TULARE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

The Tulare County Board of Education met on Wednesday, May 10, 2006, at 2:30 p.m. in the Education Center
and 3:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the County Education Building, Visalia, California.

PRESENT
Board Members
Patricia Hillman, President
Scot Townsend, Vice President
John Baker
Leonard Hansen
Edward Peterson, D.D.S.
Katy Rominger
Ruth Stouffer
Jim Vidak, Ex-Officio Secretary

PRESENT
Staff Members
Pansy Ceballos, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services
Jeanne Nava, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Darlynn Billingsley, Administrative Assistant
Tom Byars, Program Manager, CHOICES
Tony Cavanagh, School Community Liaison
Ray Chavez, Administrator, Child Care Program
Rich Graham, Administrator, General Services
Rob Herman, Public Information Officer
Marie Holguin, Secretary, General Services
Gene Mendes, School Community Liaison
Chris Reed, TCOE Liaison
John Wilborn, Director, External Business Services
Kaye van Gilluwe, Administrator, Student Support Services

GUESTS
Guests as listed in the guest register.

CALL TO ORDER
At 2:30 p.m., Board President Patricia Hillman called the Tulare County Board of
Education meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance in the Education Center.

Pledge of Allegiance/
Welcome

FNL LIP SYNCH
CONTEST
PERFORMANCES
County Superintendent Jim Vidak praised the Instructional Services Division
including: Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Pansy Ceballos; CHOICES Director Tom
Byars; and Friday Night Live staff members. School Community Liaison Tony
Cavanagh said that the FNL Junior High Lip Synch competition began 17 years ago.
Twenty-four teams competed in this year’s contest with a continuing message that
encourages strength. Performances by the first-place award winners followed. Lip
Synch Category: Tipton Elementary, students Issalia Silva and Alex Mendoza; Dance
Category: Tipton Elementary, students Jessica Almeida, Lucy Amaral, Fatima Moreno,
Heather Hunt, Chelsie Causey and Jason Cunha; Novelty Category: Springville
Elementary, students Larissa Clem, Roxy Arreola, Raven Kappahhn, Liz Harris and
Cori Snyder. The performers received certificates and congratulations from Board
President Hillman and County Superintendent Vidak. Tony Cavanagh thanked Jim
Vidak and the Tulare County Board of Education for their continued support, as well as acknowledging Gene Mendes and CHOICES Program Manager, Tom Byars. Performances concluded at 2:55 p.m.

ADA ACCOMMODATIONS

The Tulare County Board of Education reconvened in the Board Room at 3:00 p.m. Pat Hillman said that ADA Accommodations had been met.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Peterson, seconded by Stouffer, to approve Consent Calendar Items A-D:

A. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of April 26, 2006, and Special Board Planning Meeting of April 26, 2006 – Encl. No. 1
B. Authorization of Countywide Registration of Credentials, Encl. No. 2
C. Authorization of Countywide Salary Releases, Encl. No. 3
D. Authorization of Countywide Emergency Credential Applications, Encl. No. 4

Motion unanimously carried.

SECOND READING
SELPA POLICY 2515, SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM ENTITLEMENTS

It was moved by Hansen, seconded by Townsend, to adopt revised SELPA Policy 2515, Special Education Program Entitlements, which reflects current SELPA practice. Motion unanimously carried.

SECOND READING
SELPA POLICIES SERIES 3000

Kaye van Gilluwe said that SELPA Policies 3000 Series had been updated to reflect changes in the Education Code and the new IDEA requirements, as well as current practices within the SELPA. It was moved by Rominger, seconded by Stouffer, to adopt the revised SELPA Policies, 3000 Series. Motion unanimously carried.

SECOND READING
REVISED BOARD POLICY 5118, NON-RESIDENT ATTENDANCE

Rich Graham requested adoption of revised Board Policy 5118, Non-Resident Attendance. He explained the revision pertained to confidential student information and the option for parents/guardians to hold the Interdistrict Attendance Appeal in open or closed session. It was moved by Rominger, seconded by Peterson, to adopt Board Policy 5118, Non-Resident Attendance. Motion unanimously carried.

