

SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

**MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
August 10, 2011**

The Solano County Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, August 10, 2011, at 5100 Business Center Drive in Fairfield, California.

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

Board President Larry Asera, Trustee Area 5, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and welcomed everyone back for a new school year. Trustee Ray Silva (Area 2) 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  
Michelle Coleman  
Doug Ford  
John Galvan  
Raymond Silva

It was noted that a quorum was present as was County Superintendent of Schools Jay Speck, serving as Secretary to the Board.

Others Present:

County Superintendent of Schools Office –

Lettie Allen	Janet Harden	Marsha Ludwig
Lisette Estrella-Henderson	Laryn Bishop	Rick Vaccaro

Judith DeGuzman, community member  
Denise and Meghan Shiner, community members  
Other members of the community

**III. APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

**IV. CONSENT ITEMS**

Motion was made by Mr. Ford, seconded by Mrs. Coleman, and unanimously carried by those present to approve the items on the consent calendar consisting of the following.

- (a) Minutes of the regular meetings held on June 8, and June 22, 2011.
- (b) Gifts and donations received for which the County Superintendent will write letters of appreciation. (Attachment A)

**V. CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence to consider.

**VI. APPEAL HEARINGS REGARDING INTERDISTRICT ATTENDANCE REQUESTS**

The Solano County Board of Education acted as an appeals board to review two (2) interdistrict attendance requests that were denied by the students' district of residence. For each appeal, the Board may (1) grant the appeal, (2) deny the appeal, or (3) remand the matter back to the district.

(a) Student A

The hearing was called to order at 6:05 PM. Lisette Estrella-Henderson, Associate Superintendent of Student Programs and Educational Services, reviewed the hearing procedures and introduced the student and her mother who were present. It was noted that the denying district, Vallejo City Unified School District (VCUSD), was informed of the appeal hearing, but no representative was present.

Mrs. Estrella-Henderson gave a summary of the appeal. The student states that she has been subjected to continual harassment for over a year by a fellow student and his friends. The family says the school has tried to intervene but attempts have been unsuccessful. With the closure of Hogan High School, the students were split between Bethel and Vallejo High Schools. Some of the harassers went to each school, so the family feels their choices within the district are limited. They request an interdistrict attendance agreement to Benicia High School or elsewhere.

The mother stated that her daughter is scared for her safety. Earlier in the day, her daughter attended orientation at Bethel High and was harassed before the school year had even begun. She is a straight A student with college goals who is at her wit's end and wants to stay home all the time. The district has been of little help citing that the family has no police reports or restraining orders. The harassers are known to have gang ties, and the family is worried that filing a police report will only make matters worse. The primary harasser has put other pupils in the hospital and has been moved to different schools within the district or been suspended, but he has friends at every school, so, even when he is not there, his friends harass her daughter. He is a football player and allowed to get away with a lot. The coach does not want to lose him, so the school seems to look the other way. When her daughter tells the school administration what is happening, the students' harassment becomes more severe. She has been threatened with bodily injury and must be escorted to her classes and car. Sometimes her coach drives her home from school because he is worried about her safety. He also suggested that she start carrying a taser. She had photos of her family in her locker, but her locker was vandalized, and the pictures were stolen or damaged. Now she is afraid for her entire family's safety. She has a younger sibling in the district, and she is fearful that her harassers have family members who attend the same elementary school that will harm her sister now that they know what she looks like. The teachers are aware of what is happening, but they seem afraid of these kids, too. The mother feels the best way to handle it is to remove her daughter from the situation.

Mr. Galvan asked the mother if she had contacted Benicia to see if there was room to accept her daughter. The mother stated that, if Benicia is full, she will try Napa since she works in that city.

Based on her experience with the Probation Department, Mrs. Coleman encouraged the mother to file a police report.

The hearing ended at 6:25 PM, and the Board deliberated the appeal in open session.

Mr. Asera said this case seems to meet at least two of the criteria for granting a transfer. Mr. Galvan stated that students have a right to a safe and protected education.

