

**SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
GOVERNING BOARD**

**UNADOPTED MINUTES**

October 15, 2008

1. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Solano Community College District Governing Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, October 15, 2008, in the Administration Building, Room 626, Solano Community College, 4000 Suisun Valley Road, Fairfield, California 94534-3197, by Phil McCaffrey, Governing Board President.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

At the request of Board President McCaffrey, CTA Chief Negotiator Terri Pearson-Bloom led those present in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

3. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Phil McCaffrey, President  
A. C. "Tony" Ubalde, Jr., Rel.D., Vice President  
James M. Claffey  
Denis Honeychurch, J.D.  
Pam Keith  
Stephen Murphy, J.D.  
A. Marie Young  
David R. Brannen, Student Trustee  
Lisa J. Waits, Interim Secretary

Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Ross Beck, Director of Public Relations, Marketing and Communications  
Richard Christensen, Ed.D., Director, Human Resources  
Jay Field, Vice President, Technology and Learning Resources  
Don Mourton, Ph.D., Interim Vice President, Student Services  
Robin L. Steinback, Ph.D., Vice President, Academic Affairs  
Judy Spencer, Executive Coordinator, Superintendent/President and Governing Board

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Trustee Keith and seconded by Trustee Young for approval of the Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

## 5. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Board President McCaffrey reminded the audience that comments shall be limited to three minutes on any one topic or item, per *SCCD Board Policy 1042*.

Board President McCaffrey recognized Ms. Mary Mazzocco, Journalism/English Instructor.

Ms. Mazzocco began by stating that this past Saturday, October 11, 2008, staff members of *The Tempest* were among 225 delegates who attended the Journalism Association of Community Colleges Conference at San Jose State University. Students heard presentations from professionals in the field and educators at our transfer schools. They competed against students from 22 other schools in the Northern California region in on-the-spot contests aimed at demonstrating their skills in working on deadline, and they had their work from the previous semester judged by journalism professionals. Awards were as follows:

- Peter Fournier, who was present in the audience, won first place in the on-the-spot news writing competition and second place in the on-the-spot layout contest. Mr. Fournier also won an honorable mention for a sports game story he wrote last semester.
- *The Tempest* won General Excellence awards for both the newspaper (spring semester) and the Web site, Solanotempest.net (spring and fall semesters). This is the third General Excellence Award for the Web site and the second for the newspaper.

Board President McCaffrey extended congratulations on behalf of the Board and thanked Ms. Mazzocco for her comments.

Board President McCaffrey recognized Messrs. Dan Weiss and Daniel Fletcher, who requested to speak on increased pay for student tutors in the MAC lab. The students asked the Board why they can't be paid more for their skilled labor in the Tutoring Center. Mr. Weiss stated he has worked in the Tutoring Center for the past two semesters and reported the center has been trying to increase wages for tutors for many years, but have been unsuccessful. As tutors, he said, we offer valuable skills to the College and students. There are other campus jobs available to us, most of which pay more because tutors are paid the minimum wage. Additionally, he said, the skills of tutors are valued highly outside of the college in the private sector.

Trustee Young asked Interim Superintendent/President Waits to look into this matter. Dr. Waits responded by stating the Executive Council has been discussing a proposal on tutor pay from Dr. Steinback, which will be brought to the Board at a future meeting.

Board President McCaffrey thanked the students for their comments on tutor pay and asked Dr. Steinback to inform the students when this matter comes before the Board.

Ms. Catherine Fites, former employee of Solano College, asked to speak on 7.(c), 2008-09 Employment, which was deferred to later on the agenda.

Ms. Liz Skelly, former Interim Director of Fiscal Services from April 2006 through November 2007, was recognized by Board President McCaffrey who requested to speak on closed session agenda item 14.(c), Conference with Legal Counsel, (which she assumed referred to Vice President Mazie Brewington). Ms. Skelly stated she has 32 years experience with California Community Colleges and worked with Ms. Brewington for 15 months and stated that the action taken against Ms. Brewington troubles her. Ms. Skelly commented that for Solano College to keep their fiscal stability is to keep Mazie Brewington.

Board President McCaffrey thanked Ms. Skelly for her comments.

