

**TULARE COUNTY COMMITTEE ON
SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION
MINUTES**

The Tulare County Committee on School District Organization met and held its annual organizational meeting on November 18, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. at the Wyndham Visalia (formerly Visalia Holiday Inn), 9000 West Airport Drive, Visalia, California

The County Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman, Joe Hallmeyer at 8:39 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT John Beck, Carl Carlson, Rick Chappell, Mary Helen Espino, Joe Hallmeyer, Mickey Hirni, Melissa Janes, Bob Line, Bob Pugh, and Helen Renteria

MEMBERS ABSENT Victor Pérez – he declined to seek another term.

COUNTY STAFF Jim Vidak, Tulare County Superintendent of Schools
Shelly DiCenzo, Administrative Legal Assistant

OTHER GUESTS Craig Wheaton, Superintendent of Visalia Unified School District
Lucia Vazquez, Board Member from Visalia Unified School District
Desiree Serrano, Associate Attorney with Lozano Smith

DISABILITY-RELATED
MODIFICATIONS OR
ACCOMMODATION ADA accommodations have been met.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Members of the public did not address the Committee on any agenda item, or other item of interest within the subject matter jurisdiction of the committee during the public comment period.

SELECTION OF
CHAIRPERSON Bob Line made a motion to keep Joe Hallmeyer as chairperson for 2016, which was seconded by Mickey Hirni. The motion carried unanimously.
Vote: Aye – Beck, Carlson, Chappell, Espino, Hallmeyer, Hirni, Janes, Line, Pugh, and Renteria; No – None; Absent – Pérez

SELECTION OF VICE
CHAIRPERSON For vice chairperson, a motion was made by Mickey Hirni to nominate Melissa Janes. Rick Chappell seconded the motion. The committee voted unanimously to reelect Melissa Janes as vice chairperson.
Vote: Aye – Beck, Carlson, Chappell, Espino, Hallmeyer, Hirni, Janes, Line, Pugh, and Renteria; No – None; Absent – Pérez

NEW COMMITTEE
MEMBER – DISTRICT 3 Joe Hallmeyer introduced Dr. Robert Aguilar as the new committee member for District 3, elected by the school district representatives.

MINUTES A motion was made by Mickey Hirni, seconded by Melissa Janes and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of March 18, 2015 (Citrus South Tule School District meeting) as written.
Vote: Aye – Beck, Carlson, Chappell, Espino, Hallmeyer, Hirni, Janes, Line, Pugh, and Renteria; No – None; Absent – Pérez

ASSEMBLY BILL 331
OVERVIEW

Desiree Serrano presented Assembly Bill 331 (2015) which amends Education Code section 5019 as potential county committee activity. The amendment authorizes school districts with an ADA of less than 300 students to decrease their board membership from 5 members to 3. This change can be initiated in one of three ways: 1) a petition of the electorate; 2) a resolution of the school district governing board requesting the decrease; or 3) the county committee could pass a resolution to change the board membership from 5 members to 3. If the county committee receives a request for decrease, this would trigger a public hearing of the county committee that would take place within the boundaries of the school district that made the request. The committee would approve or disapprove the request at the end of the public hearing.

There are potentially 6 districts in Tulare County that could be eligible to request a reduction. None of the potential districts have trustee area based elections; they are at-large.

ADJOURN

Mr. Vidak announced that John Caudle retired earlier this year and introduced Dr. Craig Wheaton to the committee as his replacement. Dr. Wheaton will start in February 2016.

As there was no further business, Chairman Hallmeyer adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jim Vidak, Ex-Officio Secretary
County Committee on School District Organization