

SACRAMENTO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 12, 2011

Agenda

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Organization of the Board of Education for 2011-2012
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 3. Accept Donation to the California Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts Project
 4. Declaration of Equipment Listed as Surplus Property and Authorization to Dispose of Equipment Pursuant to Education Code
 5. Declaration of Equipment Listed as Surplus Property and Authorization to Dispose of Equipment Pursuant to Education Code (Technology)
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 - B. Approval of Contracts
 - C. Authorization to Submit Grant Applications/Service Contracts and Accept Funding if Awarded; and Approval of Contracts, Positions, and Other Expenditures Associated with the Grants as Outlined in the Proposed Budgets
 1. \$1,565,857 BTSA/Sacramento Consortium Teacher Credentialing Program grant from the California Department of Education for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012
 2. \$150,000 California School Information Services Independent Project Oversight grant from the California Department of Education for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013
 3. \$15,000 SETA Early Head Start grant from Federal funding for the period August 1, 2011 through July 31, 2012 and Adoption of Resolution No. 11-14
 - D. Public Hearing and Consideration of Proposed Adjustment of Sacramento County Board of Education Trustee Areas Based Upon 2010 Census
- X. Board Reports, Comments, and Ideas

- A. Board Members
 - B. Board President
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 - XI. Items for Distribution
 - A. July/August Events
 - B. July/August Visits
 - XII. Schedule for Future Board Meetings
 - A. August 16, 2011 – Year In Review
 - B. August 31, 2011 (No meeting) – Teacher of the Year Banquet
 - XIII. Adjournment
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I. President Fong called the meeting to order at 6:33 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, Eleanor Brown, John Scribner, and Jackie Levy. Also present were David Gordon, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board; Sue Stickel, Deputy Superintendent; Teresa Stinson, General Counsel; Robin Pierson, Joyce Wright, Tammy Sanchez, Tim Taylor, and John Fleischman, Assistant Superintendents; Judy Holsinger, SELPA Executive Director; Tim Herrera, Director of Communications; Bill Mullen, CSEA; other staff and visitors; and Carla Miller, Recording Secretary.

II. President Fong led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III.A. President Fong opened nominations for Board President for the 2011-2012 term.

Ms. Levy nominated Mr. Cooley to serve as Board President for the 2011-2012 term. Mr. Geeting moved to close nominations.

Mr. Geeting moved that Brian Cooley be elected President by acclamation. Mr. Scribner seconded the motion.

Mr. Cooley was elected President of the Sacramento County Board of Education for the 2011-2012 term by acclamation.

Mr. Cooley thanked Trustee Fong for his year of service and presented him with a plaque of appreciation on behalf of the Superintendent and the Board.

President Cooley thanked his fellow Board members for electing him to serve in this capacity.

III.B. President Cooley opened nominations for Board Vice President for the 2011-2012 term.

Ms. Levy nominated Mr. Geeting to serve as Board Vice President for the 2011-2012 term; Ms. Brown seconded the nomination. Mr. Scribner moved to close nominations.

Ms. Brown seconded the motion. Mr. Scribner moved to nominate Mr. Geeting to serve as Board Vice President by acclamation.

Mr. Geeting was elected, by acclamation, to serve as Board Vice President of the Sacramento County Board of Education for the 2011-2012 term.

III.C. Mr. Scribner moved to keep the Regular Board Meeting dates for the 2011-2012 term to the first and third Tuesday evenings of the month with the following exceptions: only one meeting in December (December 6); only one meeting in January (January 17); one meeting in May (May 1) and the second meeting in May would be reserved for Operation Recognition (May 15); and finally, move the June 5 and 19 meeting dates to June 12 and June 26 respectively. Mr. Fong seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

IV. On a motion by Mr. Scribner and seconded by Ms. Brown, the revised minutes of the regular meeting of June 7, 2011 were approved. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Mr. Scribner moved and Ms. Levy seconded the motion to adopt the agenda with the following revision: consider item IX.D. – Consideration of Proposed Adjustment of Sacramento County Board of Education Trustee Areas Based Upon 2010 Census as the first item of business after adoption of the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

IX.D. President Cooley opened the Public Hearing on the Consideration of Proposed Adjustment of Sacramento County Board of Education Trustee Areas Based Upon 2010 Census at 6:47 p.m.

Mr. Scribner, Chair of the Redistricting Committee, stated that after six meetings the committee has reached agreement on proposing the approval of the 2010 Plan 1A-1.

