

# TULARE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

09/11/2024 [03:00 PM]

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## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

For the Regular Board Meeting of September 11, 2024, at 3:00 p.m., in the Redwood Conference Center at the Jim Vidak Education Center, 6200 S. Mooney Boulevard, Visalia, California.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Joe Enea welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Chris Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance. President Enea also requested a moment of silence for the 9-11 victims, those that passed away and for those that are still suffering. Board member Judy Coble was not present.

### 2. Board Members and Staff Present

Board members present: President Joe Enea, Vice President Debby Holguin, Tom Link, Celia Maldonado-Arroyo, Chris Reed, Tony Rodriguez, and Ex-Officio Secretary Tim A. Hire. Board member absent: Judy Coble. Staff members present: Jose Bedolla, Julie Berk, Tammy Bradford, John Davis, Robert Herman, Brook Killingsworth, Dr. Fernie Marroquin, Chris Meyer, Dr. Helen Milliorn-Feller, Marlene Moreno, Anthony Paz, Freddy Reyes, and Dedi Somavia. Guests present: Mr. and Mrs. Kadam, Sarvadnya Kadam, Desiree Serrano, Taylor Todd, and Mike Waters.

### 3. 2024 Spelling Bee Presentation -- Chris Meyer

Chris Meyer spoke about Sarvadnya Kadam, 7th grader from Oak Grove Elementary School. Mr. Meyer said that not only is Sarvadnya an excellent speller and wonderful young man, but he also worked hard to be the spelling champion. Mr. Meyer presented Sarvadnya with a certificate and a scrap book/photo album as a memento for this past year's accomplishments as a Tulare County Spelling Champion.

Mr. Kadam thanked the Board and Superintendent Hire. This was his second trip to D.C. to compete nationally. Sarvadnya mentioned that English is his third language. He thanked everyone for the opportunity which was given to him. He also reminded everyone that he has one more year to study and perhaps be Tulare County's spelling champion for one last time.

### 4. ADA ACCOMMODATION REQUIREMENT

### 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received.

### 6. ACTION ITEMS

#### 6.a. Routine Matters

### 6.a.a. Consent Calendar

#### ***Vote Results***

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**Yea:** 6 Joe Enea, Debby Holguin, Tom Link, Celia Maldonado-Arroyo, Chris Reed, Tony Rodriguez  
**Nay:** 0  
**Abstain:** 0  
**Not Cast:** 1 Judy Coble  
**Motion:** Tom Link   **Second:** Tony Rodriguez

### 6.b. Old Business

#### **6.b.a. Consideration and Approval, Second Reading of Board Policy (BP) and Administrative Regulation (AR) 5125 Student Records; Confidentiality --Tammy Bradford**

Tammy Bradford asked for the Board's approval on the Board Policy (BP) and Administrative Regulation (AR) 5125 Student Records; Confidentiality.

#### ***Vote Results***

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**Yea:** 6 Joe Enea, Debby Holguin, Tom Link, Celia Maldonado-Arroyo, Chris Reed, Tony Rodriguez  
**Nay:** 0  
**Abstain:** 0  
**Not Cast:** 1 Judy Coble  
**Motion:** Tom Link   **Second:** Tony Rodriguez

#### **6.b.b. Consideration & Approval, Second Reading of Board Policy & Administrative Regulation 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment -- Dedi Somavia**

Dedi Somavia requested the Board's approval on the Board Policy & Administrative Regulation 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment.

#### ***Vote Results***

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**Yea:** 6 Joe Enea, Debby Holguin, Tom Link, Celia Maldonado-Arroyo, Chris Reed, Tony Rodriguez  
**Nay:** 0  
**Abstain:** 0  
**Not Cast:** 1 Judy Coble  
**Motion:** Chris Reed   **Second:** Celia Maldonado-Arroyo

#### **6.b.c. Consideration and Approval, Second Reading of Administrative Regulation 5145.71 - Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures -- Dedi Somavia**

Dedi Somavia asked the Board to approve the Administrative Regulation 5145.71 - Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures.

