

SACRAMENTO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 19, 2010

Agenda

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
 - II. Pledge of Allegiance
 - III. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 21, 2010
 - IV. Adoption of Agenda
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 - VI. Visitor Presentations
 - A. General Public
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 - VII. Superintendent's Report
 - A. Recognition of the November 2010 Employees of the Month
 - VIII. New Business
 - A. Adoption of Consent Agenda
 1. Report on Personnel Transactions
 2. Adopt Resolution No. 10-14 – Declaring October 23-31, 2010 as Red Ribbon Week
 - B. Approval of Contracts
 - C. No Approval of Grant Applications/Service Contracts
 - D. Approval of the 2009-2010 Unaudited Actuals Financial Report
 - E. Approval of the 2009-2010 Budget Revision No. 4
 - F. Adopt Resolution No. 10-15 - Establishing the 2010-2011 Appropriations Limit
 - G. Second Reading and Adoption of Revisions to Board Policy 3600 – Employee Use of Equipment and Facilities
 - H. Board Report – Sacramento Community Based Coalition (SCBC)
 - I. Determination of the Method to Fill Sacramento County Board of Education Trustee Area IV Vacancy
 - IX. Board Reports, Comments, and Ideas
 - A. Board Members
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 - C. Committees
 - X. Items for Distribution
 - A. October/November Events
 - B. October/November Visits
 - XI. Adjournment
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I. President Fong called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. in the Board Room of the David P. Meaney Education Center, Sacramento County Office of Education, 10474 Mather Boulevard, Mather, California. Board members present were Greg Geeting, Brian Rivas, Brian Cooley, Harold Fong, John Scribner, and Jackie Levy. Also present were David Gordon, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; Martin Cavanaugh, Deputy Superintendent; Teresa Stinson, General Counsel; Robin Pierson, Joyce Wright, Tammy Sanchez, Tim Taylor, Sue Stickel, John Fleischman, Assistant Superintendents; Judy Holsinger, SELPA Executive Director; Effie Crush, Chief

Administrator-Human Resources; Tim Herrera, Director of Communications; Gary Barker, SCOETA; Ivan Myrick, CSEA; other staff and visitors; and Carla Miller, Recording Secretary.

II. Ms. Levy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. On a motion by Mr. Scribner and seconded by Mr. Geeting, the revised minutes of the regular meeting of September 21, 2010 were approved. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Mr. Cooley moved to adopt the revised agenda. Ms. Levy seconded the motion, which carried.

V. There was no official correspondence.

VI.A. There were no requests for visitor presentations from the general public.

VI.B. Gary Barker, SCOETA President, stated he read in the paper about Trustee Victoria Deane's resignation from the Board. He wanted to make a public comment on behalf of the Sacramento County Office of Education Teachers Association acknowledging Ms. Deane for her outstanding contribution and thanking her for all of her years of public service to this board. She always put students first. Her commitment and her public service will be greatly missed.

VII. Brian Alves, Senior General Services Worker, was recognized and honored as the classified employee of the month for November.

Jason Bartley, Lead Maintenance Worker, was recognized and honored as the classified employee of the month for November.

Scott Burton, Senior General Services Worker, was recognized and honored as the classified employee of the month for November.

Lindon Lewis, Senior General Services Worker, was recognized and honored as the classified employee of the month for November.

Bruce Hicks, Teacher, Regional Occupational Program, was recognized and honored as the certificated employee of the month for November.

Superintendent Gordon reported on the following:

- Followed up with the Board regarding the National Guard. He called Supervisor Nottoli and asked for a few days to make sure his county executive could contact the Board members, but at this point we would be happy to arrange meetings for you with the supervisor of your choice. We would offer up himself, Martin Cavanaugh, or Tim Taylor to go along with

you for a little program detail knowledge. Please work through Carla Miller regarding meetings.

