

**TULARE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES**

The Tulare County Board of Education met on Wednesday, December 13, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. for a regular board meeting in the Redwood CDEF meeting room at the Jim Vidak Education Center, 6200 S. Mooney Boulevard, Visalia, California.

PRESENT Board Members	Tom Link, President Joe Enea, Vice President Judy Coble Pat Hillman Debby Holguin (arrived at 3:15 p.m.) Celia Maldonado-Arroyo Chris Reed Tim A. Hire, Ex-Officio Secretary
PRESENT Staff Members	Rob Herman, Communications Director Marlene Moreno, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent Julie Berk, Assistant Superintendent, Student Support Services Jeff Ramsay, Director, General Services John Rodriguez, Director, Human Resources Yasmeen Contreras, Helpdesk Support Specialist, IS John Davis, Administrator, LSS Shelly DiCenzo, Administrative Legal Assistant Andrea Perez, Assistant Superintendent, District Support Services Malinda Furtado, Parent Liaison, Special Services Eric Thiessen, Principal, UPHS Dr. Scott Pierce, Administrator, La Sierra Military Academy Kathleen Green-Martins, Project Coordinator, CC! Dr. Wayne Lacy, Director, Information Systems Jody Arriaga, Director, Internal Business Services Sarah Smigiera, Director, External Business Services
GUESTS	Guests as listed in the register including Josh Whiteside.
CALL TO ORDER Pledge of Allegiance/ Welcome	Celia Maldonado-Arroyo welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. She led the Pledge of Allegiance.
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING	As part of the Organizational Meeting, Superintendent Tim Hire opened the floor for nomination for Board President. Enea made the motion, seconded by Reed to nominate Tom Link as President of the Board. No other nominations were received for Board President. Motion was unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Reed, Enea, Coble, Hillman, Link and Maldonado-Arroyo. Holguin was absent.

President Link opened up the floor for Board Vice President nominations. It was moved by Hillman, seconded by Coble to nominate Joe Enea as Vice President. No other nominations were received. Nominations were closed. Motion was unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Reed, Enea, Coble, Hillman, Link and Maldonado-Arroyo. Holguin was absent.

It was moved by Enea, seconded by Maldonado-Arroyo to adopt the 2022 Calendar of Board Meeting Dates. Motion was unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Reed, Enea, Coble, Hillman, Link and Maldonado-Arroyo. Holguin was absent.

ADA  
ACCOMMODATIONS

Tom Link reported that ADA accommodations had been met.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public did not address any matter of jurisdiction.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Coble, seconded by Enea to approve the consent calendar to include: minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of November 10, 2021, Countywide Registration of Credentials, Temporary County Certificates and Emergency Permits. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Reed, Enea, Coble, Hillman, Link and Maldonado-Arroyo. Holguin was absent.

SECOND READING,  
ADOPTION OF UPHS  
EDUCATOR  
EFFECTIVENESS  
BLOCK GRANT  
EXPENDITURE PLAN

John Davis asked the Board to consider and adopt the UPHS Educator Effectiveness Block Grant (EEBG) Expenditure Plan. It was moved by Hillman, seconded by Reed to adopt/approve the UPHS EEBG Expenditure Plan. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Reed, Enea, Coble, Hillman, Link and Maldonado-Arroyo. Holguin was absent.

SECOND READING,  
ADOPTION OF LA  
SIERRA EDUCATOR  
EFFECTIVENESS  
BLOCK GRANT  
EXPENDITURE PLAN

John Davis requested the Board to consider and adopt the Educator Effectiveness Block Grant (EEBG) for La Sierra. It was moved by Enea, seconded by Coble to adopt/approve the La Sierra EEBG Expenditure Plan. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Reed, Enea, Coble, Hillman, Link and Maldonado-Arroyo. Holguin was absent.

SECOND READING,  
ADOPTION OF  
TCOE/SPECIAL  
SERVICES  
EDUCATOR  
EFFECTIVENESS  
BLOCK GRANT  
EXPENDITURE PLAN

John Davis asked the Board to adopt the Educator Effectiveness Block Grant (EEBG) for TCOE/Special Service. It was moved by Coble, seconded by Hillman to adopt/approve the TCOE/Special Services EEBG Expenditure Plan. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Reed, Enea, Coble, Hillman, Link and Maldonado-Arroyo. Holguin was absent.

PRESENTATION OF  
PROP 47 COHORT 2  
LEARNING  
COMMUNITIES FOR  
SCHOOL SUCCESS  
(LCSSP)

Julie Berk presented on behalf of Frank Silveira. She advised that this grant was written over a 3-year span. This grant was to improve: attendance for students and school climate. Training staff and students helped improve attendance and school climate. Peer support showed to be a factor for this to be successful. Julie said the grant is about done. The next grant is working with another district and not Tulare Joint Union High School. This was an informational agenda item.

RESOLUTION NO.  
21/22-08 EXCEPTION  
TO THE 180-DAY  
WAITING PERIOD  
FOR RETIREES

Sarah Smigiera requested the Board's approval on the Exception to the 180-Day Waiting Period for Retirees (Resolution number 21/22-08) for an employee who will retire from Richgrove Elementary School District in February 2022. She is currently involved in Richgrove's construction project, district's declining enrollment, and she provides fiscal oversight on their budget. It was moved by Reed, seconded by Enea to approve Resolution Number 21/22-08 for Richgrove Elementary School District. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Reed, Enea, Holguin, Coble, Hillman, Link and Maldonado-Arroyo.

