

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
GOVERNING BOARD OF THE  
SOLEDAD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM  
1261 METZ ROAD, SOLEDAD, CA 93960  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2015**

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**I. OPENED BUSINESS – 5:30 PM**

- A. Called Public Session to Order
- B. Roll Called  
Mrs. Marie Berlanga, President  
Mrs. Gloria Ledesma, Vice-President  
Mrs. Jodi Massa, Clerk  
Mr. Fabian M. Barrera, Trustee (arrival at 5:35 p.m.)  
Mr. Jaime Fernandez, Trustee  
Dr. Rupi Boyd, Secretary to the Board
- C. Approved of Closed Session Agenda
- D. Allowed for Public Comment on Closed Session Topics
- E. Immediately Adjourned to Closed Session

**II. CLOSED SESSION**

- A. Personnel
  - 1) Assignments/Reassignments/Resignations/Leaves/Terminations/Layoffs
  - 2) Pending Litigation

**III. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION - 7:00 P.M.**

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Report of action taken in closed session  
The Board took the following action in closed session:

**Personnel Items**

Classified personnel:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Site</u>
Lorraine Contreras	Food Service Worker I	MS
Tiffany Morones	I/A IV SPED	SV
Beatriz Margarito	I/A IV SPED	SV
Amanda Beffa	I/A III SPED	HS
Priscilla Galvan	I/A III SPED	Gab
Rosa Madrigal	Substitute	DW

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Site</u>
Adriana Ramirez	Substitute	DW
Juanita Gonzalez	Pupil Supervisor	JF
Hugo Alvarez Munoz	Substitute	DW
Angela Hernandez	Pupil Supervisor	SV

Leaves of Absence

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Eff. Dates</u>
Cassandra Champeau	Teacher	HS	FMLA -	03/17/15 – 03/27/15
Michelle Hernandez	Secretary I	CEC	Leave of Absence – Unpaid - <b>DENIED</b>	3/21-6/30/15

Resignations/Terminations/Retirees

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Eff. Dates</u>
Josie Hernandez	Cafeteria Clerk I	SV	Retirement	06/11/15
Julie Chen	Teacher	SHS	Resignation	04/10/15
Rafael Martinez	Math Teacher	SHS	Resignation	06/11/15

Extra Curricular Assignments:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Eff. Dates</u>
Jill Bentley	Track Coach	MS	Coach	3/23/15
Adam Higgins	Track Coach	MS	Coach	3/23/15
David Burgoz	Volunteer	MS	Volunteer	Coach for ASB

C. Approved the Board Agenda

**MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA BY: Gloria Ledesma SECONDED BY: Jodi Massa AYES: Mrs. Berlanga, Mr. Barrera, Mr. Fernandez, Mrs. Ledesma, Mrs. Massa NAYS: None ABSENT: None**

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Oral Communications

1. Audience

- Maria Guerrero, Area Manager for CAPSLO thanked the school district for allowing the Gabilan Migrant Head Start Center to be in their current location for the last 18 years. She said they serve the community and 50-60 families are served. She said they were very happy to be at Gabilan Center to be where they are. They have received notice that their lease

will be up in June. Ms. Guerrero asked that the District extend their lease to October 2015, as they are serving migrant, low income parents. If they move in June, this would affect their parents and staff. She said that 2-3 years ago, they were asked to move, but the administration was not aware that the building belonged to them. Ms. Guerrero said they understand that there is a parking issue and they were also asked to build their own parking, but it was not feasible. The agency needs enough time to find resources and parking. Their agency met with Mr. Nieto and Mr. Guzman where they were given notice to vacate. Ms. Guerrero said she was there to advocate for the students, families and staff, to allow them to finish the program this year. Being that the program is federally funded, they are at risk of having to return money back.