- This Thursday, October 21 we will have a visit from a team from CSBA who is looking at our LINKS program for a potential Golden Bell Award. If we pass the visit, we may be getting a Golden Bell at the CSBA Annual Conference in December.
- Publicly thanked Victoria Deane for her many years of service representing Area IV as a member of the Sacramento County Board of Education. As you know, Vicky resigned from the Board last week after moving out of her representative district. Vicky served on the Board since 1992, served twice as Vice President and President. We all thank Vicky for her service to our students and their families and wish her well.
- Our thanks to everyone who joined us prior to this meeting for the dedication of the SCOE personnel and business service facility as the Clellan "Cy" Young Building in recognition of Cy's committed leadership in our education community. Cy served on our Personnel Commission for 24 years before retiring in 2007. It was great to see such a nice turnout for the event. Congratulations, again, Cy and thank you for your years of service to SCOE. A special thank you to the team for putting the program together, refreshments and decorations. It was a classy event.
- The grand reopening of our Culinary Arts Café on Tuesday, October 12 was the biggest crowd he had ever seen there. The Café is located at Palmiter Jr/Sr High and is staffed entirely by our students. Starting today the café will be open to the public on Tuesdays from 12:00 pm to 1:00 p.m. The café will open on Thursdays later in the school year. It was a very nice event.
- This is a reminder that we will be hosting a Back to School Night at the LINKS Academy in Marian Anderson School tomorrow evening beginning at 5:30 p.m. This is a great opportunity to meet the staff, students and families from our newest program.
- Please remember to mark your calendars for the Fall LINKS Career Fair for our court and community students. It is scheduled for Thursday, October 28, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Rancho Cordova City Hall. Contact Tim Taylor if you would like more information.
- Introduced our newest principal, Phillip Moore. He comes to us from San Jose, and he served as a principal in Elk Grove at all three levels: elementary, middle, and high school. He was an Associate Superintendent in the Sacramento City Unified School District. He has known Phillip for nearly twenty years. We are proud to get him as part of our team. Welcome Phillip.

VIII.A. Mr. Scribner moved and Mr. Geeting seconded the motion to approve Item VIII.A.1. only – Personnel Transactions. Motion carried unopposed.

1. Accepted report on Personnel Transactions
2. Adopted the revised Resolution No. 10-14 – Declaring October 23-31, 2010 as Red Ribbon Week

Mr. Geeting moved to adopt the revised Resolution No. 10-14 on Item VIII.A.2.; Mr. Cooley seconded the motion.

Mr. Scribner stated that red ribbon week is a noble attempt to stop drug abuse. He stated he has a problem with breaking the focus of what red ribbon is all about by adding alcohol as a corollary issue. Red ribbon was not designed to include alcohol abuse. There are many programs and recognitions that address alcohol abuse and his concern is that adding alcohol begins to dilute and remove the clarity of what red ribbon week is all about with respect to the other drugs and with respect to the DEA and with what Mr. Kiki Camarena was enforcing when his life was taken.

President Fong said he was not familiar with the original intent of red ribbon week. Is there staff that could clarify this for us? Tim Herrera stated that Mr. Scribner is correct in that red ribbon week is intended not only to align with Mr. Camarena's fight against drugs but also to spotlight the need to educate children about the dangers of drugs. It coincides with programs in schools everywhere throughout the country.

Ms. Levy asked Mr. Scribner how he would like the resolution revised. Mr. Scribner said he was fine with it before the last amendment in our revised resolution that added "alcohol abuse."

Mr. Geeting said he would have no problem with removing both references to alcohol and amended his motion as follows: On the sixth "whereas" – remove "and without alcohol abuse", and in the resolve clause change it to "from the dangers of illegal drugs" thereby removing the reference to alcohol. Mr. Cooley agreed to the amendment. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Levy said she is fine with the revision but wants to be sure that it doesn't put us at odds with any of the red ribbon week celebration around the county. Superintendent Gordon replied he didn't think it would.

President Fong asked staff to look into a resolution related to alcohol abuse.

VIII.B. Mr. Cooley moved and Mr. Geeting seconded approval of the contracts as listed. Motion to approve the contracts carried unopposed.

VIII.C. No Approval of Grant Applications/Service Contracts

VIII.D. Mr. Geeting moved and Ms. Levy seconded approval of the 2009-2010 Unaudited Actuals Financial Report and Item VIII.E. – Budget Revision No. 4. Motion carried unopposed.

VIII.E. Approval of the 2009-2010 Budget Revision No. 4. See motion and approval above.

VIII.F. Mr. Scribner moved and Mr. Rivas seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 10-15 Establishing the 2010-2011 Appropriations Limit. Motion carried unopposed.