Dr. Verder-Aliga asked if the interdistrict attendance agreement would only be valid for one year. Mrs. Estrella-Henderson stated that new legislation recently passed would make the agreement good for the remainder of the pupil's high school years. The agreement will permit the parent to approach any high school, as it is not specific to a particular school or district.

Motion was made by Mr. Galvan, seconded by Mr. Ford, and unanimously carried by a roll call vote of those present to grant the appeal.

(b) Student B

The hearing was called to order at 6:26 PM. Mrs. Estrella-Henderson reviewed the hearing procedures and introduced the student's mother who was present. It was noted that the Vallejo City Unified School District (VCUSD) was informed of the appeal hearing, but no representative was present.

Mrs. Estrella-Henderson gave a summary of the appeal. The parent works in Pleasanton and cannot make it home in time to pick up her daughter by 6:00 PM when the after school program at Bethel High School ends. She is concerned about her daughter walking home alone from Bethel at that time of night, especially since websites show at least six known sex offenders live within a half mile radius of the school. She has childcare arrangements with a friend who lives near American Canyon High School in the Napa Valley USD.

The mother said both of her daughters have been attending St. Basil School and have had transportation arrangements with another student's mother. Her middle daughter and five year old son, who is just starting school, will be taken care of, but now that her oldest daughter is moving to a new school, she will no longer have a ride. She stated that most of the students from her neighborhood or leaving St. Basil's will be attending private schools, and she knows of no other students who will be attending Bethel with whom her daughter could walk home. She is worried about her safety.

The hearing ended at 6:37 PM, and the Board deliberated the appeal in open session.

Dr. Verder-Aliga felt that this case did not seem to meet the criteria for granting the appeal. Mr. Galvan reiterated that student safety is paramount. Parents should have a right to send their children to school where they can get the most out of their education and not fear for their safety. He believes that it is the Board's responsibility to resolve these types of issues and not set up roadblocks.

Motion was made by Mr. Ford, seconded by Mr. Galvan, and unanimously carried by a roll call vote of those present to grant the appeal.

## **VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **(a) Human Resources Report**

Janet Harden, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Workforce Development, reported that 31 new employees had been hired over the summer to fill vacancies before the start of the new school year. Positions filled included several teachers and paraeducators, a bus driver, a facilities tradesperson, and employees for the foster/homeless youth program as well as the information technology department. SCOE has sufficient funds to support these positions.

Mr. Speck thanked Mrs. Harden for her department's hard work to fill so many openings, especially in highly specialized positions such as special education teachers.

### **(b) Financial Report**

Lettie Allen, Associate Superintendent of Administrative Services and Operations, presented the financial report July 2011-12. A small amount of funding arrived during July, but, as part of the State's deferrals, no revenue limit funds were received. It is good that the County Treasurer advanced SCOE some of its anticipated tax revenue to tide us over during this time.

She distributed the latest 2011-12 Pocket Budget summary analysis of the State's budget and its impact on schools. The current budget limits SCOE's authority over school district finances, although we will continue to send letters identifying areas of concern. SCOE expects to approve all six of our districts' budgets. If revenue levels are not met by the State, there is a potential for midyear cuts with education being hit as hard as 4%. Education agencies were also given the ability to negotiate fewer school days, if necessary.

There has been continued progress on our facilities project at Golden Hills. Mrs. Allen distributed a copy of the newspaper advertisement requesting the qualifications of developers, contractors, and other interested parties who want to work on our project. The ad specifies that Board members should not be contacted about the project. There will be only one SCOE contact to ensure fairness by providing the same information to all parties.

We received word that SCOE's financial hardship application was approved but unfunded. It will now go to the State Allocation Board where we will ask for priority funding in the fall. To keep the project moving forward in the meantime, SCOE can do interprogram borrowing. The Board's subcommittee on facilities is scheduled to meet on August 16, 2011. Members of the subcommittee were asked to submit questions in advance in order to be able to cover as much information as possible during the meeting.