- Alejandro Mendez, parent of one of the CAPSLO students, addressed the Board on the same issue as Ms. Guerrero. Via a translator, Mr. Mendez asked the Board to allow the center to close out the school year in October 2015.
- Ms. Glenda Woodrow, representing the Soledad Teachers Association addressed the Board and said they have been going through negotiations with the district and STA has come up with some issues with the District. There is a clause in their bargaining unit contract, that states that any new money needs to be negotiated with their unit. Ms. Woodrow gave the Board copies of that article in the agreement. She said that teachers have given up a lot to make help the district in times of need. They have been given thanks, but nothing else. The district says the teachers go and beyond but she said they are 5-6 in the county in pay scale. Yet they work extra days, 183 vs. 186 that our teacher work, when you factor the long calendar, they get paid less. She said that veteran teachers are thinking of leaving the district. It's sad, but financially better for them to move, they would not have to drive, so financially it would be a better move for them. Ms. Woodrow said that teachers are upset and the main reason is they don't have faith on the board. The District has failed to continue to negotiate with them. Any new money that the district receives has to be negotiated with the teachers. They are low in the pay scale and why drive to Soledad when they can stay in Gonzales or Salinas. Even with the Van Pool, it only accommodates so many teachers.
- Adam Higgins, Teacher at Main Street addressed the Board and said he was on negotiations team. The bottom line is that they had schedule and met in October and then negotiations was pushed back, and pushed back

again. They are being told there is no money. He asked that the District provide him with the salaries of every employee by next Friday.

- Mr. Flores, also a teacher but also a parent, addressed the Board as a parent. His concern was that it was hard for him to see little effort from the District to hire good teachers. He said there were some amazing teachers that have left. Teachers have been working hard but the district was not reciprocating their efforts. He said it was sad for him to see good teachers leave the district, and the district not making the effort to keep them. He asked why we could not compete with King City, Greenfield and Gonzales and do our best to keep the teachers here. He mentioned teachers such as Mr. Ruiz and Ms. Estrada who were great teachers, but left. They are leaving because they work less days, less hours and make more money. Mr. Flores said he was home grown and had pride working for the district, but the last couple of years, he has seen it go down. – do the best to keep our kids here. Why can't we compete with our neighbors?
- Ms. Rosewood, Principal at Rose Ferrero, presented Mr. Nieto and MOTF staff with a banner, thanking them for all the work they did in the Transitional Kindergarten playground during the spring break. Teachers and students were very happy and students are able to use their tricycles.
- Leslie Morales, a Junior at Soledad High School, spoke on behalf the MESA Program. She thanked the Board for allowing 10 MESA students to participate in the Spring College Trip. They visited eight universities, and it was the best experience ever for the students. They also got to attend a Lakers Game and visit the San Diego Zoo. She also shared that the MESA students have brought home approximately 105 medals and ribbons from MESA competitions. MESA will be participating in the UC Santa Barbara Competition and on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, they will be visiting Stanford University and will be competing in Hartnell on various categories.
- Trustee Barrera, evoked his right to answer to some of the comments made by the audience. First, he said in regards to the CAPSLO, he asked that it be agendaized for discussion by the Board at the next meeting. Second, in regards to negotiations, this is always a very sensitive issue. However, with regards to Mr. Flores' comments, he wanted to clarify that Mr. Ruiz left because he wanted to be closer to home. Ms. Estrada left because she started a family. Mr. Flores made comments about teachers

in surrounding districts making more money, specifically, King City. Yes, they got big raises, but that is why they have big problems. He encouraged the district to come to meet with them and come to a fair agreement with teachers.

2. Student of the Month

a. Main Street Middle School

Ms. Swift introduced Bernice Cruz as the Student of the Month.

b. Soledad High School

Ms. Austin introduced Catrina Perez as the Student of the Month for Soledad High School.

c. Community Education Center

Mr. Lopez, Principal, introduced Elhiu Banuelos as the Student of the Month.

