

**TULARE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

The Tulare County Board of Education met on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, 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 Joe Enea, President
Debby Holguin, Vice President
Judy Coble
Tom Link
Celia Maldonado-Arroyo
Chris Reed
Tony Rodriguez
Dr. Fernie Marroquin, 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 Davis, Administrator, LSS
John Alvarez, Administrator, LSS
Lisa Lemus, Administrator, LSS
Chris Meyer, Assistant Superintendent, District Support Services
Jody Arriaga, Director, Internal Business Services
Tammy Bradford, Assistant Superintendent, Special Services
Malinda Furtado, Parent Liaison, Special Services
Bob Mayo, Administrator, CHOICES
Bill Davis, Administrator, College and Career
Dr. Amanda Richard, Human Resources
Anthony Paz, Helpdesk Support Specialist
Freddy Reyes, Helpdesk Support Specialist
Dr. Fernie Marroquin, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

GUESTS Guests listed in the register including Harold Rollin, Dana Stinson, Corey Morse, Judah Tanner, Eric Lindberg, and Desiree Serrano were present.

CALL TO ORDER Dr. Fernie Marroquin welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. He Pledge of Allegiance/ also led the Pledge of Allegiance. Welcome

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING As part of the Organizational Meeting, Dr. Fernie Marroquin opened the floor for nomination for Board President. Coble made the motion, seconded by Maldonado-Arroyo to nominate Joe Enea as President of the Board. No other nominations were received for Board President. Motion was unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Holguin, Link,

Maldonado-Arroyo, Reed, and Rodriguez. Dr. Marroquin thanked Tom Link for his two years of service as Board President.

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

Mr. Enea asked the Board for a motion to adopt the 2024 Calendar of Board Meeting Dates. Ms. Coble asked if the February date was checked against the World Ag Farm show to determine if it was a conflict. It was moved by Rodriguez, seconded by Link to adopt the 2024 Calendar of Board Meeting Dates with further discussion of possibly moving the February 14, 2024, date to another date. Motion was unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, Reed, and Rodriguez.

ADA
ACCOMMODATIONS

Joe Enea 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 Maldonado-Arroyo to approve the consent calendar to include: minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of November 8, 2023, Countywide Registration of Credentials, Temporary County Certificates, and Emergency Permits. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, Reed, and Rodriguez.

SECOND READING,
SYCAMORE VALLEY
ACADEMY –
CHARTER PETITION
RENEWAL REPORT
AND
RECOMMENDATION

John Alvarez reminded the Board that the charter petition renewal was submitted for Sycamore Valley Academy. This was shared at the October 11, 2024, board meeting with an open hearing. No questions were received from the Board. It was moved by Reed, seconded by Maldonado-Arroyo to approve the Sycamore Valley Academy Charter Petition Renewal report and recommendation. Motion was unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, Reed, and Rodriguez.

SECOND READING,
BLUE OAK
ACADEMY-CHARTER
PETITION RENEWAL
REPORT AND
RECOMMENDATION

John Alvarez said that the demographics are a little different at Blue Oak Academy. They have a higher enrollment number of English Learners. It was moved by Maldonado-Arroyo, seconded by Holguin to approve the Blue Oak Academy Charter Petition Renewal report and recommendation. Motion was unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, Reed, and Rodriguez.

SELPA POLICY 9020 –
TRANSPORTATION
FOR STUDENTS WITH
DISABILITIES

Tammy Bradford asked for the Board’s adoption of the SELPA Policy 9020. Ms. Reed asked Tammy to clarify her job. Tammy advised the Board that she is the SELPA Director as well as Assistant Superintendent for Special Services. Tammy mentioned that the yearly bill for transportation for students with disabilities has been up to \$5 million a year. This policy would have districts only pay for the number of their students riding the bus instead of being based on ADA. The costs should really only be on the districts. It was moved by Link, seconded by Maldonado-Arroyo to adopt SELPA Policy 9020. Motion was unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, Reed, and Rodriguez.

SELPA POLICY 9350 –
NONPUBLIC
SCHOOLS AND
AGENCIES

Tammy Bradford requested the Board’s approval on SELPA Policy 9350 – Nonpublic Schools and Agencies. Superintendents Governance Committee (SGC) already approved this policy. It was moved by Rodriguez, seconded by Coble to approve SELPA Policy 9350. Motion was unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, Reed, and Rodriguez.

SELPA POLICY 9700 –
SERVICES TO
STUDENTS
ENROLLED IN
PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Tammy Bradford advised the Board that we have about 50 private schools throughout Tulare County. Forty-three special needs students are in private schools. These schools do not get any funding. Districts have to offer some kind of coordination to support them. It was moved by Holguin, seconded by Maldonado-Arroyo to approve SELPA Policy 9700. Motion was unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, Reed, and Rodriguez.