President Cooley asked if there were any public comments on this item. No one came forward. He closed the Public Hearing at 7:55 p.m. and announced that they would move to Board deliberations and questions.

Chair Scribner added that he appreciated the significant involvement from many members of this Board in the different hearings. He thanked those who took the time to sit and listen to the proposed plans.

President Cooley stated that this is the Board's opportunity to ask Mr. Thomas Griffin, Thomas M. Griffin Law Offices, and Mr. Josh Newman, EdTec, Inc., (via phone) and Chair Scribner any questions about this process and he reminded everyone that the expectation tonight is that this Board would make a recommendation of a set of maps or map to the County Committee, which will hold a meeting on August 16, 2011.

Mr. Rivas asked for clarification on the change between Plan 1A and Plan 1A-1. He said he didn't hear what Trustee Fong's concerns were related to Oak Park and would like to hear them.

Mr. Fong said his concern would be the ability of the Oak Park community to stay as one community as opposed to splitting it up into two districts. He has a similar concern about the small section in the Pocket area that will no longer be a part of his trustee area.

Chair Scribner stated that is why the construct is as you see it; it was to respect that consideration.

Mr. Geeting stated his understanding is that in terms of defensibility, the problem if any, with Plan 1 and Plan 1A is that one of the trustee areas, namely his, is slightly more than 1% out of alignment; it's one and a quarter percent or thereabouts. Plan 1A-1 solves that by making some relatively small adjustments on the order of approximately 2500 actual people moving from one area to another and thereby bringing all of the trustee areas within 1% above or below.

Mr. Griffin replied that Mr. Geeting was correct. There is no hard and fast ruling, statute or case law that says a 1% deviation is okay but a greater than 1% deviation is not okay. The rule is basically that any deviation has to be justified on the basis of criteria that reflect some important governmental interest. One governmental interest that has been accepted by the courts is the need to use census tracts rather than census blocks, which means that you change or you group larger numbers of people in a tract rather than a block. The farther you get from absolute equality the more difficult it is to justify the reasons for such deviation. The real advantage of 1A-1 is that it does bring both trustee areas within 1% of absolute balance without damaging the racial and ethnic capabilities of the voters in those two areas to elect candidates of their choice.

Mr. Geeting sought clarification that the overall racial ethnic composition of the two trustee areas virtually did not change at all by this slight adjustment.

Mr. Griffin replied that is correct and added that there weren't that many people involved in the shift.

Chair Scribner said we did want to keep the goal consistent with respect to unifying Oak Park.

Mr. Fong asked if other trustee areas were kept whole as much as possible.

Chair Scribner replied that was the committee's goal. We tried to meet that but given the growth factors of many seats and the areas that we had to shrink, some communities did take a hit. For example, his community of Elk Grove is split. The city itself is split into two districts but the sphere of interest of Elk Grove is split into three districts. However, it simply is a high rate area; it couldn't be avoided because of the other Trustee areas that needed to grow. It's always been at the expense of that seat because it has the area for build out.

Mr. Fong asked about the Natomas area; Twin Rivers and Natomas.

Chair Scribner replied that was kept pretty well intact. We managed to use existing physical boundaries, for example, the American River and I-80. We tried to track with some community boundaries over to the east and we were respectful of at least one school district boundary.

Mr. Fong asked if the areas like the Washington neighborhood, Del Paso Heights, and some of these other communities were kept whole.

Chair Scribner replied yes.

Mr. Fong asked if the Fair Oaks community and Arden Arcade areas were also kept whole.

Chair Scribner replied that part of the discussion was to allow the trustee districts to stay to the north of the river so that the communities on both sides of the river were kept intact.

Mr. Fong asked whether the Elverta and Rio Linda communities in the north end of the county were kept whole.

Chair Scribner replied yes. He stated that is the county line, so the area north of that is the one that goes into Placer County.

Mr. Griffin said all of the territory outside of the county that is in school districts within the jurisdiction of the Sacramento County Office of Education remains in one piece.

Mr. Fong asked if the Folsom Cordova school district was kept whole.

Chair Scribner replied he believed so. We really did hit that goal especially when you are able to keep it along the lines of that river over there and we had a little bit in the Folsom area because there was no other way to grow and there was no way to go north. By going west, we would have run into more problems with an already over-populated district for Mr. Rivas, which then would have caused problems in Ms. Brown's district. We moved it a little bit into the territory but there's also the community identification with American River Canyon.