3. Student Council Report

a. Main Street Middle School

The following report on student activities was given by student council representatives for Main Street Middle School:

- March 23 – spirit week
- March 27 – Easter egg hunt. Students also enjoyed listening to music during lunch
- Sports: Softball season
- March 23-27 – Students will be taking a field trip to the Exploratorium
- Trojan Shield given out to students for good behavior. Students then trade them in at end of the week for prizes
- April 24 - Career Day
- Congratulations went out to two students who won on posters – Monterey Bay Air challenge
- Upcoming events included spirit days and those students participating, will receive Trojan Shields
- Students are working hard on putting together career day and Dr. Boyd was formally invited to present at Career Day.

b. Soledad High School

Kevin Martinez, ASB representative, gave the following report on student activities at Soledad High School:

- 10th grade CAHSEE testing took place last month. ASB helped

organize and distribute motivational cards for all our 10th grade students. Each 10th grader wrote the name of the teacher that motivated them the most in school. These teachers then wrote a message of encouragement on the cards. Students then received them on the first day of the CAHSEE test.

- **ASB** will be working on a Spring Sports Rally for the beginning of May
- **ASB** will be holding elections at the end of this month. The Senior Class is working towards their Senior events. The Senior Gift is scheduled to arrive this week. The Junior class is getting ready for Prom and the Sophomore class is working on concessions at the baseball/softball games to help fundraise for next year's prom. The Sophomore will be hosting a Spring Fling on April 17 from 7-11. The theme will be "A Night in Wonderland."
- **NJROTC:** On March 15<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> cadets competed in the 2015 Nevada all Navy JROTC competition. Eleven NJROTC Units and approximately 400 cadets from Nevada, California and Oregon competed in the all day event which included drill, color guard, academics, and physical fitness competitions. Soledad NJROTC cadets held their ground and came back with the Unarmed Exhibition Drill Team's 1st Place Trophy. In addition, NJROTC individual competitors earned medals: In the 300+ Cadet Drill Down Competition, Yesenia Hernandez earned a 5th Place Medal. In the Rifle Twirl Off Competition, Randy Mora earned a 2nd Place Medal. It was a great experience for our cadets as this was another milestone to get back to U.S. National Navy Competition at Pensacola, Florida. On the screen you will see all the awesome pictures from this event (show 12 pictures).
- **FFA:** FFA is very busy this month as they prepare for Salinas Valley Fair, State FFA Leadership Conference, and the election of new Chapter Officers. This year at State Conference we will have an FFA Alumni, Justin Massa receiving his Star in Agribusiness proficiency award. We will also have Isaura Angulo being a part of the California FFA Press Corps, this is a great opportunity to truly develop media skills and communication skills. This month FFA also attended the Regional State Degree Ceremony in Arroyo Grande. They had three FFA members receive their State Degree, which is the highest degree available at the state level. They were: Steven Campos, Emanuel Valdez, and Danielle Delira. The State Degree in the FFA is one step closer to receiving the American

Degree that is the highest degree you can receive as an FFA member. To prepare for Mothers' Day, we will be holding our annual plant sale on May 9th, with the proceeds going towards the purchase of much needed livestock equipment.

- **SkillsUSA:** SkillsUSA will be embarking on the State level competition this week in San Diego, California. Students will compete in various classroom learning skills such as Dentistry, Floristry, Customer service, Job interview, Resume Writing, Leadership and Professional skills.
- **Band:** The Music department at Soledad high school would like to send our warmest thanks to Elizabeth Austin, Rupi Boyd, and Lisa Kleinhofer for attending! As our year comes to a close, it is time to break up... we are going to start trying to play in small ensembles, rather than the large group. This will offer different challenges and provides a different way to play music.
- **Sports:** Girls' Basketball: This Friday at the Boys n Girls Club of Salinas, will host the Senior All-Star Girls/Boys Game. Ilyanna Hendricks will be representing the Aztecs. Also, we plan to have Felicia Villarreal as Guest Speaker at the Sports Banquet. Boys' Volleyball: This year SHS is piloting a Spring Boys' Volleyball Team. Students shared some recent pictures from their game against Carmel (6 pictures, first 3 JV, last 3 Varsity). Wrestling: The Wrestling Team will be holding its annual banquet, Thursday, April 16th in the Multi from 6-8. They invited the Board to join them for a potluck dinner and the presentation of awards, generously donated from Boosters.
- President Berlanga asked if Ms. Adams was aware of the Annual Fashion Show sponsored by the Football Team on May 1<sup>st</sup>. She invited everyone to attend the fundraiser.