Board President McCaffrey recognized Mr. Joseph Johnson, a forty-year resident of Solano County, who requested to speak on the recent action of the College regarding the Chief Business Officer. Mr. Johnson expressed his concern over the leadership of the Board and its capacity to govern itself accordingly. Mr. Johnson took a “spin on the Nixon impeachment hearings” and asked the Board similar questions, such as: (1) What did the Board know and when did they know it? (2) Was the Board aware of the adjustment of the CFO’s duties before it happened, and if not, why not? (3) Were the ramifications of the adjustment in her duties and responsibilities clearly weighed before the decision was made? Finally, Mr. Johnson commented on the number of 4-3 votes made by the Board, and stated that the Board needs to make judgments with other than 4-3 votes.

Board President McCaffrey thanked Mr. Johnson for his comments.

Board President McCaffrey recognized Mr. Stan Arterberry, resident of Vallejo, and former Superintendent/President of Solano College, with over 35 years experience in the community college system, who requested to speak on the paid administrative leave issue of Solano’s Chief Business Officer. Mr. Arterberry stated he was extremely shocked and amazed to read in the paper that Solano’s current CBO was placed on administrative leave. He said he was even further shocked to read that the move came by an interim administrator on the first day of the job within the first hour. Mr. Arterberry stated what has happened at Solano College does not meet his “smell test.” The Board is in the process of going out for a new S/P and Mr. Arterberry further commented, in his opinion, that this is going to hurt their ability to attract a highly-qualified person for this position. What the Board does is what Solano College is and hopes the Board will reverse this action—bring this person back—and allow her to have an unbiased evaluation—not an investigation, and then if warranted, terminate her.

Board President McCaffrey thanked Mr. Arterberry for his comments.

Board President McCaffrey recognized Mr. Marc Lancet, Art Instructor, who requested to speak on negotiations. He began by stating there are many magnificent things going on at Solano, and offered congratulations Mary Mazzocco’s staff. He commented the faculty and staff that the Board manages is magnificent. Journalism is one example. The Fine Arts Department recently celebrated ten years of the Dancing Wood Kiln. Faculty and staff are taking care of business. Faculty and staff in the audience were asked to raise signs that expressed their concerns over

negotiations. Mr. Lancet asked the Board to tighten the belt, but not on the people who are making this place work.

Board President McCaffrey thanked Mr. Lancet for his comments.

Terri Pearson-Bloom, Chief Negotiator for CTA, was recognized by Board President McCaffrey, who requested to speak on salaries. Ms. Pearson-Bloom reported that she attended a CCA/CTA Conference and received data on all of the California Community College District salaries, and stated that the union is at impasse for one simple reason—“our salaries are low.” Ms. Pearson-Bloom shared with the Board specific salary information from various community colleges in the state, which is available in the Office of the Superintendent/President upon request. Ms. Pearson-Bloom’s message to the Board was short and simple: “Pay Us What We Deserve!”

Board President McCaffrey thanked Ms. Bloom for her comments.

6. REPORTS (NO ACTION REQUIRED):

(a) Associated Students of Solano College (ASSC)

Alma Delgado, ASSC Vocational Curriculum Senator, reported that:

--she will be attending the California Community College Student Affairs Association (CCCSAA) Conference this week, which will help develop leadership skills.

--as the holidays are approaching, the ASSC has assigned a committee for the Annual Canned Food Drive, which will run between October 28 and December 5, 2008.

--the ASSC will be hosting a Halloween Dance and Showcase on October 31 from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased for \$8 or \$6 with a canned food donation. In addition, \$2 from each ticket will be donated to the Matt Garcia Scholarship Fund.

(b) Academic Senate

Dr. Jeff Lamb, Academic Senate President, reported that:

--the Basic Skills Initiative Committee presented an open and transparent accountability of their available funds and participated in a frank dialogue about how to administer those monies. This type of dialogue was attributed to the leadership of Vice President Robin Steinback.

--he had an opportunity to meet with Interim Superintendent/President Waits after the Shared Governance Council meeting and was encouraged by her willingness to maintain the standing meeting between the Senate President and her office.

--Dr. Steinback reported to the Senate information about the accreditation documents and the next steps in the accreditation process.

--Erin Farmer, Curriculum Committee Chair, reported that we can look forward to a new *Curriculum Procedures Handbook*, workshops on CurricUNET, and gave a report to the Senate on information regarding curricular processes for Job Certification and CTE.