VIII.G. President Fong announced that this was the second reading and adoption of New Board Policy 3600 – Employee Use of Equipment and Facilities.

Policy Committee Chair Greg Geeting moved, on behalf of the Policy Committee, to adopt the proposed New Board Policy 3600 – Employee Use of Equipment and Facilities. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII.H. Tim Taylor, Assistant Superintendent, and Dr. Bill Lane (Administrator) presented a report on the Sacramento Community Based Coalition (SCBC). Dr. Lane introduced staff members: Chris Leibforth, Ferrel Love, Nikki Brindle, and Pete Smith. He also introduced clients Theresa Whiteside and Leon Burns who shared their success stories.

Mr. Rivas thanked Mr. Taylor and Dr. Lane for such a powerful presentation. He thanked Ms. Whiteside and Mr. Burns for sharing their stories. He always thinks about what he can do to help with the work of programs like this when he hears a presentation like this.

Mr. Taylor replied that the continued support helps and recommended a visit to the program. As far as our work with CDCR we seem to be okay although there are always challenges.

Mr. Rivas asked Mr. Taylor to clarify what CDCR stands for. Mr. Taylor replied California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

Mr. Scribner said he was a little taken aback when Dr. Lane said part of his responsibilities was risk assessment. Mr. Scribner thought that was the responsibility of CDCR prior to release. He asked why Dr. Lane is doing risk assessment. Dr. Lane replied that CDCR is doing a risk and needs assessment called the COMPASS assessment. They do that on intake and upon release to develop a treatment plan. All of his research shows that if you are going to run an effective program, you need to provide a risk and needs assessment to better assess the needs of the client and target the treatment for them to be successful. We do have access to the risk and needs assessments that CDCR gives. We are using the LSI-R (Level of Service Inventory-Revised) and it's the most validated risk and needs assessment in the country. We find it more effective than the COMPASS. One of the things he discovered while he was working inside prisons as well as at the youth authority and corrections is that the environment often skews the results of an assessment. Once they are out and in a

treatment program you get more honest answers in the risk and needs. We feel we are getting a better understanding of what the needs are of the clients by giving them the assessment. We can compare that to the data that we get from CDCR but we have found it's the most effective way to develop programming.

Mr. Scribner asked Dr. Lane what his experience has been in the last eighteen months since they have established the non-revocable parole or the monitored non-revocable parole. Dr. Lane replied that the non-revocable parole or the monitored non-revocable parole does not have an agent that can refer to our program; however, if they choose to come to our program the parolee can do so. There's a process they go through with the administrative agent on record at the parole office. They can be referred to our program. Dr. Lane has found that during the process of many of our clients converting to the non-revocable parole or the monitor non-revocable parole, though they had a choice of leaving the program with no ramifications, none of our clients left. The clients stayed for the services and appreciated those services. When we spoke to CDCR, it is in the law that they can receive those services if they request it.

Mr. Scribner asked if it was a voluntary process on the non-revocable in order to receive service with respect to not having the agent on a referral. Dr. Lane replied correct. All of our clients are referred by their agent. The difficulty with a non-revocable parole client coming out of prison is they do not have an agent of record to refer them. There's an administrative process they can go through with the local parole office or CDCR to get the referral.

Mr. Scribner asked what Dr. Lane meant about others who were already out converting to a non-revocable parole. Dr. Lane replied that when they first brought out non-revocable parole, they reviewed about 700 files in Sacramento. It was not only those in prison but those that were currently on parole. They were looking at whether the parolees met criteria to be converted to non-revocable parole, and there are a number of them that were converted from parole to non-revocable parole.

Mr. Scribner asked Dr. Lane what his understanding of these releases is. Were they to be certain classes of offenses, and did CDCR describe it much more charitably in their releases. He also asked what the level of offenses Dr. Lane is seeing. Dr. Lane replied that we have every level of offense in our program. We have non-violent, drug, and violent offenses. There are two we do not receive: (1) if the client is a serious gang offender and still involved in the gangs they are not referred to our program nor are they appropriate because those clients require specialized treatment; and (2) if they are in an extensive outpatient program they are not referred to us because we do not have the psychological and mental health services to treat these clients.