C. Community Education Center

- CASHEE testing took place
- Students participated on a field trip to the Leon Panetta Institute and the topic was on renewable energy
- Spring Break

4. Employees of the Month

Certificated: Alxis De La Rosa, Teacher at Jack Francioni Elementary

Classified: Belen Gonzalez, Secretary II at Jack Francioni Elementary

5. Board Member comments

- Trustee Fernandez congratulated students/teachers of the month. He also congratulated the NJROTC for doing a great job in the recent competitions. The NRJOTC is having fundraisers that will help them go to the National Competition. He said he was also amazed at what the FFA is doing.
- Trustee Barrera congratulated Mrs. Alxis De La Rosa, she is home town person who came back to work here. He also congratulated the students of the month, the NJROTC for their successful annual inspection, and thanked the administrators who went to support them.
- Trustee Massa congratulated the students and staff of the month and to those going to competitions, she wished them the best. Congrats to students/staff; good luck at all competitions. She also gave kudos to the FFA for doing such a wonderful job.
- Trustee Ledesma gave kudos to college bound students and commended them for their goals. She saw the great pictures tweeted. Trustee Ledesma gave a shout out to Mrs. De La Rosa and Mrs. Gonzalez, employees of the month. To the teachers for all the great work. The Board appreciates their hard work, even if they don't think so.
- President Berlanga congratulated teachers, staff, and students. She also thanked the families for their support of their students. Mrs. Berlanga said she went to Soledad High last week and saw how hard the FFA students work with their animals. She also encouraged the students who presented and said that it was not easy to get in front of a crowd and speak. To staff, she said to please continue loving students and they will continue to learn.

*Followed by a five (5) minute recess*

B. Educational Services – Mrs. McIntosh & Mr. Guzman

Mrs. McIntosh gave an update to the Board on the following:

Local Control Accountability Plan Update:

- LCAP Data/Metrics
- Survey Data

- Data Analysis/Fiscal Apportionment
- Update Goals
- Stakeholder input
- Submit
- A public hearing will be held in May for initial draft
- 2<sup>nd</sup> June meeting for board approval

Trustee Barrera asked about the stakeholder meeting and who it was presented to. Mr. Guzman said one was held in the fall, one was held in January and another one in February. Mr. Guzman said that in their first meeting, they presented the plan, in the next meeting they reported on the progress of the plan and the third was updates to the plan. Mrs. McIntosh also mentioned that they will be sending a survey out to staff, community members and parents to set priorities and for feedback. They are on a timeline and have lots of work to do. Trustee Barrera commended them for spreading out the information and not just presenting to clubs, such as Rotary.

#### SUSD Summer School

Mr. Guzman reported that thanks to Trustee Barrera and the Board, the District will be holding an Enrichment Summer School. The proposed dates are June 15 – June 30, 2015. For elementary and middle school, the focus will be on enrichment, project based activities, and enhanced with field trips. For high school: credit recovery and CASHEE support. Approximate cost for the summer school will be around \$186,000. Dr. Boyd said the reason being that office staff is already working. Also, teachers need time off and many will be attending conferences. She'd like them to have the month of July off. Summer School date will be shorter, but a longer day. Dr. Boyd said she'd like to have summer school at each school (7 classrooms each) but it will all depend on how many teachers want to work. . For 6<sup>th</sup> graders going into middle school, she'd like them to have the opportunity to get used to the middle school setting. Mr. Guzman asked for the Board's approval to proceed with the plan.