#### ***Vote Results***

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**Yea:** 6 Joe Enea, Debby Holguin, Tom Link, Celia Maldonado-Arroyo, Chris Reed, Tony Rodriguez  
**Nay:** 0  
**Abstain:** 0  
**Not Cast:** 1 Judy Coble  
**Motion:** Celia Maldonado-Arroyo   **Second:** Chris Reed

#### **6.b.d. Consideration and Approval, Second Reading of Board Policy (BP) 5141.21 Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions -- Julie Berk**

Julie Berk sought the Board's approval on Board Policy (BP) 5141.21 Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions.

**Vote Results**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Not Cast:** 1 Judy Coble

**Motion:** Tony Rodriguez **Second:** Debby Holguin

**6.c. New Business**

**6.c.a. Consideration and Approval of Resolution 24/25-04 on Compensation of County Superintendent -- Dedi Somavia**

Dedi Somavia asked for approval on Resolution 24/25-04 regarding Compensation of County Superintendent for the 24-25 school year which will reflect a 1% increase to the annual salary. The County Superintendent's contracted days are reduced from 227 to 224 days with no reduction in salary.

**Vote Results**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Not Cast:** 1 Judy Coble

**Motion:** Tom Link **Second:** Celia Maldonado-Arroyo

**6.c.b. Consideration and Approval, Proposition 2: Kindergarten Through Grade 12 Schools and Local Community College Public Education Facilities Modernization, Repair, and Safety Bond Act of 2024 -- Tim A. Hire**

Tim Hire asked for the Board's approval for Proposition 2: Kindergarten through grade 12 schools and local community college public education facilities modernization, repair and safety Bond act of 2024. Each school district has to apply for their funding. Applying for this funding is ongoing and it's first come, first serve. It is not an easy process. Sometimes consultants are hired to assist Tulare County districts to apply. Eligibility is based on student enrollment. If there is hardship involved then there is more available money to get.

**Vote Results**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Not Cast:** 1 Judy Coble

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

**6.c.c. Consideration and Approval, Proposition 28 - Arts and Music in Schools for University Preparatory High School -- John Davis**

John Davis asked for approval on Proposition 28--Arts and Music in Schools for University Preparatory High School for the 2023-2024 school year. The funding will be budgeted in the 24-25 school year.

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

**Nay:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Not Cast:** 1 Judy Coble

**Motion:** Celia Maldonado-Arroyo **Second:** Chris Reed

**6.c.d. Consideration and Approval, Proposition 28 - Arts and Music in Schools for La Sierra Military Academy -- John Davis**

John Davis asked for approval for Proposition 28 -- Arts and Music in Schools for La Sierra Military Academy. The funding will be budgeted in the 24-25 school year.

**Vote Results**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Not Cast:** 1 Judy Coble

**Motion:** Tom Link **Second:** Celia Maldonado-Arroyo

**6.c.e. Presentation of 2023-2024 Unaudited Actuals Financial Report -- Jody Arriaga**

Jody Arriaga presented the 23-24 unaudited actual financial report, which included the following financial reports which have been filed with the California Department of Education: CA Unaudited Actual Certification, Form 01 through 73 Fund Summaries, Form A Average Daily Attendance, ASSET Schedule of Capital Assets, DEBT Schedule of Long-Term Liabilities, NCMOE No Child Left Behind Maintenance of Effort, Form L Lottery Report, ICR Indirect Cost Rate Worksheet, PCR Program Cost Report, and PCRAF Program Cost Report Allocation Factor.

**6.c.f. Consideration and Approval, Budget Revisions through June 30, 2024 -- Jody Arriaga**

Jody Arriaga presented a review of the final Budget Revisions through June 30, 2024. Jody went over the following: The County School Service Fund estimated ending fund balance is \$107,195,924 with federal grant carry over of \$4,291,833 and state revenue grant carry over of \$4,036,230. La Sierra has an estimated ending fund balance of \$793,351. University Preparatory High School has estimated ending fund balance of \$1,333,767. Special Education Pass Through has an estimated ending fund balance of \$2,504. Child Development Fund has an estimated ending fund balance of \$6,336,763. Cafeteria Fund for SCICON has an estimated ending fund balance of \$61,532. Cafeteria Fund for La Sierra and University Preparatory High School estimated fund balance is \$0.00. Forest Reserve Fund estimated ending fund balance is \$223,668. The Foundation Trust Fund (Levis Trust) has an estimated ending fund balance of \$1,573,319.

