

SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**November 10, 2010**

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

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

Board President Larry Asera, Trustee Area 5, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM 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  
Mayrene Bates  
Doug Ford (*arrived at 6:10 PM*)  
John Galvan  
Dee Alarcón, Secretary

Members Absent

Maria Kennedy  
Raymond Silva

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	Ken Scarberry
Rob Phillips	Janet Harden	Alton Gay
Jay Speck	Marsha Ludwig	Becky Cruz
Lisette Estrella-Henderson		

Polly Farina, Josh Bradley, and JoAnn Severson, Benicia Unified School District  
Other members of the community

**III. APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

**IV. CONSENT ITEMS**

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

- (a) Minutes of the regular and special meetings held October 13, 2010.
- (b) 2010-11 Budget Revision 3 (Attachment A)
- (c) Resolution No. B10-11-07 recognizing National Native American Heritage Month (Attachment B)
- (d) Resolution No. B10-11-08 recognizing American Education Week and National Education Support Professionals' Day (Attachment C)
- (e) Resolution No. B10-11-09 recognizing The Day of the Special Educator (Attachment D)

## V. CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Alarcón read an e-mail from Steve Ramos, Director of Information Services and Technology, to all employees and Board members regarding installation of a new filter on SCOE's e-mail server that will better reduce spam messages.

## VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

### (a) Benicia High School ECH<sub>2</sub>O Academy

Program Coordinator Polly Farina, along with Co-coordinator Josh Bradley and Administrative Lead JoAnn Severson, gave an overview of the Energy, Carbon, and Water (ECH<sub>2</sub>O) Academy scheduled to begin next year at Benicia High School in the Benicia Unified School District. A tri-fold brochure explaining the program's goals, vision, benefits, courses, and employment potential was distributed to each Board member.

Today's students face very different career choices from a few years ago. One key element in jobs of the future is the level of technology involved. The ECH<sub>2</sub>O Academy is a step toward raising student interest in green technology, particularly in energy and water resource management. Participating students will become part of a small learning community (i.e., a school within a school) that integrates career/technical education (CTE) classes with core academic subjects and provides a specific entry level skill set upon completion of the Academy. Approval is pending for the environmental science class to qualify as a University of California "a-g" requirement that would give students college credit as a lab science.

The majority of funding for the Academy came from the Valero organization. An advisory committee consisting of business and industry leaders, such as Mr. Asera and Benicia Public Works; educational agencies, such as Solano Community College and SCOE; along with fervent teachers, many with backgrounds in science or math, is strategically planning the Academy courses by visiting model programs in surrounding areas. The Committee will facilitate applicable fieldtrips and continue to monitor student interest, future job outlook, and sustainability.

Methods for recruiting students for the 2011-12 ECH<sub>2</sub>O Academy include inviting students who are currently taking biology and earth science classes, demonstrating a solar vehicle at the school's annual Elective Fair, holding a student/parent information dinner in February, and offering internships to seniors interested in studying biotechnology. The Academy aims for students to leave the program with a passion for water and energy careers and prepare to pursue further education or entry level positions in the field.

Mr. Asera mentioned that Janet Harden, Senior Director of CTE/Workforce Development, is also helping to launch the Academy, and the County Board of Education is supportive of green academy. He suggested other possible new partnerships with the Solano County Green Business Council, Solano County Innovation Council (a branch of the Solano Economic Development Corporation), Workforce Investment Board of Solano County, as well as other nonprofit organizations, many of which offer funds for green technology projects.

### (b) Academic Decathlon Invitation & Call for Volunteers

Ken Scarberry, Director of Youth Development, provided information about the upcoming North Bay Region Academic Decathlon schedule and extended an invitation to volunteer. He distributed a curriculum overview of this year's competition theme on The Great Depression and talked about the testing in 10 categories including art, economics, language and literature, math, music, science, social science, and communications such as essay and speech. Participants on school teams consist of 1/3 "A" students, 1/3 "B" students, and the remaining 1/3 are "C" students or below.