Mr. Scribner asked if we are getting Class A felonies. Dr. Lane replied yes. We screen them to determine whether our center will be appropriate for them and we have been very successful with these clients. We have never had an incident at the center in three years. We find that those who are not serious about changing their lives do not stay because they are required to be there twenty hours a week and involved with programming. The agent will do something else with them if they decide they don't want to be in that program.

President Fong asked about paid training besides litter and landscape. He also asked if we are offering other kinds of training where they can actually get a real job in the real world. Dr. Lane replied that we offer a number of vocational programs like truck driving school, forklift certification, various ROP classes including entrepreneurship and retail sales training, silk screening, lasering, engraving, and a number of other vocational trades.

President Fong asked if they have access to all of the LINKS programs. Dr. Lane replied yes.

President Fong asked if the 12.5% recidivism reported was for one year. Dr. Lane replied that we have been tracking them since inception and the actual recidivism rate is for two years. He explained that recidivism is tracked for two years after release. We will be tracking our clients longer than CDCR does.

President Fong expressed concern regarding Class A felons involved in community services and outreach. He has some concerns about vulnerable populations being at Sly Park and in the women's shelter. We need to ensure those folks don't have access to our kids. Dr. Lane said that was a very good point. There are a couple of protections we provide in the program: 1) all clients on community service are screened and are in Phase III and therefore we have had a lot of time to evaluate them; 2) clients are always supervised and accompanied by staff at all times; and 3) all clients are screened by CDCR first. We take it very seriously.

VIII.I. Teresa Stinson, General Counsel, provided information on the determination of the method to fill the Sacramento County Board of Education's member vacancy in Trustee Area IV.

Ms. Stinson recognized and thanked Trustee Deane for her able and dedicated service to the Board. With her resignation comes the issue before the Board of how to fill the vacancy created by her resignation. Most of this is set out in the agenda item but she briefly reviewed the legal requirements for filling the vacancy. She stated that under the law, the Board must fill the vacancy within 60 days by either ordering an election or making a provisional appointment. If the Board orders an election, a special election would take place on March 8, 2011 under the provisions of the election code and the education code. Because it is a special election and there are no other elections occurring in the Trustee Area IV, the Board would have to pay for the entire cost of the election. We have received an estimate from the County Elections Office and they have estimated that it would cost anywhere between \$472,000 and \$661,000 to call a special election to fill this particular seat. If the Board calls an election, then the person who is elected would serve through June 2012. So they would serve a little bit more than a year.

If the Board decides to make a provisional appointment they also have to do that within 60 days and the 60 day timeline is December 10, 2010. Even if the Board decides to appoint, the electorate still has a voice in that once the Board makes the appointment the electorate has 30 days to petition for the Board to call a special election. If they do

then after the petition is validated, an election would be called within 130 days probably in June 2011.

Attachments 2 and 3 to your board agenda item set forth proposed procedures if you decide to go the provisional appointment route and it also sets forth a timeline.

Carlo Tarantola stated he is a constituent of Vicky Deane and he would like to reiterate all the comments that have been made about Vicky this evening. Her service was invaluable to the community he lives in. He is asking the Board to consider holding an election. He feels the residents in his area need to be represented. He understands it is expensive; democracy is expensive. He wouldn't think that anyone would consider not holding elections because of the cost of elections. To say the residents would still have a say because they could recall the appointment of the Board is a little disingenuous; it would never happen. The recent history of boards appointing and changing their election dates that we have had tends to disenfranchise the people out there; they feel they have less and less control over the board and therefore less and less interest. We need to get more community interest in what the Sacramento County Board of Education is doing. Basically, just to appoint whoever the board appoints disenfranchises a huge sector of the community. His request to the Board would be to hold a special election. He understands there's an election for the first senatorial district coming up which doesn't completely cover the trustee area but may overlap in the trustee area which could cut some of the cost. The option of having a mail-in ballot could cut some of the cost also. He thinks we need to get the community represented and get the community involved.

President Fong asked Ms. Stinson if we could do something with the Senate District I election or mail-in ballot to help with the cost. Ms. Stinson replied no to both because the senate district does not cover the exact same area as Trustee Area IV. A mail-in ballot is not an option. She spoke to the county elections official about a mail in ballot and it could potentially increase the cost. They have never done a mail-in ballot for the number of voters in the Trustee Area IV. In conclusion, neither of them would decrease the cost to the Board.