Mrs. Allen plans to present the 2010-11 year-end unaudited actuals at September's Board meeting.

(c) Temporary Certificates

Temporary certificates for credential applicants approved by the County Superintendent were noted. (Attachment B)

(d) Meetings/Special Dates

Activity Calendars for August and September were distributed. The following upcoming events were reviewed, and Board members were encouraged to participate by providing timely RSVPs to Mrs. Ross (399-4403 or [mross@solanocoe.net](mailto:mross@solanocoe.net)).

- August 16, 2011 – Special Board Meeting/Annual Study Session, 9:00 AM, SCOE Boardroom
  - Special Board Meeting/Expulsion Appeal, 1:00 PM, SCOE Boardroom
  - Special Board Meeting/Expulsion Appeal, 2:00 PM, SCOE Boardroom  
(Packets for both expulsion appeals were distributed)
- August 31, 2011 – Solano EDC Breakfast, 7:30 AM, Fairfield (*flyer distributed; RSVP deadline 08/17/11*)
- September 5, 2011 – Labor Day Holiday – SCOE Offices Closed

Board members also received the annual calendar of SCOE holidays and a flyer for the next session of the Vacaville Police Department's recurring seminar "Parent Project" starting September 13, 2011.

Mr. Speck's recent activities included attending a back to school gathering for the Dixon Unified School District's (DUSD) staff. DUSD's superintendent Roger Halberg retired, and assistant superintendent Brian Dolan has been named interim superintendent. Mr. Speck also attended the Solano County Fair Board of Directors luncheon on Vallejo Day and has been stopping by as many of SCOE's new employee orientations as possible.

## VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(a) Resolution Nominating Outstanding Legislator of the Year

Each Year, the California School Boards Association (CSBA) seeks nominations of current Senators and/or Assembly Members for the annual Outstanding Legislator of the Year Award. Due to her work benefiting local schools and youth, the Board voted at its June 8, 2011, regular meeting to nominate Assemblywoman Mariko Yamada, representing California District 8. The application must be accompanied by a resolution and submitted to CSBA by September 2, 2011. Proposed Resolution No. B11-12-01 is attached for the Board's consideration. (Attachment C)

Motion was made by Mr. Ford, seconded by Mrs. Coleman, and carried by a roll call vote of those present to adopt Resolution No. B11-12-01 and submit it to CSBA for the 2011 Legislative Awards Program. The votes were as follows: Yea (6): Mrs. Bates, Mrs. Coleman, Mr. Ford, Mr. Galvan, Dr. Verder-Aliga, Mr. Asera; No (1): Mr. Silva; Abstain (0): None; Absent (0): None.

## IX. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Local Education Agency Plan

The approval of the Local Education Agency (LEA) Plan is a requirement for receiving federal funding sub-grants for No Child Left Behind (NCLB) programs. The LEA Plan includes specific descriptions

and assurances as outlined in the provisions included in the NCLB Act and describes the actions that SCOE will take to ensure we meet certain programmatic requirements including student academic services designed to increase student achievement and performance, coordination of services, needs assessments, consultations, school choice, supplemental services, services to homeless students, and others as required.

Mrs. Estrella-Henderson distributed copies of the draft LEA Plan. To help put the LEA Plan in context, she also handed out information about other associated categorical programs such as:

- the Consolidated Application (ConApp) – in June, the Board approved SCOE's intent to file Part 1 of this key fiscal mechanism to apply for federal and state categorical funding;
- SCOE went through Categorical Program Monitoring (CPM) last year by the California Department of Education (CDE) to monitor to what degree we are using funds as designed;
- the Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) will be presented to the Board for approval in the fall; and
- the LEA Plan is the guide containing the actions SCOE will take to ensure the funds are used as intended.

