

**TULARE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES**

The Tulare County Board of Education met on Wednesday, June 14, 2017, at 3:00 p.m. for a regular board meeting in the Redwood CD meeting room at the Jim Vidak Education Center, 6200 S. Mooney Boulevard, Visalia, California.

**PRESENT  
Board Members**

Chris Reed, President  
Judy Coble, Vice President  
Joe Enea  
Pat Hillman  
Debby Holguin  
Tom Link (Arrived at 3:16 p.m.)  
Celia Maldonado-Arroyo  
Jim Vidak, Ex-Officio Secretary

**PRESENT  
Staff Members**

Dr. Guadalupe Solis, Deputy Superintendent, Instructional Services  
Rob Herman, Public Information Officer  
Marlene Moreno, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent  
Tammy Bradford, Assistant Superintendent, Special Services  
Dr. Craig Wheaton, Deputy Superintendent, Administrative Services  
Jeff Ramsay, Director, General Services  
John Rodriguez, Director, Human Resources  
Patty Blaswich, Director, Internal Business Services  
Jody Arriaga, Accounts Officer, Internal Business Services  
Eric Thiessen, Principal, UPHS  
Julie Berk, Administrator, Early Childhood Education  
Debra Lockwood, Library Media Supervisor, ERS  
Charlene Stringham, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services  
Gene Mendes, School Community Liaison/Prevention Education, CHOICES  
Adam Valencia, Extended Learning Program Director, CHOICES  
Tiffany Owens-Stark, Program Manager, Special Services  
Joe Martinez, Director, Special Services  
Jill Santivanez, Administrator, Special Services  
Mike Cox, Systems Infrastructure Specialist, Information Systems  
Nicole Rocha, Administrator, Educational Options

**GUESTS**

Guests as listed in the register including Desiree Serrano, Janae Lopes and Tom Byars.

**CALL TO ORDER  
Pledge of Allegiance/  
Welcome**

Board President Chris Reed welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADA  
ACCOMMODATIONS**

President Reed reported that the ADA accommodations had been met.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR** It was moved by Enea, seconded by Hillman to approve the Consent Calendar, including minutes of the May 10, 2017 Regular Board Meeting (amended page seven for minutes to reflect the public hearing closed at 4:29 p.m. instead of 4:49 p.m. for the 2016-2017 Proposed Budget agenda item), Countywide Registration of Credentials, Temporary County Certificates and Countywide Emergency Permits. Motion was carried with the following votes: Ayes: Enea, Reed, Coble, Hillman, Holguin and Maldonado-Arroyo. Board member Link was absent.

**DONATION FROM TULARE COUNTY FARM BUREAU** Tiffany Owens-Stark asked the Board to approve the \$500 donation from the Tulare County Farm Bureau to Special Services. It was moved by Hillman, seconded by Maldonado-Arroyo to approve and accept the \$500 donation. Motion was carried with the following votes: Ayes: Enea, Reed, Coble, Hillman, Holguin and Maldonado-Arroyo. Board member Link was absent.

**DONATION FROM KAYE'S SCHOOL OF DANCE** Jill Santivanez requested the Board's approval of the \$350 donation from Kaye's School of Dance to Special Services. It was moved by Enea, seconded by Coble to accept and approve the \$350 donation. Motion was carried with the following votes: Ayes: Enea, Reed, Coble, Hillman, Holguin and Maldonado-Arroyo. Board member Link was absent.

**DONATION FROM PAT HILLMAN** Nicole Rocha asked the Board to approve the \$1,000 donation from Pat Hillman to La Sierra Military Academy. It was moved by Enea, seconded by Maldonado-Arroyo to accept and approve the \$1,000 donation. Motion was carried with the following votes: Ayes: Enea, Reed, Coble, Hillman, Holguin and Maldonado-Arroyo. Board member Link was absent.

**DONATION FROM JUDGE AND MRS BRET D HILLMAN** Nicole Rocha asked the Board to approve a \$1,000 donation from Judge and Mrs. Bret D. Hillman to La Sierra Charter School. It was moved by Coble, seconded by Enea to approve the \$1,000 donation. Motion was carried with the following votes: Ayes: Enea, Reed, Coble, Hillman, Holguin and Maldonado-Arroyo. Board member Link was absent.

**SECOND READING BOARD POLICY 5141.52 TCOE SUICIDE PREVENTION** Joe Martinez asked for the Board's approval on the TCOE Suicide Prevention Board Policy 5141.52. It was moved by Enea, seconded by Maldonado-Arroyo to approve the Board Police 5141.52. Motion was carried with the following votes: Ayes: Enea, Reed, Coble, Hillman, Holguin and Maldonado-Arroyo. Board member Link was absent.

**HOT SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT PRESENTATION** Tom Byars advised that Hot Springs School District is the smallest district in Tulare County. It covers 520 square miles which includes the Pine Flat, Hot Springs and Johnsondale communities. There are currently 26 students that attend Hot Springs S.D. This district is not funded by ADA. The annual budget is about \$300,000. Two eighth graders graduated this year. Keynote speaker at this year's graduation was Sheriff Mike Boudreaux. He attended Hot Springs

through his eighth grade year. Mr. Byars said he will remain the interim Superintendent until a replacement is found. The Board and Mr. Vidak thanked Tom Byars for presenting a thorough report.

