

SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
5100 Business Center Drive
Fairfield, California

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
June 23, 2010

The Solano County Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, June 23, 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. John Galvan, Trustee Area 3, 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 (*arrived at 6:09 PM*)

Mayrene Bates

Doug Ford

John Galvan

Maria Kennedy (*arrived at 6:01 PM*)

Raymond Silva

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

Others Present:

County Superintendent of Schools Office –

Rob Phillips

Laryn Bishop

Sandy Austin

Jay Speck

Marsha Ludwig

Ann Williams

III. APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Ms. Kennedy asked to amend the agenda by moving Item VII–Comments From The Community prior to Item IV–Correspondence.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bates, seconded by Mr. Galvan, and unanimously carried by those present to approve the agenda as amended. Dr. Verder-Aliga was not present.

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY (*see agenda amendment above*)

Ms. Kennedy said she had presented the proclamation honoring Jaime Escalante adopted by the Board in April to his family. His eldest son, Jaime Escalante, Jr., was in attendance and spoke to the Board on behalf of his family, thanking the members for paying tribute to his father, an admirable man who was devoted to his family and dedicated his life to teaching. He will be remembered by many.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Alarcón read a card from Rona Portalupi, Principal of Rolling Hills Elementary School in the Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District, in appreciation for the kind words at the school's recent Distinguished Schools celebration. Trustee Bates and Jay Speck, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, also attended the event. Ms. Portalupi retired at the end of this school year, and this honor helped her leave on a high note.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

(a) Human Resources Report

Mr. Speck had no routine personnel matters to report.

(b) Meetings/Special Dates

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).

- June 30, 2010 – Solano EDC Breakfast, Hilton Garden Inn, Fairfield (*RSVP deadline is past*)
- July 5, 2010 – Independence Day Observance – SCOE Offices Closed
- July 23-27, 2010 – Student Art Faire, 11:00 AM–11:00 PM, Solano County Fairgrounds, Vallejo
- July 29, 2010 – Solano EDC Breakfast, 7:30 AM, Fairfield (*RSVP by July 16th*)
- August 11, 2010 – Regular Board Meeting, 6:00 PM, SCOE

The Board members received note cards for their use when sending informal correspondence. For more formal communication requiring letterhead, please contact Laryn Bishop, Administrative Services Manager (399-4402 or lbishop@solanocoe.net), and staff will be happy to assist. Also distributed was information about a discount benefits program adopted by the State of California and endorsed by the Association of Educational Services Agencies (AESAs) and the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA). This information is being given to all county offices of education, and board members are also eligible for discounts on vision and dental care; medical consultation services, supplies, and prescriptions; travel and roadside assistance, and more. SCOE does not manage this program, but contact information is included on the flyer. The cost is \$10/month.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(a) Adoption of 2010-11 Budget

A public hearing and study session was held on June 9, 2010, to review the proposed 2010-11 County School Service Fund (CSSF) budget and receive input from the community. The Board must adopt a budget by July 1, 2010. Mrs. Alarcón explained that Lettie Allen, Associate Superintendent of Administrative Services and Operations, was unable to be present because she was attending the Vallejo City Unified School District board meeting for the presentation of the district's 2010-11 budget. In Mrs. Allen's absence, Sandy Austin, Director of Internal Business Services, will conduct the final review of SCOE's proposed 2010-11 CSSF budget.

There were no further questions or comments from the public or Board regarding the proposed budget. Mrs. Alarcón thanked Ms. Austin and her staff for the budget preparation and presentation. Board members also enjoyed the student art on the cover and felt the narrative was helpful.

Motion was made by Mr. Galvan, seconded by Mrs. Bates, and unanimously carried by a roll call vote of those present to adopt the 2010-11 County School Service Fund Budget as presented.

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY *(see agenda amendment in Item III, above)*

There were no further comments from the community.

VIII. BOARD DISCUSSION

(a) Date for Annual Board Planning Session

It was determined that Tuesday, August 24, 2010, was the best date for the majority of members to attend the Board's Annual Planning Session. An agenda with the meeting's start and end times will be sent to the members as time gets closer. For scheduling purposes, it will likely be similar to prior years.

(b) CCBE Fall Conference

Mr. Ford indicated an interest in representing the Board at the California County Boards of Education Conference on October 1-2, 2010, in Monterey. Mr. Asera and Mr. Silva will check their schedules and

notify Mrs. Ross if they wish to attend also. Early-bird registration begins on Monday, June 28, 2010, with the first 100 registrants receiving \$70 off of their registration fee.

(c) Board Member Reports

The Board members were given an opportunity to report on their recent activities including visits to any of SCOE's program sites. Some of the members had attended local cultural events, area graduations, and related year-end activities, and others had taken some vacation time.

Mr. Ford attended an alumni reception for the U.C. Davis School of Education and recommended the Board members read the *Catalyst* magazine, specifically the article on pages 6-7, showing the outstanding people honored at the reception.

(d) 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 6:20 PM.

Dee Alarcón, Secretary
Solano County Board of Education