

SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

**MINUTES
Regular Meeting
August 11, 2010**

The Solano County Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, August 11, 2010, 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 6:04 PM, welcomed everyone back for a new school year, and 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 6:05 PM*)
Mayrene Bates
Doug Ford
John Galvan
Raymond Silva

Members Absent

Maria Kennedy

It was 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	Ann Williams
Rob Phillips	Janet Harden	Lois Keenan
Jay Speck	Marsha Ludwig	Sheldon Reber
Lisette Estrella-Henderson		

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. Galvan, seconded by Dr. Verder-Aliga, 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 May 12, June 9, and June 23, 2010.
- (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. PUBLIC HEARING

- (a) Educational Interpreter Regulations Waiver

State regulations require certification of educational interpreters for deaf and hard-of-hearing (D/HH) pupils. Lois Keenan, Special Education Program Manager, presented General Waiver Requests

required by the California Department of Education for three employees and one substitute that have achieved partial certification and are making progress toward certification. One is a new waiver, and three are renewals. To help these employees complete the certification process, each has been assigned a mentor, developed a training plan, and changed assignments that will provide more time to study for the certification and gain a higher level of academic experience. SCOE currently has 14 interpreters in its rapidly expanding program that serves various age levels. There is a nationwide shortage of skilled interpreters, and SCOE is working diligently to retain its capable staff in order to be able to serve its students.

Mr. Asera opened the hearing at 6:07 PM. There being no public input, the hearing was closed at 6:08 PM.

Motion was made by Dr. Verder-Aliga, seconded by Mrs. Bates, and unanimously carried by those present to approve of the waivers allowing time for partially certified interpreters to continue pursuing certification and enabling SCOE to meet the general education placement needs of its current D/HH population.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

(a) Division of Unaccompanied Children Services (DUCS) Program

Rob Phillips, Associate Superintendent of Student Programs and Educational Services, provided information about the Division of Unaccompanied Children Services (DUCS) Program. DUCS is a program funded by the federal Department of Homeland Security, under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services – Children & Families Division, through the Office of Refugee Resettlement.

In October 2009, SCOE was contacted by Baptist Child & Family Services (BCFS), an organization that provides international humanitarian aid and currently operates a group home in Fairfield that serves unaccompanied alien children. The majority of these youths have been in the U.S. most of their lives but are not legalized citizens. They have become separated from their parents for a number of reasons and run afoul of the law. When the juvenile justice system discovers these youth to be undocumented, the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Department, also a division of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, brings them before a federal judge in San Francisco who sentences them to the BCFS group home.

Presently, the children residing in the group home are all males ranging in age from 14-17. The facility can house a maximum of 24 children, but there are approximately 20 at this time. BCFS ensures that the children's needs are met for shelter, food, medical care, etc., and provides a staff of 39 to secure the alarmed facility around the clock. The teens spend six hours per day in onsite classrooms currently being operated as a private school. Recognizing, however, that SCOE was better equipped to educate these students, BCFS began talks with us to provide the instructional component. The teachers would be SCOE employees, and the program would be fully funded from the state revenue limit, with the federal government being obligated to pay for any overage amount as well as for special education costs. This is the only program of its type in California, and legal counsel is helping SCOE review the lengthy and complicated contract. It appears that an agreement will be reached, at which time SCOE will apply for another County-District-School (CDS) Code, and the DUCS Program will be added to SCOE's array of services. More details will be available as this project progresses.

When asked if these children will be deported to their country of origin once they turn 18-years-old, Mr. Phillips responded that they probably will not be deported unless they reoffend. The teens are considered refugees, and the goal is reunification with a family member who is a legal U.S. citizen or to find a sponsor to help the youth pursue a citizenship track. Regardless of where a person stands on the issue of immigration, SCOE is more qualified to provide these students with needed educational services.