Mr. Geeting asked if Trustee Scribner would like to make a motion on behalf of the Redistricting Committee.

Chair Scribner made a recommendation on behalf of the Redistricting Committee to move Plan 1A-1 of the proposed adjustments to the Sacramento County Board of Education Trustee Areas based upon 2010 census for consideration by the County Committee at their meeting on August 16, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

President Cooley thanked Mr. Griffin and Mr. Newman for their work.

Mr. Griffin thanked staff for their help with preparing these maps and handling the

logistics both in terms of working our contract and getting the data that we needed to do our work.

President Cooley also thanked Teresa Stinson, General Counsel, and John Fleischman, Assistant Superintendent. Mr. Fleischman was very influential in helping the committee work through the process.

Mr. Fong had a question about the next steps. We are recommending one set of maps to the County Committee and the County Committee will be holding its public hearings. He asked whether there will be an opportunity to have community input during those County Committee meetings and how many we will have.

Chair Scribner replied that there are no specific criteria on the number of meetings, however, it is an agenda item, and therefore we would be able to take any public testimony. Although the requirements for the public hearing were actually with the County Board of Education, not the County Committee on School District Reorganization.

President Cooley said we will have a very similar hearing to what we had tonight, only it will be for the County Committee. We will agendize it and notice it in the Bee and on our website and in front of the building so if folks want to come and offer testimony for their community they can do so. He doesn't anticipate going out into the community and holding hearings. We will hold the hearing here. The goal is to get this approved and get it off to the registered voters and wait for the next election cycle.

Mr. Fong said he would like to have at least one meeting in the North and one in the South because we are so far in one of the districts that people from the northern part of our district might have difficulty getting to our meeting here at Mather.

President Cooley asked if that was a motion.

Mr. Fong said he would just like that consideration.

Chair Scribner mentioned that they are talking about the possibility of doing two community hearings on the map. We might need additional authorization for consultant fees because we are now going over meeting numbers because we had to refine our other maps. We could post these on our internet. In addition, we all have our certain constituent list that we email to when we think there's an issue that we want to share with our constituents, but the decision is at the pleasure of the Board.

President Cooley reminded the Board that when we did this process ten years ago, we held our County Committee meeting at our building. He thinks that's a noble goal, but we should consider the consultant hours and that we will post this on our web page. He's not sure if other jurisdictions in our area go to those lengths to solicit or get closer to the community but maybe we could have a second hearing here.

Ms. Brown said it would be difficult to select one particular area in which to have another meeting; as soon as we try to accommodate one area then we will need to try

to accommodate others. She would hesitate to support that suggestion but added that an alternative might be when we publicize these maps there could be a lead-in to them to remind the voters who the trustee is in each area and to contact us if they do have some concern.

Mr. Fong replied that would be fine.

Chair Scribner said that ten years ago we did in fact put it into general publication of the Bee with our announcements and counsel has reminded him that we would be doing the same this time. If you recall, we had one person who attended the public hearing ten years ago, and that was close to election time when we had a more politically charged community.

Mr. Fong suggested that we can get these maps printed in the Bee and announce that our meeting is coming up on August 16. The level of interest in the redistricting of these boundaries might not rise to the same level as those of the assembly, congress, city council, and the county board of supervisors, but he wants to be able to provide the community with every opportunity to have a say.

Tim Herrera stated we will send the information out to every media outlet with whom we are connected, large and small. The information will be on our website with the maps and all related information, but there's no guarantee that any of these publications will run the story. We make every effort but we can't make a guarantee.

Chair Scribner stated that our next meeting is on August 16, 2011 and asked Mr. Newman if that date worked for him. Mr. Newman replied yes.

Mr. Griffin added that there are two more products coming from their agency: one is a narrative description of the boundary lines and the other is a legal opinion that the plan adopted by the Board meets the requirements of federal and state law. If there is a significant chance that the boundaries will be changed at your August 16 meeting, then he doesn't want to put in a lot of time doing a legal description and a legal opinion on boundaries that are not going to make it through the process. We have a process for the legal description and maps and an opinion that really must wait until the final decision has been reached.

President Cooley said it doesn't sound like there are a whole lot of fundamental disagreements with the Plan 1A-1 map that Mr. Scribner recommended for approval. He thinks it would be reasonably safe to begin working on those other deliverables for August 16. That's as best a guarantee that we can give you tonight. He thanked Mr. Griffin and Mr. Newman for their time.

