



# Education Foundation of Stanislaus County

## Board Meeting Minutes

### May 17, 2011

#### **Attendees**

Carol Benson, Dale Boyett, Tony Bruno, Tom Changnon, Ron Emerzian, Ryan Gallo, Don Gatti, Bob Gausman, Zella Gharat, David Gianelli, Cheryl Goulart, Pam Ivie, Jane Johnston, Mary Ann Sanders, Becky Shokraii, and Melanee Wyatt

#### **Correspondence**

Dave Gianelli shared correspondence from Sonoma Elementary School thanking the Board for a \$500 Outdoor Education scholarship provided by the Foundation.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

The Board meeting minutes of February 17, 2011 and April 14, 2011 were sent electronically. Not all Board Members have reviewed them. This item will be added to the next meeting agenda.

#### **Electronic Votes**

Due to a lack of a quorum at the April 14, 2011 meeting, an electronic vote was taken for the following:

- Foundation Insurance Policy \$1,065 – unanimous approval
- Additional Staff Time \$2,250 - unanimous approval
- Big Idea Meeting Facilitator Fees \$1,500 – not approved, two “no” votes

It was suggested to communicate with Tim Shaw any concerns and to maintain focus on our Foundation needs. After further discussion on the “Big Idea” facilitator fee, a motion was made by Mary Ann Sanders and seconded by Carol Benson to approve the fee. Unanimous vote to approve.

#### **Presentation – Outdoor Education Program**

Angel, a sixth grader from Don Pedro Elementary described his experience at Outdoor Education and answered questions from the Board. His teacher Joanne Anderson also read several quotes from her students and was thankful for the Foundation’s continued support with scholarships.

#### **Financial Report**

Don Gatti reviewed the Financial Report as of March 31, 2011. A motion was made by Tony Bruno and seconded by Mary Ann Sanders to accept the Financial Report. Unanimous vote to approve.

#### **Open Discussion – Tom Changnon**

Tom Changnon presented an update on the Special Education Issue. A proposal has been made by the Superintendent’s Council to move Special Education Services, currently operated by SCOE, to the administration of either Ceres or Turlock Unified School District. Superintendents project that a 20% cost savings on special education could be achieved with this proposal. A “minute message” card with key facts was distributed to the Board.

#### **Revenue Committee Reports**

**Fundraiser Committee:** The 2011 Foundation Fundraiser Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> hosted by Matt and Barbara Bruno. Carol Benson will host the pre-dinner reception at her home on June 30, 6:00pm – 7:30pm. Marcia Herrmann is designing the invitation. There will be 25 premium table sponsor upgrades available. The Kaiser \$20,000 dinner sponsor is not yet confirmed. Mary Ann Sanders volunteered to chair the auction committee. A list of last year’s auction donors was distributed. All Board Members are asked to help secure items for the auction.



Naming Opportunities: Ron Emerzian reviewed the Naming Opportunities. J.S. West has agreed to sponsor the 2011 – 2012 Elementary Science Olympiad. Crystal Dairy expressed an interest in sponsoring the Junior Relays for next year, but it has not been confirmed. An application was sent to Save Mart CARES asking for their support for Outdoor Education and the Occupational Olympics. A decision will be made at their June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Honorarium/ Memoriam: Cheryl Goulart reported on the progress of the Honorariums/Memoriums and presented a Goal Chart showing \$755 has been raised to date. The goal for this year is \$3,000.

### **Strategic Plan Committee Reports**

Advisory Board: Jane Johnston presented the draft “Standing Committee Descriptions” document. This document outlines the committees and descriptions that will be used beginning with our next Annual Planning Meeting. There is concern that there are too many committees for the Board Chairperson to lead. Ryan Gallo will work with Jane on the revisions to this document. This item will be added to the agenda for the next meeting for approval.

Dave Gianelli announced that Chris Ricci and Pam Able have accepted their nomination to be a Board Member. Confirmation is pending for Tim Johnston, Paul van Konynenburg, and Joan Smith. This item will be added to the next Board meeting agenda. Alternate names for consideration are Doug Johnson, Pam Denney, and Jason Gordo.

Strategic Planning: Dale Boyett reported that the “Big Idea” meeting has been rescheduled for Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 2pm at the Salida Library. A list of potential stakeholders was circulated so Board Members have the opportunity to add names and initial next to stakeholders they would like to contact and invite to the “Big Idea” meeting. The committee will develop materials to be used by Board Members as they make presentations to stakeholders.

### **Program Reports**

Outdoor Education: Pam Ivie reported summer camp enrollment is up this year. She also shared a thank you card from Joanne Anderson, sixth grade teacher from Don Pedro Elementary.

Student Events: Cheryl Goulart shared that the Student Events Program has concluded for the 2010-2011 school year. Their final event was the Jr. Relays on May 14<sup>th</sup> with approximately 800 junior high students participating. A draft 2011-2012 Student Events Program calendar was distributed.

YES Company: Melanee Wyatt reported that she had 300 students audition for Hairspray. 100 students were cast. Rehearsals will begin June 6<sup>th</sup>. The reception for Board Members and guests prior to attending the production is scheduled for Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at the Petersen Event Center. Invitations to follow.

### **Important Dates**

Thursday, June 9, 8:00 – 9:00 AM, Special Board Meeting, Petersen Event Center  
Thursday, June 30, 6:00 – 7:30 PM, Pre-Dinner Reception, hosted by Carol & Eric Benson  
Thursday, July 14, 8:00 – 9:00 AM, Special Board Meeting, Petersen Event Center  
Thursday, July 28, 5:30 - 10:30 PM, Board Reception at Petersen Event Center  
& YES Co. Production at Gallo Center  
Thursday, August 11, 8:00 – 9:30 AM, **Regular Board Meeting**, Petersen Event Center  
Thursday, September 8, 6 – 9 PM, Fundraising Dinner hosted by Matt & Barbara Bruno  
Saturday, October 15, 2011, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM, **Big Idea Meeting**, Salida Library  
Friday, November 18, 8:00 – 2:00 PM, **Annual Planning Board Meeting**, Petersen Event Center