The Tulare County Board of Education met on Wednesday, May 14, 2008, at 3:00 p.m. at La Sierra Military Academy, 1735 E. Houston, Visalia, CA.

**PRESENT**
Board Members
- Scot Townsend, President
- Leonard Hansen, Vice President
- Pat Hillman
- Katy Rominger
- Edward Peterson
- Jim Vidak, Ex-Officio Secretary

**ABSENT**
Board Members
- John Baker
- Celia Maldonado-Arroyo

**PRESENT**
Staff Members
- Robert Herman, Public Information Officer
- Rick Mitchell, Administrator, SCICON
- Marlene Moreno, Administrative Secretary
- René Moncada, Administrator, La Sierra Charter School
- Guadalupe Solis, Ed.D., Administrator, Student Support and Academic Services
- Pansy Ceballos, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services
- Ray Chavez, Administrator, Child Care
- Gary Biggs, Program Manager, Maple Learning Complex
- John Caudle, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
- Leigh Mosconi, Program Manager, Yettem Learning Center
- Virginia Sepeda, Project Coordinator, After School Consortium
- Marie Holguin, Secretary, Business Services
- Jim Kooler, Dr. PH, Administrator, California Friday Night Live Partnership
- Don Davie, Secretary, La Sierra Military Academy
- Christine Chapman, Administrative Assistant

- Michelle Flanagan, Student
- Manuel Rambonga, Student

**GUESTS**
Guests as listed in the guest register including Tim Hire, Superintendent of Woodlake High School; Stan Carrizosa, Superintendent of Visalia Unified School District; Carol Laird, Deputy County Counsel; Petra Fernandez; and Debbie Jo Bird.

**CALL TO ORDER**
Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome
Board President called the meeting to order and welcomed board members, staff and guests. He also thanked Mr. Moncada for hosting the meeting at La Sierra Military Academy. Student Manuel Rambonga led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**UPDATE ON VISALIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (VUSD)**
Superintendent Stan Carrizosa was on hand to give an update on the enrollment status at Visalia Unified School District (VUSD) and the action his board has taken regarding interdistrict transfer requests for 2008-2009 for Kindergarten
POLICY ON INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER REQUESTS FOR 2008-2009

through Sixth Grade. With the tremendous growth of Visalia over the past five years, VUSD has been using annual developer fees collected from new construction dedicated to be the local matching source of money to construct new elementary schools. The long term growth needs of the district are for middle and high school, but the immediate need is for elementary. Consequently, 5 new schools have opened in the last 7 years, however, the district is still impacted in terms of enrollment with all schools functioning at or above capacity. He explained that students would still be allowed to apply for intra-district transfers, but in order to preserve and maintain class size reduction, all interdistrict transfer requests would be denied at the local level.

SCICON
Rick Mitchell was on hand to describe the 50th anniversary celebration which took place during the annual barbecue on April 20th. As a token of appreciation for their contributions to SCICON, Mr. Mitchell presented Leonard Hansen, Dr. Peterson and Superintendent Jim Vidak with a plaque. Rick Mitchell and Superintendent Vidak complimented the La Sierra Military Academy cadets for their assistance in directing parking at the barbecue.

LA SIERRA MILITARY ACADEMY
Mr. Moncada, Administrator of La Sierra Middle School, remarked that he was honored to host the board meeting today. He introduced two young cadets who are the top male and female cadets on campus: Michelle Flanagan and Manuel Rambonga. Manuel spoke about the great experience he has had while at La Sierra, the education he has gained and how the structured setting has taught him invaluable leadership skills. His future plans are to attend COS majoring in firefighting. Michelle proudly gave her testimony about the two years she has spent at La Sierra Military Academy. She described the special skills she obtained including the confidence to succeed, the value of teamwork, pride in self and work, community service and the discipline to succeed in the military.

ADA ACCOMMODATIONS
Board President Townsend announced that ADA accommodations had been met.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Members of the public did not address any matters of jurisdiction.

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

A. Approval of Minutes for the regular Board Meeting of April 9, 2008, 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.
DONATION TO CHOICES
Virginia Sepeda requested approval of a $540 donation to Choices from the Oak Valley Parent Club to purchase a mounted display case for Oak Valley and the After School information. It was moved by Hillman, seconded by Hansen to accept the donation. Motion unanimously carried.

DONATION TO SPECIAL SERVICES
Leigh Mosconi informed the board that Si Kalfayan donated a computer valued at $500 to the special services division. It was moved by Rominger, seconded by Hansen to accept the donation. Motion unanimously carried.

DONATION TO MAPLE LEARNING COMPLEX
Gary Biggs acknowledged receipt of a $1,000 donation from Leon Jimenez to Maple Learning Complex. Mr. Jimenez donated the funds through Paramount Citrus Association Matching Gifts Program. It was moved by Hansen, seconded by Peterson to accept the donation. Motion unanimously carried.