Mrs. Estrella-Henderson called attention to parts of the LEA Plan that had been updated since draft copies were distributed to the Board members for review last week. She also pointed out several other areas of significance include the amount of funding SCOE receives for our Juvenile Court and Community School (JCCS), foster and homeless, and Career Technical Education (CTE) programs; the needs assessment tools and processes SCOE uses; special education and alternative JCCS assessment results; and recommendations and assurances. She explained that SCOE's statistics do not show a graduation rate for students in the JCCS program or Juvenile Detention Facility (JDF) because SCOE's role is to prepare them to meet the graduation requirements of their home district with the intent of going back to graduate from there.

Mr. Speck thanked Mrs. Estrella-Henderson and her team, Rick Vaccaro, Director of Alternative Education, and Marsha Ludwig, Senior Director of Special Education, for all their hard work to create the most comprehensive LEA Plan SCOE has ever had to improve student achievement in our programs.

Motion was made by Mr. Ford, seconded by Mrs. Bates, and unanimously carried by those present to adopt the Local Education Agency Plan.

(b) Juvenile Court and Community School Textbook Adoption

Mr. Vaccaro presented a Holt McDougal English language arts (ELA) textbook series proposed for adoption for SCOE's Juvenile Court and Community School Program (JCCS). These are the same textbooks used by the Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District (FSUSD). All of SCOE's JCCS students are from FSUSD, and it will make their transition easier if they use the same textbooks in our program as they use at their comprehensive high school sites.

The hardcover books cost about \$90 each, and the workbooks are about \$18. Although we will order some textbooks, funding goes further by purchasing online texts at a lower cost. Online texts have proven to work well in the distance learning program, and the students enjoy the hands-on interactive instruction. The cost savings helps to purchase more of the supplemental materials such as workbooks for writing, literature, and reading exercises. The JCCS staff is very supportive of using this ELA series.

Motion was made by Dr. Verder-Aliga, seconded by Mr. Silva, and unanimously carried by those present to adopt the proposed ELA textbook series for the Juvenile Court and Community School Program.

## **X. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### (a) 2011-12 Sufficiency of Instructional Materials

The Solano County Office of Education is required to hold an annual public hearing to declare compliance of sufficient textbooks/instructional materials consistent with State Board of Education adopted lists for all students served in the SCOE court/community school and special education programs. A list of textbooks and instructional materials used in both programs was distributed.

The hearing began at 7:10 PM. Mr. Vaccaro circulated previously approved textbooks and workbook materials used in the JCCS program. Mrs. Ludwig gave a demonstration of Touch Math and talked about other visual and tactile instruction designed for special education students learning subjects such as multiplication, division, time, money, and handwriting.

There was no further public comment. The public hearing concluded at 7:17 PM.

Motion was made by Dr. Verder-Aliga, seconded by Mr. Silva, and unanimously carried by a roll call vote of those present to adopt Resolution No. B11-12-02 declaring the sufficiency of textbooks and instructional materials for the 2011-12 academic year. (Attachment D)

## **XI. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY**

There were no comments from the community.

## **XII. BOARD DISCUSSION**

### (a) Board Member Reports

Some of the Board members gave a brief report on their recent activities including visits to any of SCOE's program sites.

Mrs. Coleman talked about the importance of social responsibility by lessening our carbon footprint, and she recommended that the Board and SCOE staff use more electronic documents and fewer paper copies. She feels this would cause less damage to our planet and be more economical. A few of the members said they have difficulty opening e-mail attachments sent to them by SCOE staff. Mr. Speck asked the members to consider and let us know their individual preference, and he will work with staff on viable options.

Mr. Ford spoke about the Kahn Academy, a nonprofit organization whose website [www.kahnacademy.org](http://www.kahnacademy.org) contains over 2,400 videos on hundreds of school subjects including many levels of math, various types of science, history, civics, economics, and many others. Each free 10-12 minute tutoring session contains a how-to component and hands-on exercises. Viewers can also prepare for California standards tests, the high school exit exam, and college entrance exams. The site offers self-paced learning and has millions of followers. Teachers and parents can access online statistics that track a student's progress. The gentleman who started the Kahn Academy came from a career on Wall Street, and he will speak at this year's CSBA conference in December.