This year, Solano County is celebrating 30 years of local competition. In 2007, the county program expanded to include other straggling counties. We are now the largest regional competition in the

state and growing every year. Mare Island Technology Academy of Vallejo will join the regional competition this year, which is expected to include 5 counties, representing 13 school districts and hundreds of student participants. With a group this large, it is understandable that over 200 volunteers will be needed to ensure the program runs smoothly.

This year's competition will take place on Saturday, January 29, and Saturday, February 5, 2011, at Rodriguez High School in Fairfield, where Vanden High will try to defend its eighth consecutive title. Volunteers are being recruited now to serve as judges, room monitors, runners, and Super Quiz proctors. Mr. Scarberry distributed volunteer forms and encouraged the Board members to attend the Awards Ceremony on February 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM in the gymnasium and help distribute medals. Among the program's partners, Travis Air Force Base supplies many volunteers, and the Fairfield Rotary Club provides lunch for all participants. Our regional competition will send five teams to the State level competition.

Mrs. Bates added that she has been volunteering for about 15 years along with her husband, and it is an exciting and amazing experience. Last year, she participated at both the regional and state competitions and enjoyed it very much.

The national program will take place in Charlotte, North Carolina, in April of 2011. Since its beginning in 1982, California has had 17 national titles (8 of them consecutive), 11 second place titles, and holds the national record for the highest team score of 53,000 points. Forty-two states participate in addition to U.S. schools outside the country.

Winning team members of the State competition often get to meet the Governor and receive recognition by the Senate and House of Representatives. In the past, winners of the national competition were permitted to meet the President of the United States.

Mrs. Alarcón thanked Ken for the excellent job he has done leading these activities for our region. She has received great compliments about his work as the State Director of the California Academic Decathlon. She also appreciates Lettie Allen's help with the financial aspect.

Lisette Estrella-Henderson, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, added that, through Mr. Scarberry's leadership, Solano is taking the Academic Decathlon to a new level by piloting an Academic Decathlon Bowl for at-risk students at the New Foundations facility next spring.

(c) Solano Focus on Public Education

Mrs. Estrella-Henderson distributed data and reported on the state of academic achievement of Solano County's public school students. SCOE first compiled and reported upon student achievement in our county last year in a document entitled *Solano Focus on Public Education*. The data was obtained from the California Department of Education (CDE) and derived from the results of State standards tests that are part of the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) program.

The *Solano Focus* publication includes a composite summary of assessment results for specific content areas and certain grade levels including English Language Arts (Grades 2-11), Mathematics (Grades 2-10), Science (Grades 5, 8-11), History/Social Science (Grade 8), High School Exit Exam (Grade 10), and the California English Language Development Test (Grades K-12). Added to this year's report are trend notes that provide an analysis of related information through various years. Demographics in the report are from 2008-09, which was the most recent data available at the time of printing. Last week, CDE released information on the 2009-10 figures.

Although Solano County currently has about the same number of students as it did in 1993, the diversity in the county is much different. For example, there has been a dramatic increase in the number of English language learners since 1995. In addition to language proficiency data, graduation and dropout information is included. The trend data shows that more students are taking higher level classes in math and science, and high school exit exam passage rates are steadily increasing in spite of the test becoming more difficult.

Mrs. Estrella-Henderson answered questions from the Board members, particularly about statistics pertaining to English learners and local dropout rates. Plans are to share this report in a variety of venues including the media, partnering organizations, and at various meetings we attend, such as the P-16 Council. There is concern, however, about the state's suspension of funding for the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS), as this will have an effect on future data collection. CALPADS data is highly accurate because each student is assigned an identification number that follows them throughout their academic years. Without this type of identifier, some data is estimated.

(d) Annual Williams Lawsuit Settlement Report

Mrs. Estrella-Henderson reported on the compliance status of identified school sites for the 2010-11 academic year. Education Code requires that the county superintendent or designee must visit schools identified by criteria in the *Williams* lawsuit. This year, a total of 18 schools throughout the Fairfield-Suisun, Vacaville, and Vallejo City Unified School Districts were visited to ensure students have sufficient instructional materials, well-maintained facilities, appropriate teacher assignments, accurate data in their School Accountability Report Card. There is also a determination on whether Uniform Complaint Procedures were followed and if materials funds were used appropriately. She distributed information showing how each of the identified schools ranked in each of these categories.