(b) Human Resources Report

Jay Speck, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, reported that June and July were busy months for hiring as SCOE prepares for the new school year. Of the 25 positions filled, most were teachers and paraeducators, 24 of them were for special education, and 1 was to replace someone who retired in the juvenile court and community school program. All teaching positions are now fully staffed, and no one is using an emergency credential this year. A recent teaching vacancy resulted in over 100 applicants from experienced, credentialed teachers.

(c) Financial Report

Lettie Allen, Associate Superintendent of Administrative Services and Operations, presented the financial report for June 2009-10 and July 2010-11. Since the new fiscal year has just begun, there have not been many expenditures yet. That, coupled with the Board approved tax advance SCOE received from Solano County, indicates that revenue is greater than expenditures. The county also provided tax advances to the districts to help with their cash flow due to state funding deferrals.

SCOE's business office is closing the books for 2009-10 and will presents the results to the Board at its September meeting.

Mrs. Allen reported on the closing of the swimming pool at Irene Larsen Center and answered questions from the Board. Repairs to the pool and building enclosure are estimated to be about \$2.3 million. Since neither SCOE nor the City of Vacaville's Recreation Department can afford that cost, the pool and its structure will be disassembled. Swimming is not a requirement on any student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP) but was only a way of meeting certain special education goals. Swimming is still available in other venues, and staff is looking for alternative options. Staff was notified first, followed by our partners at the City of Vacaville and other groups. A press release has also been issued. Parents have not yet been notified directly due to the summer break.

(d) Temporary Certificates

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

(e) 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 Monica Ross, Executive Assistant (399-4403, mross@solanocoe.net).

- August 12, 2010 – SCOE Main Office Back-to-School Kickoff
- August 24, 2010 – Board of Education Special Meeting/Annual Planning Session
- August 26, 2010 – Solano EDC Breakfast (*RSVP to Mrs. Ross by 08/16/10*)
- September 6, 2010 – Labor Day Holiday – SCOE Offices Closed

Also distributed were copies announcing the next Solano EDC breakfast event.

Mrs. Alarcón's recent activities included:

- attending a Kick-Out Roast as Janet Harden, Senior Director of Career Technical Education/Workforce Development, ends her year as President of the Fairfield Rotary;
- participating in a planning session with the Special Education staff;
- conducting a coaching session with Wally Holbrook, former Dixon USD Superintendent, who won the June election as Lake County Superintendent of Schools and will begin the position on August 31st due to the early departure of the current superintendent; and
- working with Dr. Jowel Laguerre, President/Superintendent of Solano Community College, and Mr. Speck on a K-16 bridge program. More information will follow as the plans develop.

VIII. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

There were no comments from the community.

IX. BOARD DISCUSSION

(a) Biennial Conflict of Interest Code Review

The Political Reform Act requires every local government agency to review its Conflict of Interest Code biennially to determine its accuracy. Recommended updates were distributed that will bring current the language of SCOE's Conflict of Interest Code and ensure compliance with the Political Reform Act. The Board will be asked to review the suggested revisions prior to taking action at its next regular meeting on September 8, 2010.

(b) Board Member Reports

Some of the Board members gave a brief report on their activities during the summer such as vacations and family news. Since most schools and SCOE program sites were closed, there were no program visits to report, although some members attended back to school events at various sites.

Mrs. Bates mentored an 8th grade girl over the summer and participated in the Rotary Camp Royal, an inspirational program that offers leadership learning opportunities for young people and changes lives.

Dr. Verder-Aliga hosted two 13-year-old exchange students from Vallejo's sister city in Akashi, Japan. She and her family hope to go visit the girls in Japan in a few years.

Mr. Asera worked with Mrs. Harden on the Green Technology Academy advisory committee to discuss uses for a grant from Solano Community College and the Workforce Investment Board, and he taught the Academy students about solar energy. He has been asked to join a trade mission with Governor Schwarzenegger in Shanghai, China, in September where topics such as finance, urban development, healthcare, and green technology will be discussed. Mr. Asera has also been named President of the Cal Berkeley Alumni Association and will begin fundraising efforts and a membership drive. Some of the funds raised will be used for student scholarships. Approximately 4,500 applications for scholarships were received last spring, and 800 students were interviewed, 8 of them from Solano County. One student received a four-year* Cal Alumni Leadership Award.

