

# TULARE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

11/13/2024 [03:00 PM]

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## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Welcome

### 2. BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF

Board members present: President Joe Enea, Judy Coble, Tom Link, Celia Maldonado-Arroyo, Chris Reed, Tony Rodriguez, and Ex-Officio Secretary Tim A. Hire. Board member absent: Debby Holguin, Vice President. Staff members present: Julie Berk, Tammy Bradford, Cari Carlson, John Davis, Nani Dodson, Nayirah Dosu, Perla Estrada, Jennifer Fisher, Dr. Martin Frolli, Robert Herman, Lisa Lemos, Dr. Fernie Marroquin, Bob Mayo, DeVann McClellan, Chris Meyer, Marlene Moreno, Ciera Myers, Anthony Paz, Jennifer Reimer, Freddy Reyes, Juan Sanchez, Dedi Somavia, Katelyn Williford, and Azulie Wilson. Guests present: Obduleo Alvarado, Monica Batanero, Antonio Cortez, Carin Hernandez, Josie Valdez, and Raul Valdez.

### 3. ADA ACCOMMODATION REQUIREMENT

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Written documents concerning agenda items are available for public inspection during normal business hours within 72 hours of a regular board meeting at the Tulare County Office of Education, 6200 South Mooney Boulevard, Visalia, California.

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public may address the board on any agenda item, or other item of interest within the subject matter jurisdiction of the board during the public comment period. Agenda items may also be addressed by the public at the time they are taken up by the board. The board is not able to discuss or take action on any item not appearing on the agenda. A five-minute time limit can be imposed on public input for individuals/issues as deemed necessary.

Josie Valdez spoke about her husband's (Raul Valdez) wrongful termination from TCOE, Early Childhood Education. Once her five minutes were exhausted, then Karin Hernandez continued to explain the situation to the board. The Board did not comment or question anything they heard in public comment.

## 5. ACTION ITEMS

### a. TCOE/Department Presentation -- CFNLP -- Nani Dodson

Nani Dodson presented the brief history of the California Friday Night Life Partnership (CFNLP). Friday Night Live is a youth development program in the field of prevention that supports young people in creating healthier/safer communities free of the harms of ATOD (Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs). CFNLP was established in 1996. There is funding for the intermediary in 53 out of 58 counties in California. FNL Youth Summit is hosted by the CFNLP and the California Youth Council. It involves high school aged FNL youth leaders. They cohost an annual conference for over 900 high school participants representing 43 counties. Nani reported that their 2024 conference was held in Anaheim and included 52 individual workshop sessions. Over half of these sessions were led by youth.

There was a new chapter formed at Redwood High School. Ava Dodson, Chapter president from Redwood High School, had an amazing experience at the summit. Joe Enea and the Board thanked CFNLP for their wonderful presentation.

### b. Routine Matters

#### 1. Consent Calendar

- a. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of October 9, 2024
- b. Authorization of Countywide Registration of Credentials
- c. Authorization of Temporary County Certificates
- d. Authorization of Countywide Emergency Permit Applications
- e. Acceptance of Donation, Friends of SCICON (\$42,437.40) to SCICON

#### **Vote Results**

**Yea:** 6 Judy Coble, Joe Enea, Tom Link, Celia Maldonado-Arroyo, Chris Reed, Tony Rodriguez

**Nay:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Not Cast:** 1 Debby Holguin

**Motion:** Tom Link **Second:** Tony Rodriguez

### c. New Business

#### 1. Consideration and Approval, WorkAbility I Program Grant Award 2024-2025 (\$75,885) -- Jennifer Reimer

Jennifer Reimer asked for the Board's approval on the WorkAbility I Program Grant, 2024-2025, for \$75,885.

#### **Vote Results**

**Yea:** 6 Judy Coble, Joe Enea, Tom Link, Celia Maldonado-Arroyo, Chris Reed, Tony Rodriguez

**Nay:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Not Cast:** 1 Debby Holguin

**Motion:** Celia Maldonado-Arroyo **Second:** Judy Coble

**2. First Reading, Board Policy/Superintendent Policy 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures -- Dedi Somavia**

Dedi Somavia presented the first reading of the Board Policy/Superintendent Policy 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures. This is a mandated regulation that has been updated every year and revised according to law. Action will be taken on this agenda item at the December 13 board meeting.

**3. First Reading, Board Policy/Superintendent Policy/Exhibit (2) 1312.4 - Williams Complaint Policies and Procedures -- Dedi Somavia**

Dedi Somavia presented the First Reading for the Board Policy/Superintendent Policy Exhibit (2) 1312.4 -- Williams Complaint Policies and Procedures. This is a mandated policy/exhibit that has been updated and revised according to law. Action will be taken on this agenda item at the December 13 board meeting.

**4. Presentation of the Williams/Valenzuela Uniform Complaint Report, 3rd Quarter 2024 -- Dedi Somavia**

Dedi Somavia gave a presentation of the Williams/Valenzuela Uniform Complaint Report, 3rd Quarter of 2024.