(e) Human Resources Report

Jay Speck, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, reported that a new paraeducator had been hired to work at SCOE's program at Mary Farmar Elementary School in Benicia, and Mike Schroeder was promoted to Facilities Maintenance Coordinator to fill the position left by Alton Gay when he became Manager of Facilities, Maintenance, and Operations following the retirement of Rhonda Moon. Mr. Speck also introduced Mr. Gay who was unable to attend October's Board meeting when his promotion was announced.

(f) Financial Report

Lettie Allen, Associate Superintendent of Administrative Services and Operations, presented the financial report for September 2010-11 saying that it is another month of state deferrals. SCOE has received about \$10 million of its allotment but has approximately \$15 million in expenses. Some deferrals have been put off until July of 2011, which will not be received until the next fiscal year. SCOE is doing fine due to its reserves, but it is creating a bad situation for our districts.

(g) Temporary Certificates

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

(h) Meetings/Special Dates

Activity Calendars for November and December 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](mailto:mross@solanocoe.net)).

- November 11, 2010 – Veterans' Day Holiday – SCOE offices closed
- November 24-26, 2010 – Thanksgiving Holidays – SCOE Offices Closed
- December 2, 2010 – 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Spirit of Solano Awards Luncheon
- December 8, 2010 – Regular Board Meeting, 10:30 AM, SCOE (*luncheon at noon*)
- December 14, 2010 – Retirement Reception for Dee Alarcón (*invitations distributed*)
- December 24-31, 2010 – Winter Holidays – SCOE Offices Closed
- January 3, 2011 – Oath of Office Ceremony for new County Superintendent, Jay Speck

Additional events to which the Board has been invited include:

- November 17, 2010 (Wednesday) – Solano EDC Holiday Reception, 5:00 PM, Dimitri's Lounge on Main Street in Suisun (*flyer distributed; RSVP to Mrs. Ross by Friday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>*)
- March 4, 2011 (Friday) – California Schoolmasters Club, 6:00 PM, Napa Elks Lodge (*invitation & registration form distributed; RSVP to Mrs. Ross by Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>*)

Each Board member also received: a newspaper article on a recent vote by the Mendocino County Board of Education to reduce its number of board members; notification of the January 7, 2011, deadline for California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly nominations; and information about the California County Boards of Education (CCBE) General Membership Meeting where several items will be voted upon.

Mrs. Alarcón called attention to the outdoor display stand near the front entrance to SCOE's building that will be used to post Board meeting agendas as well as other meeting agendas that fall under the Brown Act such as the SELPA Council of Superintendents meetings. Agendas will now be protected from inclement weather, and the public will be able to view them easily.

## II. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### (a) Amendment to the Approved Minutes of September 8, 2010, Regular Board Meeting

At the Board's regular meeting on October 13, 2010, the minutes of the September 8<sup>th</sup> regular meeting were approved by a unanimous vote of those present. Upon further thought, Mr. Ford proposed an amendment to the September minutes to include an attachment of the county superintendent's salary schedule that was discussed during September's meeting, as he felt it would help the public become more aware of SCOE's business.

Mr. Asera clarified that this amendment to the minutes would simply add an attachment to the already approved September meeting minutes. The amendment will not change the content of the minutes, the outcome of any votes taken, or actions approved.

Mr. Galvan stated that the superintendent's salary schedule is a matter of public record, and any member of public can request to view it or have a copy made.

Motion was made by Mr. Galvan, seconded by Dr. Verder-Aliga, and unanimously carried by a roll call vote of those present to amend the September 8, 2010, Board meeting minutes to include a copy of the approved County Superintendent's Salary Schedule. Ms. Kennedy and Mr. Silva were absent.

On a related note, Mr. Asera addressed Ms. Kennedy's request during October's meeting to rescind her vote made during September's meeting on the matter of the superintendent's salary. Mr. Asera explained that SCOE staff had asked legal counsel for assistance with the verbiage to ensure the matter was properly noticed when brought back before the Board at November's meeting. Legal counsel informed staff that such a request for reconsideration is not appropriate because, among other limitations, a motion to rescind a vote can only take place at the same meeting in which the initial vote is taken. At the beginning of tonight's meeting, the Board approved the minutes of the October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting in which Ms. Kennedy expressed her desire to change her vote from "yea" to "nay." Since her initial vote cannot be rescinded, the approved minutes of October 13<sup>th</sup> will serve as the public record that she wanted to change her vote.