VI. There was no official correspondence.

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

VII.B. There were no requests for presentations from employee organizations.

VIII. Superintendent Gordon reported on the following:

- Congratulated our two new Board officers – President Cooley and Vice President Geeting.
- Reported that the event honoring the first group of graduates of our Leadership Institute, the Administrator Certification program, was a huge success. On Saturday, June 25, participants presented their final projects, and then enjoyed an afternoon ceremony and reception. Our thanks to Trustees Levy, Brown, and Geeting for attending. We are grateful that Trustees Levy and Brown could serve as review panelists listening to the presentations by the graduates. We had 28 graduates this year. We expect nearly 30 participants next year, and we also will operate a new cohort exclusively for the Elk Grove Unified School District with about another 30 participants next year for a total of about 60.
- Reminded everyone that we only have one Board meeting in August. That meeting is August 16, 2011.
- Reminded everyone to mark their calendars on Friday, August 26, 2011 for our annual Employee Recognition Day in-service event at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center. We will honor staff for their years of service to the County Office, recognize retirees, honor Employees of the Month, and introduce SCOE's Teacher of the Year 2012 – Ben Diaz. The event begins at 8:30 a.m.
- Reminded everyone that the County Teacher of the Year banquet will be held on Wednesday, August 31, 2011 at the Radisson Hotel in Sacramento. Do not go to the Hilton because the event will be at the Radisson Hotel. We will be honoring the 15 local district Teachers of the Year and announcing the two county Teachers of the Year.

Sue Stickel, Deputy Superintendent, added that at the June 21 Board meeting comments were made and questions were raised about county office travel, organizational memberships, and employment contracts. Since the Board meeting, the Superintendent and staff have discussed these issues at length because we were deeply concerned that the comments may have created the wrong perception about our practices and work here at the county. This evening we wanted to provide some additional information to clarify any misperceptions that were created. In addition, we recognize that the Policy Committee will more fully consider these issues in greater detail and develop a recommendation for the full Board at one of its future meetings. The three subject areas referred to by a member of our Board dealt with 2010–2011 memberships, employee travel and temp exempt contracts. At the individual Board member's request, staff prepared three reports concerning these areas and these reports were reviewed at a meeting. In the area of memberships, it is important to note that all memberships are organizational in nature or are part of employee contracts. The employee contracts referred to by our Board member are the temp exempt or

temporary employee contracts for this past year. These contracts allow SCOE to complete short-term or seasonal work throughout our county, region and state, frequently require a high level of specialized expertise, and is in addition to work that staff is able to complete. The vast majority or 90% of these temporary contracts are for five days or less. The third report addressed employee travel for this past year. It is important to remember that as a part of Trustee Levy's report it was shared that our travel has been reduced by 66% during the past five years. It is also important to note that over half of the remaining travel is for mileage that our employees must complete in order to satisfy our many outside contracts and program requirements and much of the remaining travel is also required by contracts. This evening we wanted to stress that the members of our staff practice total transparency in all of our work. Thank you for your time and the opportunity to address you this evening.

IX.A. Mr. Rivas moved and Ms. Levy seconded adoption of the consent agenda. Motion carried unopposed. By such action, the Board:

1. Accepted report on Personnel Transactions
2. Awarded diplomas to Court and Community School Students (revised)
3. Accepted donation to the California Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts Project
4. Declared equipment listed as surplus property and authorized staff to dispose of equipment pursuant to Education Code (revised)
5. Declared equipment listed as surplus property and authorized staff to dispose of equipment pursuant to Education Code (Technology)
6. Declared equipment listed as surplus property and authorized staff to dispose of equipment pursuant to Education Code (Portables) (revised)

IX.B. Ms. Levy moved and Mr. Geeting seconded approval of the revised contracts as listed. Motion to approve the contracts carried 5 ayes, 2 noes (Scribner and Fong).

IX.C. On a motion by Mr. Rivas, seconded by Mr. Geeting and carried, the Board authorized staff to submit grant applications/service contracts and accept funding if awarded; and approved contracts, positions, and other expenditures associated with the grants as outlined in the proposed budgets as follows:

1. \$1,565,857 BTSA/Sacramento Consortium Teacher Credentialing Program grant from the California Department of Education for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012
2. \$150,000 California School Information Services Independent Project Oversight grant from the California Department of Education for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013
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IX.D. This item was considered immediately after the adoption of the revised agenda (see page 11-277).