Mission Oak High School had reported that it was too warm (78 degrees) and a report of exposure of chemical fumes in certain classrooms on their campus. They resolved it by adjusting the thermostat in the classrooms. There were no students found to be exposed to the said chemical fumes.

**5. Consideration and Approval, Attendees of the 2024-25 Supervisor of Attendance Certification Training -- Lisa Lemus**

Lisa Lemus presented the list of attendees of the 24-25 Supervisor of Attendance Certification Training and Support Updates to the Board showing 36 school employees who were certified at the October 21, 2024, training including representatives from all local education agencies with 1,000 or more students requiring training. Mrs. Lemus asked for the Board's approval of the list of attendees.

The Board and Superintendent Hire thanked Lisa Lemus for her presentation.

***Vote Results***

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**Yea:** 6 Judy Coble, Joe Enea, Tom Link, Celia Maldonado-Arroyo, Chris Reed, Tony Rodriguez

**Nay:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Not Cast:** 1 Debby Holguin

**Motion:** Chris Reed **Second:** Tom Link

**6. Presentation of 2024-25 Williams Case Monitoring Annual COE Board Report -- Cari Carlson**

Cari Carlson presented the Williams Case Monitoring Annual COE Board Report.

Why is the Williams Report important? In May 2000 a class-action lawsuit (Williams v. California) claimed that the state's poorest children were being denied equal access to the basics of a quality education. A package of laws were enacted in 2004 to settle the lawsuit. Cari went on to explain the Eight State Priorities: Basic Services, Implementation of State Standards, Parental Involvement, Pupil Achievement, Student Engagement, School Climate, Course Access, and Pupil Outcomes.

The county office is responsible for: conducting annual school site visits identified for Williams Case monitoring, 25% of visits are unannounced, determine sufficiency of instructional materials, determine that school facilities are

"clean, safe and functional", verify accuracy of SARC data for facilities and availability of sufficient textbooks/instructional materials, and to report on any findings.

Forty schools in Tulare County were identified for Williams Case monitoring this year.

The Board and Mr. Hire thanked Ms. Carlson for her presentation.

## 7. Consideration and Approval, Set Date for Annual Organizational Meeting -- **Tim A. Hire**

Tim Hire requested approval for Friday, December 13, 2024, to be the date set to hold for the annual organizational meeting. Pursuant to Ed. Code 1009, the meeting shall be set on or after Friday, December 13, 2024.

### **Vote Results**

**Yea:** 6 Judy Coble, Joe Enea, Tom Link, Celia Maldonado-Arroyo, Chris Reed, Tony Rodriguez

**Nay:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Not Cast:** 1 Debby Holguin

**Motion:** Celia Maldonado-Arroyo **Second:** Tony Rodriguez

## 6. Information (Non-Discussion Items)

- a. Letters and Communication/Correspondence
- b. Reports from Superintendent and Staff
- c. Reports from Board, Information and Questions

Superintendent Hire brought attention to the flyer for the upcoming Theater Company production of *Willy Wonka KIDS and Alice and Wonderland Jr.* There is more information on our website.

Mr. Hire wished the Board a Happy Thanksgiving. He also thanked the Board for attending the Excellence in Education Breakfast on October 30. He reported that he was able to work for one of four employees for the "Superintendent Does Your Job" raffle prize winner. This allowed one of TCOE accountants to have the day off. His next assignment will be working as a nurse at SCICON. Because Mr. Hire does not hold the proper license/credentials for this position, a sub nurse will be called in that he will shadow for the day.

On October 26, there were over 700 young women representing 43 schools who attended the Expanding Your Horizons student event. Chris Meyer has spearheaded to make sure our new and fairly new superintendents are getting coaching. Mr. Hire has been mentoring T.J. Ryan from Woodlake and Jason Porter from Three Rivers. In the near future, he will be helping in the search for a new superintendent for Ducor Union School District.

Next month we will have staff from The Center for Teaching Careers make a presentation.

Mr. Enea said that he was appointing a committee of three board members to study the county superintendent's salary. Once the study is complete, it will be reported back at a future meeting. Mr. Enea appointed Judy Coble, Celia Maldonado-Arroyo, and Chris Reed (as Chairwoman).

Joe Enea thanked everyone who supported him in the many years he has been a board member with Tulare County Office of Education. He has thoroughly enjoyed every opportunity in representing District 5. He wished the Board well with the incoming two new board members.

Mr. Hire presented a plaque to Joe Enea thanking him for his years of service. Debby Holguin was also to have a plaque presented to her. However, she was unavailable to attend the meeting. The Board and audience gave Mr. Enea a standing ovation to honor him.

## **7. Next Scheduled Board Meeting**

December 13, 2024, 3:00 p.m. (Friday)

## **8. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 4:01 p.m.