

**TULARE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

The Tulare County Board of Education met on Wednesday, November 8, 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 Tom Link, President
Board Members Joe Enea, Vice President
Judy Coble
Debby Holguin
Celia Maldonado-Arroyo
Chris Reed
Tony Rodriguez
Tim A. Hire, Ex-Officio Secretary

PRESENT Julie Berk, Assistant Superintendent, Student Support Services
Staff Members Dr. Fernie Marroquin, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Dedi Somavia, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Tammy Bradford, Assistant Superintendent, Special Services
Rob Herman, Communications Director, Administration
Marlene Moreno, Executive Assistant, Administration
Frank Silveira, Administrator, School Safety Program
John Alvarez, Administrator, Leadership Support Services
Jeff Ramsay, Director, General Services
Anthony Paz, Helpdesk Support Specialist, Information Systems
Freddy Reyes, Helpdesk Support Specialist, Information Systems

GUESTS Guests as listed in the register including Joshua Whiteside.

CALL TO ORDER Board President Tom Link welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.
Pledge of Allegiance/ Joe Enea led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Welcome

ADA Mr. Link announced that ADA accommodations had been met.
ACCOMMODATIONS

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

CONSENT CALENDAR It was moved by Maldonado-Arroyo, seconded by Coble to approve the consent calendar to include minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of October 11, 2023, Countywide Registration of Credentials, Temporary County Certificates, Emergency Permits and listed donation. Motion unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, Reed, and Rodriguez.

SECOND READING OF
BOARD/
SUPERINTENDENT
POLICY 1312.3
UNIFORM
COMPLAINT
PROCEDURES

Dedi Somavia requested the Board's approval of the Board/Superintendent Policy 1312.3, Uniform Complaint Procedures. It was moved by Rodriguez, seconded by Reed to approve Board/Superintendent Policy 1312.3, Uniform Complaint Procedures with the necessary changes. Motion unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, Reed, and Rodriguez.

SECOND READING OF
BOARD/
SUPERINTENDENT
POLICY 1312.4
WILLIAMS
COMPLAINT
POLICIES AND
PROCEDURES

Dedi Somavia asked the Board to approve the Board/Superintendent Policy 1312.4, Williams Complaint Policies and Procedures. It was moved by Enea, seconded by Maldonado-Arroyo to approve Board/Superintendent Policy 1312.4, Williams Complaint Policies and Procedures. Motion unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, Reed and Rodriguez.

PRESENTATION OF
TCOE SCHOOL
SAFETY PROGRAM

Mr. Link called on Frank Silveira to present on the School Safety Program. Mr. Silveira advised the Board of the Run, Hide, Fight program. This provides information to anyone to help survive an active shooter situation.

Another resource we have is the Say Something Anonymous Reporting System.

As of this date, there are 13 staff who help run the ActVnet program. Chris Reed asked if our charter schools have come on board as clients. Frank said we have a few on board. Tony Rodriguez asked how much support is needed for those schools outside of our county. Frank said once we train them, we want them to become their own drill experts. They are also expected to work with the responding law enforcement agencies in their jurisdiction. Follow-up checks are mainly done by email reminders.

Celia asked if schools get charged different amounts. Frank said the fee depends on the size of the school. There is a start-up fee and an annual maintenance fee. For example, schools outside of Tulare County, 500-1,000 students, it's a \$20,000 initial fee and a \$2,500 annual maintenance fee.

Joe Enea asked if we evaluate or assess that it continues to work. All practice drills and events are all archived. What is unique is the map structure and the connections to the video feed from surveillance cameras on campus. The information that is uploaded from the student information system is also a special feature. It's like buying a car, you can buy a car with certain options or with no options/upgrades.

All IP addresses are unique to the school site. It's based on jurisdiction. We are selling a product that we hope schools never has to use. We provide training and ongoing support. Debby Holguin asked if we monitor the system 24/7. We are notified when the system is launched.

Judy Coble asked how many of our districts in Tulare County have signed up for this system. There are 43 school districts in our county with about 250 schools. We currently have 25 districts on board.

Private catholic schools have also expressed interest in this program. Tom asked, "What is the biggest challenge?" Frank said it is the API which links ActVnet to the school's student information system.

Board member Tony commends the county for the software but more so commends TCOE for the threat assessment programs.

December 2, 2023, Porterville, Visalia CHP, Exeter PD, Visalia PD and other surrounding first responding agencies will be participating in an ActVnet Crisis Demonstration Drill to take place at Orosi High School. This will be a drill involving Kaweah Health Medical Center staff as well.

The Board and Mr. Hire thanked Frank Silveira for his presentation.

INFANT
DISCRETIONARY
FUND GRANT 2022-
2023

Tammy Bradford requested the Board's approval for the Infant Discretionary Fund Grant 2022-2023 for \$81,684. This grant supports the services provided through our Bright Start program for infants, birth up to three years old. This program serves just about 900 children, which is the largest infant serving program in the state. It was moved by Enea, seconded by Maldonado-Arroyo to approve the Infant Discretionary Fund Grant for 2022-2023. Motion unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, Reed, and Rodriguez.

SPECIAL EDUCATION
ALTERNATE DISPUTE
RESOLUTION GRANT
2023-2024

Tammy Bradford requested approval for the Special Education Alternate Dispute Resolution Grant 2023-2024 for \$14,807. The funds are used for TCOE staff and the directors of special education from the districts to attend an annual alternate dispute resolution training provided by the state. It was moved by Rodriguez, seconded by Coble to approve the Special Education Alternate Dispute Resolution Grant 2023-2024. Motion unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, Reed, and Rodriguez.

PRESENTATION OF
WILLIAMS/
VALENZUELA
UNIFORM
COMPLAINT REPORT
THIRD QUARTER 2023

Dedi Somavia presented the Williams/Valenzuela Uniform Complaint Report for the Third Quarter of 2023. There was one complaint received from Woodville regarding a mold odor coming from a classroom. An outside company checked and there was no mold found in the classroom. This was an informational item only.

CONSOLIDATED
APPLICATION FOR
2023 FUNDING

John Alvarez asked for approval from the Board for the Consolidated Application for funding for 2023. It was moved by Reed, seconded by Enea to approve the Consolidated Application for 2023 for funding. Motion unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, Reed, and Rodriguez.

SET DATE FOR
ANNUAL
ORGANIZATIONAL
MEETING

Tim Hire asked the Board to approve setting a date for the annual organizational meeting to elect officers for the following year and adopt a schedule or calendar of regular meetings for 2023 to take place on December 13, 2023. It was moved by Coble, seconded by Reed to set the date of December 13, 2023, as the annual organizational meeting. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, Reed, and Rodriguez.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Mr. Hire advised the board that the Theatre Company's production of *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer Jr.* will be at the Rotary Theatre. Tickets are available online.

Mr. Hire mentioned that he will not be in attendance of the December board meeting. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Debby said she enjoyed being a judge at TCOE's Halloween Decoration Contest at the Mooney and Doe Avenue sites.

NEXT SCHEDULED
MEETING

December 13, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.