

**TULARE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

The Tulare County Board of Education met on Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the County Education Building, Visalia, California.

- PRESENT**
Board Members
- Scot Townsend, President
Pat Hillman, Vice President
Rod Burkett
Joe Enea
Dr. Edward Peterson
Chris Reed
Jim Vidak, Ex-Officio Secretary
- ABSENT**
Board Member
- Celia Maldonado-Arroyo
- PRESENT**
Staff Members
- Kelley Petty, Character Counts! Coordinator
Robert Herman, Public Information Officer
Marlene Moreno, Administrative Secretary
John Caudle, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Jill Santivanez, Program Manager, Special Services
Marilyn Rankin, Assistant Superintendent, Special Services
John Caudle, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Jeanne Croson, Administrative/Executive Secretary
Sharon Phillips, Project Coordinator, School Health
Ray Chavez, Administrator, Child Care
Connie Smith, Instructional Consultant
Marie Holguin, Secretary
- GUESTS**
- Guests as listed in the guest register including Darryl Trinidad, Pablo Gonzales, Violet Lewis, Jonathan Ochoa, Carol Laird, Desiree Serrano, Sergio Mendoza, Supt. Dave DePaoli.
- CALL TO ORDER**
Pledge of Allegiance/
Welcome
- Scot Townsend called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ADA
ACCOMMODATIONS**
- Scot Townsend announced that ADA accommodations had been met.
- PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- Connie Smith introduced six recipients of the Foundation For Life Essay contest: Jessica Ackerson, Laura Adaska, Violet Lewis, Jonathan Ochoa, Darryl Trinidad, Chanel Waun-Wilcox. Kelley Petty provided certificates and Character Counts! t-shirts to these students. Foundation for Life is a Character Counts! Program.
- CONSENT CALENDAR**
- It was moved by Pat Hillman, seconded by Dr. Peterson, to approve Consent Calendar Items A-D:
- A. Approval of Minutes for the regular Board Meeting of April 8, 2009 and April 15, 2009, Encl. No. 1a and Encl. No. 1b
 - B. Authorization of Countywide Registration of Credentials, Encl. No. 2
 - C. Authorization of Temporary County Certificates, Encl. No. 3
 - D. Authorization of Countywide Emergency Permit Applications, Encl. No. 4
- Motion unanimously carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF
DONATIONS TO
SPECIAL SERVICES

Jill Santivanez asked that the board approve the donation of \$2,000.00 to the TCOE SDS Maple Elementary – Heather Hoskins’ class and a \$28.04 donation from Target. It was moved by Joe Enea to accept the donations, seconded by Rod Burkett. Motion unanimously carried.

SECOND READING-
SELPA POLICY #3020

Dr. Marilyn Rankin presented the revision of SELPA Policy #3020 – Program for Career Vocational Development. It was moved by Dr. Peterson, seconded by Pat Hillman to approve the revision. Motion unanimously carried.

INTERDISTRICT
ATTENDANCE APPEAL
09/10-02
Strathmore Union to
Burton School District

John Caudle reviewed the criteria to be considered by the board when making a decision on an interdistrict appeal. Bonnie Cotton was in attendance to represent her son in an appeal for an interdistrict transfer from Strathmore Union Elementary School District to Burton District. She explained the circumstances surrounding the request for the appeal was a child care issue. Ms. Cotton is not currently employed but actively looking for employment. Her son’s caretaker’s children attend school in Burton District. It was moved by Pat Hillman, seconded by Rod Burkett to deny the appeal. Motion unanimously carried.

QUARTERLY
INVESTMENT REPORT

John Caudle reported that AB2851 temporarily suspended the requirement of rendering a quarterly investment report. However, in accordance with Board Policy 3292, Mr. Caudle still presented the quarterly investment report. The report summarizes the funds invested in the Tulare County Investment Pool reflecting a 2.99 % rate of return on the investments for the period ending March 31, 2009.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR
SCHOOL
FACILITIES DEFERRED
MAINTENANCE

John Caudle advised the board that we no longer are required to have a public hearing for the school facilities deferred maintenance program. However, the public hearing was conducted by Mr. Caudle.

SCHOOL FACILITIES
DEFERRED MAIN-
TENANCE PROGRAM 5
YEAR PLAN

John Caudle informed the board that Ed Code section 17584.1 requires governing boards to discuss proposals and plans for the expenditure of funds for the deferred maintenance of school facilities at a regularly scheduled public hearing. Mr. Caudle requested board approval of the School Facilities Deferred Maintenance Program 5 Year Plan. It was moved by Joe Enea, seconded by Dr. Peterson. Motion unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO
SEEK BIDS FOR
WATER TREATMENT
PLANT AT SCICON

John Caudle reported that we have high mineral deposits in our water at SCICON. A consultant was hired to design a water treatment plant. This plant will do automatic chlorination and will serve the needs for several decades to come because it is expandable; more water tanks can be added when needed. It was moved by Rod Burkett, seconded by Joe Enea to give authorization to seek bids. Motion unanimously carried.

