programs and services within SCOE; and

WHEREAS, SBx3 4 provides limited fiscal flexibility for the next five fiscal years, from 2008-09 through 2012-13, to allow SCOE to utilize funding received from the State Budget Act for Tier III categorical programs for any educational purpose, to the extent permitted by state law; and

WHEREAS, the Solano County Board of Education held a public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting to receive input from the public, during which an opportunity to speak was offered to a broad array of stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, following any public testimony, the Board discussed the flexibility provision, how to prioritize the use of limited resources, and the effect on the specific programs offered by SCOE; and

WHEREAS, any transfer of funds will be used to ensure that SCOE's overall goals for student learning will be at the forefront of the use of this flexibility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that SCOE agrees to accept state categorical funds and will utilize the flexibility provided through SBx3 4 during the state's fiscal crisis to transfer funds in Tier III categorical programs for any educational purpose, to the extent permitted by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, in order to provide transparency and accountability, the County Superintendent of Schools or his designee shall establish an accounting procedure that identifies the funding sources affected and the program to which the funding will be transferred.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of June 2012, by the Solano County Board of Education, Solano County, California, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Asera, Mrs. Bates, Mrs. Coleman, Mr. Galvan, Mr. Silva, Mr. Ford, Dr. Verder-Aliga

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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
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