--Brad Paschal, Learning Communities Coordinator, presented a proposal for LCs to become a standing committee of the Academic Senate.

--reported on the progress of the Senate's goals.

--the Senate voted to establish an Institutional Review Board and advised the Board would have specific policies for their review in the near future.

Dr. Lamb advised a copy of the full and complete Academic Senate report to the Board is available on the Academic Senate blog at [www.sccsenate.blogspot.com](http://www.sccsenate.blogspot.com).

(c) Shared Governance Council

Dr. Robin Steinback, Vice President of Academic Affairs, reported on the Shared Governance Council meeting held October 8, 2008. For the first time, proposals were heard that derived from the strategic planning process. The Enrollment Management and Retention Task Force forwarded proposals that relate to our goal of increasing access for students and enhancing their success and retention at our College. The five proposals are: (1) formalize our student-athletic study skills center funding, (2) fund the second year of the K-16 Bridge Program, (3) fund Phase 3 of the Umoja Program, (4) promote student success in Mathematics, and (5) develop a new certificate and degree program for Geographic Information Systems. Hopefully, this is the first wave of more proposals to come.

(d) Superintendent

Dr. Lisa Waits, Interim Superintendent, gave to the Board a PowerPoint presentation focused on the work of the Enrollment Management and Student Retention Committee that identified who our students are, what they want, what they need, and what this means to our programs. Dr. Waits highlighted the NASPA Student Services Institute, the success of the accreditation reports, and expressed sincere thanks to everyone who helped to make this process happen. A special "thank you" was extended to the Human Resources and Fiscal Services Departments for resolving the Local 39 retroactive pay issues, and to the Banner groups for continuing to move our system implementation forward. The outstanding Journalism student successes were re-emphasized and congratulations were again extended to Peter Fournier on his accomplishments in news writing and those of *The Tempest* staff who won General Excellence awards. Dr. Waits gave a police services update, identified 2008-09 SCC budget assumptions, and reported that the College community will be asked to use the California Community Colleges Sound Fiscal Management Self-Assessment Checklist to participate in the institutional self assessment of sound fiscal management. The 50% information was shared with the Board, advising the District will re-file the 2006-07 report at 50.42%, which was originally filed as 52.88%. The 2007-08 report was filed at 50.13%. This report is part of the CCFS-311 report, which was filed using the District's tentative budget. Finally, Dr. Waits shared state budget highlights relative to COLA, growth funding, the backfill property tax shortfall, categorical program funding, and deferral of the January, February, and March apportionment payments to April, May and June, which could translate into a cash flow issue for spring 2009.

A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available in the Office of the Superintendent/President and will be shared with the campus community.

- *Bond Update*

Stan Dobbs, Independent Consultant for the Facilities and Maintenance Department, reported that:

--donor bricks have been installed in the courtyard surrounding the staff dining room (Phase 1), furniture has been received, and minor construction items will be completed the end of the week. Hard demolition (Phase 2) has started in the south end of the building. Some additional abatement removal is required in the existing Bookstore area discovered during demolition in the space.

--the final interior finishes installation in Building 1700A is on-going. The fire alarm test and air balancing required completing the project. The project is scheduled for completion the first week of November. Construction is on-going in 1700B and is approximately 60% complete. Rough electrical and mechanical work is on-going. Project is on schedule to complete mid-December 2008.

--the contractor for the Vacaville Center has started grading for the building pad. Project completion is scheduled for January 2010.

--the installation of the sod is complete on the athletic fields. The contractor has started the maintenance period for the installation. The additional final site grading for the baseball fields has delayed sod installation, which should begin the week of October 20.

A Trustee asked if the stripping on the athletic fields had been rectified. Mr. Dobbs responded in the affirmative, stating they meet collegiate standard rules and regulations. An inquiry was made if all doors under construction in 1400 are ADA compliant. Mr. Dobbs stated all projects must meet ADA requirements, which is mandated by the state.

