

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Resolution No. 1011-0129

**DETERMINING AND INSTRUCTING THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD TO CAST BALLOT AS
INSTRUCTED FOR UP TO FOUR CANDIDATES FOR CALIFORNIA SCHOOL BOARDS
ASSOCIATION 2011 DELEGATE ASSEMBLY SUBREGION 7-B (ALAMEDA COUNTY) AND TIMELY
RETURN BALLOT TO CSBA WITH A POST MARK ON OR BEFORE MARCH 15, 2011**

WHEREAS, the CALIFORNIA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION (CSBA) is a collaborative group of virtually all of the state's more than 1,000 school districts and county offices of education which advocates for and promotes the interests of K-12 children through a variety of organized means; and

WHEREAS, the Association's governance structure, in part, provides for a Delegate Assembly, elected, in part by member school boards divided into sub regions; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Unified School District Board is a member of the Association and is geographically located in Subregion 7-B (Alameda County); and

WHEREAS, there are four delegates to be elected to the Delegate Assembly from Subregion 7-B of the Association for a two year term commencing April 1, 2011 and the Assembly will meet at least twice a year to conduct business, and may also meet with the other Delegates and the Director within the Region; and,

WHEREAS, there are six candidates from school boards, as well as the provision for up to two write in candidates, on the current ballot for Subregion 7-B, of which each member Board of the sub-region may cast ballots for up to four candidates, and return same to CSBA Headquarters with a postmark not later than March 15, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Board having reviewed the biographical sketch, and, if submitted, the resume of each candidate, discussed who may best represent the interests and expectations of the District as a CSBA Delegate Assembly representative, and believes that the Board's four votes should be casted one each for **David Haubert, Dublin USD; Lily Mei, Fremont USD; Diana Prola, San Leandro USD; and Nancy Thomas, Newark USD,**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby directs the Secretary of the Board, on behalf of the Board, to cast a ballot for Subregion 7-B Regional CSBA Delegate Assembly candidates **David Haubert, Dublin USD; Lily Mei, Fremont USD; Diana Prola, San Leandro USD; and Nancy Thomas, Newark USD** ; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Board is further directed to return said casted ballot to CSBA with a postmark not later than March 15, 2011.

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

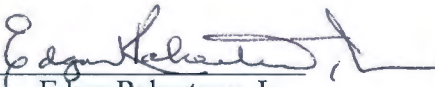
AYES: David Kakishiba, Jumoke Hodge, Noel Gallo, Alice Spearman,
Christopher Dobbins, Vice President Jody London, President Gary Yee

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Resolution passed at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District held March 9, 2011.


Edgar Rakestraw, Jr.
Secretary, Board of
Education

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TIME SENSITIVE, REQUIRES BOARD ACTION
DEADLINE Tuesday, March 15, 2011

January 31, 2011

TRANSMITTAL

TO: All Board Presidents and Superintendents
CSBA Member Boards of Education

FROM: Michelle Neto, Administrative Assistant

SUBJECT: 2011 CSBA Delegate Assembly Election
U.S. Postmark Deadline – Tuesday, March 15, 2011

Enclosed in this mailing you will find the following:

- Memo from CSBA President Martha Fluor
- Return envelope U.S. Postmark Deadline – Tuesday, March 15, 2011
- Red ballot to be signed by Superintendent/clerk
- Copy of the current Delegates in your region (Also available on our website at <http://www.csba.org/AboutCSBA/AboutCSBA/CSBAByRegions.aspx>.)
- Copy on white paper of the red ballot for insertion in board packets
- Copies of each candidate's biographical sketch and optional résumé, if provided

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (800) 266-3382 should you have any questions.

Thank you.