X.A. Mr. Geeting thanked Trustees Scribner, Cooley, and Brown for their service on the Redistricting Committee which consisted of six meetings and a lot of effort. He thanked everyone for electing him Vice President and stated he will do his best in the coming year. It was a privilege, on June 25, to join Trustees Brown and Levy at the ceremony for the first 28 graduates of the SCOE Leadership Institute. Dr. Winlock is to be commended for his commitment and dedication as are the other staff, the visiting faculty, and the mentors who really made this program so successful. As Dr. Winlock also pointed out, a major share of the credit must go to the outstanding support that each of the graduates received from family and friends over this past year. We certainly look forward to next year's cohorts; one here at SCOE and the other one at Elk Grove Unified. On June 27, he participated in the first meeting of the California County Boards of Education's (CCBE) Task Force on Charter Schools. It was a 90 minute teleconference where they outlined goals for guiding the CCBE legislative committee, crafted an issue paper related to Charter Schools, and explored best practices, among other things. The second teleconference is scheduled for next week. Finally, he wanted to draw attention to the information we received related to the Fortune Charter School which provided important updates about their progress. He added a few other pieces of information that were not in the paper that he thought would be of interest to the Board. They have a signed parent contract by the parents or guardians of 141 students; a lease has been entered into for a facility located at 6829 Stockton Boulevard near 65th street; instructional and administrative teams are in place; and contracts have been signed with two of the three administrative positions for the school, and eight of the nine teaching positions. Cooperative agreements have been established with the Head Start programs that are noted in the paper. In any case, he wanted to point out that the Fortune Charter School is now up and running and everyone is depending on it for the next school year. To close, this Thursday would be his mother's 100th birthday if she were still living. You only get a 100th birthday once so he thought he would take the opportunity to mention it.

Mr. Rivas asked colleagues to take note of a reminder to save the date for the Project SAVE golf tournament. He tried to help with fundraising last year because this is an impressive program for first time offenders involved in violence or weapons related incidents so please try to help out. Cheryl Raney does a great job raising money for that program. He asked President Cooley if any decisions were made in the Executive Committee meeting that he could share.

Mr. Fong thanked his fellow Trustees, the Superintendent and staff for working with him during his term as President. There are a couple of things he wanted to ask about; one of them had to do with the next round of cohorts that we will be training as principals and administrators. He would really like for us to have a way to encourage the districts to recommend staff from their district that reflect the diversity of this county. In the first cohort, 70% were Caucasian; 4 Latinos, 3 Asians, and 1 African American. In order for us to reflect diversity, we really need to do outreach to encourage the people who are teaching, people who are retiring from the military, people who may be in the non-profit or business sectors who would make good school administrators to join the cohort. He

congratulated Trustees Cooley and Geeting for their newly elected positions on the Board. He stated it is nice to hear that the Fortune Charter School is well on its way to opening. He asked for information and received a response that the stimulus money we received had saved a certain amount of jobs. He wanted to know a little bit more specific information other than it saves 33.5 full-time positions in our district. He would like to know the titles of the positions that were saved. He would like a little more detailed breakdown of the use of the stimulus money and where it went.

Ms. Brown reported that she visited El Centro Jr/Sr High School and it was a very interesting and rewarding experience to see the dedication and true belief of the staff that they could and would help the students who are there. It was very impressive and she would like to go back. She attended the Leadership Cohort graduation and supports everything that has been said about how good that program is in training future administrators. Echoing what Mr. Fong said about outreach, the Fortune information we received gives a new definition to outreach. The quality and quantity of the outreach in the paper that we see from them is very impressive in that the goal is truly to find people who couldn't find you. She thinks that would be an excellent guideline as well for the leadership group. She doesn't think PS7 would be PS7 if it weren't for the principal; that position is so important and those people must be knowledgeable. We shouldn't wait for people to be recommended to us but we should go out and find those people. She would think that finding exemplary candidates with the kinds of qualities one needs to be a successful administrator is very important. She asked what the follow-up is with these graduates.

Ms. Stickel replied that two of them have been hired and have administrative positions. Beyond that, the intent is to follow up with them as they get positions and find out how they do; talk with their district; get feedback from the superintendents and the leaders in the district. We also have two people working on a mentoring or support program for them as they enter into that next step.