## 7. CONSENT AGENDA – ACTION ITEMS

### Superintendent/President

- (a) Minutes for the Meeting of October 1, 2008
- (b) Donation

### Human Resources

- (c) Employment – 2008-09; Gratuitous Service; Approval of Job Description

### Administrative and Business Services

- (d) Warrant Listings
- (e) Construction Change Order No. 2 Approval for Valley Crest Landscape Development, Inc., Bid No. 08-005
- (f) Resolution to Authorize Signatures on Official Financial Documents, Resolution No. 08/09-10

- (g) Contract Authorization and Signatures for District Bank Accounts, Resolution No. 08/09-11

Academic Affairs

- (h) Agreement Between Macro Plastics Incorporated and Solano Community College District to Provide Electrical Safety Training for Contract Education
- (i) Agreement Between Macro Plastics Incorporated and Solano Community College District to Provide Advanced PLC Training for Contract Education
- (j) City of Vacaville Consultant Service Agreement with Small Business Development Center (SBDC)

Trustee Pam Keith requested the removal of Item 7.(c) Employment – 2008-09; Independent Contractors, page 4, line 8, Leadership Resource Solutions, Inc., Consultant.

Trustee Murphy made the following specific correction to the minutes of October 1, 2008, page 19, paragraph one. Following the sentence where Trustee Murphy commented on the article in the *Chapter Chatter*, a publication of the Solano College Faculty Association, where his picture appeared with him sitting at the Board table, suggesting he was either listening intently or enjoying Chinese take out, Trustee Murphy added the following comment: ***The photo does not show me eating take out. I did not take offense to the use of my image as a personal attack or criticism, but rather as recognition of my photogenic qualities.***

Trustee Claffey requested the following specific correction to the minutes on page 2, line 8, by adding the following comment: ***Board President McCaffrey requested Trustee Keith to lead those present in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and she refused.*** Trustee Keith responded, “Yes, please.”

Board President McCaffrey recognized Ms. Catherine Fites, whose comments were deferred to this part of the agenda. Ms. Fites requested to speak on the item regarding the recent action by the College to place the only person of color on the executive leadership team on administrative leave—in her opinion, an act initiated without cause or due process that shows a lack of tolerance in this District. A strong voice should never be silenced nor should opinions suppressed by an underlying threat of reprisal. What happened to VP Brewington is a travesty—a mistake—that must be corrected immediately. I stand before you and ask that you do what is right. Restore VP Brewington to her rightful position as CBO of this College. Ms. Fites further implored the Board of Trustees to establish and implement a new kind of leadership—leadership that demands respect, stability, and integrity, and asks that they only support the hiring of employees that foster and promote an environment where having a voice is not considered an act of insubordination, but rather a gift that contributes to the diversity and value of this institution.

Board President McCaffrey thanked Ms. Fites for her comments.

Moved by Trustee Honeychurch and seconded by Trustee Young for approval of the Consent Agenda, with the removal of 7.(c), as corrected. The motion carried unanimously.

8. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

The Trustees engaged in conversation regarding Item 7.(c), Employment – 2008-09; Independent Contractors, page 4, line 8, Leadership Resource Solutions, Inc., the proposed hire of a consultant to advise the Superintendent/President regarding accounting, budget, audit reviews, and state fiscal reports involving categorical, the Bond Measure, and general fund accounts in light of the recent action by the Interim Superintendent/President to place the College's CBO on administrative leave. A Trustee asked for clarification if this item would have been placed on the agenda even if the CBO had not been placed on administrative leave. Dr. Waits responded in the affirmative, advising the purpose of this consultant is to support the Interim Director of Fiscal Services and that level of reporting and accounting. Another Trustee expressed concern about the direction of the Board and College and the concerns from faculty and staff about the number of consultants that have been hired in the past, and with possible mid-year cuts looming stated it could be a mistake. Dr. Waits added that staff have been struggling and can use additional support, and that the position is not meant to replace anyone, but to help those who are struggling with their work. The College will go on without this support, but help is needed in the department.

Moved by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Vice President Ubalde to table the item to the November 5, 2008, Board meeting.

9. RETIREMENTS OF STAFF WITH 10 OR MORE YEARS OF SERVICE

(a) Resignations to Retire – Quinton Duval and Jacqueline Rock

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Quinton Duval	English Instructor 29 Years at SCC	May 22, 2009

Dr. Philip Andreini, Dean of the Humanities Division, and former Dean of Humanities, Kathy Rosengren, spoke in honor of Quinton Duval's retirement. A full and complete reporting of their comments is available on the Solano College Web site at [www.solano.edu](http://www.solano.edu) (Governing Board–Minutes–October 15, 2008 – Appendix A).