Trustee Barrera asked how many elementary students we served last year. Mr. Matthew Harris said they started with around 300 and ended with around 250. Mr. Guzman said they'd like to see 800 students if possible, districtwide. But it may have to be downsized depending on how many teachers we can get to work. Trustee Massa asked about credit recovery at Soledad High in the summer. Will the shorter days allow them to make up the missing courses? Trustee Barrera agreed and asked if some of the required courses could be offered in the summer. Dr. Boyd said that maybe keyboarding could be; but we want to make sure we meet the students' individual needs. With an 8<sup>th</sup> period day, currently, they have enough opportunities to recover some of the credits. She also mentioned that Special Ed students will be automatically included in summer school. High School will have a 5 hr. da and elementary a 4-hr. day. ; give them a chance (8 periods they have more than enough

opportunities to obtain credits. The Board agreed for administration to proceed with Summer School plans.

2015/16 calendar approval: Mr. Guzman asked for the Board to revise the proposed calendar on the agenda tonight. Due to leap year next school year, the date of March 25, 2016 was added as a non-work day for employees. The calendar was also aligned with Hartnell, Gonzales, and Salinas.

Common Core Implementation & finding “Bright Spots”

- Find a bright spot and clone it. In other words don’t just solve problems, copy success.

Bright Spots:

Mrs. McIntosh shared the following story with the Board: Jerry Sternin- arrived in Vietnam with 6 months to make a difference in the nationwide childhood malnutrition epidemic. Ignoring the experts, Sternin traveled to a local village and called together all the village’s mothers. He asked for their assistance in finding ways to nourish their kids better. Sternin’s strategy was to search the community for bright spots. He found the following of those children who were doing better: Mothers were feeding their children the same quantity of food 4 times a day vs. 2 times a day; plain rice vs. sweet potato greens and shrimp from rice patties; most parents believed their children knew their own needs vs. actively feeding their children. Six months after Sternin’s visit to the village, 65% of the kids were better nourished and they stayed that way. The program eventually reached 2.2 million Vietnamese people in 265 villages. She said that with the Instructional Leadership Rounds, they are observing students, what they are doing that are making successful and identify the bright spots: Lesson studies and lesson development; Modeling Century 21<sup>st</sup> students; teachers engaging in student data; and implementing 21<sup>st</sup> century thinking skills. The strategies dependent on teachers and taking ownership on best practices and what is happening in our district.

C. Administrative Reports

1. Principals’ Reports
2. Director of Special Projects’ Report
3. Director of Special Education’s Report
4. Director of MOTF’s Report
5. Director of Technology’s Report
6. Elementary Teacher/Parent Conference Reports

**Comments:** Trustee Barrera commented on the Teacher/Parent Conferences reports and said a % was left out of some of the reports. He also shared concerns in a teacher

had only had 70%. He asked himself what is going on with the teachers as parents are more than willing to come meet with teachers. On the MOT report, Trustee Barrera asked why they were cutting the grass in front of the high school. Mr. Nieto said for the Marquee. That is where ASB voted to place it. Mr. Barrera said it was the first time he heard about the marquee and asked to see the plans and what it will look like.

D. Superintendent ' s Reports

1. Enrollment Report/Class Size  
Enrollment was at 4,931 as of March 27, 2015.
2. Williams Lawsuit Report  
There were no complaints filed for this period under textbooks, facilities or credentials.
3. MCSBA Annual Dinner & Organizational Meeting scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup>
4. National School Boards Conference – Nashville Tennessee  
Each Board member shared key highlights from the conference they attended in Tennessee. Some of the highlights included:
  - Arts program how to embed art in instruction and student engagement. How important it is to have art and music in schools.
  - STEM program and Preschool alignment; Project Lead the Way at each school. Each school becomes an expert in different areas
  - College and career readiness
  - Kids leave high school employable with a decent job that they can live off.
  - Trustee Ledesma said she was a member of the Arts Council for Monterey County and they fund community projects in the arts and fine art. South County is not being well represented and the money goes to Monterey and Carmel. She suggested that we apply for funding to use for a community project. The money should be coming to our area. Dr. Boyd agreed and said that she was pretty excited that our district is expanding on the arts and offering it at Main Street Middle School.
  - SchoolWay free mobile communication App for the District: Dr. Boyd said she asked Mr. Ayala to look into this App for notification to parents. While it is free to the District, it might be overwhelming to parents and students. There are also concerns with FERPA. Mr. Ayala will look to see at other ways or apps.
  - Old fundamentals of learning – going back to the basics such as

reading and communication skills.