**Vote Results**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Not Cast:** 1 Judy Coble

**Motion:** Tony Rodriguez **Second:** Chris Reed

**6.c.g. Presentation of the 2023-2024 TCOE Annual Report -- Robert Herman**

Robert Herman gave a presentation to the Board of the 2023-2024 TCOE Annual Report.

**6.c.h. Public Hearing – Resolution No. 24/25-07, Determination of Sufficient Instructional Materials/Textbooks for the 2024-2025 School Year (Education Code 60119) -- Julie Berk**

Mr. Enea opened a public hearing at 4:30 p.m. for the Determination of Sufficient Instructional Materials/Textbooks for the 2024-2025 school year (Education Code 60119). Julie Berk presented the list of materials/textbooks for students in our county. No comments were received. Mr. Enea closed the hearing at 4:31 p.m.

### 6.c.i. Consideration and Approval, Resolution No. 24/25-07 for Determination of Sufficient Instructional Materials/Textbooks for the 2024-2025 School Year (Education Code 60119) -- Julie Berk

Julie Berk asked for the Board's approval on Resolution No. 24/25-07 adopting the materials/media list for the 2024-2025 school year.

#### **Vote Results**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Not Cast:** 1 Judy Coble

**Motion:** Chris Reed   **Second:** Celia Maldonado-Arroyo

## 7. Information (Non-Discussion Items)

Superintendent Hire introduced a new attorney from Lozano Smith Attorneys, Taylor Todd.

Mr. Hire mentioned to the Board of the federal grant award for the teacher residency program. Our California Center on Teaching Careers (The Center) was awarded \$1.9 million a year for the next five years. We currently have programs in Humboldt State, Fresno State, TCOE and San Diego State. These students are here and are teaching in the classroom and are taking courses through these residencies. Each student receives \$40,000 to earn their single subject or special education credential, a forgivable loan if they complete the Teacher Residency for Rural Education (TRRE) project and three years of service at a high needs school program.

We have the first counseling residency program in the nation. The Center is doing amazing work. The need continues to be there.

Joe Enea announced that he, Celia, Tony and Mr. Hire will be attending a conference in Monterey, September 12 through September 13.

Mr. Hire presented on chronic absenteeism; a topic requested by our board member. A color code quick reference handout was given to the Board with a list of the districts and their last status on chronic absenteeism. One of the tools that schools use to keep track of absences is SARB (School Attendance Review Board).

CARB (Court Appointed Review Board) allows parents to be fined \$500 a day for not having their child attend school. There is a new judge in our county that handles CARB. The initial response to our submissions on this concern has been favorable. There's been success this year by partnering with District Attorney, Tim Ward.

Superintendent Hire mentioned: the 2024-2025 Student *Future Ready* Events Brochure. College Night took place on September 10 at the Visalia Convention Center. Tobacco Use Prevention Education (T.U.P.E.) will be on September 19 at Adventure Park. On the evening of September 19 is the 28th Annual Confucius Birthday Celebration at the Chinese Cultural Center honoring three Tulare County school teachers: Glenda Landin (Hope School District), Anthony Nguyen (Palo Verde Union School District), and Jacob Avila (Visalia Unified School District). Trades Day will be on September 26 at the Porterville Fairgrounds. The Excellence in Education breakfast is scheduled on October 30 to honor 30 nominated educators in three categories: Administrator/Manager, Teacher and School Employee.

Joe Enea called a recess at 4:15 pm and ordered the board meeting to resume at 4:30 p.m.

**8. Next Scheduled Board Meeting**

October 9, 2024, 3:00 p.m.

**9. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.