Enclosures

**TIME SENSITIVE, REQUIRES BOARD ACTION
DEADLINE TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2011**

January 31, 2011

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Board Presidents and Superintendents
CSBA Member Boards of Education

FROM: Martha Fluor, President

SUBJECT: 2011 CSBA Delegate Assembly Election
U. S. Postmark Deadline – Tuesday, March 15, 2010



Enclosed is the ballot material for election of a representative to the CSBA Delegate Assembly from your region. The material consists of the ballot on red paper, required candidate biographical sketch form, and if submitted, résumé for each candidate. In addition, we are including a “copy” of the ballot on white paper so that it may be copied for inclusion in board agenda packets. However, **only the ballot on red paper is to be completed and returned.**

The board as a whole may vote for up to the number of vacancies in the region or subregion as indicated on the ballot. For example, if there are three vacancies in the region or subregion, the board may vote for up to three individuals. Regardless of the number of vacancies, each board may cast no more than one vote for any one candidate. (The ballot also contains a provision for write-in candidates; their name and district must be clearly printed in the space provided.)

The ballot must be signed by the Superintendent or board clerk and returned in the enclosed envelope; if the envelope is misplaced, you may use your district’s stationery; please write **DELEGATE ELECTION** prominently on the envelope with the region or subregion number on the bottom left corner. **Envelopes with the ballots must be postmarked by the U.S. Post Office on or before Tuesday, March 15. No exceptions are allowed.**

Election results will be available no later than Thursday, March 31. If there is a tie vote, a run-off election will be held. All re-elected and newly elected Delegates will serve two-year terms beginning April 1, 2011 – March 31, 2013. The next meeting of the Delegate Assembly is on Saturday, May 14 – Sunday, May 15 at the Hyatt Regency in Sacramento.

The names of all Delegates will be available on CSBA’s website no later than Monday, April 4. Please do not hesitate to contact Michelle Neto in the Administration department at (800) 266-3382 should you have any questions.

This complete, **ORIGINAL** Ballot must be **SIGNED** by the Superintendent or Board Clerk and returned in the enclosed envelope postmarked by the post office No Later Than **TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2011**. Only ONE Ballot per Board. Be sure to mark your vote "X" in the box.
A PARTIAL, UNSIGNED, PHOTOCOPIED, OR LATE BALLOT WILL NOT BE VALID.

OFFICIAL 2011 DELEGATE ASSEMBLY BALLOT
SUBREGION 7-B
(Alameda County)

Number of vacancies: 4 (Vote for no more than 4 candidates)

Delegates will serve two-year terms beginning April 1, 2011 – March 31, 2013

**denotes incumbent*

- Valerie Arkin (Pleasanton USD)
- George Granger (Castro Valley USD)
- David Haubert (Dublin USD)
- Lily Mei (Fremont USD)
- Diana Prola (San Leandro USD)*
- Nancy Thomas (Newark USD)*

None

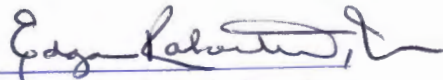
Provision for Write-in Candidate Name

School District/COE

None

Provision for Write-in Candidate Name

School District/COE


Edgar Rakestraw, Jr., Secretary

Signature of Superintendent or Board Clerk

Title

Oakland Unified

School District/COE Name

3/9/11

Date of Board Action

See reverse side for a current list of all Delegates in your Region.

Region 7 – Laura Canciamilla, Director (Pittsburg USD)
20 Delegates (14 elected/6 appointed)

Below is a list of all the current Delegates from this Region.

Subregion A

Arthur M. Clarke (Walnut Creek ESD, term expires 2011)
Gary L. Eberhart (Mt. Diablo USD), appointed term expires 2012
Teresa Gerringer (Lafayette ESD), term expires 2011
Linda K. Mayo (Mt. Diablo USD), appointed term expires 2013
Kathi McLaughlin (Martinez USD), term expires 2012
Charles T. Ramsey (West Contra Costa USD), appointed term expires 2011
Raymond Valverde (Liberty Union HSD), term expires 2012
William L. Wong (Pittsburg USD), term expires 2012

