

**TULARE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

The Tulare County Board of Education met on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, 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.

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| PRESENT Board Members | Tom Link, President Joe Enea, Vice President Judy Coble Debby Holguin Celia Maldonado-Arroyo Chris Reed Dr. Fernie Marroquin, Ex-Officio Secretary |
| ABSENT Board Member | Pat Hillman |
| PRESENT Staff Members | Rob Herman, Communications Director Marlene Moreno, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent Jeff Ramsay, Director, General Services John Rodriguez, Director, Human Resources Yasmeen Contreras, Helpdesk Support Specialist, IS John Davis, Administrator, LSS Andrea Perez, Assistant Superintendent, District Support Services Dr. Scott Pierce, Administrator, La Sierra Military Academy Karon Valdivieso, Principal, TCOE Court School Julie Berk, Assistant Superintendent, |
| GUESTS | Guests as listed in the register including Desiree Serrano. |
| CALL TO ORDER Pledge of Allegiance/ Welcome | Tom Link welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Mr. Enea led the Pledge of Allegiance. |
| 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 Maldonado-Arroyo, seconded by Reed to approve the consent calendar to include: minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of December 13, 2021, Countywide Registration of Credentials, Temporary County Certificates, Emergency Permits and listed donations. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Reed, Enea, Coble, Link, Holguin and Maldonado-Arroyo. Board member Hillman was absent. |

2020-2021 SCHOOL
ACCOUNTABILITY
REPORT CARD
(SARC) FOR SPECIAL
EDUCATION

John Davis gave an overall report of the SARC reports that were going to be presented. These reports have to be updated once a year. The schools use this to report areas such as the school's progress, class sizes, and curriculum information. John said there was some information that was left blank because it wasn't measured. As data becomes available, the SARC will continue to be updated. February 1, 2022 is the deadline to get this information posted. John asked for the Board's approval on the Special Education SARC. It was moved by Reed, seconded by Enea to approve the Special Education SARC. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Reed, Enea, Coble, Link, Holguin and Maldonado-Arroyo. Board member Hillman was absent.

2020-2021 SCHOOL
ACCOUNTABILITY
REPORT CARD
(SARC) FOR UPHS

John Davis reported that UPHS students' academics were down slightly. UPHS did not have a decrease in enrollment. Mr. Davis requested the Board's approval on the UPHS SARC. It was moved by Enea, seconded by Maldonado-Arroyo to approve the UPHS SARC. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Reed, Enea, Coble, Link, Holguin and Maldonado-Arroyo. Board member Hillman was absent.

2020-2021 SCHOOL
ACCOUNTABILITY
REPORT CARD
(SARC) FOR LA
SIERRA MILITARY
ACADEMY

Dr. Scott Pierce asked for the Board's approval on the SARC for La Sierra Military Academy. They no longer offer an industrial program on campus. They continue to offer the graphic arts and culinary programs. One thing that the SARC can't assess is the students' emotional and social health status. Scott said they aren't concerned just about the students' academics but they want to know about the students' physical and mental health. Scott expressed that he is very proud of all the outstanding work that their staff has done. It was moved by Coble, seconded by Holguin to approve the LSMA SARC. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Reed, Enea, Coble, Link, Holguin and Maldonado-Arroyo. Board member Hillman was absent.

2020-2021 SCHOOL
ACCOUNTABILITY
REPORT CARD
(SARC) FOR TCOE
COURT SCHOOLS

Karon Valdivieso mentioned how proud she is of the court schools staff. They do have fewer students which has resulted in having fewer staff. Academic scores are low. Most students are at a 4th-grade academic level. It was moved by Maldonado-Arroyo, seconded by Coble to approve the SARC report for TCOE Court Schools. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Reed, Enea, Coble, Link, Holguin and Maldonado-Arroyo. Board member Hillman was absent.

2020-2021 SCHOOL
ACCOUNTABILITY
REPORT CARD
(SARC) FOR TCOE
COMMUNITY
SCHOOLS

Karon Valdivieso requested the Board's approval on the SARC report for TCOE Community Schools. Ms. Valdivieso said one of her main concerns is the students' physical and mental well-being. It was moved by Reed, seconded by Holguin to approve the SARC report for TCOE Community Schools. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Reed, Enea, Coble, Link, Holguin and Maldonado-Arroyo. Board member Hillman was absent.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Dr. Fernie Marroquin sat in for Superintendent Hire. Fernie wished everyone a happy new year. He also acknowledged Marlene Moreno's birthday.

Dr. Marroquin advised the board that there were some recent changes to Academic Decathlon and Mock Trial with some parts of the events going virtual versus in-person. Poetry Out Loud is on February 4. National History Day will be held on February 22. The Tulare County Spelling Championship is scheduled on March 1. Fernie announced that TCOE will be closed on January 17th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

Fernie wanted to applaud staff for doing jobs or tasks to cover staff who have been out due to Covid. 106,000 Covid test kits were received last week for dissemination to districts to have ready for their students. Jeff Ramsay and his staff did a fantastic job in sorting out tests and having them ready for districts to pick up from our warehouse.

If the governor's proposed budget for the 22-23 school year gets adopted in June, some schools will get some needed one-time monies. As of right now, that proposal is looking positive. In the 1st Interim Report, it is showing that schools are losing about 8-10% of their enrollment. A 3-year average of enrollment (using last three years) is being calculated to help offset some of the costs or drop in enrollment. Joe Enea said College of the Sequoias is showing around a 13-14% decrease in enrollment. One piece of good news is that we are looking at a \$16.1 billion increase in Prop. 98 funding as opposed to last year.

Dr. Marroquin gave the Board a heads up that there will be an expulsion appeal at the February 9th board meeting. Judy Coble asked about the ActVnet demonstration at the Sundale school campus. Julie Berk reported that this simulation was a powerful much needed exercise. It was impressive to see the many emergency responders at the exercise.

NEXT SCHEDULED
MEETING

February 9, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.