INTERDISTRICT ATTENDANCE APPEAL WOODLAKE HIGH SCHOOL TO EXETER HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (CASE NO. 06-02)

Rich Graham introduced Mr. and Mrs. Jules who were present on behalf of their daughter, Hailey, Case No. 06-02. Graham announced that the parents signed the Acknowledgement and Consent to Hear Appeal in Public Session agreement prior to the board meeting. The parents reside in the Woodlake Union High School District and are requesting that Hailey attend in the Exeter Union High School District for the 2006-07 school year as an 11th grader. Currently home schooled, the parents felt it was the best choice for their child. Dr. Steve Tietjen, superintendent of Woodlake Public Schools, addressed the board and summarized that the Woodlake Board of Education denied the Interdistrict request based on the belief that the district can support and accommodate the needs of any child. An Exeter Union High School District representative was not present. It was moved by Hansen, seconded by Baker, to deny the Interdistrict Attendance Appeal, Case No. 06-02, Woodlake Union High School
District to Exeter Union High School District. Hillman, Baker, Hansen, Peterson, Stouffer and Townsend voted to deny the Interdistrict Attendance Appeal. Rominger voted to overrule the Woodlake Union High School District. Motion carried (6-1 to deny).

INTERDISTRICT ATTENDANCE APPEAL
FARMERSVILLE UNIFIED TO EXETER HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (CASE NO. 06-03)

Rich Graham presented two Interdistrict Attendance Appeals (Case No. 06-03 and 06-04) to the board. The parents of Faviola (sixth grade) and Martha (eighth grade) Ramos are requesting their daughters continue attending in Exeter Public Schools but reside in the Farmersville Unified School District. Currently, Faviola Ramos attends in the Exeter Union Elementary School.

Janet Jones, superintendent of the Farmersville Unified School District, addressed the board regarding the reasons for the denial and that separating the siblings was not discussed by the Farmersville Board. After speaking by phone to an Exeter school official prior to the board meeting, Rich Graham said that Exeter Public School officials would be pleased to have Faviola and Martha continue within their districts.

It was moved by Stouffer, seconded by Rominger, to overrule the local school District (Farmersville Unified School District), grant the Interdistrict Attendance Appeal (Case No. 06-03), and that the average daily attendance of pupils from another district shall be credited to the district of attendance in accordance with Education Code Section 46607. Motion unanimously carried.

INTERDISTRICT ATTENDANCE APPEAL
FARMERSVILLE UNIFIED TO EXETER HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (CASE NO. 06-04)

It was moved by Stouffer, seconded by Baker, to overrule the local school District (Farmersville Unified School District), grant the Interdistrict Attendance Appeal (Case No. 06-04), and that the average daily attendance of pupils from another district shall be credited to the district of attendance in accordance with Education Code Section 46607. Motion unanimously carried.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHOOL FACILITIES DEFERRED MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Board President Pat Hillman declared a Public Hearing open at 3:41 p.m. to discuss the School Facilities Deferred Maintenance Program and the proposals and plans for the expenditure of funds. The Deferred Maintenance Five-Year Plan was included in Encl. No. 8, explained Rich Graham. The Deferred Maintenance Program will be considered for board adoption at the June 7, 2006, board meeting. Pat Hillman declared the Public Hearing closed at 3:42 p.m.

2006-07 COUNTY SCHOOL SERVICE FUND BUDGET

With a PowerPoint presentation, Patty Blaswich provided board members with a comprehensive report on the 2006-07 County School Service Fund (CSSF) budget. She began by reviewing the budget assumptions, which included a 5.18 percent COLA and 1 percent growth. CSSF revenues total $120,874,437 with 30 percent generated by federal monies and 43 percent by the state. Total expenditures were $120,424,404 with unrestricted funds at $18,066,876 and restricted, $102,357,528. The total estimated beginning CSSF fund balance is $20,738,851 and an estimated ending balance of $21,188,884.
Child Development revenues totaled $45,270,451 with 67 percent derived from federal funds, 29 percent from the state and local, 4 percent. Estimated expenditures were $45,227,869. Ms. Blaswich also reviewed the following funds: La Sierra Charter School Fund, which shows an estimated ending fund balance of $72,457; Cafeteria-SCICON; Deferred Maintenance; Forest Reserve; and the LEVIS Trust. Patty Blaswich thanked County Superintendent Vidak for his guidance and support through the budget process. Jim Vidak responded with praise for Ms. Blaswich and her staff including Ofelia Trevino-Toste. “We are doing fine,” said Vidak.

It was moved by Stouffer, seconded by Peterson, to set June 7, 2006, to adopt the CSSF Budget.