Subregion B

Janice Friesen (Castro Valley USD), term expires 2012
Noel Gallo (Oakland USD), appointed term expires 2012
Michael McMahon (Alameda City USD), term expires 2012
Diana J. Prola (San Leandro USD), term expires 2011
Alice Spearman (Oakland USD), appointed term expires 2011
Nancy Thomas (Newark USD), term expires 2011
Anne White (Livermore Valley Joint USD), term expires 2012
Lara York (Fremont USD), appointed term expires 2011
Vacant, term expires 2011
Vacant, term expires 2011
Vacant, term expires 2012

County Delegate

Pamela Mirabella (Contra Costa COE), term expires 2011

Counties

Contra Costa (Subregion A)
Alameda (Subregion B)



2011 Delegate Assembly Candidate Biographical Sketch Form

Due: Friday, January 7, 2011 (U.S. Postmark or fax – 916.669.3305 or 916.371.3407)

Please complete, sign and date this **required** candidate biographical sketch form. An optional, one-page, single-sided, résumé may also be submitted; both will be copied exactly as received. Please **do not** state "See résumé" and please do not re-type this form. Any additional page(s) exceeding this candidate form will **not** be accepted.

Name: <u>Valerie Arkin</u>	CSBA Region: <u>7B</u>
District or COE: <u>Pleasanton Unified School District</u>	Years on board: <u>2</u> ADA: <u>14,900</u>
Contact Number: <u>925-417-1969 (Hm) or 925-352-8386 (Cell)</u>	E-mail: <u>valerie@arkinhome.com</u>
Are you a continuing Delegate? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, how long have you served as a Delegate? _____

CSBA's Delegate Assembly sets the general education policy direction for the Association. As a member of the Delegate Assembly, please describe what your top three educational priorities would be, and why they are important to the Association.

My main priority is ensuring that ALL students have the opportunity to succeed academically, socially, and emotionally in order to become socially responsible citizens. I would like to advocate on behalf of my region for ways that would assist us in achieving this goal. CSBA is a valuable resource for school districts and I would be honored to serve as a member of the Delegate Assembly in order to promote this relationship and effectively communicate between the organizations.

Additionally, another priority is continuing and enhancing CSBA's involvement in aiding school board members in their role as a governance team member. School boards are vital in setting the vision for their respective districts and strengthening the bond between districts and CSBA will help in the delivery of high quality education.

Finally, school districts in California are facing increasingly difficult financial challenges and it is important for all educators to collaborate on ways to maintain fiscally healthy districts. I believe that CSBA can be an important link in this area.

Another responsibility of Delegates is to communicate the interests of local boards to CSBA's Board of Directors, Executive Committee and staff. Please describe your activities/involvement or interests in your local district or county office.

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| Pleasanton District Activities: | Community Activities: |
| - President of the Board of Trustees | - Girl Scouts, summer camp leader, 2007- present |
| - Strategic Plan Committees (multiple) | - Pleasanton Library Commissioner, 2006 - present |
| - Youth Master Plan Implementation Committee | - Tri-Valley YMCA, Board of Directors 2005-2008 |
| - Budget Advisory Committee | |
| - PUSD/City of Pleasanton Liaison Committee | Education: |
| - Calif. Assoc. of Large Suburban School Districts (CALSSD) | - Bachelor of Science, Health Science |
| - Alameda County School Boards Association (alternate) | California State University, Northridge, 1985 |
| - Hacienda Housing Development Task Force (PUSD rep) | - Master of Business Administration, |
| - Chair, Superintendent Search | Organizational Psychology |
| - Masters in Governance in 2011 | California Lutheran University, 1990 |
| - CSBA Annual conferences since elected (3) | |

Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate and what contribution do you feel you would make as a member of the Delegate Assembly?

I have had the honor of serving on various committees and task forces since I've become a School Board Trustee. I would like to serve as a member of the Delegate Assembly because I am committed to providing the best education possible for all of our students. I truly believe that all students can learn as long as we provide the appropriate opportunities. I am passionate about public education and am dedicated to doing the best job I can as a member of the Delegate Assembly. I would be honored to have your vote.