- * Monish Anand, Armijo High School
- Jordan Bull, Vacaville High School
- Camille Enriquez, St. Patrick-St. Vincent
- Abriaunna Green, Vanden High School
- Michelle Gregg, Vacaville High School
- Katrina Kokta, Vanden High School
- Karina Parada, Vallejo High School
- Lauren Week, Vacaville High School

(c) Suggestions on future Board agenda items

Mr. Asera suggested the following topics for future Board meeting agenda items:

- Joint meeting with the Solano Community College (SCC) Governing Board regarding common issues – With four of the SCC board members' terms coming to an end, it was recommended that the meeting be scheduled once the new or returning members are determined.
- Set salary of new county superintendent – As one of the Board's duties, the salary needs to be set by the time Mr. Speck takes office in January. It was requested that this item appear for action on the September regular agenda and for staff to provide copies of the existing county superintendent's salary schedule previously approved by the Board when Mrs. Alarcón took office.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Attachments: (A) Gifts/Donations
(B) Temporary Certificates

Signature on File

Dee Alarcón, Secretary
Solano County Board of Education

**Donations to Solano County Office of Education
August 11, 2010**

Monetary gift of \$25 donated by Camping Unlimited, El Sobrante, to the Transition Services program to help pay for the cost of the Transition Fair.

Monetary gift of \$25 donated by Impact, Fairfield, to the Transition Services program to help pay for the cost of the Transition Fair.

Monetary gift of \$20 donated by Independent Living Resources, Fairfield, to the Transition Services program to help pay for the cost of the Transition Fair.

Monetary gift of \$25 donated by Community Access Plus, Vallejo, to the Transition Services program to help pay for the cost of the Transition Fair.

Monetary gift of \$20 donated by Connections for Life, Vacaville, to the Transition Services program to help pay for the cost of the Transition Fair.

Monetary gift of \$20 donated by The Arc Solano, Vallejo, to the Transition Services program to help pay for the cost of the Transition Fair.

Monetary gift of \$10 donated by Matrix Parent Network & Resource Center, Fairfield, to the Transition Services program to help pay for the cost of the Transition Fair.

Monetary gift of \$100 donated by PACE Solano, Vacaville, to the Transition Services program to help pay for the cost of the Transition Fair.

Moving materials and equipment, 40' box van, welding supplies, scrap, and other equipment valued at approximately \$6,760.64 donated by Corey Delta Constructors, Benicia, to the ROP Welding program.

