



**MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
GOVERNING BOARD OF THE  
SOLEDAD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM  
1261 METZ ROAD, SOLEDAD, CA 93960  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2017**

**I. OPENED BUSINESS – 5:32 P.M.**

- A. Called Public Session to Order
  
- B. Roll Called  
Mrs. Jodi Massa, President  
Mrs. Josie Perez-Aguilera, Vice-President  
Mr. Jaime Fernandez, Trustee  
Mr. Javier Galvan, Trustee – (Arrived at 5:40 p.m.)  
Mr. Timothy J. Vanoli, Superintendent
  
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
  
- D. Approved the Board Agenda

**MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA BY: Mrs. Perez-Aguilera SECONDED BY: Mr. Fernandez AYES: Mr. Fernandez, Mrs. Massa, Mrs. Perez-Aguilera NAYS: None ABSENT: Javier Galvan**

**II. COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Oral Communications
  - 1. Audience
    - a. Chris Bourke, Teacher and City Council Member spoke in support of Fabian's Barrera for the vacant position because he has previous experience on the Board and City Council. He is pre-trained. He also lost by only 5 votes in the last election. He also taught at Soledad High, Hartnell, coached sports, and his children have attended the schools in this district.
  
    - b. Josefina Trujillo, comments to encourage the Board not to select Mr. Fabian Barrera and Mrs. Ledesma for the vacant Board position. She said she had a bad experience where she requested a meeting with Mr. Barrera and he showed up at the meeting with the previous Superintendent, Dr. Boy and Mr. Guzman. Mrs. Trujillo also said she had another bad experience when she approached Mrs. Ledesma regarding former principal. Jimenez's suspension. She felt that Mrs. Ledesma lied to her and later found out that Mr. Jimenez was working behind a desk playing games on his computer. She said that

the parents need to have trust in their leaders and not take a step back.

- c. Alfredo Flores, former teacher, voiced his support for Mr. Monica Pantoja as students are her priority.
- d. Maria Sanchez, Parent, voiced her support for Andria Brinson on behalf of PANESC. She also requested that the Board consider that those Board members no longer on the Board it's because of them (parents) and asked they select someone new to the Board.
- e. Mrs. Patricia, also asked the Board to select someone new on the school Board.
- f. Erika Avila, parent, read a letter of Mrs. Peggy Rathbun who could not attend the meeting. Mrs. Rathbun wrote to support Andria Brinson for the vacant position on the school board. Mrs. Avila also voiced her own support for Mrs. Brinson because of her Special Education experience.
- e. Nova Rodriguez, Instructional Aide, voiced her support for Monica Pantoja and Mr. Jose G Fausto. He is a great teacher and she is a great PTO parent.

**III. BOARD APPOINTMENT OF NEW TRUSTEE**

**A. Board Interviews of Candidates**

- Fabian M. Barrera
- Andria Brinson
- Jose G. Fausto
- Gloria V. Ledesma
- Monica Pantoja
- Lucio Rios

**B. Board Discussion**

The Board members discussed at length which one of the candidates stood out to each one of them. They all agreed it was a hard choice to make and a hard process to follow. Mr. Vanoli, Superintendent encouraged them to continue their discussions and to try to come to a decision as per Board Policy, if they did not appoint someone, he would have to notify the County Superintendent of Schools and she would call for an election. The process though, a difficult one, had to be followed as the law states. Board members continued with the difficult conversations and discussions on the qualities of each of the candidates. The Board of Trustees narrowed down the finalists to: Mrs. Andria Brinson and Mrs. Monica Pantoja.

C. Appointment of New Board Member

**MOTION TO APPOINT: Monica Pantoja BY: Jaime Fernandez SECONDED: Javier Galvan AYES: Mr. Fernandez, Mr. Galvan, Mrs. Massa, Mrs. Perez-Aguilera NAYS: None ABSENT: None**

IV. **NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

- Trustee Fernandez said that in a comment made by Mr. Rios, he mentioned the SRO Agreement; which brought up some of his concerns that our district is not receiving the services we are paying for, such as the Every 15 Minute or Active Shooter Drill. Second; the Salinas PD received a grant and was rejected from placing 6 SROs in their schools. He asked Mr. Vanoli to meet with Chief Sills on how Salinas was able to obtain a grant to fully fund these SRO because he'd like to also see a full time SRO fully paid by them. Mr. Vanoli said that he would be meeting with Chief Sills soon for their quarterly meeting as per the SRO Agreement as well as the monthly report of activities by the SRO that is submitted monthly.

V. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Board approved: December 13, 2017