Your signature indicates your consent to have your name placed on the ballot and to serve as a Delegate, if elected.

Signature: Valerie Arkin Date: 12/27/10



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Name: <u>GEORGE GRANGER</u>	CSBA Region: <u>7-B</u>
District or COE: <u>CASTRO VALLEY UNIFIED</u>	Years on board: <u>16</u> ADA: <u>9,000</u>
Contact Number: <u>(925) 640-2289</u>	E-mail: <u>bdggranger@sbcglobal.com</u>
Are you a continuing Delegate? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, how long have you served as a Delegate? _____

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I had the honor of serving as a member of CSBA's Delegate Assembly from 2007-2009. I am seeking election to the Delegate Assembly so that I can assist CSBA address public policy issues that impact educational opportunities for every student.

In addition to my previous services as a member of the Delegate Assembly, I have been actively engaged in CSBA continuing education programs such as the Masters of Boardmanship (1996) and Masters of Governance (2002). Also, I serve as the Castro Valley Board of Education's representative to the CSBA Legislative Network. In that role, I have participated in a number of lobby activities on behalf of CSBA.

Another responsibility of Delegates is to communicate the interests of local boards to CSBA's Board of Directors, Executive Committee and staff. Please describe your activities/involvement or interests in your local district or county office.

I have served on the Castro Valley Board of Education since 1994. During that time, I have served three times as Board President, represented the district on various committees, helped restart our local educational foundation after a long hiatus, and played a leadership role in three successful school bond campaigns. I was named the Outstanding Friend of Education for Castro Valley in 2002.

Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate and what contribution do you feel you would make as a member of the Delegate Assembly?

In addition to my role on the Castro Valley School Board, I have been involved with the Alameda County School Boards Association (past president), the Alameda County School-to-Career Task Force, the Jenny Lin Foundation, United Way Giving Campaign-Alameda (chairman), East Bay Regional Park District Foundation (member) and Chabot Observatory and Science Center Board of Directors (member).

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Signature:

Date: 1-7-11



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Name: <u>David Haubert</u>	CSBA Region: <u>7B</u>
District or COE: <u>Dublin Unified School District</u>	Years on board: <u>8</u> ADA: <u>approx 6,200</u>
Contact Number: <u>(925) 719-8735</u>	E-mail: <u>davidhaubert@comcast.net</u>
Are you a continuing Delegate? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, how long have you served as a Delegate? _____

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Public education is a cornerstone of the American society and, in my opinion, the source of America's continued global leadership. My #1 priority for California's education program is to ensure that it is adequately funded to ensure that the teachers, students and administrators have the resources they need to be successful. In doing so I believe we must all continue to support efforts to maintain and raise the level of guaranteed funding as promised by Prop 98.

My second priority is to close the achievement gap. Too many students do not perform to the level that we know they can achieve. I feel we need to find new ways of serving the needs of all students so that they can all be the best they can possibly be.

My third priority would be to improve communication between secondary and post-secondary education (high school and college) so that all students can attend college at some level and experience success.

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In my 8 years of service I have participated on numerous committees including SELPA, Financial Advisory, Negotiating Teams, Community Advisory, City Liaison, etc. I have served two years each as President and Vice President. I have also participated in county-wide initiatives through Alameda County School Board Association and I recently was reassigned to represent Dublin on this committee. So, I have a good rapport with fellow Alameda County Trustees. In addition, I am in the process of completing my Masters in Governance courses.

Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate and what contribution do you feel you would make as a member of the Delegate Assembly?

I am confident that my experience and professionalism will add significant value as a Delegate. In addition to my 8 years of experience as a Trustee I am the father of three children who currently attend all three levels of education (elementary, middle and high school). I have attended CA schools all my life including college - Bachelor's Degree from California State University, Northridge and MBA from UCLA). I have attended six CSBA annual conferences and numerous working sessions, once as a presenter.