Mr. Asera noted the difference between Mr. Ford's request for an amendment to the approved minutes and Ms. Kennedy's request for a rescission. Mr. Asera has informed Ms. Kennedy of the legal opinion, and he believes that the approved October minutes will take care of her concern by serving as the official record of what she wanted to do. All votes and actions taken by the Board in September and October remain unchanged.

### III. NEW BUSINESS

#### (a) California Runaway and Homeless Youth Awareness Month

November has long been recognized as National Runaway and Homeless Youth Awareness Month, and, for the first time, California is recognizing November as California Runaway and Homeless Youth Awareness Month.

Becky Cruz, Educational Liaison, gave an update on SCOE's homeless and runaway youth programs. Last year, 877 such students were served in Solano County; approximately 7 of those were unaccompanied minors with no legal guardian or adult role model to enroll them in school, 17 were individuals with disabilities, and 19 were English learners. SCOE's programs help these students overcome barriers, such as transportation and obtaining and transferring records, by providing resources and coordinating services between schools and outside agencies.

Solano County will soon hold its first conference on the matter of homelessness. The conference will be held at SCOE and cover issues such as mental health services, local services available to the homeless, best practices presented by the State Department, and area outreach efforts. She asked that the Board adopt this new resolution to bring awareness to the problems of homelessness and runaways.

Motion was made by Mr. Ford, seconded by Mrs. Bates, and unanimously approved by a roll call vote of those present to adopt Resolution No. B10-11-10 recognizing November as California Runaway and Homeless Youth Awareness Month. (Attachment F)

#### (b) Designate a New Representative for the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC)

The Board was asked to designate Alton Gay, Facilities/Maintenance/Operations Manager, as a contact for all matters involving the OPSC. In addition to Lettie Allen, Associate Superintendent of Administrative Services and Operations, a second designee is needed to represent SCOE since we are currently involved in a number of construction projects including six classrooms at the Golden Hills site. Mr. Gay's designation replaces that of the retired former department director.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bates, seconded by Mr. Ford, and unanimously carried by those present to designate Mrs. Allen and Mr. Gay as the contacts for matters with the OPSC. Ms. Kennedy and Mr. Silva were absent.

### IV. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

There were no comments from the community.

### V. 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.

Mr. Ford commented on the outstanding newspaper column in the Daily Republic by Trustee Bates about the lack of enough U.S. women in science career fields. It inspired him to write an article on the subject for his column in the Vacaville Reporter.

Mrs. Bates visited SCOE Teacher of the Year Maurice Washington's class at Golden Hills; visited the classroom of Crescent Elementary School teacher Jane Loveall in the Fairfield-Suisun USD; attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for a new mural at Anna Kyle Elementary School; attended the Solano County Library Foundation's annual Authors Luncheon; accepted a position to be on the Board of Directors of the Solano Children's Network; was appointed to the Solano County Family Justice Center Steering Committee; attended the Tuskegee Airmen dinner at Travis Air Force Base; and attended the countywide law enforcement awards ceremony.

Mr. Galvan stated that the Benicia Unified School District's parcel tax measure suffered a narrow defeat in November's election. The measure needed 67% of the vote to pass but only received 64%. Mrs. Alarcón added that, of the districts in Solano County with measures on the November ballot (Dixon – general obligation bond, Travis – parcel tax, Benicia – parcel tax), all three were defeated.

Dr. Verder-Aliga invited the Board members to a Veterans' Day event to be held behind the Vallejo City Hall. Two American military generals will serve as keynote speakers. She also plans to attend the CSBA conference with Mr. Ford in early December.

Mr. Asera is a member of the Solano Green Business Council, and he encouraged everyone to read an article in the Solano Magazine by Chuck Rieger to learn more about the Council's work. He reported that a four-month feasibility study is being conducted to consider a Cal Maritime Academy expansion of non-engineering studies into Vallejo as a California Polytechnic University. The report is due in April.

