

SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD

UNADOPTED MINUTES
Special Meeting
January 7, 2009

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, January 7, 2009, in the Administration Building, Room 626, Solano Community College, 4000 Suisun Valley Road, Fairfield, California 94534-3197, by A. Marie Young, Governing Board President.

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

At the request of Board President Young, Student Trustee Brannen asked John Glidden, a student at Solano College, to lead those present in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

3. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

A. Marie Young, President
Denis Honeychurch, J.D., Vice President
James M. Claffey
Pam Keith
Phil McCaffrey
Stephen Murphy, J.D.
Rosemary Thurston
David R. Brannen, Student Trustee
Lisa J. Waits, Ed.D., 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 McCaffrey and seconded by Trustee Keith to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion carried, with one no vote from Trustee Claffey.

A point of order allowed Trustee Claffey to discuss with the Board his desire to add Items from the Board to the agenda.

Moved by Trustee McCaffrey and seconded by Trustee Keith to approve the Agenda as amended by adding *Items from the Board*. The motion carried unanimously.

5. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Board President Young recognized Ms. Maureen Bates, employee of Solano College, and citizen of Vallejo, who requested to comment on the state of the College. Board President Young thanked Ms. Bates for her comments.

Board President Young recognized Ms. Mary Ellen Murphy, CSEA member and Benicia voter, who requested to comment on accreditation and the rumored release of Interim Superintendent/President Waits. President Young thanked Ms. Murphy for her comments.

Board President Young recognized Ms. Monica Brown, resident and parent, who requested to comment on the resolution before the Board in support of a Special Trustee. Ms. Brown's comments were deferred to later on the agenda.

Ms. Tara Norman, student from Solano College, was recognized by Board President Young. Ms. Norman addressed the Board on behalf of students acknowledging the difference Dr. Waits has made in support of students since stepping into the position of Interim Superintendent/President during questionable times. Three students stood with Ms. Norman in support of her comments before the Board. President Young thanked Ms. Norman for her comments.

Board President Young called upon Ms. Diane Rieschick, a Benicia resident, who requested to make comments on the current affairs of Solano College. Board President Young thanked Ms. Rieschick for her comments.

Board President Young recognized Trustee Claffey who requested to speak on Items from the Board. Trustee Claffey's comments were deferred to later on the agenda.

A full and complete reporting of comments made by Ms. Bates, Ms. Murphy, Ms. Norman, and Ms. Rieschick are available on the Solano College Web site at www.solano.edu (Governing Board – Minutes – January 7, 2009 – Appendix A).

6. NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – ACTION ITEMS

Superintendent/President

- (a) Resolution in Support of a Special Trustee, Resolution No. 08/09-19

Trustee Keith asked the Board to give direction to Interim Superintendent/President Waits to pursue the availability of Mr. Thomas Henry from EdMAC to serve in the capacity as Special Trustee to the Solano Community College District. There was consensus from the Board for Dr. Waits to ask Mr. Tom Henry to serve as special trustee to the Solano Community College District if he is available.

Moved by Trustee Keith and seconded by Trustee McCaffrey to approve Resolution No. 08/09-19 in support of a special trustee to advise and guide the Governing Board and Administration for the Solano Community College District. The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote as follows:

STUDENT TRUSTEE ADVISORY VOTE: David R. Brannen concurred.

AYES – Trustee McCaffrey, Trustee Claffey, Vice President Honeychurch, Trustee Keith, Trustee Murphy, Trustee Thurston, and President Young

NOES – NONE

ABSENT – NONE

Board President Young recognized Ms. Monica Brown, who requested earlier to speak on the resolution in support of a special trustee. A full and complete reporting of comments made by Ms. Brown are available on the Solano College Web site at www.solano.edu (Governing Board – Minutes – January 7, 2009 – **Appendix A**).

Board President Young thanked Ms. Brown for her comments.

7. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Trustee James Claffey stated that he received a disturbing e-mail today from Dr. Waits, with a letter attached to it, which said that Dr. Waits was basically asked to step down as Interim Superintendent/President by Board President Young. Trustee Claffey clarified by saying that as far as he knew, Board President Young was acting as an individual and not at the direction of the Board and that he was disturbed by it. If there was a meeting where the Board directed the Board President to take this action, Trustee Claffey indicated he was not at that meeting.

Board President Young stated that personnel matters are not discussed in public.

Board President Young recessed the special meeting at 7:21 p.m.

8. 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.)

Board President Young called the Closed Session to order at 7:26 p.m., and adjourned the Closed Session at 8:29 p.m.

9. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

Board President Young reconvened the regular meeting at 8:30 p.m.

10. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Board President Young reported that the Board held conference with Labor Negotiator, and discussed public employee discipline/dismissal/release, and no action was taken.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

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APPROVED

A. MARIE YOUNG
PRESIDENT

LISA J. WAITS, Ed.D.
INTERIM SECRETARY

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