I'd like to extend my services and knowledge to CSBA so that they can benefit from the experience and proven record of success I have generated in helping to guide Dublin Unified through consecutive 8 years of increasing academic performance.

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Signature: David A. Haubert

Date: 12-28-2010



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Name: Lily Mei	CSBA Region: 7B
District or COE: Fremont Unified School District	Years on board: 3 ADA: 32,000+
Contact Number: 510-619-1066	E-mail: lilymei@fremont.org
Are you a continuing Delegate? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, how long have you served as a Delegate? _____

CSBA's Delegate Assembly sets the general education policy direction for the Association. As a member of the Delegate Assembly, please describe what your top three educational priorities would be, and why they are important to the Association. My top three educational priorities are: Fair Funding, Preparing our Students for their Future, and Providing a Voice for our School Board Members.

These high-level goals encompass our three biggest challenges.

- Fair funding: facing upcoming changes to state administration and their difficult budget decisions our Association will want to ensure K-12 Education is not again inequitably cut.
- Preparing our students for their futures - we must not lose focus on our students needs as we work on addressing student achievement and revisit education policies to measure standards based achievement. Hope our emphasis is on educating a "whole child" to prepare them for the changing dynamic global economy.
- Finally I would want to ensure that the Delegate Assembly continues to serve as a voice for our statewide school districts. Initiatives and unified actions like Nobles-Wong, et al. v. State of California create a clear position and voice for our members strengthened by joining the educational partners such as California State PTA and the Association of California School Administrators. Would like to consider fostering opportunities for delegates to network with others to help disseminate information locally in their regions.

Another responsibility of Delegates is to communicate the interests of local boards to CSBA's Board of Directors, Executive Committee and staff. Please describe your activities/involvement or interests in your local district or county office.

For many years I have served my local district in numerous and diverse capacities. At the school level, I have served as PTA President (two years), V.P. of Ways and Means, V.P. of Membership, and By Law Committee Chair. I have volunteered for the math/science labs, teaching music and art mini lessons, and served as a School Site Council Parent Representative (two years).

At the district level, I excitedly volunteered for our district's recent successful efforts to pass Fremont's first ever parcel tax in 2010. Other District committees include Fremont Unified's Ad Hoc Budget Task Force Committee where I fought to establish fair developer fees to address the increasing student population. I raised budget concerns in Sacramento with the Fremont Education Coalition and have represented parents' perspective while on the FUSD Pupil Overload Task Force. As the Fremont Council PTA Liaison I helped foster communication between all Fremont school PTAs and the School Board.

In the larger community I have embraced Fremont's many diverse recreational and civic efforts in supporting local scouting and sports programs such as soccer, Little League, and swim team. I am a member of the American Association of University Women, Asian American Pacific Islander American Public Affairs and League of Women Voters. I currently am a board member of Citizens for Better Community and Music for Minors and the Northern California V.P. of Asian Pacific Islander School Board Members Association.

Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate and what contribution do you feel you would make as a member of the Delegate Assembly?

There are many issues, which motivate me to take a more active role in CSBA and serve as a Delegate. The Delegate Assembly is the collaborative voice of our local school boards working to communicate and educate our state leaders and one another on the many needs of our diverse constituents both statewide and here locally in our regions.

I have really enjoyed learning from my peers over the past years both at the annual state conferences and as a active participant in CSBA governance classes and programs. I would be a honored to have further opportunity to work on developing policies to focus on addressing these needs especially during our fiscally challenging times. I see the role of Delegate as being a critical facilitator in the partnership with other districts/board members to share our knowledge while ensuring that the voice of the parents and community are heard during decision-making processes to implement the best practices.

I feel that I am passionate in my desire to learn more, and I am open to evaluating opportunities to provide boards the tools to be most effective while never losing sight of our key goal of providing the best educational opportunities possible for our students.