(b) Suggestions on future Board agenda items

There were no suggestions for future agenda topics.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Attachments: (A) Budget Revision 3  
(B) Resolution B10-11-07  
(C) Resolution B10-11-08  
(D) Resolution B10-11-09  
(E) Temporary Certificates  
(F) Resolution B10-11-10

*Signature on File*

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Dee Alarcón, Secretary  
Solano County Board of Education

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>			Certificated Salaries	Classified Salaries	Employee Benefits	Books and Supplies	Other Operating	Sites, Bldgs, Equipment	Other Outgo	Fund Balance
<b>Program</b>	<b>Resource</b>	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>3000</b>	<b>4000</b>	<b>5000</b>	<b>6000</b>	<b>7000</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Unrestricted (local revenue)	0000	27,300				4,400	22,900			
Title I, Part A ARRA funds (adj alloc)	3011	5,745					5,219		526	
Education of Homeless Youth (adj alloc)	5630	(27,386)				(4,500)	(20,378)		(2,508)	
Medi-Cal (c/o)	5640					9,000			450	(9,450)
Spec Ed (local & adj alloc)	6500	63,999	31,268		(25,964)		55,566		3,129	
Spec Ed Infant (c/o)	6510					5,000	700		285	(5,985)
Friday Night Live (FNL) Mentor (new grant)	9050	22,200		12,757	6,648	473	2,322			
Larsen Preschool Integration (local)	9180	790				790				
TC Preschool Integration (local)	9185	200				200				
Larsen Center Misc Donations (local)	9190	250				250				
<b>Total</b>		<b>93,098</b>	<b>31,268</b>	<b>12,757</b>	<b>(19,316)</b>	<b>15,613</b>	<b>66,329</b>		<b>1,882</b>	<b>(15,435)</b>

SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Solano County, California

**RESOLUTION NO. B10-11-07**  
**NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, National Native American Heritage Month honors the many sacrifices and accomplishments of American Indians and Alaska Natives and helps us recognize the strong traditions and ancestry of the first people to call our land home; and

**WHEREAS**, the Native American experience is central to our nation's history, and their rich culture, unique customs, and contributions to our society are to be cherished, respected, and preserved; and

**WHEREAS**, since the earliest days of our Republic, Native Americans have played a vital role in our country's freedom and security. From the Revolutionary War scouts to the Code Talkers of World War II, Native Americans have served in all branches of America's Armed Forces, demonstrating courage in the face of adversity and helping to spread liberty around the world, and America is grateful to those who serve to defend our freedom; and

**WHEREAS**, Solano County was occupied for many centuries by Native Americans who called themselves "Patwins" with some of the Patwin village names having survived phonetically in Solano County in such modern place names as Suisun, Soscol, Ulatis, and Putah; and

**WHEREAS**, Sem Yeto, Christianized as Francisco Solano, was Chief of the Patwin tribe and became friends with General Mariano Guadalupe Vallejo. The boundaries of Solano County were set in 1850 and General Vallejo, as a respected member of the legislature, named the county after his friend Chief Solano; and

**WHEREAS**, the contributions of the Native Americans to this nation's government, history, and culture are as numerous and varied as the tribes themselves with every tribe boasting celebrated heroes of its own in sports, the arts, film, literature, engineering, medicine, government, business, education, and environmental science; and

**WHEREAS**, the American culture has been greatly influenced by the traditions of native peoples including their tribal sovereignty and close relationship to the earth and all its inhabitants; and

**WHEREAS**, California Education Code §51204.5 specifically calls for instruction in the social sciences to include the study of the role and contributions of Native Americans to the economic, political, and social development of California and the nation with particular emphasis on portraying the role of Native Americans in contemporary society.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Solano County Board of Education recognizes November as National Native American Heritage Month and encourages educators, students, and members of the community to learn more about the rich heritage of American Indians and Alaska Natives and the role they have played in building and sustaining our nation and to commemorate this occasion with appropriate instructional activities.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 2010 by the Solano County Board of Education, Solano County, California, by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mr. Ford, Ms. Kennedy, Mr. Silva

CERTIFICATION

I, Dee Alarcón, secretary to the Solano County Board of Education, Solano County, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said Board at a regular meeting thereof held on the above stated date, which resolution is on file in the office of said Board.