President Fong asked whether a mail-in ballot would actually cost more than a special election. Ms. Stinson replied it potentially could but it certainly would not cost any less. In addition, it has not been done before in our county elections office for this number of voters.

Mr. Scribner said having just flown up from a large campaign, it gives one an appreciation for the interaction between a system of governance and those who choose folks to represent them. It is not always clean but it is engaging with respect to a community and the infrastructure that exists to serve that community. It is unfortunate we cannot piggyback on part of the special election for the senate district because the runoff is in January 2011 and would occur prior to the window of the 130 days; which is the earliest an election could be called. We can certainly make arguments that there is a strong need for those resources at SCOE too. He is torn between that consideration and the consideration that we are not talking about a short term of 3 or 4 months as with Trustee Hickey's vacancy. We are talking about a significant period of time during

which the community would not have electoral input into their representative. In weighing it, at this point, his belief is that the ability of that community to be involved in that process and to choose Vicky's successor outweighs the budgetary considerations because it is a longer period of time and thinks the community wants it.

Mr. Cooley said he likes elections; it's important for a community's voice to be heard at the ballot box and pick their representative. He acknowledged that 22 months is a long period of time of not having an elected Board member seated, but with all due respect to his friend Mr. Tarantola, who came this evening before the Board, these are not normal times. We had a presentation from Ms. Sanchez a few months ago regarding the cuts the districts are facing. There was an article in the newspaper today about Natomas Unified School District potentially being taken over by the state for fiscal issues and the district will need to make some personnel budgetary cuts by October 30. We have had layoffs at SCOE, thankfully not as much as the districts. As much as he advocates for a strong democracy, he thinks in these difficult times, \$500,000 could be several staff members' jobs for a couple of years. When we have the ability to go through a meaningful process to engage the community, he looks at the process that gave us Ms. Echandía; he felt there was a lot of community involvement and input. We had a lot of candidates, Mr. Rivas included, and the community actually propelled candidates to come forward and apply. We had hearings in the trustee area for which we were appointing. We did the best we could to get community input. We all know that even if we had an election in December or January the actual involvement or turnout would be low. He's not using that as an excuse but he cannot support the expenditure of \$500,000 in this climate when districts are still in the woods and will be for the coming years. A classified employee could still receive a pink slip next month. He doesn't know how we could look people in the eye and tell them thank you for your service and by the way we are going to spend \$500,000 to elect somebody when we could have appointed somebody who would be capable of representing the trustee area.

Mr. Rivas thanked Mr. Tarantola for sharing his input but, like Mr. Cooley, he respectfully disagrees with the request for the election and with his colleague Mr. Scribner. Mr. Rivas cannot justify the expense. He thought that Mr. Cooley said it well. He thought hard about the balancing act that we are being asked to strike and he is in favor of making an appointment.

Mr. Geeting said that fiscal concerns do not weigh 100% with him; however, he needs to be respectful of the fact that in addition to the districts in our county facing difficult financial times, we just closed out a year where our own reserve went down by 2 million dollars. He is more concerned about racking up more than one year of a negative fiscal balance for that year. We have been fortunate in that the year before we broke even. It only went down 2 million dollars because of remarkable work by our staff. In June, we were 6.9 million dollars in deficit and we closed the gap to \$2 million by the end of the year. As he weighs these two things, that one is weighing very heavy with him.

Ms. Levy said she is thinking about our fiduciary responsibility as trustees and if the election was held on March 8, 2011, the person who was elected would serve 15

months if the position ends on July 1, 2012. The Board should encourage many people from the community to apply. She hopes that many people do apply and the Board can choose the person that best represents the community. She wonders where we would get that \$500,000 if we did call for an election. She has spent a lot of time pouring over the budget and the money is not there; something else would have to be cut.

Mr. Geeting asked what would happen if the Board were to decide on an appointment but would not be unable to reach four votes on any of the applicants. When we reach December 10, the election is automatically triggered but when would the election be held under those conditions. Ms. Stinson replied it would be the June date if the Board does not make an appointment by December 10.