WHEREAS, the Tulare County Board of Education elected to follow the single-budget adoption process for fiscal year 2006-2007, in accordance with Education Code Section 42127(h), provided in AB 1200, Chapter 1213, 1991 California Statutes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Education Code Section 42103, said Board shall hold a public hearing on the proposed budget during which any resident of the county may appear and be heard regarding the proposed budget; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing shall be held not less than three working days following availability of the proposed budget for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, the county superintendent of schools shall publish the date and location at which the proposed budget may be inspected by the public, and the date, time, and location of the public hearing of the proposed budget; and

WHEREAS, said publication shall be made in a newspaper of general circulation in the county no earlier than 45 days prior to the date of the hearing nor later than 10 days prior to that date; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The public is hereby notified that at 3:00 p.m., on June 7, 2006, the Tulare County Board of Education will hold a public hearing in the Boardroom at the Tulare County Office of Education, 2637 W. Burrel Avenue, Visalia, California, to consider adoption of the budget for fiscal year 2006-2007.
2. The public is further notified that the budget will be available to any person who wishes to examine or inspect the same in the Business Office at the above location after May 10, 2006, which date is at least three working days prior to the date of the public hearing.
3. It is the wish of this Board that the county superintendent of schools publish a notice of said public hearing in the following newspaper: Visalia Times-Delta.
4. Following the public hearing the Board shall adopt a budget and no later than five days after adoption, or by July 1, whichever occurs first, the Board shall file the budget with the California Department of Education.
5. Not later than 45 days after the Governor signs the annual Budget Act, the Tulare County Board of Education shall make available for public review any revisions in revenues and expenditures that it has made to its budget to reflect the funding made available by that Budget Act.
6. The county superintendent of schools or designee is hereby directed to arrange for timely publication of hearing information pursuant to Education Code Section 42103.

Motion unanimously carried.

Sharon Phillips requested adoption of a proclamation declaring May 2006 as Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Month. She said that Tulare County’s teenage birth rate is above the national average, and there is still a need for effective intervention programs with the support and involvement of the local communities.

It was moved by Peterson, seconded by Baker, to adopt the following proclamation:
WHEREAS, the teen pregnancy problem crosses all racial, cultural and socio-economic lines, and
teen parenthood has emotional, health and financial consequences that impact the teen, their
families and society as a whole; and
WHEREAS, by the year 2010, the number of teenagers in California is expected to swell by 34
percent, which translates into more individuals entering reproductive age; and
WHEREAS, the California Department of Health Services works with a vast network of
community-based organizations, including Community Challenge Grants, Male Involvement
Programs, and Information & Education programs and Adolescent Family Life Programs to
promote teen pregnancy prevention on a local level; and
WHEREAS, all of us play an integral role in preventing teen pregnancy in our respective
communities and government alone cannot solve the problem of teenage pregnancy; and
WHEREAS, the California Department of Health Services’ teen pregnancy prevention programs
have created and enhanced opportunities for collaboration between government and parents,
community groups, schools, religious institutions, health and human service providers, and the
private sector in California to plan and implement effective strategies and programs in
communities across the state to reduce the number of teen pregnancies; and
WHEREAS, teen birth rates have declined by nearly a third since 1991, from 61.8 per 1,000
females ages 15 to 19 to 41.2 per 1,000 in 2004 (preliminary estimate), the lowest rate ever
reported in the United States.
WHEREAS, this significant decline of such an important health indicator clearly attests to the fact
that effective intervention programs and the involvement of California communities are making a
difference; and
WHEREAS, teen birth rates in the San Joaquin Valley are more than twice those in the Bay area
and highest of any region in California; in year 2004 in Tulare County there were 69.5 births to
every 1,000 females 15-19 years of age or 1 birth to every 14.3 teenage girl making Tulare
County’s teen birth rate one of the highest in California; and
WHEREAS, May is designated Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month in the United States; and,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Tulare County Office of Education that they do
hereby proclaim May 2006 as “Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month” in the city of Visalia.
Motion unanimously carried.

QUARTERLY
INVESTMENT REPORT

John Wilborn gave the Quarterly Investment Report for the period ending March 31,
2006. The interest rate for the last month of the quarter was 3.08 percent as compared
to 3.03 percent, December 31, 2005. This was an informational item. No action taken.