Signature on File  
Secretary's Signature

November 10, 2010  
Date

SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Solano County, California

**RESOLUTION NO. B10-11-08**  
**AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK/  
NATIONAL EDUCATION SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS' DAY**

**WHEREAS**, November 14-20, 2010, marks the 89<sup>th</sup> annual American Education Week established by the National Education Association to honor those who are vital in building great public schools for the nation's 50 million K-12 students, draw attention to the wonderful things happening in our public schools, raise awareness about the critical need to provide every child with a quality public education, provide all Americans with an opportunity to celebrate individuals who are making a difference in ensuring that every child receives a quality education; and

**WHEREAS**, the annual theme, "Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility" emphasizes that our students will profit tomorrow from what we invest in education today, because they must meet the highest world standards to compete and succeed in the global society; and

**WHEREAS**, public schools are the backbone of our democracy, providing young people with the tools they need to maintain our nation's precious values of freedom, civility, and equality; and

**WHEREAS**, every student in every classroom must be educated to achieve his or her greatest potential so that our democratic society can endure; and

**WHEREAS**, by equipping young Americans with both practical skills and broader intellectual abilities, schools give them hope for, and access to, a productive future; and

**WHEREAS**, November 17, 2010, has been established to honor all of the education support professionals who are an integral part of the education process be they substitute educators, custodians, cafeteria workers, clerical assistants, maintenance staff, paraeducators, teachers, bus drivers, librarians, and other staff that daily serve our children and communities with care and professionalism and provide a safe and healthy learning environment for students; and

**WHEREAS**, schools are essential elements in our communities, bringing together adults and children, educators and volunteers, business leaders and elected officials, in a common enterprise; and

**WHEREAS**, American Education Week has traditionally been a time for heightening awareness throughout our community of the excellence achieved every day in our schools by students, teachers, and all staff members; and

**WHEREAS**, all citizens in our community are affected by the quality of education in Solano County's public schools – whether or not they have children in school – because today's students are tomorrow's workforce, business leaders, legislators, and community members, and the quality of their educational system directly affects the quality of life in our community for all citizens in the future; and

**WHEREAS**, we must constantly strive to improve the effectiveness of our schools, thereby, maximizing our investment in the future. In addition to positive influences from school personnel, parents are urged to talk to their children about school, read to them, provide homework guidance, and be responsible for their school attendance, because it is parents who greatly shape their children’s ability to benefit from their schooling.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Solano County Board of Education does hereby recognize November 14-20, 2010, as American Education Week, and Wednesday, November 17, 2010, as National Education Support Professionals Day and encourages educators, students, and members of the community to make known the good things happening at our area schools, honor local education support professionals for providing invaluable services that enable students to learn in supportive environments, do their part to make our public schools great for every child so that they can grow and achieve in the 21st century, spread the word about the important role of excellent public schools in the lives of students, and make a renewed commitment to public education and the future of Solano County.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 2010 by the Solano County Board of Education, Solano County, California, by the following vote:

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

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Dee Alarcón, secretary to the Solano County Board of Education, Solano County, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said Board at a regular meeting thereof held on the above stated date, which resolution is on file in the office of said Board.

Signature on File  
Secretary's Signature

November 10, 2010  
Date

SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Solano County, California

**RESOLUTION NO. B09-10-10  
DAY OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATOR**

**WHEREAS**, on December 2, 1975, former President Gerald Ford signed the nation's first special education law assuring children with disabilities would be afforded assessment and rehabilitation services, access to education, and opportunities to learn; and

**WHEREAS**, December 3, 2010, has been designated as the Day of the Special Educator in recognition of the important work, commitment, and passion of those who work in special education classrooms such as special day class teachers, paraeducators, resource specialists, speech and language therapists, behavior intervention specialists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, adaptive physical education teachers, assistive technology specialists, deaf and hard of hearing interpreters, specialists for the visually impaired, mobility specialists, autism specialists, program specialists, psychologists, and nurses who work in schools and serve students in special education; and