Mr. Geeting said that person would then serve only one year. He then asked approximately how many signatures would that be required for a petition. Ms. Stinson replied approximately 1,418 signatures.

Mr. Cooley asked for clarification. Ms. Stinson replied that if the Board elects to make a provisional appointment, notices would be put out in the community that the electorate has thirty days to petition for an election. They can override the Board's appointment by petitioning. If 1,418 people sign a petition saying they really want an election then the appointment would be terminated and an election would occur.

Mr. Barker said the estimation was between \$475,000 and \$661,000 but his understanding is that the cost is the actual cost of the election that we would have to incur. It's really only about a 15 month appointment. He thinks the Board should consider the impact to the organization. In his estimation, in no way do we disenfranchise the community by making a selection. The election will be held again in June 2012 and the community will have the opportunity to decide who will represent them at that time. They will also have an opportunity to come before the Board as we consider applicants in the appointment process. He would like the Board to seriously consider the impact of holding a special election.

President Fong stated he has asked a lot of questions of staff and the registrar of voters about a special election or an appointment process. In some ways it's philosophical in terms of asking ourselves what is the price of democracy. We have people out there who give their lives for democracy. We have a healthy reserve which is more than most districts in our county and even over the limit of what we are required to have. He thinks we need to find a funding source for these kinds of special elections so it doesn't come out of funds that may go the classroom and teachers. It would also allow the public to participate in an appointment or election process to elect their representative. Last time we made an appointment we talked about making a stipulation that the appointee not run in the next election, but we didn't make that stipulation. It turned out that the person chose not to run. If it's an open seat then there's greater participation. If you have an appointed person who runs as the incumbent then it's harder to beat the person who runs as the incumbent. We, in effect, as the Board have chosen their representative and the appointed person runs as the incumbent and wins. In a sense the constituents do and don't have a say because of the way the system is set up where

you can run as that appointed incumbent with a political record. He is torn between trying to exercise some kind of democratic process that lets the people have a voice versus being told it's too expensive to hold an election. We should think of the young men and women fighting for democracy out there and the elections taking place in all parts of the world.

Motion to Make a Provisional Appointment to Fill the Vacancy in Trustee Area IV:

Mr. Rivas moved, and Mr. Cooley seconded the motion that the Sacramento County Board of Education make a provisional appointment to fill the Board vacancy in Trustee Area IV, as set forth in Education Code section 5091. The motion carried 4 ayes, 2 noes (Fong, Scribner) based on the following roll call vote:

Mr. Geeting – yes
Mr. Rivas – yes
Ms. Levy – yes
Mr. Cooley – yes
Mr. Scribner – no
President Fong – no

Ms. Stinson stated that the proposed process and timeline are set forth in attachments 2 and 3 in the Board packet. The way the Board elected to do it the last time was after the Board had made the decision to go forward with the provisional appointment, SCOE staff made sure to advertise in the local media, let the superintendents in that trustee area know as well as their boards and to make sure that any media outlets in that area knew of the process. The Board elected to have applicants submit a resume, no more than a two-page statement explaining their interest and up to three letters of recommendation. Once the applicants came in, the SCOE staff screened the applicants to make sure that they met the legal requirements. The legal requirements for applying to the Board are that the person must be a registered voter in the trustee area and cannot be employed by SCOE or by any of the school districts. There was a process by which the Board interviewed the candidates with questions that the Board had prepared in advance. Each candidate had an opportunity to do an opening and closing statement and answer the questions. The Board then made a preliminary ranking and decided in open session who they wanted to appoint. Once the appointment is made we notify all the local media outlets again and let people know they have up thirty days to petition for an election to overturn the provisional appointment – see attachment 2. Ms. Stinson added that Attachment 3 is a proposed timeline. One option is to have the Board take applications from now until the third week of November and then make the appointment itself at its Board meeting in December. If you have other ideas we are certainly open to them.

Mr. Cooley stated that the only thing he missed was in the last process we had one of the meetings in the trustee area and asked if Ms. Stinson mentioned that. Superintendent Gordon said it wasn't in the meeting where the candidates came; it was one of our meetings held in the community.

Mr. Cooley said he thought we had agendized something related to the appointment.

Mr. Scribner added that the candidates took the opportunity to speak.