RESOLUTION
TEMPORARY LOANS TO
SCHOOL DISTRICTS
2006-07 SCHOOL YEAR

It was moved by Stouffer, seconded by Baker, to adopt the following resolution:
WHEREAS, Section 42621 of the California Education Code and Section 3295 of the Tulare County
Board of Education Policy allow the County Superintendent of Schools, with the approval of the
County Board of Education, to make temporary transfers from the County School Service Fund to
any school district which does not have sufficient money to its credit to meet current operating
expenses; and
WHEREAS, said sections specify that such transfers shall not exceed 85 percent of the amount
accruing to the school district at the time of transfer and that the amounts so transferred shall be
repaid to the County School Service Fund prior to June 30 of the fiscal year for which the transfer
is made;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:
1. The Tulare County Superintendent of Schools is hereby authorized to make temporary transfers
of funds to school districts for a total of One Hundred Fifty Thousand and no/100 Dollars
($150,000.00) during the 2006-2007 fiscal year.
2. Said loans are to be repaid by school districts by June 30, 2007.
Motion unanimously carried.
RESOLUTION
TEMPORARY LOANS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS
2007-08 SCHOOL YEAR

It was moved by Baker, seconded by Peterson, to adopt the following resolution:
WHEREAS, Section 42622 of the California Education Code and Section 3295 of the Tulare County Board of Education Policy allow the County Superintendent of Schools, with the approval of the County Board of Education, to make an apportionment from the County School Service Fund to a school district conditional upon the repayment by the district, during the next succeeding fiscal year, of the amount appropriated;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tulare County Superintendent of Schools is hereby authorized to apportion to school districts from the County School Service Fund during the 2006-2007 fiscal year an amount not to exceed a total of One Hundred Thousand and no/100 Dollars ($100,000.00), to be repaid to the County School Service Fund during the 2007-2008 fiscal year.
Motion unanimously carried.

PIR 2004-05 CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
Ray Chavez explained that the Program Information Report (PIR), a Congressional report, tracks performance and measures success or identifies where a program needs improvement. The Early Head Start and Head Start report contains data, which is compared to other grantees at the state, regional and national levels. For the 2004-05 program year, Child Care had six performance indicators below the established thresholds. An improvement plan was developed and the Head Start Regional Office has accepted the Corrective Action Plan. It was moved by Hansen, seconded by Townsend, to approve the Program Information Report, 2004-05 Corrective Action Plan. Motion unanimously carried.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES
MIGRANT/SEASONAL HEAD START
Ray Chavez said that the three goals (2004-07) established by Child Care were met in a timely manner and reflect the 2006-07 Migrant and Seasonal Head Start proposal. An additional goal was established for 2006-07 – linking children and families to needed community services. It was moved by Stouffer, seconded by Peterson, to approve the Goals and Objectives for Migrant and Seasonal Head Start (2004-07) and one new goal and objective for 2006-07. Motion unanimously carried.

TRAINING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE MIGRANT & SEASONAL HEAD START
Ray Chavez presented the Training and Technical Assistance Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Program Plan and Budget for approval. In 2004, nine goals were developed based on the prioritization of issues found in the gap analysis; all nine goals have been completed. For 2006-07, two goals were established, which relate to social development and educating parents. One of the key phrases used by Ray Chavez was mentor coaching. It was moved by Hansen, seconded by Baker, to approve the Training and Technical Assistance Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Program Plan and Budget for $10,797. Motion unanimously carried.

MIGRANT & SEASONAL HEAD START PROGRAM OPTIONS
Ray Chavez explained that the Migrant and Seasonal Head Start program serves children and families through a center-based program option in the communities of Cutler, Porterville, Lindsay and Richgrove. Chavez said that his division hopes to make a difference by having children in a center-based program. It was moved by Peterson, seconded by Hansen, to approve the Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Program Options. Motion unanimously carried.

MIGRANT & SEASONAL HEAD START BUDGET 2006-07
Ray Chavez presented the 2006-07 Migrant and Seasonal Head Start budget for board approval. He said there was a one percent Head Start mandated reduction in funding. Seventy children are served. It was moved by Rominger, seconded by Hansen, to
approve the 2006-07 Migrant and Seasonal Head Start budget for $853,340. Motion unanimously carried.

The last agenda item presented by Ray Chavez was the Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Community Assessment update. Three priorities have been established:

1. Promote child literacy by reducing time spent watching television and providing access to books.
2. Educate legislators and other decision makers about migrant farm workers and strengthening outreach efforts.
3. Improve adult literacy and improve English skills.

Ray Chavez said it is essential to have both parents involved in the learning process for their children – such as reading with them and limiting time spent viewing television. It was moved by Stouffer, seconded by Baker, to approve the Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Community Assessment Update for 2006-07. Motion unanimously carried.

Jeanne Nava presented the Williams Settlement First Quarter 2006 Uniform Complaint Report. The report was from January through March. There was one complaint reported for the Cutler-Orosi Unified School District regarding facilities. It had not been resolved. No action taken. Informational report only.

[Dr. Edward Peterson left the Tulare County Board of Education meeting at 4:25 p.m.]