SPECIAL EDUCATION  
ALTERNATE DISPUTE  
RESOLUTION GRANT  
2021-2022

Tim Hire presented on behalf of Tammy McKean. He sought the Board's approval on the Special Education Alternate Dispute Resolution Grant for \$17,777. It was moved by Maldonado-Arroyo, seconded by Enea to approve the Special Education Alternate Dispute Resolution Grant. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Reed, Enea, Holguin, Coble, Hillman, Link and Maldonado-Arroyo.

RESOLUTION NO.  
21/22-09 BOARD OF  
STATE AND  
COMMUNITY  
CORRECTIONS –  
PROUD PARENTING  
GRANT

Kathleen Green-Martins presented on behalf of Kelley Petty. She asked the Board to approve Resolution Number 21/22-09 Board of State and Community Corrections – Proud Parenting Grant for \$300,000. It was moved by Hillman, seconded by Coble to approve Resolution Number 21/22-09 Board of State and Community Corrections – Proud Parenting Grant. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Reed, Enea, Holguin, Coble, Hillman, Link and Maldonado-Arroyo.

PRESENTATION OF  
THE CAC CALENDAR

Malinda Furtado presented the "The Journey to Success for 2022" calendar from the Community Advisory Committee to the Board. This calendar highlights the needs and abilities of special education students in Tulare County.

The Board and Mr. Hire thanked Ms. Furtado and her staff for putting this beautiful calendar together for all to enjoy.

BUDGET REVISIONS  
THROUGH 10/31/2021

Jody Arriaga presented to the Board the Budget Revisions through October 31, 2021. The County School Service Fund has an estimated revised fund balance of \$59,634,134. It was moved by Enea, seconded by Maldonado-Arroyo to approve the Budget Revisions through October 31, 2021. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Reed, Enea, Holguin, Coble, Hillman, Link and Maldonado-Arroyo.

FIRST INTERIM  
REPORT AS OF  
10/31/2021

Jody Arriaga asked the Board for approval to accept the First Interim Report. The report reflected a positive certification. It was moved by Holguin, seconded by Hillman to approve the First Interim Report as of 10/31/2021. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Reed, Enea, Holguin, Coble, Hillman, Link and Maldonado-Arroyo.

REVIEW OF THE 2022-  
2023 PROPOSED  
BUDGET CALENDAR

Jody Arriaga presented the Review of the 2022-2023 Proposed Budget Calendar. This was an informational item only.

JOINT  
REPRESENTATION  
AND WAIVER FOR  
LOZANO SMITH  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Tim Hire asked for the Board's approval on a letter indicating joint representation and waiver for Lozano Smith Attorneys at Law. It was moved by Maldonado-Arroyo, seconded by Enea to approve the joint representation and waiver for Lozano Smith. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Reed, Enea, Holguin, Coble, Hillman, Link and Maldonado-Arroyo.

RESOLUTION NO.  
21/22-10 CENSUS  
REDISTRICTING  
TULARE COUNTY  
BOARD OF  
EDUCATION  
APPROVING  
ADJUSTMENTS  
TRUSTEE AREA  
BOUNDARIES  
PURSUANT TO ED  
CODE 1002

Superintendent Hire requested that Resolution Number 21/22-10 pertaining to the Census redistricting for Tulare County Board of Education approving adjustments in trustee area boundaries pursuant to Ed. Code 1002 be approved according to chosen "Map A". It was moved by Reed, seconded by Enea to approve Resolution Number 21/22-10 adopting Map A. Joe asked to revise the name on the map to read President Tom Link instead of Celia Maldonado-Arroyo.

Mr. Hire continued a discussion on public hearings. After checking with Lozano Smith, public hearings are done due to state requirements to make sure that there is a record where we are asking for public comments on stated agenda item.

So the public hearing starts when we open the public hearing and includes all comments from the public or from any staff member. It also includes any discussion that the Board has. Upon ending that discussion is when we close that public hearing.

It was moved by Reed, seconded by Joe to approve Map A (Plan A) for the adjustments to trustee area boundaries. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Reed, Enea, Holguin, Coble, Hillman, Link and Maldonado-Arroyo.

SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT

Superintendent congratulated Mr. Link and Mr. Enea on their new leadership roles on our Board.

Mr. Hire complimented the production of *Lion King, Jr.* which was sold out at Eleanor Roosevelt. He was very proud of the huge cast of students and their performance.

Celia said there was a special on ABC30 about the Arts and how it impacts the students.

May 4, 2022 is the annual Support Staff Conference, in-person, at the Visalia Convention Center. Tim said that our SCICON Barbecue and Wild Flower Festival will be in person this year.

Our staff has been working on our core values. We have designed a folding business card to include our core values and mission statement.

Tim thanked everyone for the gifts he received from the Board. He wished that everyone have a Merry Christmas and a happy new year! Tim shared that he went with his family to Chowchilla and enjoyed seeing a traveling live recreation of Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem.

Joe mentioned that he and Judy went to the annual CSBA conference in San Diego. They experienced a hectic time with travel coming home from the conference. Celia said she attended virtually. One breakout session she attended emphasized that “the student voice is heard, but not listened to.” The Attorney General Rob Bonta said that hate groups are now recruiting children.

Chris mentioned, Dean Hall (past TCOE Superintendent), passed away. She said he had many things he accomplished.

NEXT SCHEDULED  
MEETING

January 12, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.