Moved by Vice President Ubalde and seconded by Trustee Young to approve the retirement of Quinton Duval, effective May 22, 2009. The motion carried unanimously.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Jacqueline Rock	Nursing Instructor 20 Years at SCC	May 22, 2009



Dean of Health Occupations, Máire Morenic, spoke in honor of Jacqueline Rock's retirement. A full and complete reporting of her comments is available on the Solano College Web site at [www.solano.edu](http://www.solano.edu) (Governing Board – Minutes – October 15, 2008 – **Appendix A**).

Moved by Trustee Young and seconded by Trustee Claffey to approve the retirement of Jacqueline Rock, effective May 22, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

10. NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – ACTION ITEMS

*Administrative and Business Services*

(a) Public Hearing and Adoption of the Gann Appropriation Limit for FY 2008-09, Resolution No. 08/09-12

Board President Phil McCaffrey recessed the regular meeting and called the public hearing to order at 8:28 p.m. In hearing no comments from members of the public, Board President McCaffrey closed the public hearing and reconvened the regular meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Moved by Trustee Murphy and seconded by Vice President Ubalde for approval of Resolution No. 08/09-12, Adoption of the Gann Appropriation Limit for FY 2008/09, which provides for an Appropriation Limit of \$44,353,034 and estimates the budgeted Appropriation Subject to Limit to be \$43,890,884. The Limits for 2007-08 were \$44,576,537 and \$43,299,286 respectively. The motion carried unanimously with the roll call vote as follows:

STUDENT TRUSTEE ADVISORY VOTE: David R. Brannen concurred.

AYES – Trustee Young, Trustee Claffey, Trustee Honeychurch, Trustee Keith, Trustee Murphy, Vice President Ubalde, and Board President McCaffrey.

NOES – NONE

ABSENT – NONE

(b) Agreement with Wallace Kuhl & Associates, Inc., for Earthwork and Testing Services for the Vacaville Center–Phase 1

Moved by Trustee Keith and seconded by Trustee Young to approve the agreement with Wallace Kuhl & Associates, Inc., for earthwork and testing services for the Vacaville Center–Phase 1, for a total cost of services not to exceed \$62,250. The motion carried unanimously.

(c) Recommend Appointments to the Measure G Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

Moved by Trustee Young and seconded by Trustee Keith to approve the appointments of Jesse Branch, college foundation or other college support organization; James Conlow, construction/trade industry; and Frank Crim, construction/trade industry, to the Measure G Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

*Academic Affairs*

- (d) Request for Approval of Curriculum Actions as Submitted by the Curriculum Committee, A Subcommittee of the Academic Senate

Moved by Trustee Keith and seconded by Trustee Young to approve the curriculum-related items by the Curriculum Committee during the month of September 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS – NO ACTION REQUIRED

- (a) District's Annual Financial and Budget Report to the State Chancellor's Office: CCFS-311

Ms. Susan Rinne, Interim Director of Fiscal Services, presented the District's annual financial and budget report to the State Chancellor's Office, CCFS-311. Provided in this report were the unaudited revenues received and expenditures made for the District from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008; the tentative budget for July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, as presented to the Board June 25, 2008, and the supplemental data for ending fund balance, lottery expenditures, ending fund balance components, expenditures by activity, and the 50% law compliance forms. A copy of the CCFS-311 report is available for review in the Office of the Superintendent/President and the Office of the Interim Director of Fiscal Services.

Ms. Rinne presented to the Board a PowerPoint presentation outlining the specifics of the report filed with the state Chancellor's Office. A copy is available in the Office of the Interim Director of Fiscal Services and in the Office of the Superintendent/President.

Trustee Young requested that the following specific comments be included in the minutes:

“Although I had a very short time frame to review this report, I make the following comments based on my background as having served on local, regional, and national budget committees with various organizations with which I have membership.

1. The cover page is not signed and dated and was due on October 10, 2008. Explain this! What is the intended filing date? Is this acceptable by the Chancellor's Office?
2. Page 1 of cover letter: Bullet #2 – budge(t) spelled wrong.
3. The bottom line is that the 2008-09 General Fund ending balance is subject to change due to the use of the June 2008 tentative budget numbers and I want to see this report finalized and brought back at the November 5th meeting with the adopted budget. And I am sure that if the other Board members are upholding their fiduciary duties as Board members, they want the same.
4. Also, I do not see this information as useful in assisting the Board in making any short-term decisions regarding the fiscal solvency of the College.”