It was moved by Hansen, seconded by Rominger, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Elections Code Sections 1302, 10404.5, and 10405.7 authorize a county board of education to establish the election day for board members to regularly occur on the same day as the statewide direct primary election, the statewide general election, or the general municipal election is held; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has received and approved a resolution from this Board establishing election of board members on the same day upon which the statewide general election is held; and

WHEREAS, Education Code Section 1007 provides that members of the county board of education shall be elected on the date and in the manner prescribed for the election of members of governing boards of school districts; and

WHEREAS, Education Code Section 5322 provides that whenever an election is ordered, the governing board shall, by resolution, provide for specifications of the election order which shall be delivered to the county superintendent of school and the officer conducting the election not less than 123 days prior to the date set for the election; and

WHEREAS, other elections of school districts or other public agencies may be held in whole or part within the trustee areas of this Board in which the elections are to be held and it is to the advantage of the Board to consolidate therewith;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct.
2. This Board hereby orders an election to be held on the 7th day of November, 2006, for the purpose of electing _3_ members to the County Board of Education representing Trustee Areas 1, 4 and 7, in accordance with the following specifications:

SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER

A. The election shall be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2006.
B. The purpose of the election is to choose three (3) members to the County Board of Education representing Trustee Areas 1, 4 and 7.
C. Candidate statements shall be paid for by the candidate. (Electon Code Section 13309 provides procedures for filing by indigent candidates.)
D. Candidate statements shall be limited to 200 words.

E. Adopt i or ii:
   
   X i. In the event of a tie vote, the winner of the election shall be determined by lot at a time and place to be designated by this Board.

3. This Board hereby requests and consents to the consolidation of this election with other elections to be held in whole or in part in the trustee areas in which the elections are to be held, pursuant to Education Code Section 5340 et seq., and Elections Code Section 10400 et seq.

4. The Clerk of this Board is ordered to deliver copies of this Resolution, not less than 123 days prior to the date set for the election, to the County Superintendent of Schools who shall deliver the order of election to the Tulare County Registrar of Voters and, if applicable, to the county clerk or registrar of voters of any other county in which the election is to be held, as required by Education Code Section 5324.

5. This Board requests that the county superintendent of schools publish the notice of election in the following newspaper, which is a newspaper of general circulation that is regularly circulated in the territory: Delano Record, Dinuba Sentinel, Kingsburg Recorder, Lindsay Gazette, Porterville Recorder, Tulare Advance Register, Visalia Times Delta.

Motion unanimously carried.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Jeanne Nava invited board members to the Tulare County Office of Education retiree reception on June 7, following the regularly scheduled board meeting.

CVEC DINNER

County Superintendent Vidak announced that the Central Valley Education Coalition (CVEC) Dinner was held April 27 in Fresno. Board folders contained a Madera Tribune news article and a news release from State Senator Jeff Denham about the informative evening. Honored that evening were Senator Denham and Assemblymember Juan Aramabula. Keynote speaker, Dr. Jeffrey Frost, CVEC’s legislative advocate and “voice” in Sacramento addressed participants, noted Jim Vidak.

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD SELECTIONS

Jim Vidak reported that 41 qualified candidates will be considered for top honors in the 2006 Tulare County Excellence in Education Awards program. Trustee Ruth Stouffer is a member of the Selection Committee. Tulare County Office of Education nominees include: Administrator/Manager of the Year, Adam Valencia, and Teacher of the Year, Greg Owens.

CHARACTER AND CIVIC EDUCATION

At the Character and Civic Education Conference in Fresno on April 18, several Tulare County schools received the Bonner Center’s Virtues and Character Recognition Award, announced the County Superintendent. Award winners were:

- Burton and Oak Grove Elementary Schools – Burton School District
- Francis J. White Learning Center - Woodlake
- Monte Vista, Santa Fe and Vandalia Elementary Schools – Porterville

NEWS GALLERY

The May issue of the News Gallery features the Theatre Company’s production of Disney’s Aladdin Jr., which was a huge success, reported Jim Vidak. He thanked Rob Herman for his efforts in the design and publication of this monthly newsletter.

BOOK TITLE

County Superintendent Vidak explained that the Book Title: My Mom’s Having a Baby!
would be considered for approval at the June board meeting, which would allow enough time for board members to review.

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| NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING | The next Tulare County Board of Education meeting is June 7, 2006. |

| ADJOURNMENT | Board President Hillman adjourned the Tulare County Board of Education meeting at 4:36 p.m. |