- Furniture for the new middle school – 21<sup>st</sup> century mobile furniture
- Branding each school – as we brand our district, each school should be promoting their own site, by twitting great things happening, Facebook, etc. Harness energy and put your own story out there. What do you want people to know about your school and yourselves.
- Key note speakers were awesome – such as Jane Pauley on reinventing life after 50; and David Pogue from Yahoo who spoke on technology in our schools. Azure Antoinette on leaders in education share how innovative approaches and unique leadership styles can improve student achievement. Classes on early childhood development and twist of adding STEM. Good program on principals to recruit fathers. Girls are always very strong early in age. But at the 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> level, they don't want to do engineering and science. Very worthwhile and quality of workshops and opening their horizons.
- Safety classes and conducting background on vendors and contractors.
- Bullying session – specifically, adult bullying. How many principals are bullies and teachers how they treat students in classroom. This brought up a question on our SRO (School Resource Officer), he really does not spend any time at the schools; and he should be building a relationship with our students . Maybe even teach a class once in a while.
- Common Core and schools using iPads. Many school districts still do not use student iPads.
- Bullying for students and how to deal with bullying. Having students have access to computers to fill out questionnaires and pin point who needs protection. We can't pinpoint who the bully is because kids won't speak out. President Berlanga shared a personal experience of a 10 year old son of one of her friends, who tried to commit suicide because of bullying he was experiencing at his school in Salinas. The mom found him hanging and thankfully, he survived. The son cannot remember what happened and he won't tell what happened. She transferred him to another school and he is doing so well and is very happy. She said it breaks her heart to hear about any student being bullied. She would like to see if we can train playground supervisors. (She sees them sometimes on their phone or their backs to kids); so they reach out to students. President Berlanga also shared a letter that she received while delivering mail addressed to the mail person and in it, there was a bucket list and it stated that student was at the high

school and having a hard time at school. She was crying out in the letter; but they can't do anything about it because they don't know who the student is. She asked the Assistant Principal, Principals, and counselors to reach out to these students and try to save one individual. Their lives are important.

V. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. Routine business transactions, annual renewal of programs, bid agreements, notices of public hearings and proclamations.
1. Approved the minutes regular meeting of March 11, 2015
  3. Approved the Revision of the Common Core Plan
  4. Approved an Agreement with Associated Valuation Services, Inc. for a tri-annual inventory of the district's assets
  5. Ratified an Agreement with Tucci Learning Solutions
  6. Approved an amendment to the contract with Sodexo
  7. Approved an overnight trip for San Vicente Elementary 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to attend Science camp at rancho El Chorro June 1 – June 4, 2015
  8. Approved an overnight field trip to attend the Skills USA California 48<sup>th</sup> Annual State Leadership and Skill Conference in San Diego, CA April 9-12, 2015
  9. Approved an overnight trip for the Soledad High School Varsity Softball Team to travel to Stockton, CA - the dates are tentative
  11. Approved an overnight trip for the Soledad High School FFA to attend the State Conference in Fresno, CA April 17-21, 2015
  12. Approved an overnight field trip for the Soledad High School Football Program to Hume Lake team Building & Leadership May 15-17, 2015
  13. Approved an Agreement with AVID for Soledad High School for the 2015/2016 School Year

B. Personnel Items

1. Approved a Tentative Agreement with the California School Employees Association (CSEA) for a 2% increase on the salary schedule for 2014-2015
2. Approved the Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreement (AB1200)

**MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR BY: Gloria Ledesma SECONDED: Jodi Massa AYES: Mr. Barrera, Mrs. Berlanga, Mr. Fernandez, Mrs. Massa NAYS: None ABSENT: None**

**Discussion on A 2:**

- A. 2. Approved the 2015/2016 School Calendar with amendment: adding March 25, 2016 as a non-work day

**MOTION TO APPROVE 2015/2016 CALENDAR WITH AMENDMENT: Fabian Barrera SECONDED: Jodi Massa AYES: Mr. Barrera, Mrs. Berlanga, Mr. Fernandez, Mrs. Ledesma, Mrs. Massa NAYS: None ABSENT: None**

**Discussion on A 10:**

Board members were very concerned that the request came in late. The request for the overnight field trip for MESA should have been on the agenda in March. There was also a lack of an itinerary and Board members were surprised that the students went to a Lakers Game and the Zoo. Which was not included anywhere on the form and no one seemed to know about the side trips. Create a policy for school site to approve – lots of anxiety – should have come in March. Information submitted by staff must be accurate, complete and on time. It was suggested to give the site principal the authority to give permission for the trip. Have to be accurate and correct and presented in time. Next time this occurs, Board members might say no. Figure out a way to help the school site to get the overnight/out of state trips on time to the Board. The Board was also concerned with students going places the Board is not aware of. Make sure that once approved students do not go anywhere else.

- A. 10. Ratified an overnight field trip for the Soledad High School MESA College Trip March 29-April 4, 2015

**MOTION TO APPROVE MESA TRIP (#10): Fabian Barrera SECONDED: Gloria Ledesma AYES: Mr. Barrera, Mrs. Berlanga, Mr. Fernandez, Mrs. Ledesma, Mrs. Massa NAYS: None ABSENT: None**

C. Fiscal Services

1. Approved the recommendation for the Certificate of Deposit Refinancing to refinance the 2005 COPS of \$4,365,000

**MOTION TO APPROVE COP REFINANCING BY: Fabian Barrera SECONDED: Jodi Massa AYES: Mr. Barrera, Mrs. Berlanga, Mr. Fernandez, Mrs. Massa NAYS: Mrs. Ledesma ABSENT: None**

VI. RESOLUTIONS

- A. No. 4-01-15 – District representative to the Joint Powers Authority – (Page 108)

**MOTION TO APPROVE NO. 4-01-15 BY: Gloria Ledesma SECONDED: Fabian Barrera AYES: Mr. Barrera, Mrs. Berlanga, Mr. Fernandez, Mrs. Massa NAYS: None ABSENT: None**

VII. BOARD POLICIES

- A. First Reading – Manual Maintenance – December 2014

*Comments:* Trustee Barrera highlighted the nutrition policy and new law that there must be a report given to the Board each year. Superintendent Boyd mentioned with the hiring of a Food Service Director (paid for by the cafeteria funds), that person can be in charge of implementing the Board Policy and would also make any reports to the Board. Trustee Barrera suggested that the date on the policy be the last Board meeting in June. Mr. Guzman will make the amendments to the policy.

VIII NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS

- Trustee Barrera asked if we knew what teachers were returning to the District next year and who were not. There is usually a form sent out every year, he asked if it had been sent out. Dr. Boyd said that it would be sent out the last week of April. Principals are also having informal conversations with their staff to get an idea.
- Program for At Risk students at Soledad Prison, the programs are usually for male students but in previous year, there was one for girls. Trustee Barrera would be interested in having the district look into this. Ms. Estrella suggested contacting the same officer who is organizing the program for the boys. She will set up a meeting with him and Dr. Boyd.
- Trustee Barrera said he has had a couple of reports from parents about drugs on campus at the high school and asked administration to conduct random searches to keep our campus safe.
- Trustee Barrera encouraged principals and teachers to continue with good instruction and not watching movies the last weeks of school.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**  
Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Board approved May 13, 2015