**WHEREAS**, special educators are dedicated, hardworking, and invaluable resources who recognize that all children can learn but not in the same way or at the same pace, leading them to personalize and develop goals for their students, tailoring them to the student's individual needs and abilities, and hold high expectations that their students will be successful in reaching their full potential; and

**WHEREAS**, special educators are involved in the students' behavioral, social, and academic development, helping them progress emotionally, feel comfortable in social situations, be aware of socially acceptable behavior, and overcome their weaknesses by building upon the child's strengths; and

**WHEREAS**, special educators design, modify, and deliver appropriate curricula based on best teaching practices; epitomize good teaching techniques every day in every aspect of their work; are open-minded, eager learners who are always looking to improve their techniques and find even better source materials for their students; and

**WHEREAS**, special educators work closely with parents to inform them of their child's progress and suggest techniques to promote learning at home while staying informed of current laws governing special education to ensure Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) are a complete and beneficial document for parents, teachers, and students; and

**WHEREAS**, special educators exhibit qualities of compassion and patience, building collaborative relationships based on trust, teamwork, and shared accountability; and

**WHEREAS**, special educators demonstrate flexibility in carrying out their other tasks including teaching, coordinating related services and meetings, serving as an authority on assessments, and completing IEP paperwork and performing file management duties to help ensure the legal responsibility of providing a Free and Appropriate Education (FAPE) has been met.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Solano County Board of Education does hereby recognize December 3, 2010, as The Day of the Special Educator, acknowledging the commitment and contributions of our special educators and urging all citizens to show appropriate appreciation for the dedication and hard work of special educators in teaching the unique needs of our students.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 2010 by the Solano County Board of Education, Solano County, California, by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mr. Ford, Ms. Kennedy, Mr. Silva

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Dee Alarcón, secretary to the Solano County Board of Education, Solano County, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said Board at a regular meeting thereof held on the above stated date, which resolution is on file in the office of said Board.

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Secretary's Signature

November 10, 2010  
Date

**TEMPORARY CERTIFICATES**

<u>Name</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Credential</u>
Kathleen Sanders	MIT	Single Subject/English
Michelle Bragassa	Solano County	Single Subject/Spanish; Math
Crystal Primeaux	SCOE	Education Specialist/Mild-Moderate
Gerard Lobo	Fairfield-Suisun	English Learner Authorization/Waiver
Shikha Thakur	Fairfield-Suisun	Single Subject/Math; Science: Physics
Edward Bruce	Fairfield-Suisun	English Learner Authorization/Waiver
Jose Aponte	Vallejo	Emergency CLAD
George Long	Vallejo	Designated Subjects/Special Subjects/ Driver's Education & Training/Waiver
Susan Labrecque	SCOE	Administrative Services
James Hightower	Fairfield-Suisun	Administrative Services
Katherine Marie Smith	Fairfield-Suisun	School Nurse Services
Kristi Elston	Fairfield-Suisun	School Nurse Services
Erin Ross	Fairfield-Suisun	School Nurse Services
Cristina Lopez	Fairfield-Suisun	General Ed Limited Assignment Permit/ Single Subject/Biological Science
Roy Baty	Fairfield-Suisun	General Ed Limited Assignment Permit/ Single Subject/P.E.
Danielle Lemke	Fairfield-Suisun	Single Subject/English
Shirley Cavasos	Fairfield-Suisun	Adaptive P.E./Waiver
John Baptista	Vallejo	Administrative Services
Heather Simmons	Fairfield-Suisun	Multiple Subject/Supplementary Authorization: English; Music
Kara Kopf	Fairfield-Suisun	Emergency Substitute Permit
Richard Stevens	Fairfield-Suisun	General Ed Limited Assignment Permit/ Single Subject/Business
Patricia Barnett	Fairfield-Suisun	Administrative Services
Ronald Beverly, Jr.	Vallejo	Emergency Substitute Permit
Christopher Green	SCOE	Emergency Substitute Permit/Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing
Galvin Lam	Travis	CLAD/English Learner Authorization
Noor Rizwana	Vallejo	Emergency CLAD
Katherine Henries	Vallejo	Emergency CLAD
Elaine Ajayi	Vallejo	Emergency CLAD
James Enemark	Vallejo	Emergency CLAD
Robert McKinney	Vallejo	CLAD/English Learner Authorization
Grayson Hunley	SCOE	Specialist Instruction/Restricted Severely Handicapped
Judy Goodwin	SCOE	Emergency CLAD
Karen Guy	Vacaville	Emergency CLAD
Jeff Motta	Vacaville	CBEST Substitute/Waiver
Rosheila Pryor	Vacaville	CBEST Substitute/Waiver
Tessa Threets	Vacaville	CBEST Substitute/Waiver
Kristin Dulaney	Vacaville	CBEST Substitute/Waiver
Amber Hedlund	Vacaville	CBEST Substitute/Waiver