LOCAL  
EDUCATIONAL  
AGENCY  
CONTINUOUS  
IMPROVEMENT  
GRANT 2016-2017

Tammy Bradford asked for the Board's approval on the 2016-2017 Local Educational Agency Continuous Improvement Grant for \$40,000. It was moved by Enea, seconded by Coble to approve the 2016-2017 Local Educational Agency Continuous Improvement Grant. Motion was carried with the following votes: Ayes: Enea, Reed, Coble, Hillman, Holguin, Link and Maldonado-Arroyo.

President Reed requested that the record show that Tom Link is present at the board meeting (3:16 p.m.).

RESOLUTION 16/17-25  
XB BULLYING AND  
SCHOOL VIOLENCE  
ADVOCACY

Adam Valencia asked for the Board's acceptance and approval of Resolution 16/17-25 XB Bullying and School Violence Advocacy awarding \$300,000 for one year. It was moved by Maldonado-Arroyo, seconded by Link to approve Resolution 16/17-25. Motion was carried with the following votes: Ayes: Enea, Reed, Coble, Hillman, Holguin, Link and Maldonado-Arroyo.

2017-2018 LOCAL  
CONTROL  
ACCOUNTABILITY  
PLAN FOR  
COURT/COMMUNITY  
SCHOOLS (LCAP)

Nicole Rocha presented and asked for the Board's approval on the 2017-2018 Local Control and Accountability Plan for Court/Community Schools. It was moved by Hillman, seconded by Coble to approve the 2017-2018 LCAP for the Court/Community Schools. Motion was carried with the following votes: Ayes: Enea, Reed, Coble, Hillman, Holguin, Maldonado-Arroyo and Link.

2017-2018 LOCAL  
CONTROL  
ACCOUNTABILITY  
PLAN FOR LA SIERRA  
CHARTER (LCAP)

Nicole Rocha asked for the Board's approval on the 2017-2018 Local Control and Accountability Plan for La Sierra Charter. It was moved by Enea, seconded by Maldonado-Arroyo to approve the 2017-2018 LCAP for La Sierra Charter. Motion was carried with the following votes: Ayes: Enea, Reed, Coble, Hillman, Holguin, Link and Maldonado-Arroyo.

2017-2018 LOCAL  
CONTROL  
ACCOUNTABILITY  
PLAN FOR  
UNIVERSITY  
PREPARATORY HIGH  
SCHOOL (LCAP)

Eric Thiessen asked the Board to approve the 2017-2018 Local Control and Accountability Plan for University Preparatory High School (UPHS). It was moved by Maldonado-Arroyo, seconded by Hillman to approve the 2017-2018 LCAP for UPHS. Motion was carried with the following votes: Ayes: Enea, Reed, Coble, Hillman, Holguin, Link and Maldonado-Arroyo.

2017-2018 TCOE  
BUDGET

Dr. Craig Wheaton asked the Board to accept and approve the 2017-2018 Tulare County Office of Education Budget. It was moved by Link, seconded by Enea to approve the 2017-2018 TCOE Budget. Motion was carried with the following votes: Ayes: Enea, Reed, Coble, Hillman, Holguin, Link and Maldonado-Arroyo.

SPENDING  
DETERMINATION  
FOR FUNDS  
RECEIVED FROM  
EDUCATION  
PROTECTION  
ACCOUNT (EPA)  
RESOLUTION

Dr. Craig Wheaton asked for the Board's approval and adoption of the resolution on the spending determination for fiscal year 2017-2018 for the use of EPA funds under provisions of Article XIII, Section 36. It was moved by Hillman, seconded by Coble to approve and adopt Resolution 16/17-22 for the use of EPA funds for 2017-2018. Motion was carried with the following votes: Ayes: Enea, Reed, Coble, Hillman, Holguin, Maldonado-Arroyo and Link.

RESOLUTIONS TO  
AUTHORIZE TO USE  
TEMPORARY LOANS  
TO SCHOOL  
DISTRICTS AND  
CHARTER SCHOOLS  
2017-2018 (#16/17-23)  
AND 2018-2019  
(#16/17-24)

Dr. Craig Wheaton requested for the Board to approve and adopt the resolutions authorizing temporary loans to school districts and charter schools from the County School Service Fund when school districts or charter schools do not have enough money to their credit to meet current operating expenses. It was moved by Enea, seconded by Maldonado-Arroyo to approve resolutions 16/17-23 and 16/17-24 to authorize to use temporary loans for school districts and charter schools. Motion was carried with the following votes: Ayes: Enea, Reed, Coble, Hillman, Holguin, Maldonado-Arroyo and Link.

SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT

Mr. Vidak made his report brief since the retirement reception was scheduled right after the board meeting. He thanked Mike Cox for being at the meeting to assist with technical needs. Mr. Vidak also thanked Desiree Serrano and Janae Lopes from Lozano Smith Attorney for being in attendance. He thanked the board members who attended the various TCOE graduations in the county. It was a happy occasion to all who joined in the celebration. Excellence in Education winners were selected: Teacher of the Year is Kathleen Jarvis, First Grade Teacher from Alpine Vista School in Tulare City School District; Naomi Schuler is Employee of the Year, Work-Based Learning Coordinator at Porterville Unified School District and John Pendleton is Administrator/Manager of the Year, Principal at Wilson Elementary School with Tulare City School District. The Excellence in Education Breakfast to celebrate them will be on November 1 at the Visalia Convention Center. *Hello Dolly* will be this summer's production. The News Gallery was also mentioned featuring *Hello Dolly*. Superintendent Vidak also spoke of the Your CHARACTER Matters Award Reception invitation for June 15 starting at 5:00 p.m. in the Redwood Conference Center.

NEXT SCHEDULED  
MEETING

July 12, 2017 – 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.