Your signature indicates your consent to have your name placed on the ballot and to serve as a Delegate, if elected.

Signature: Lily Mei

Date: January 7, 2011



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Name: <u>Diana Prola</u>	CSBA Region: <u>7-B</u>
District or COE: <u>San Leandro U.S.D.</u>	Years on board: <u>2</u> ADA: <u>8800</u>
Contact Number: <u>510-483-0744</u>	E-mail: <u>dprola@yahoo.com</u>
Are you a continuing Delegate? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, how long have you served as a Delegate? <u>9 months</u>

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A great concern to all School Boards in the state is how to fix school financing . This is my number one priority.

Second, I am concerned that, in the race to raise test scores, we are leaving out huge chunks of essential education for our elementary students (e.g. history, government, geography, science, art, music...). A student who learns to read, but never afterward picks up a book, is not an educated person, and one cannot become a discerning citizen without developing an interest in at least some of these topics. We need to develop methods of teaching reading in the content areas, in order to not neglect these subjects.

Third, many of our students come from families in stress—some dysfunctional, and some who are hit by social and economic crises. In these situations, many of our students come to school without social skills. This in turn is disruptive to their learning and to the class/school as a whole. I would like to see CSBA explore means of implementing K-12 problem solving, social behavior and analysis skills into an updated curriculum in what used to be called "character education", including alternatives and and conflict resolution for such problems as bullying and sexual harassment.

Another responsibility of Delegates is to communicate the interests of local boards to CSBA's Board of Directors, Executive Committee and staff. Please describe your activities/involvement or interests in your local district or county office.

In the two years I have been on the San Leandro School Board, I have served on various committees: The Facilities & Technology Committee oversaw the building and opening of a 9th grade campus to relieve over-crowding at the high school, and built a new theater arts complex which is slated to open in February 2011. During my time on the Finance, Committee we were able to repair relations with our unions and keep our 3-year projected budget in the black. On the Communications Committee I helped design a public forum on finance which was attended by 550 community members, and I was charged with writing Board letters to the local newspapers. Finally, I served on the steering committee for our 2010 Bond Measure M (which passed with 63% support!) My job on the committee was to contact organizations to raise money for the bond campaign. I, personally, raised over \$10,000. I have been involved this fall in an on-line discussion with Alameda/Contra Costa County delegates regarding issues ranging from bond measures, to the CSBA executive director, to various curricular issues. I am communicating with several members about researching alternative school finance methods used by other states. We are interested in presenting our findings to a future delegate assembly.

Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate and what contribution do you feel you would make as a member of the Delegate Assembly?

I was appointed to fill Sarah Gonzales' seat last April. Although I have only attended one assembly (I plan to attend the one at the annual Conference in December also), I have found the position interesting. Our Board has only one member with four years experience. Three of us were elected in 2008, and there are two new ones coming on board. This leaves the Board without much historical background. I am also working on the Master's in Governance, but the connection to CSBA will be invaluable to us, and the connection with delegates from around the state gives us another way to drawn on needed background for relevant issues.

Your signature indicates your consent to have your name placed on the ballot and to serve as a Delegate, if elected.

Signature: Date: 11/14/10

DIANA JEANNE PROLA
2234 Belvedere Avenue
San Leandro, CA 94577
(510) 483-0744

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

M.A. – English – California State University, Hayward
B.A. – English – University of California, Berkeley
A.A. – Journalism – Mt. San Antonio College, Walnut, CA

CREDENTIALS:

Standard Secondary (English / History / Math) -- life
Standard Elementary -- life
Administration and Supervision -- exp. 2012
CLAD certification

EXPERIENCE:

1964-2010

Administration—3 years, private school
2 years, public school

Teaching—

Elementary, experience in K-8 in Charter Oak USD,
Oakland USD and San Leandro USD

Secondary, taught English, Math, Biology, Government,
Economics, U.S. History, Health and AP Government in
West Covina USD and San Lorenzo USD