DONATIONS TO SCICON
Rick Mitchell proudly described donations to SCICON from the Friends of SCICON program totaling $43,484 and a wood chipper from Tulare City Elementary School District valued at $12,000. Mike Milanesi, employee of Tulare City Schools and President of Friends of SCICON, was on hand and told the board members that his district feels a special need to take care of SCICON. Rick Mitchell was very thankful for the unending support from both the Friends of SCICON and Tulare City Schools. It was moved by Peterson, seconded by Hillman to accept the donations. Motion unanimously carried.

INTERDISTRICT ATTENDANCE
John Caudle reviewed the criteria to be considered by the board when making a decision on an interdistrict transfer. Carol Laird, Tulare County Counsel, was present to answer any legal questions that arise during the hearing. Debbie Jo Bird, mother of the student requesting the transfer was present, along with Tim Hire, Superintendent of Woodlake Union High School. Based on information presented and considered by the board, it was moved by Hansen, seconded by Peterson to grant the request for an interdistrict transfer for student 08/09-01. Motion unanimously carried.

INTERDISTRICT ATTENDANCE
John Caudle introduced Mrs. Fernandez, mother of the student requesting the transfer. Based on information presented and considered by the board, it was moved by Hillman, seconded by Hansen to deny the request for an interdistrict transfer for student 08/09-02. Ayes: Hillman, Hansen, Townsend, Rominger; Noes: Peterson. Motion carried.

QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT
John Caudle presented the Quarterly Investment Report for the period ending March 31, 2008 for disclosure only. He noted that investment amounts amounted to over $81 million. Mr. Caudle explained that the recent federal cuts
in interest rates may have an effect on this amount.

**WILLIAMS SETTLEMENT REPORTS**  
John Caudle distributed copies of the Williams Settlement Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report for the 1st Quarter 2008 showing no complaints received. He also presented the revised report for the 4th Quarter of 2007 with complaints received from the Cutler-Orosi district. Ms. Nava will follow through on repairs which included ripped carpet; broken concrete; and drinking water for students in physical education.

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR BOARD ELECTIONS**  
Mr. Vidak presented a resolution ordering the election on November 4. Board members from trustee areas 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 will expire the last Friday in November 2008. Board members for those areas will be elected on November 4. It was moved by Hillman, seconded by Hansen to adopt the resolution ordering board member election, consolidation, and making specifications. Motion unanimously carried.

**APPLICATION TO OFFICE OF PROBLEM GAMBLING**  
Jim Kooler requested a resolution approving California Friday Night Live Partnership to enter into a contract with the Office of Problem Gambling in the amount of $225,000 over a two-year period of time. It was moved by Rominger, seconded by Peterson to approve the resolution. Motion unanimously carried.

**CALIFORNIA WELLNESS FOUNDATION GRANT**  
Mr. Kooler presented a $20,000 grant from the California Wellness Foundation to address alcoholic energy drinks. He compared samples of the non-alcohol drinks to the alcohol energy drinks and the similarities in their packaging. It was moved by Rominger, seconded by Peterson to accept the grant. Motion unanimously carried.

**CENTRALIZED ELIGIBILITY LIST – POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**  
Ray Chavez explained that each county must maintain a centralized eligibility list (CEL) listing families waiting for subsidized child care. The list contains the names of 10,000 eligible children. Mr. Chavez reported that there is a great need for child care in Tulare County. The CEL is an “eligibility list,” not a “waiting list” as families are ranked by their eligibility for services and not by time on the list. The Policies and Procedures Manual lists responsibilities including those of the CEL, the application process and conflict resolution. It was moved by Hillman, seconded by Hansen to approve the Centralized Eligibility List Policies and Procedures. Motion unanimously carried.

**TRAINING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE MIGRANT AND SEASONAL HEAD START PROGRAM PLAN AND BUDGET**  
Ray Chavez presented the 2008-2009 training program which contains three categories: 1. Mandated training; 2. Professional Development; and 3. Program Quality Improvement Training. The training plans are developed in response to needs and requirements identified in current community assessment identified by parents, staff, and written and verbal surveys. A budget amount of $10,797 has been allocated for training and technical assistance to staff and parents. It was moved by Peterson, seconded by Hillman to approve the Training and Technical
Assistance Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Program Plan and Budget for 2008-09. Motion unanimously carried. Mr. Chavez thanked the board for their participation in the recent meeting with the federal review team and proudly reported that the team was very complimentary.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Vidak mentioned the recent loss of John Baker’s wife, and offered prayers and condolences to him and his family. Mr. Vidak reminded the board about upcoming graduation ceremonies and encouraged them to attend. He thanked John Caudle and Marie Holguin for the nice job in handling interdistrict transfers. Mr. Vidak complimented Mr. Moncada on the impressive job he is doing at the academy. Certificates were handed to Jim Kooler, René Moncada and Guadalupe Solis to recognize them for recently being honored by the Tulare County Chapter Association of California School Administrators. Superintendent Vidak thanked Nani Rowland for the display of fresh fruit she provides at each board meeting. In conclusion, Mr. Vidak thanked the board members for the awesome job that they do.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

June 4, 2008

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.