PRESENTATION OF
COLLEGE AND
CAREER

Bill Davis shared some exciting information regarding College and Career. Tulare County has been selected as technical lead for the state of California. There has been \$25 million earmarked for technical assistance. We will learn what other COE’s are doing and share what we are doing. When Tulare Kings College and Career Collaborative convenes, they discuss education, workforce and industry.

Mr. Enea mentioned the 18-year-old that was sworn in to work as an attorney to work at the DA’s office. Mr. Davis said we have almost tripled the number of college partners to bring more students in.

Tulare County Workforce Investment Board (WIB) has been around for quite a while. They are partners who play a role between colleges and school districts. We work with WIB and large health care partners, and more with industry businesses.

Mr. Enea thanked Mr. Davis for his presentation.

PRESENTATION OF
THE 2024
COMMUNITY
ADVISORY
CALENDAR (CAC)

Malinda Furtado presented “The 2024 Meeting Challenges-Finding Success Through Support” calendar from the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) to the Board. This calendar highlights the ways that general education helps these students. Teachers want to change their curriculum for the benefit of the students. The Board was given copies of this new calendar.

REVIEW/CERTIFY
ATTENDEES OF 2023-
2024 SUPERVISOR OF
ATTENDANCE
CERTIFICATION
PROGRAM

Lisa Lemus asked for the Board’s approval on the list of attendees of the 2023-2024 Supervisor of Attendance Certification Program. Attendees must be certified once. Lisa advised the Board that she was not sure who is tracking the folks who should be certified. It could be part of the auditing process and may result in a fiscal penalty. It was moved by Rodriguez, seconded by Link to approve the Attendees of the 2023-2024 Supervisor of Attendance Certification Program. Motion was unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, Reed, and Rodriguez.

BUDGET REVISIONS
THROUGH 10/31/2023

Jody Arriaga presented to the Board the Budget Revisions through October 31, 2023. The County School Service Fund has an estimated revised fund balance of \$84,066,331. It was moved by Maldonado-Arroyo, seconded by Holguin to approve the Budget Revisions through October 31, 2023. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, Reed, and Rodriguez.

FIRST INTERIM
REPORT AS OF
10/31/2023

Jody Arriaga asked the Board for approval to accept the First Interim Report as of 10/31/23. The report reflected a positive certification. It was moved by Reed, seconded by Coble to approve the First Interim Report as of 10/31/2023. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, Reed, and Rodriguez.

REVIEW OF THE 2024-
2025 PROPOSED
BUDGET CALENDAR

Jody Arriaga presented the Review of the 2024-2025 Proposed Budget Calendar. Ms. Maldonado-Arroyo asked how the reported big deficit is going to affect the proposed budget calendar for 24-25. Jody said that it is too soon to tell. We hope to have a better idea in January regarding this year and next year’s shortfall. This was an informational item only.

RETIREMENT OF
BRIDGE FINANCING
DEBT FOR LB HILL
LEARNING CENTER
MODERNIZATION
PROJECT 10546-00-007

Jeff Ramsay advised the Board that L.B. Hill Learning Center completed a modernization project and used a loan from Fund 010-90180 to pay for the construction as there were no State funds available. The State has recently approved the funding application and the loan from Fund 01-90180 has been repaid with State funds. This item was for information only.

UPDATE ON PROP 47,
LEARNING
COMMUNITIES FOR
SCHOOL SUCCESS
PROGRAM GRANT,
YEAR 2 OF 3

Bob Mayo reported to the Board on year 1 and year 2 of the 3-year Prop 47, Learning Communities for School Success Program grant. Bob's staff, Mr. Solis, trained VUSD staff. "Why Try" instruction is to help students with social-emotional learning and mental health issues. This positively has impacted multiple schools within VUSD. The first year, there were 252 students who participated. In year 2, they had 529 students, and 177 staff members who received training. For year 3, we will have a further reach with both students and staff. Once this grant is done, they will re-apply for at least \$600,000.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Dr. Marroquin conveyed to the Board a message from Mr. Hire. He wished that they would all have Happy Holidays. Fernie also thanked Mr. Link for his service as board president and congratulated Joe Enea and Debby Holguin for their new roles on the board.

Mr. Enea reported on CSBA's annual conference. He said there is a reorganization occurring right now with CCBE and CSBA. These two organizations usually operate separately. However, they have created a new region (14). Any county board member holding offices will continue their role and have their individual conferences but work more closely together. He also feels that the county offices will have a larger voice. Mrs. Maldonado-Arroyo asked how many delegates would be selected for region 14. Mr. Enea did not know how many delegates would be chosen. He said that they will continue to meet separately and discuss county issues and determine the delegates needed.

This will be the last year the CSBA conference will be held in San Francisco. Next year it will be held in San Diego. The following year, it will be in Anaheim.

NEXT SCHEDULED
MEETING

January 10, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.