Mrs. Bates said she was privileged to introduce author and broadcast journalist Belva Davis at a recent event at the Vacaville Museum. She also attended the Solano County Fair Board of Directors luncheon and is planning a trip to Cuba early next year with the Commonwealth Club.

Mr. Galvan shared that the Benicia Chapter of the California Native Sons recently held a golf tournament that raised \$15,000 for Benicia's schools. He announced that he will not be at September's Board meeting because he will be working at a wine and food tasting hosted by the Benicia Rotary Club and the local arts council. The event benefits Liberty High School's visual arts program and typically raises \$10,000-\$15,000.

Mr. Silva reported that his wife, Betty, is visiting Kenya, Africa.

Dr. Verder-Aliga said she went white water rafting for vacation and attended the Solano County Fair on International Day.

Mr. Asera noted that Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 PM is the filing deadline for those desiring to run for a board seat or other public office. The Vallejo Chamber of Commerce recently held a golf tournament, ducky derby race, and rock concert to raise funds to purchase dictionaries for elementary school students in the district. Eleven middle and high school students along with four teachers from Vallejo's sister city in Akashi, Japan, recently visited Vallejo where Mr. Asera hosted a dinner in their honor, gave a tour of California Maritime Academy, and helped house them during their stay. In turn, he has been invited to visit Japan next year. As President of the Solano Chapter of U.C. Berkeley's Cal Alumni Association, he is hosting a reception for 31 incoming freshman from Solano County who will attend Berkeley this year. The reception will be held August 19<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-6:00 PM in SCOE's downstairs conference rooms. Mr. Speck will speak briefly to welcome and congratulate the students, and Mr. Asera invited the Board members to attend. He thanked the members for the cards and good wishes sent to him on his birthday.

(b) Suggestions on future Board agenda items

Mr. Ford suggested a presentation on the Kahn Academy. Although the founder lives in New Orleans, perhaps staff can find a local teacher or student who is familiar with the Academy's online capabilities.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Attachments: (A) Gifts/Donations  
(B) Temporary Certificates  
(C) Resolution No. B11-12-01  
(D) Resolution No. B11-12-02

**Donations to Solano County Office of Education  
August 10, 2011**

Donor	Description/Purpose	Recipient Program	Estimated Value (declared by donor)
Luis Perez & Angelina Sandoval of Vacaville	Plasma Car ride-on toy	SDC (moderate/severe) class at Alamo School	\$ 50.00
Nancy Giovannetti of Fairfield	Microwave Oven	SDC (moderate/severe) class at Alamo School	\$ 70.00
Jim & Julie Mitchiner of Riverside	5 school books from the 1920's, '30's, and 50's	SCOE Administration	\$ 35.00
Tau Upsilon Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority of Fairfield	Monetary donation for classroom materials	Preschool program at Irene Larsen Center	\$ 400.00

TOTALS:	Cash	Non-Cash
Monthly	\$ 400.00	\$ 155.00
Year-to-Date	\$ 400.00	\$ 155.00