Community College, taught English at Mt. San Antonio College

RELATED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

San Leandro School Board—elected member
California School Boards Association-Delegate Assembly
Volunteer, Reading for the Blind and Disabled (recorded textbooks)
Professional Competency Panel, State of California Judicial Department
Presented Workshops at:
California Social Studies Association
California Reading Association
California Elementary Education Association
CTA Good Teaching Conference
Vice-present, East Bay Reading Association
Editor, Young Authors' Anthology
Textbook Consultant, Holt, Rinehart & Winston



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Name: <u>Nancy Thomas</u>	CSBA Region: <u>7B</u>
District or COE: <u>Newark Unified School District</u>	Years on board: <u>8</u> ADA: <u>6900</u>
Contact Number: <u>510-792-4835</u>	E-mail: <u>n-thomas@pacbell.net</u>
Are you a continuing Delegate? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, how long have you served as a Delegate? <u>3.5 yrs</u>

CSBA’s Delegate Assembly sets the general education policy direction for the Association. As a member of the Delegate Assembly, please describe what your top three educational priorities would be, and why they are important to the Association.

1. CSBA's main focus must be to secure adequate funding from the state so that we can fulfill our mission to improve the education of all California students. We must be a THE leader in defining the issue and setting an agenda that will lead our elected and appointed officials to reverse the cuts that have seriously impacted all California districts, schools and students.
2. CSBA must work to organize and educate the community to address the diverse needs of its district and county office members. We must advocate for more rigorous academic standards. All children can learn. We must set higher expectations for our students and provide a safe environment for them to thrive.
3. CSBA recently endured a major upheaval over the actions of its executive director. This single issue revealed a lack of transparency and accountability, and the failure of the executive board to properly conduct its oversight responsibility. Much has been done to correct course and regain the trust of our district members. As a member of the delegate assembly, I will work with my peers to ensure that we are more involved in setting priorities and direction, and that we monitor the actions of our representatives on the board.

Another responsibility of Delegates is to communicate the interests of local boards to CSBA’s Board of Directors, Executive Committee and staff. Please describe your activities/involvement or interests in your local district or county office.

My eight years on the NUSD school board have given me the knowledge and insight to recognize how badly the mandates from the state, the lack of adequate funding, and our lack of local control have inhibited our ability to do the work our citizens have entrusted to us. In spite of this, I feel my tenure has had a positive impact. I have been an advocate for reading, monitoring and updating our board policies -- and communicating and clarifying the good foundation CSBA has provided through its sample policies. As a member of our audit committee, I have helped ensure we are following the laws and codes and govern how we conduct business. As a member of the Joint District/City Taskforce on Youth Issues, I have worked to bring programs to increase the safety of our students and provide them the tools to stay free of drugs and violence. I am a co-principal investigator on a large NSF Mathematics Science Partnership grant and was instrumental in encouraging our district to join. Our teachers have received hundreds of hours of high quality professional development over the past eight years, and our students enjoy learning science in an experiential hands-on program. As an alternate member of our regional ROP Board, I have advocated for the school to work programs which have met the vocational needs of many of our high school students.

Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate and what contribution do you feel you would make as a member of the Delegate Assembly?

I have a deep commitment to our students. As an three-term elected member of the Alameda County Central Democratic Committee, I have worked to reach out to our local and statewide officials to advocate for increased support for K-12 education. As a two-term member of the delegate assembly, I feel I have the pulse of the local and statewide education scene. I see my responsibility as one of being a bridge between my Board and the CSBA Delegate Assembly to engage each in addressing the critical issues listed above -- and by extension, help strengthen the link between all local districts and CSBA. I will continue to attend regional and statewide CSBA events and actively participate in setting CSBA priorities and direction. I would appreciate your vote so I can continue this important work.

Your signature indicates your consent to have your name placed on the ballot and to serve as a Delegate, if elected.

Signature: Nancy Thomas Date: 1/7/11