Ms. Stinson mentioned that there are a couple of options: 1) the November 16 Board meeting could be held in Trustee Area IV with an item on the agenda so people from the community could come and provide input, or 2) have the November 16 Board meeting here, place an item on the agenda and invite people from Trustee Area IV to provide input.

President Fong asked if anyone knew the distance between Trustee Area IV and SCOE headquarters. Ms. Stinson said she did not measure it in miles but it is just across the river. If you are interested in saving the cost it's certainly less expensive to have it here than to have it in Area IV, but that is for the Board to decide.

President Fong asked how we publicize the vacancy and the appointment process; other than local newspapers, like online newspapers. He doesn't know if that community has an online newspaper like Natomas and Elk Grove. They have blogs on which people can post things that are going on in their communities. Can we consider posting on those in addition to other local newspapers? Ms. Stinson replied that we can certainly do that.

Mr. Herrera stated that there are several community online newspapers that would cover the trustee area and there are also numerous education bloggers in the Sacramento area that we can contact.

President Fong asked if the November 16 Board meeting would be when we can get community input and then we would appoint at the December 7 Board meeting. Ms. Stinson replied that is correct.

Superintendent Gordon asked President Fong for some guidance to follow that procedure. He asked if the November 16 Board meeting will be here or somewhere else.

Mr. Cooley mentioned the one that was done for Trustee Area I was further from SCOE.

Superintendent Gordon said it was also a special meeting and not one of the regular Board meetings.

Mr. Cooley said Trustee Area IV is literally across the river, on Sunrise and Hazel. It may not be necessary.

Superintendent Gordon said if we can combine it with the regular meeting on November 16, there wouldn't be a need to find a date when everybody could attend a special meeting during the holiday season.

Mr. Scribner stated that in looking at the map there is the Citrus Heights City Council Chamber where we could potentially hold a meeting and they are wired into cable so the issue could be broadcast out for the community to make them more aware of the

application period. He asked Tim if there were some other generally adjudicated newspapers in the area that could qualify for general circulation.

Mr. Cooley asked if San Juan had their board meetings at the Citrus Heights City Council Chambers. Superintendent Gordon answered no.

Mr. Cooley said if Sacramento Cable would allow us to do that as a way to get the information out.

Mr. Herrera stated Citrus Heights City Council broadcasts their meetings because they have an agreement with Sacramento Cable. He is not sure if we would qualify to have ours broadcast.

Superintendent Gordon added that maybe Sacramento Cable would agree to broadcast an interview with President Fong, which we could tape in our studios, about the vacancy.

Mr. Herrera said we do have a good relationship with the educational cable consortium and we could do some kind of program for them and ask them if they would be willing to broadcast.

Ms. Stinson said she would just request that if this procedure and timeline is acceptable to the Board that the Board moves to adopt them just to make it official.

Motion to Establish a Procedure and Timeline for Provisional Appointment:

Mr. Cooley moved, and Ms. Levy seconded the motion that the Sacramento County Board of Education establish the procedure and timeline set forth in Attachments 2 and 3 for making a provisional appointment to fill the Board vacancy in Trustee Area IV. The motion carried 5 ayes, 1 abstention (Scribner) based on the following roll call vote:

- Mr. Geeting – yes
- Mr. Rivas – yes
- Ms. Levy - yes
- Mr. Cooley – yes
- Mr. Scribner - abstain
- President Fong – yes

IX.A. Ms. Levy reported she was pleased to be at the Cy Young dedication. She has never met Mr. Young before. It was an honor. When the Board chose to name the building after him it was a great choice. She attended mentor training with Cheryl Raney and her staff for LINKS students. She thanked Tammy Sanchez and her staff for the budget review. It looks like we are in pretty good shape given the state of the economy. She really regrets missing lunch at the Culinary Café. It's a wonderful program. She stopped by the curriculum breakfast that Sue Stickel and her staff had and it was standing room only for curriculum people throughout the county and apparently there are people from outside the county as well and they were going over the new and improved standards. They did a wonderful job and it was good to see how

well attended it was. She used to attend those meetings when she was a principal and always found them very helpful. She is looking forward to the Back to School Night at the Marian Anderson site tomorrow.

Mr. Scribner reported that he has been away for several weeks and is looking forward to returning home shortly.