**TEMPORARY CERTIFICATES**

<u>Name</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Credential</u>
Stephanie Ory	Vallejo	Career Emergency Substitute Permit
Leslie Shebley	Vacaville	CBEST Substitute/Waiver
Tamar Gruwell	Vacaville	CBEST Substitute/Waiver
Nancy Carlson	Vacaville	Emergency CLAD Permit
Stella Shamieh	Fairfield-Suisun	Administrative Services
Marion Elkins	SCOE	Multiple Subject
Marion Elkins	SCOE	Specialist/Severely Handicapped
Gethsemane Patton	Vallejo	Administrative Services
Gricelda Rodriguez	Vacaville	Administrative Services
Robert Russell	Vallejo	Administrative Services
Charles Harrington, Jr.	Vallejo	Education Specialist/Mild-Moderate
Charles Harrington, Jr.	Vallejo	Emergency CLAD
Taylor Basilico	SCOE	Education Specialist/Moderate-Severe/ Short-Term Staff Permit
Kevin Boltz	SCOE	Education Specialist/Moderate-Severe/ Short-Term Staff Permit
Megan Hardy	SCOE	Education Specialist/Moderate-Severe; Early Childhood Special Education/ Short-Term Staff Permit
Emily Bennett	SCOE	Education Specialist/Moderate-Severe/ Short-Term Staff Permit
Natalie Oropeza	SCOE	Education Specialist/Moderate-Severe/Waiver
Barbara Dempsey	Vallejo	School Nurse Services
Gaetana Marvin	Fairfield-Suisun	Emergency Substitute Permit
Donald Hille	Vallejo	Supplementary Authorization: Introductory Social Science
Ilah Feeney	SCOE	Administrative Services
Margaret Jackson	Vallejo	English Learner Authorization/Waiver
Michael Rettinhouse	Vallejo	Education Specialist/Moderate-Severe
Sandra O'Hara	Vacaville	Administrative Services
JoAnne Bucsko	Vacaville	Administrative Services
Kathleen Farros-Hoeppner	Vacaville	Administrative Services
D. Michael Boles	Vacaville	Administrative Services
Spring Cooper	SCOE	Education Specialist/Moderate-Severe
Christine Lucero	Vallejo	Administrative Services
Kenneth Ratti	Vacaville	Administrative Services
Rosalind Davis	Vallejo	Administrative Services
Rebecca Cook	Solano County	Education Specialist/Mild-Moderate
Rebecca Cook	Solano County	Multiple Subject
Sandra Staulcup	Vallejo	Administrative Services
David Avery	Fairfield-Suisun	Designated Subject/Special Subjects: ROTC
Sasha Martinez	Fairfield-Suisun	Administrative Services
Loren Bennett	Fairfield-Suisun	Emergency CLAD Permit
Amy Shelton	Travis	Education Specialist/Mild-Moderate; Moderate-Severe/Short-Term Staff Permit
Lorae Madden	Vacaville	Speech Language Pathology Services/Waiver

## Temporary County Certificates Issued June-July 2011

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																
SCOE	4	4					4	4			1	1				
Dixon																
Fairfield-Suisun	3	3							1	1			1	1		
Travis							1	1								
Vacaville	6	6							1	1	3	3				
Vallejo	9	9							1	1	1	1	1	1		
MIT Academy																
Private/NPS																
Solano College																
Solano County	2	2														
<b>Totals</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>					<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>		

**SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
Solano County, California

**RESOLUTION NO. B11-12-01**  
**SUPPORTING THE NOMINATION OF ASSEMBLYMEMBER MARIKO YAMADA**  
**AS OUTSTANDING LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR**

**WHEREAS**, born just a few years after her family's release from a World War II Japanese American internment camp, Mariko Yamada attended inner city public schools and was the first in her family to graduate from college; and

**WHEREAS**, her B.A. degree in psychology, with an emphasis on mental health, and her understanding of the importance of education, compelled her to continue her schooling and earn an M.A. in social work from the University of Southern California; and

**WHEREAS**, having experienced early on the disparities between the haves and the have-nots, seeing in her social work an increase in disorders such as autism, recognizing that California spends more money on prisons than schools, being committed to making a difference in the world, and wanting to help people on a larger scale than a one-on-one practice, she fostered a passion to stand up for the most vulnerable and underrepresented populations – the poor, infirmed, disabled – entering the political arena to make known the needs of those who often do not have a strong voice in government; and

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Mariko Yamada was elected to the California State Assembly in 2008, and re-elected in a landslide victory in 2010, to represent the 8<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, a portion of which encompasses approximately 70% of Solano County's residents; and