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board President McCaffrey announced that two forums will be held by Dr. Pamila Fisher, S/P Search Consultant from ACCT, on Thursday, October 23, 2008, the first at 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., and the second at 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., in the Board Room.

Some concern was expressed by a Board member relative to the Board giving full direction to the firm and that they had not met with Dr. Fisher to give her direction on how to proceed with the search. It was noted the Board did not set the forum date or times.

### 13. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Trustee Young reported that she attended the following College and community events:

#### October 2008

03 – Presented at the SCC Scholarship Foundation 36<sup>th</sup> Celebration Awards Presentation, which was held in the College's cafeteria.

04 – Attended and served on the Planning Committee for Kappa Beta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., "Centennial Public Meeting", which was held at Jesse Bethel High School. Centennial Community Awards were given to organizations and individuals in the areas of Arts, Community Service, Economics and Business, Education and the Black Family, Health Management, and Leadership. Also, Outstanding Academic Achievement Awards were given to ten students who enrolled in the Vallejo City Unified School District schools.

06 – Chaired the Board's Subcommittee of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee via a conference with Trustees Ubalde and Claffey. We reviewed all applications and determined the names of individuals to recommend to the Board.

06 – Attended the SCC Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet Recognition Ceremony, which was held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Fairfield.

11 – Attended the Benicia Voter Education and Candidates' Forum, which was sponsored by the American Association of University Women and League of Women Voters, and was held in the Benicia City Council Chambers.

11 – Attended Vallejo Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Fashion Show and Social Action Benefit Luncheon, which was held at the Hilton Inn, Concord.

Vice President Ubalde reported that he attended the following College and community events:

#### October 2008

06 – SCC Hall of Fame Banquet.

10 – Attended Assemblymember Lois Wolk's event at the Dixon Fairgrounds.

11 – Attended the Benicia Voter Education and Candidates' Forum, which was sponsored by the American Association of University Women and League of Women Voters.

14 – Attended the Board of Supervisors' Community Forum.

Board President McCaffrey stated it has been requested that CTA, CSEA and Local 39 be added under the reports section of the Board agenda, #6 (no action required), to enable them to bring forward reports from their areas, and requested this item be discussed at the November 5, 2008, meeting.

Board President McCaffrey requested to bring before the Trustees the opportunity to discuss attorney usage and the possibility of creating an in-house legal counsel position. A Trustee

stated that the Board would need to study this topic in more detail before putting the discussion on the Board agenda, and that while Solano's expenses have been unusually high this past year, experience with an in-house attorney is sometimes difficult to get the results that are needed and doesn't always work. Getting more information would be a better approach than putting the item on the Board agenda. A Trustee suggested that perhaps an investigation is warranted into what has triggered the high attorney bills, seeking information on if things have been handled in a timely manner, and if the Brown Act and Title 5 are referred to before calling on legal counsel. Board President McCaffrey asked Dr. Waits to call Dr. McCarthy, Superintendent/President of Napa Valley College, to see what they are doing to pay less for attorney fees, indicating the results of that conversation and data could be helpful.

Board President McCaffrey recessed the regular meeting at 8:50 p.m.

14. CLOSED SESSION

- (a) Conference with Labor Negotiator  
Agency Negotiator: Richard Christensen, Ed.D.  
Employee Organization: CCA/CTA/NEA, CSEA, Operating Engineers—Local 39
- (b) Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release  
(No additional information required.)
- (c) Conference with Legal Counsel: Anticipated Litigation  
Significant Exposure to Litigation (Govt. Code 54956.4): One Case

Board President McCaffrey called the Closed Session to order at 9:04 p.m., and adjourned the Closed Session at 9:54 p.m.

15. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

Board President McCaffrey reconvened the regular meeting at 9:55 p.m.

16. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Board President McCaffrey reported that there was no report from the Labor Negotiator on CCA/CTA/NEA, CSEA, Operating Engineers, Local 39, and no discussion was held regarding public employee discipline/dismissal/release. Board President McCaffrey reported that conference was held with Legal Counsel on anticipated litigation and no action was taken.

17. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

LJW:js

APPROVED

PHIL McCAFFREY  
PRESIDENT

LISA J. WAITS, Ed.D.  
INTERIM SECRETARY

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