Mr. Cooley thanked Trustee Deane for her service to the Board. She will be missed. She had been on the Board for eighteen years. That is a tremendous commitment to public education. She was a great resource for Harold and him about ten years ago when they joined the board. He will be at the Marian Anderson Back to School Night tomorrow.

Mr. Rivas reported that he attended Margaret Fortune's community forums regarding the countywide charter petition that she will be bringing to this Board in January. It was very informative. Trustee Geeting was also there. He asked colleagues to think about attending some of the forums. He thinks it will be very informative. He looks forward to the upcoming discussion in January. He had a chance to attend a high school football game in his trustee area and he was the guest of Principal Murray. There was a tailgate fundraiser for the sports medicine academy at Grant. They are doing some great things at Grant. He thinks there's so much interest in their program and it may reach a point where they can court donors like colleges and universities can at high school football games. He had a great time. We played a team from Trustee Scribner's area and Grant won handily.

Mr. Geeting reported he attended the community meeting for the Fortune School of Education countywide benefit charter school proposal. It was held in Citrus Heights. There were about thirty people in the audience. It was quite a remarkable program about the school; there are two programs left, one at Sam Pannell Center in South Sacramento on October 27, 2010, and the other is on Election Day, November 2, 2010 in Oak Park. He joined everyone else in thanking Trustee Deane for her remarkable service over so many years. Thanks to staff members who made a wonderful event of the Cy Young Building Dedication. It was a pleasure to be a part of that. A reminder that Superintendent Gordon sent out a Board Communication (BC No. 422) on the meeting notes relating to the retreat. He requested a follow up at some point on the presentation in September from Brenda Ruiz and her food system collaborative. She had talked about us producing a letter of support for her – a future report. October 12 was a remarkable day; the seasonal opening of the Culinary Arts Café was a very well-attended event. Dr. Steve Ladd, Superintendent of the Elk Grove Unified School District, and Scott Loehr, Superintendent of the Center Joint Unified School District, made time in their schedules to attend the opening. The food was absolutely outstanding. The students did a terrific job. He hopes that everybody can drop by.

IX.B. President Fong joined his colleagues in recognizing Trustee Deane's service to the community. He thinks at one point in his employment, Trustee Deane and he were colleagues at Child Protective Services. She worked in one section and he worked in the family unit reunification section. He hopes the next person they appoint can bring that zeal, what's best for our children in the community, and bring the

background and knowledge of what children have to go through in terms of the foster care system and the children at-risk and be an advocate for the children just like many of you are. He also attended the Cy Young Dedication. He briefly talked about any organization that is good as their employees and the people they choose and that the value we have in our Personnel Commission to make that a process where it's based on merit. The quality of the people we have here is the result of sizable work and he would like to thank Mr. Young.

IX.C. Policy Committee Chair Geeting reported that the Policy Committee met earlier and focused on some relatively slight amendments to the Charter Policy and the elimination of what is now an orphaned policy related to countywide benefit charter schools which is no longer needed. We made some suggestions that staff is working on and the revised Charter Policy will be brought forward for first reading at our next meeting.

President Fong reported that the Executive Committee met earlier and focused on three items: identify dates/meeting topics for the Board Study Sessions, trustee's attendance at conferences and workshops, and then press relations. We had about five or six topics that were thrown around at the meeting but we will ask fellow trustees to suggest topics. The first workshop will be on January 11, 2011. He would like the trustees to hold that date. The first study session will be on Goal Setting.

Superintendent Gordon added that this is the topic we talked about in the retreat along with targets and dashboards.

President Fong said the other two dates are open. He will gather all the topics together and then send them out to you and ask the members to rank the topics. The other one is the attendance to workshops and conferences. We will reiterate the policy on this. If you want to attend a workshop or conference you will need to present to the Board for approval and if the Board approves, we will pay for the expenses. As for press relations, Tim and the Superintendent will involve fellow Board members as much as possible in some of the releases to the press regarding our programs by adding comments from the Trustee who represents the area or from the Board President. Our press person, Tim Herrera, will help with comments.

X.A. There was no distribution of the October/November Events item.

X.B. There was no distribution of the October/November Site Visits item.

XI. Mr. Cooley moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Levy seconded the motion, which carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary to the Board

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