

**TULARE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

The Tulare County Board of Education met on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. in the Redwood CD meeting room at the Jim Vidak Education Center, Visalia, California.

PRESENT
Board Members Judy Coble, President
Celia Maldonado-Arroyo, Vice President
Debby Holguin
Tom Link
Chris Reed
Jim Vidak, Ex-Officio Secretary

ABSENT
Board Members Pat Hillman
Joe Enea

PRESENT
Staff Members Robert Herman, Public Information Officer
John Rodriguez, Director, Human Resources
Dr. Guadalupe Solis, Deputy Superintendent, Instructional Services
Dr. Craig Wheaton, Deputy Superintendent, Administrative Services
Marlene Moreno, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent
Debra Lockwood, Library Media Supervisor, ERS
Jeff Ramsay, Director, General Services
Julie Berk, Administrator, ECE
Kelley Petty, CHARACTER COUNTS! Coordinator
Tammy McKean, Assistant Superintendent, Special Services
Sarah Hamilton, Administrator, Special Services
Patty Blaswich, Director, Internal Business Services
Jody Arriaga, Accounts Payable Supervisor
Pansy Ceballos, Instructional Services Consultant
Ron Pekarek, Program Manager, Special Services
Jen Francone, Administrator, ERS
Yesenia Tadeo, Instructional Consultant Support Technician
Wayne Lacy, Director, Information Systems
Samantha Romero, Helpdesk Support Specialist, IS
Evan Lawler, Helpdesk Support Specialist, IS
Joe Vela, PC Technician, IS

GUESTS
Guests as listed in the register including Desiree Serrano, Mario Millan, Lori Lackey, Robert Arroyo, Suzanna Aguilera Marrero, Sarah Fiehler, Stacy Brazil, Melissa Hernandez and Eli Wendt.

CALL TO ORDER
Pledge of Allegiance/
Welcome

President Coble welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Coble led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADA
ACCOMMODATIONS

Mrs. Coble reported that ADA accommodations requirements have been met.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Suzanna Aguilera Marrero (SAM), 2788 Eshom Creek Court, Tulare, representing Tulare County families, informed the Board about an awareness event in October: DACA awareness, Tule River Native Americans speakers, Mental Health, Teen Pregnancy and Southeast Asian speakers. She invited the Board to attend the event.

CONSENT
CALENDAR

It was moved by Reed, seconded by Link to approve the Consent Calendar, including minutes of the December 6, 2017 Regular Board Meeting, Countywide Registration of Credentials, Temporary County Certificates and Countywide Emergency Permit Applications. Motion was unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Reed, Coble, Link, Holguin and Maldonado-Arroyo. Enea and Hillman were absent.

President Coble asked that the minutes reflect that board members Hillman and Enea were absent.

DONATION FROM
BLANKET LADIES

Sarah Hamilton asked for the Board's approval to accept the donation of 235 bibs and 40 fleece blankets (value of \$2,150) to the Yettem Learning Center, Maple Learning Complex and the Occupational Training Program from the Blanket Ladies. It was moved by Maldonado-Arroyo, seconded by Reed to accept the donation from the Blanket Ladies. Motion was unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Reed, Coble, Link, Holguin and Maldonado-Arroyo. Enea and Hillman were absent.

RICHGROVE
SCHOOL DISTRICT
PRESENTATION

Judy Coble called on Superintendent Mario Millan from Richgrove School District to present to the Board. Mr. Millan gave a detailed report including the school's history and current enrollment.

Mrs. Coble thanked Mr. Millan for his presentation. Mr. Vidak also thanked Mr. Millan and commended him for his leadership at Richgrove School District.

SCHOOL
ACCOUNTABILITY
REPORT CARD
(SARC) FOR 2016-
2017

Tammy McKean asked the Board's approval of the School Accountability Report Card (SARC) for 2016-2017. It was moved by Link, seconded by Holguin to approve the School Accountability Report Card (SARC) for 2016-2017. Motion was unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Reed, Coble, Link, Holguin and Maldonado-Arroyo. Enea and Hillman were absent.

PART C EARLY
EDUCATION
PROGRAM GRANT
AWARD 2017-2018

Ron Pekarek asked for the Board's approval for the Part C, Early Education Programs Grant Award 2017-2018 (\$140,675). It was moved by Maldonado-Arroyo, seconded by Reed to approve the Part C, Early Education Programs Grant Award 2017-2018. Motion was unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Reed, Coble, Link, Holguin and Maldonado-Arroyo. Enea and Hillman were absent.