TEMPORARY CERTIFICATES

<u>Name</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Credential</u>
Margaret Hilts	Vallejo	Administrative Services
Jorge Salas	Travis	Single Subject/LOTE: Spanish with BCLAD: Spanish
Jayme Swearingen	SCOE	Education Specialist/Moderate-Severe/Short- Term Staff Permit
Elizabeth Petersen	SCOE	Education Specialist/Moderate-Severe/Short- Term Staff Permit
Richard Johnston, Jr.	Travis	Emergency CLAD
Galvin Lam	Travis	Emergency CLAD
David Long	Travis	Emergency CLAD
John Poe	Travis	Emergency CLAD
Ann Cifarelli	SCOE	Special Education Limited Assignment Permit/Moderate-Severe
Allison Henry	SCOE	Education Specialist/Moderate-Severe/Short- Term Staff Permit
Eric Russell	Fairfield-Suisun	Emergency BCLAD: Spanish
William Warring, Jr.	Fairfield-Suisun	Emergency CLAD
Linda L. Smith	Fairfield-Suisun	Emergency CLAD
Robert Schmidt	Fairfield-Suisun	Emergency CLAD
Stella Shamieh	Fairfield-Suisun	Emergency CLAD
Scott Clark	Fairfield-Suisun	Emergency CLAD
Janette Schnurr	Fairfield-Suisun	Emergency CLAD
Carolyn Wren	Fairfield-Suisun	Emergency CLAD
Sandra Lane	Fairfield-Suisun	Emergency CLAD
Christopher Frasu	Fairfield-Suisun	Emergency CLAD
David May	Fairfield-Suisun	Emergency CLAD
Kristin Cullen	Fairfield-Suisun	Emergency CLAD
Michele Gaines	Fairfield-Suisun	Emergency CLAD
Antonio Ortiz	Fairfield-Suisun	Emergency CLAD
Jeremy Jeffreys	Fairfield-Suisun	Emergency CLAD
Patrick Nodine	Fairfield-Suisun	Emergency CLAD
James Macariola	Fairfield-Suisun	Emergency CLAD
Marla Oxley	Fairfield-Suisun	Emergency CLAD
Nicholas Baca	Fairfield-Suisun	Emergency CLAD
Jason Chatham	Fairfield-Suisun	Emergency CLAD
Donald Hazelton	Fairfield-Suisun	CLAD Certificate
Wendelin Young	Fairfield-Suisun	Supplementary Authorization: Math
Victoria Johnson	Fairfield-Suisun	Supplementary Authorization: Social Science
Victoria Johnson	Fairfield-Suisun	Specific Subject Matter Authorization: History
Krista Schmidt	Fairfield-Suisun	Administrative Services
Dereck Wickliff	Fairfield-Suisun	Administrative Services
David Marianno, Jr.	Fairfield-Suisun	Administrative Services
Lori Aguilar	Fairfield-Suisun	Multiple Subject
Lori Aguilar	Fairfield-Suisun	Education Specialist/Early Childhood Special Education
Steven J. Smith	Fairfield-Suisun	Single Subject/Science: Biological; Chemistry

Temporary Certificates (continued)

<u>Name</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Credential</u>
Maria Lopez-Serna	Fairfield-Suisun	Emergency BCLAD: Spanish
Maria-Christina Thomas	Vallejo	Subject Matter Authorization: Biological Sciences
Lourdes Hernandez	Vallejo	Special Education Limited Assignment Permit/Mild-Moderate
John Allgood	Vallejo	CLAD Certificate
Cristina Naval	Vallejo	Single Subject/P.E.
Katja Jackson	Fairfield-Suisun	Single Subject/Math
Nicola Parr	Vacaville	Administrative Services
Rebecca Bowen	Fairfield-Suisun	Emergency CLAD
Kovina Miller	SCOE	Education Specialist/Deaf & Hard-of-Hearing
Ivery Hood	Vallejo	Certificate of Completion of Staff Development
Edward Santopadre	Vacaville	Administrative Services
William Ewing	Vacaville	Administrative Services
Marian Johnson	Vacaville	Career Emergency Substitute Permit
Cristina Lopez	Fairfield-Suisun	BCLAD Certificate: Spanish
Marina Woodard	Fairfield-Suisun	Regular Children's Center Permit
Louise Jacob	Fairfield-Suisun	Emergency CLAD
Albert "Clay" Blanco	Fairfield-Suisun	Emergency CLAD
Resurreccion Samaniego	Vallejo	Regular Children's Center Permit

Temporary County Certificates Issued June-July 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		3								5						
SCOE	1	6				1	3	7	1	2		2				
Dixon		4								2				5		
Fairfield-Suisun	12	41						3	24	27		2		2	2	2
Travis	1	4							4	16						
Vacaville	3	13				1						9		4		
Vallejo	5	21				1		1	1	14		1	1	6		2
MIT Academy																
Private/NPS																
Solano College																1
Solano County																
Totals	22	92				3	3	11	30	66		14	1	17	2	5