**WHEREAS**, on behalf of children, her work includes serving as a member of several Assembly Select Committees on Foster Care, Homelessness, State School Financial Takeovers, Workforce Development within the Developmentally Disabled Community, as well as the 2010 Census to ensure accurate figures and secure additional funding for Assembly District 8; and

**WHEREAS**, she also supports children by assisting their families with tax assistance workshops, home mortgage seminars, Cash for College scholarships, disaster preparation, civil rights matters, public health issues; working on environmental issues such as land conservation, wholesome agriculture, flood management, clean water resources, safe parks and recreational activities, and wildlife preservation; and authoring legislation that proposes extended paid family leave, a reduction in vector borne diseases, a celebration of equal rights for those with disabilities, and an all-mail ballot program that would save school districts and county offices of education tens of thousands of dollars in biennial board member election costs; and

**WHEREAS**, Assemblymember Yamada is very visible in the educational community and shows her support by frequently visiting classrooms and school activities throughout the county including reading to children to promote literacy and school readiness programs; speaking and answering questions at school assemblies on topics such as the state legislature, budget, and civic engagement; visiting with students and distributing awards at the local Academic Decathlon competition; giving student tours of the State Capitol while talking about the history of the California legislature; participating in fundraising efforts for nonprofit organizations that benefit children such as the local food bank, Habitat for Humanity, the California Youth Connection, and Future Farmers of America, among many others; and

**WHEREAS**, she often requests input from the Solano County Office of Education and school district leaders in the 8<sup>th</sup> District as she considers her position on certain topics to determine what is best for the young citizens she represents, which has lead to her authoring, coauthoring, and supporting legislation that benefits children, their families, and public education both directly and indirectly; and

**WHEREAS**, Assemblymember Yamada's solid foundation, work experience, and endless zeal have rendered her a widespread reputation as a collaborative leader and diligent advocate for the underserved and at risk and garnered accolades from many organizations including the Solano County Child Abuse Prevention Council; and

**WHEREAS**, she faces tough problems head on, fully realizes that our survival as a society depends on the quality of the citizens' education, supports school-based social workers to help students receive needed services freeing teachers' time in the classroom, and is to be admired for her example by forgoing legislative benefits such as per diem and car and gas allowances.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Assemblywoman Mariko Yamada is a good friend to education, and the Solano County Board of Education supports her nomination as CSBA's 2011 Outstanding Legislator of the Year.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 2011 by the Solano County Board of Education, Solano County, California, by the following vote:

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

August 10, 2011

Date

**SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
Solano County, California

**RESOLUTION NO. B11-12-02**  
**INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS COMPLIANCE 2011-2012**

**WHEREAS**, the Solano County Office of Education (SCOE), in order to comply with the requirements of Education Code section 60119, is required to hold a public hearing on or before the eighth week of school (between the first day that students attend school for that school year and the end of the eighth week from that day) during which information is provided detailing the extent to which textbooks and instructional materials have been provided to all students in SCOE's programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Solano County Board of Education is required to make a determination through a resolution as to whether all students in SCOE's educational programs, including English learners, have sufficient textbooks or instructional materials, or both, to use in class and to take home, that are aligned to the academic content standards adopted in the core content areas (mathematics, science, history/social science, English/language arts), as appropriate, and are consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum frameworks adopted by the State Board of Education.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Solano County Board of Education has held a duly posted public hearing at a public meeting on August 10, 2011, beginning at 6:00 PM (which is not during or immediately following school hours), that fulfills all requirements and at which the Board encouraged the participation of parents, teachers, bargaining unit leaders, and members of the community interested in the affairs of SCOE's educational programs; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, based on information provided at the public hearing, the Solano County Board of Education has determined that, for the 2011-2012 school year, SCOE has provided each pupil with sufficient textbooks and instructional materials aligned to the academic content standards and consistent with the cycles and content of the curriculum frameworks.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 2011 by the Solano County Board of Education, Solano County, California, by the following vote:

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

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

August 10, 2011

Date