Temporary Certificates (continued)

<u>Name</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Credential</u>
Maria Lopez-Serna	Fairfield-Suisun	Emergency BCLAD: Spanish
Lesa Esposto-Franklin	Fairfield-Suisun	Administrative Services/Intern
Kara Kopf	Fairfield-Suisun	Single Subject/English
Justin Gore	Fairfield-Suisun	General Ed Limited Assignment Permit/ Single Subject/English
Roselle Peters	Fairfield-Suisun	Education Specialist/Moderate-Severe/ Short-Term Staff Permit
Christina Kling	Fairfield-Suisun	Education Specialist/Mild-Moderate/Intern
Annie Lee	Fairfield-Suisun	School Nurse Services
Christian Stoll	Fairfield-Suisun	Single Subject/English
Michael Jarvis	Vacaville	Designated Subjects/Career Tech Ed/ Arts,Media and Entertainment
Sharon Barum	Vallejo	Designated Subjects/Adult Ed/Health Occupations; Office Occupations
Margaret Jackson	Vallejo	Designated Subjects/Special Subjects/ROTC
Nannette Miller	Travis	CLAD/English Learner Authorization
Celeste Spini	Fairfield-Suisun	Emergency Substitute Permit

## Temporary County Certificates Issued October 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	3	9				1		7	1	3		2	1	1		
Dixon		4								2				5		
Fairfield-Suisun	15	56	2	2			1	4		27	3	5	2	4		2
Travis	2	6								16						
Vacaville	1	14				1			1	1	5	14		4		
Vallejo	4	25				1		1	5	19	1	2	1	7		2
MIT Academy	1	1														
Private/NPS																
Solano College																1
Solano County	1	1														
<b>Totals</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>21</b>		<b>5</b>

SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Solano County, California

**RESOLUTION NO. B10-11-10**  
**CALIFORNIA RUNAWAY AND HOMELESS YOUTH AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 1,300,000 to 2,800,000 youths in the United States are homeless for at least one night each year, with many staying on the streets or in emergency shelters; and

**WHEREAS**, homeless youth are often too poor to secure basic needs, unable to access adequate medical or mental health care, and unaware of supportive services that are available; and

**WHEREAS**, an average of 13 homeless youth die each day due to physical assault, illness, or suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, some youth become homeless due to: being expelled from their homes or running away after physical, sexual, or emotional abuse by their parents or guardians; separation from their parents through death or divorce; a lack of financial and housing resources as they exit juvenile corrections or foster care, including 25 percent of youth who experience homelessness within two to four years after exiting foster care; and

**WHEREAS**, awareness of the tragedy of youth homelessness and its causes should be heightened to better coordinate current programs with the many families, businesses, law enforcement agencies, schools, and community and faith-based organizations working to help youth remain off the streets; and

**WHEREAS**, November is National Runaway and Homeless Youth Awareness Month and is an appropriate time for California to recognize these issues that can affect our young people and communities, and look for ways to support preventative efforts and offer helpful services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Solano County Board of Education does hereby acknowledge the month of November as California Runaway and Homeless Youth Awareness Month; support the Solano County Office of Education Homeless Youth Services Program in helping vulnerable youth through current programs authorized under Title IV of the Social Security Act; promote programs that assist young people, especially foster youth, in staying off the streets and in school, obtaining their high school diplomas and furthering education and training opportunities; and applaud the initiative of public and private organizations and individuals dedicated to helping programs prevent homelessness among youth, providing aid when prevention fails

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 2010 by the Solano County Board of Education, Solano County, California, by the following vote:

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

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