LOW BID FOR
RESURFACING
PROJECT

John Caudle informed the board that our asphalt parking lots at Doe and Burrel offices need to be resurfaced. Majority of the work is needed at the Burrel office. Mr. Caudle recommended Dunn’s Sand Asphalt Company be approved for the project as their company gave the lowest bid of \$72,650.00. It was moved by Pat Hillman, seconded by Joe Enea to accept the low bid. Motion unanimously carried.

LOW BID FOR
MODERNIZATION
PROJECT AT SCICON

John Caudle recommended to the board to accept the low bid for the SCICON modernization project. The lowest bid came in from Oral E. Micham Construction for \$659,000.00. It was moved by Joe Enea, seconded by Dr. Peterson to accept the lowest bid. Motion unanimously carried.

PRESENTATION OF 1ST
QUARTER 2009
WILLIAMS VALEN-
ZUELA UNIFORM
COMPLAINT REPORT

Jeanne Croson reported to the board that one complaint had been received this quarter. Cutler-Orosi advised that some ceiling tiles needed to be repaired. This repair has since been completed.

ADOPT RESOLUTION
DECLARING MAY 2009
TEEN PREGNANCY
PREVENTION MONTH

Sharon Phillips, Project Coordinator for School Health, proposed that the month of May 2009 be declared Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month. Teen pregnancy is currently on the rise in Tulare county for the second consecutive year following a 14 year decline. It was moved by Joe Enea, seconded by Dr. Peterson to declare May 2009 as Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month. Motion unanimously carried.

2009-2010 COST OF
LIVING ADJUSTMENT
(COLA)

Ray Chavez recommended approval to apply for the Cost of Living Adjustment money for Head Start, Early Head Start and Migrant and Seasonal Head Start. The Office of Head Start has mandated that all Head Start programs provide staff with a COLA of 4.9%. It was moved by Pat Hillman, seconded by Joe Enea to approve the application for the COLA. Motion unanimously carried.

2009-2010 PROGRAM
QUALITY IMPROVE-
MENT FUNDS

It was recommended by Ray Chavez to apply for the Program Quality Improvement funds for Head Start, Early Head Start and Migrant and Seasonal Head Start. The Dept. of Health & Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Head Start has allocated \$805,488 to the Tulare County Office of Education Child Care Educational Program. It was moved by Joe Enea, seconded by Dr. Peterson to approve application for the Program Quality Improvement funds for Head Start, Early Head Start and Migrant and Seasonal Head Start. Motion unanimously carried.

CHANGE AND
REDUCTION OF DAYS
OF OPERATION

Ray Chavez recommended acceptance and approval of the Tulare Adult School Child Development Center's change and reduction of days of operation. Due to several factors, they would be reduced by 45 days from 220 days to 175 days effective June 30, 2009. It was moved by Rod Burkett, seconded by Joe Enea to approve the reduction in days of operation. Motion unanimously carried.

2009-2010 MIGRANT
AND SEASONAL HEAD
START BUDGET

Ray Chavez advised the board that the Department of Health & Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Head Start will allocate \$866,140 to the TCOE Child Care Educational Program. Mr. Chavez recommended approval of the 2009-2010 Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Budget as part of the refunding application for the Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Program. It was moved by Pat Hillman, seconded by Joe Enea to approve the 2009-2010 budget. Motion unanimously carried.

CHILD CARE ANNUAL
PROGRAM SELF-
ASSESSMENT AND
IMPROVEMENT
PLANS-2009

Ray Chavez reported the Child Care Educational Program conducted a self-assessment with help from parents, community members and staff. A plan was developed to build on program strengths to implement necessary changes for continued quality services to children and families in Tulare County. Mr. Chavez recommended consideration and approval of the 2009 Annual Self Assessment Summary and Improvement Plan. It was moved by Dr. Peterson, seconded by Pat Hillman to approve the plan. Motion unanimously carried.

**SUPERINTENDENTS'
REPORT**

Superintendent Vidak commented that Friday Night Live Lip Synch's 20th year was well attended. The Annual SCICON Barbecue was another wonderful event that brought many families and community members out. Our Migrant Education Program hosted the Migrant Regional State Directors three-day conference. Poetry & Prose began on April 20. There were over 820 Tulare County students who participated in this event. Bring your Son/Daughter to Work Day brought many young people to our office. Late April, the Central Valley Education Coalition dinner was held at the Piccadilly Inn in Fresno. Over 120 school board members, superintendents, and administrators from Tulare, Fresno, Kings, Madera, Merced counties attended the event. Everyone enjoyed our 17th Annual Support Staff Conference with nearly 450 attending from Tulare and surrounding counties. Over 800 students participated at the annual Arbor Day at Mooney Grove Park. May 11th was the 9th Annual Tulare County Anti-Tobacco Challenge Bowl. Mr. Vidak reminded the board members of the La Sierra, Eleanor Roosevelt and Special Services graduation ceremonies coming up at the end of the month. He complimented the April copy of the News Gallery. Mr. Vidak also thanked Nani Rowland and the Nutrition Network for the avocado donations from PR Farm-Bella Fruta.

**NEXT SCHEDULED
MEETING**

June 3, 2009

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.