The Tulare County Board of Education met on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Blue Oak Classroom at Eagle Point Village at the Clemmie Gill School of Science and Conservation (SCICON), located at 41569 Bear Creek Road, Springville, California.

PRESENT
Board Members
Judy Coble, President
Celia Maldonado-Arroyo, Vice President
Joe Enea
Pat Hillman
Debby Holguin (arrived at 10:10 a.m.)
Tom Link
Chris Reed
Tim A. Hire, Ex-Officio Secretary

PRESENT
Staff Members
Dr. Craig Wheaton, Deputy Superintendent, Administrative Services
Jeff Ramsay, Director, General Services
Jennifer Fisher, Administrative Secretary
Robert Herman, Public Information Officer
Dr. Wayne Lacy, Director, Information Systems
Cori Bernal, Secretary, General Services
Julie Berk, Assistant Superintendent, Student Support Services
Dianne Shew, Administrator, SCICON
Gabbi Porter, Secretary, SCICON
Bea Humann, Food Services Manager, SCICON
Eric Thiessen, Principal, UPHS
Kelley Petty, Coordinator, CC!

GUESTS
Guests as listed in the register including Janae Castellani.

CALL TO ORDER
President Coble welcomed everyone, called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome
Coble asked that the minutes reflect that all board members were present except Debby Holguin.

ADA
Mrs. Coble reported that ADA accommodations had been met.

ACCOMMODATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Members of the public did not address any matter of jurisdiction.
CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Enea, seconded by Maldonado-Arroyo to approve the Consent Calendar, including minutes of the March 13, 2019 Regular Board Meeting, Countywide Registration of Credentials, Temporary County Certificates and Countywide Emergency Permit Applications including received donations to TCOE. Motion was unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Maldonado-Arroyo, Enea, Hillman, Link and Reed. Board member Holguin was absent.

FIRST READING BOARD POLICY
5131.2 BULLYING

Julie Berk presented to the Board the 5131.2 Board Policy regarding Bullying. Julie advised that this policy is aligned to CSBA’s bullying policy. This board policy will be brought to the May board meeting for approval.

PUBLIC HEARING
WAIVER TO EXEMPT UPHS FROM SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Eric Thiessen asked the Board to consider approving a waiver to exempt University Preparatory High School from the School Lunch Program (CA Education Code 47613.5) for one year or more. Eric surveyed the parents of the students with some questions including would they apply for the free lunch program, if their students qualified for it, and would they want their child to have the free lunch once or more than once a week. UPHS is not equipped at this time to have a room or space to offer these lunches to students in the future. Judy Coble opened a public hearing at 10:21 a.m. to receive comments from the public. Eric Theissen commented that he wants all his UPHS students to have their required food available to them. Joe Enea asked if coupons could be given to the students to be used at the snack bar. The public hearing was closed at 10:23 a.m.

WAIVER TO EXEMPT UPHS FROM SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

It was moved by Enea, seconded by Link to approve the waiver to exempt UPHS from the School Lunch Program. Motion was unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Maldonado-Arroyo, Enea, Hillman, Holguin, Link and Reed.

ACCEPT LOW BID FOR INSTALLATION OF SERVER ROOM RACK COOLING SYSTEM

Jeff Ramsay asked the Board to approve and accept the low bid from American Inc. to install the server room rack cooling system. It was moved by Hillman, seconded by Holguin to approve the low bid from American Inc. Motion was unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Maldonado-Arroyo, Enea, Hillman, Holguin, Link and Reed.

GRANT APPLICATION FOR NEW ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES AND AUTHORIZE GRANT ADMINISTRATOR

Jeff Ramsay asked for the Board’s approval of Resolution #18/19-12 to submit a grant application for five new alternative fuel vehicles and to authorize Mr. Ramsay as the grant administrator. It was moved by Reed, seconded by Maldonado-Arroyo to approve Resolution #18/19-12 and to authorize Mr. Ramsay as the grant administrator. Motion was unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Maldonado-Arroyo, Enea, Hillman, Holguin, Link and Reed.
Dr. Craig Wheaton asked the Board to set May 8, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at the Jim Vidak Education Center in the Redwood CD meeting rooms as the date, time and location for the public hearing to solicit the recommendations and comments of members of the public regarding specific actions and expenditures proposed for inclusion in the local control and accountability plan (LCAP) or annual update. It was moved by Hillman, seconded by Enea to approve May 8, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at the Jim Vidak Education Center in Redwood CD meeting rooms for a public hearing for LCAP. Motion was unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Maldonado-Arroyo, Enea, Hillman, Holguin, Link and Reed.

Dr. Craig Wheaton asked the Board to approve May 8, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at the Jim Vidak Education Center in the Redwood CD meeting rooms as the date, time and location for the public hearing for the 2019-2020 TCOE budget. It was moved by Holguin, seconded by Link to accept May 8, 2019 3:00 p.m. at the Jim Vidak Education Center in Redwood CD meeting rooms for a public hearing for the 2019-2020 TCOE Budget. Motion was unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Maldonado-Arroyo, Enea, Hillman, Holguin, Link and Reed.

Superintendent Hire thanked everyone for traveling to SCICON. Mr. Hire pointed out the outstanding News Gallery issue featuring the Theatre Company’s production of *Once on this Island* starting on April 11 through April 13. He also mentioned the Farm Bureau Calendar, the April Direct Magazine and the flyer for the 59th annual SCICON barbecue. The Young Authors Faire is on display in the lobby. The Math Bowl had 500-600 students who participated in this student event.

Sixth-grade visits, fifth-grade day trip attendance and high school counselor attendance is up this year. Because of the fires in and near Malibu and losing one of their schools of science, some of their students are visiting SCICON. However, Dianne emphasized that Tulare County students are served first. SCICON had a great group of interns this past year. They will be missed. The new group of interns will be starting in August.

Mrs. Shew reported that the Board of Supervisors donated $3,500 this year to pay for the meat for the annual barbecue.

The attendance at the SCICON Barbecue in 2018 had nearly 3,000 attendees. Dianne announced there were large and small posters available for Sunday’s barbecue. The barbecue is a fundraiser sponsored by the Friends of SCICON.
Dianne Shew advised that the steering committee, including Tim Hire and Jim Vidak, will be meeting next month to discuss details for the UC Merced/SCICON Field Station. They are excited to see when the students have hands-on projects at the field station. Dianne then read a few letters received from 6th graders.

Dianne advised the Board that SCICON’s anticipated needs for the future are a new lodge, a couple of cabins, and new restroom for those cabins. Additional staff, including an LVN or nurse, is another need.

Mrs. Shew invited the Board to see the new maintenance yard before returning for lunch. The Board and Mr. Hire thanked Dianne for her presentation.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING  May 8, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT  Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.