FIRST READING ON
RESCINDING BOARD
POLICY 4132.1
COPYRIGHTS AND
PATENTS

John Rodriguez informed the Board about the current Board Policy 4132.1. Mr. Rodriguez asked the Board to review the existing Board Policy regarding copyrights and patents. At the February Board meeting, action will be taken to rescind Board Policy 4132.1.

Celia inquired about the Superintendent's policy. Mr. Rodriguez explained that the board policies tend to be more generic. The Superintendent and administrative regulations are more specific. They also allow for quick adjustments when board policies change. We are able to do updates quickly as needed.

PTA 21ST DISTRICT
PRESENTATION

Judy Coble tabled this agenda item on the PTA 21st District presentation as the presenter Terry Peterson was not in attendance.

2017-2018 WILLIAMS
REVIEW SUMMARY

Samantha Tate presented the 2017-2018 Williams Review Summary to the Board. Sixty-six school sites were visited to ensure they followed the Williams settlement. All schools were in compliance. Samantha thanked TCOE staff and school site staff that assisted in the Williams visits. This was an informational item only.

OVERSIGHT REPORT
FOR VALLEY LIFE
CHARTER SCHOOL
FOR 2017-2018

Dr. Guadalupe Solis asked for the Board's approval on the 2017-2018 annual Oversight Report for Valley Life Charter School. . Eli Wendt, a student at Valley Life, spoke about his experience as a student. He also spoke about enjoying the environment on campus. It was moved by Link, seconded by Holguin to approve the 2017-2018 annual Oversight Report for Valley Life Charter School Motion was unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Reed, Coble, Link, Holguin and Maldonado-Arroyo. Enea and Hillman were absent.

2016-2017 AUDIT FOR
TULARE COUNTY
OFFICE OF
EDUCATION

Jody Arriaga introduced Sarah Fiehler from Christy White, Associates. Ms. Fiehler gave an in-depth breakdown of the 2016-2017 audit report of the Tulare County Office of Education for the period ending June 30, 2017. There were no findings in Federal awards. There were two findings in State awards. Sarah thanked TCOE staff, Patty Blaswich and Jody Arriaga for their cooperation and expertise. The Board and Mr. Vidak thanked and complimented Ms. Fiehler, their staff and the TCOE business staff for their work on the audit report. It was moved by Link, seconded by Holguin to approve the Tulare County Office of

Education 2016-2017 audit. Motion was unanimously carried with the following

votes: Ayes: Reed, Coble, Link, Holguin and Maldonado-Arroyo. Hillman and Enea were absent.

**ACCEPT LOW BID
FOR ECEP HVAC
REPLACEMENTS**

Jeff Ramsay asked for the Board's approval to accept a low bid from Mesa Energy Systems, Inc. for multiple ECEP HVAC replacements. It was moved by Link, seconded by Holguin to accept a low bid from Mesa Energy Systems, Inc. Motion was unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Reed, Coble, Link, Holguin and Maldonado-Arroyo. Hillman and Enea were absent.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Superintendent Vidak wished everyone a Happy New Year. Mr. Vidak called on Rob Herman for a report on a recent award received. Mr. Herman announced the Lactation Station award presented by the Society of Human Resource Management. The family-friendly award is given to a local business who has designated a room to allow nursing mothers their privacy when needed. Mr. Herman thanked Jeff Ramsay for submitting the application and for providing a small refrigerator in the lactation room.

Mr. Vidak announced that it was two years on December 21st that TCOE has occupied the new building. Stats show that from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. there is an event/training in all rooms 35% of the time.

Mr. Vidak reminded everyone that there is a SCICON Open House on January 21st. Academic Decathlon will be held in our Mooney facility on January 27 and again on February 3rd. The Access to Higher Education will be taking place on January 27 at College of the Sequoias. Mock Trial will begin on January 23.

Mr. Vidak thanked Robert Arroyo for attending the January board meeting.

Chris Reed wanted to extend a "thank you" to the M&O staff who work very hard to set the customized layout of the conference rooms for meetings and/or trainings.

Mr. Vidak also thanked Sam Romero, Joe Vela and Evan Lawler for their tech support during the meeting.

**NEXT SCHEDULED
MEETING**

February 14, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.