Ms. Brown thinks that will be very valuable because they will have someone to talk with and all of them seemed very open about not pretending to be perfect. They want to learn and they want to talk with people and grow in that experience so that was very good. When she attended one of the Fortune open enrollment sessions she noted that every person who attended whether they signed or not, was treated with full dignity and a very special appreciation even though they might not select that school. It was a great experience. The last thing is that she is pleased that we supported the charter supervision because it becomes a neutral person who will be supervising. It takes a lot of skill to be a good supervisor; you have to hear what people don't tell you and have to see what they don't show you. You also have to be able to develop the kind of supervision skills that let you know what is really happening in that school and it sounds like this person has those skills, will be neutral, and could serve as a model in the future. Also, it provides fairness to the charter. The decision was made and someone with neutral eyes will be there and tell us the truth of what's happening. It doesn't prohibit us from visiting the school. She plans to be there often. She is sure all of us will.

Mr. Scribner thanked other Redistricting Committee members. He congratulated Brian Cooley and Greg Geeting and thanked Mr. Fong for his service this past year. He also thanked Ms. Stickel for her report. It was similar to the discussions we had at other meetings and he appreciated that she brought the information forward before it became combative. He looks forward to the next meeting.

Ms. Levy – no report.

X.B. President Cooley thanked Trustee Fong for his year of service as president and his ongoing years of service as a Board member. He congratulated Trustee Geeting on joining the Executive Committee and stated that he looks forward to working with him. He thanked the Board for their confidence in selecting him to chair the Board again. This is the third time he has served as president over eleven years and really looks forward to the task. He plans in the coming year to get out and visit all of our programs and to make his best effort to attend the extra-curricular activities. He believes that as individual Board members, we are elected to represent our trustee areas and he thinks that with that responsibility comes the privilege that if an individual Board member wants to have an item placed on the agenda, they should have that right. We have the current policy that the Superintendent and the Board President set the agenda, but he wants to let the Board know, if they have items they want to see on the agenda, it is his philosophy that he will not filter it or place value or judgment; if you want something in, he will advocate as if it's something he wants to see on the agenda as long as it is in the Board's jurisdiction. If it is education related he will put it on there. We will look at it on a case by case basis, but he will fight for it as if it was his own item. The other thing he will commit to is to attempt to move conversations and debates toward a resolution and move our agendas along if we can. If there's no objection to changing committee assignments, and if trustees like their current committee assignments, maybe we will continue with that for the coming year. He will send a list to remind people what committees they serve. He reminded everyone that his cell phone is always on and the number is 916.705.8726 and anybody can call him at any time.

X.C. President Cooley stated the Executive Committee met today and decided to have the Board/Superintendent/Cabinet retreat on October 1, 2011. We are in the process of identifying a facilitator. We will conduct the Superintendent's evaluation on September 20, 2011. At the next Executive Committee meeting on August 16, 2011, we will map out an agenda for the October 1 retreat. The Cabinet/Board discussions will be held in the morning and in the afternoon we will have Board/Superintendent discussions. The Superintendent will provide the facilitators' bios and proposals to the Executive Committee between now and August 16. On August 16, we will make a recommendation to the full Board to select the facilitator that very evening. The Board will have a chance to vet out the facilitator and make a decision. There are five good candidates.

Mr. Geeting added that the CSBA has sent us all a message of some urgency related to legislation that was recently passed. He is happy to be guided by more knowledgeable people in the legislative arena, but the message suggested to him that it might be an important enough matter to schedule a special meeting to consider a resolution to support CSBA's effort to modify or repeal certain aspects of AB114.

Mr. Rivas asked Trustee Scribner to remind him when the legislature will be back from their recess which begins on Friday.

Mr. Scribner replied they will be back in session on August 15, 2011.

Mr. Rivas said it would still be timely if it could be placed on the agenda for August 16.

Mr. Scribner agreed.

President Cooley stated he will meet with the Superintendent as we prepare the August 16 agenda and place that on the agenda for consideration.

Mr. Geeting stated he is not hearing a need for a special meeting.

Mr. Rivas said he didn't think we needed to schedule a special meeting.

XI.A. There was no distribution of the July/August Events item.

XI.B. There was no distribution of the July/August Site Visits item.

President Cooley stated he would entertain a motion to adjourn in memory of Effie Crush's father, William Rotas, who recently passed away at the age of 88.

XII. Mr. Scribner moved to adjourn the meeting in memory of Effie Crush's father, William Rotas. Mr. Fong seconded the motion, which carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Gordon
Secretary to the Board

Date approved: August 16, 2011