

**TULARE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

The Tulare County Board of Education met on Wednesday, March 9, 2022, 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
Pat Hillman
Debby Holguin
Celia Maldonado-Arroyo
Chris Reed
Tim A. Hire, Ex-Officio Secretary

PRESENT Rob Herman, Communications Director
Staff Members Nayirah Dosu, Communications Specialist
Marlene Moreno, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent
Jeff Ramsay, Director, General Services
John Rodriguez, Director, Human Resources
Dr. Fernie Marroquin, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Yasmeen Contreras, Helpdesk Support Specialist, IS
William Reeser, System Support Specialist
Dr. Wayne Lacy, Director, Information Systems
Dr. Scott Pierce, Administrator, La Sierra Military Academy
Julie Berk, Assistant Superintendent, Student Support Services
Lynne Goodwin, Administrator, CFNLP
Malinda Furtado, Parent Liaison, Special Services
Eric Thiessen, Principal, UPHS
Sarah Smigiera, Director, External Business
Andrea Perez, Assistant Superintendent, District Support Services
Sarah Hamilton, Administrator II, Special Services
Jody Arriaga, Director, Internal Business

GUESTS Guests as listed in the register including Christy White and Janae Castellani.

CALL TO ORDER Tom Link welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Chris Reed led
Pledge of Allegiance/ the Pledge of Allegiance.
Welcome

ADA Tom Link reported that ADA accommodations had been met.
ACCOMMODATIONS

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

<p>CONSENT CALENDAR</p>	<p>It was moved by Enea, seconded by Maldonado-Arroyo to approve the consent calendar to include: minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of February 9, 2022, Countywide Registration of Credentials, Temporary County Certificates, and Emergency Permits. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Reed, Enea, Coble, Link, Hillman, Holguin and Maldonado-Arroyo.</p>
<p>ADOPT RESOLUTION 21/22-11 EXCEPTION TO THE 180-DAY WAIT PERIOD FOR RETIREES (RODERICK)</p>	<p>Sarah Smigiera asked for the Board to adopt and approve Resolution 21/22-11 Exception to the 180-day Wait Period for Retirees (Roderick-TCOE). It was moved by Reed, seconded by Hillman to adopt and approve Resolution 21/22-11. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Reed, Enea, Coble, Link, Hillman, Holguin and Maldonado-Arroyo.</p>
<p>AGREEMENT FOR CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH 21-0300</p>	<p>Lynne Goodwin asked the Board to approve the Agreement for California Department of Public Health 21-0300 for \$249,379.53. It was moved by Enea, seconded by Maldonado-Arroyo to approve the Agreement for CA Department of Public Health 21-0300. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Reed, Enea, Coble, Link, Hillman, Holguin and Maldonado-Arroyo.</p>
<p>RESOLUTION 21/22/-13, APRIL 2022 TO BE FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE MONTH</p>	<p>Lynne Goodwin requested the Board's approval on Resolution 21/22-13 for April 2022 to be Friday Night Live Month. It was moved by Holguin, seconded by Maldonado-Arroyo to adopt and approve Resolution 21/22/-13. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Reed, Enea, Coble, Link, Hillman, Holguin and Maldonado-Arroyo.</p>
<p>TULARE COUNTY COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) NEW MEMBER</p>	<p>Malinda Hurtado asked the Board to approve a new member for Tulare Community Advisory Committee (CAC). Her name is Nicole Delima. It was moved by Coble, seconded by Holguin to approve Nicole Delima as a new CAC member. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Reed, Enea, Coble, Link, Hillman, Holguin and Maldonado-Arroyo.</p>
<p>SCHOOL SITE SAFETY PLAN 2022-2023 FOR UPHS</p>	<p>Eric Thiessen requested the Board approve the 2022-2023 School Site Safety Plan for UPHS. It was moved by Reed, seconded by Enea to approve the School Site Safety Plan for UPHS. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Reed, Enea, Coble, Link, Hillman, Holguin and Maldonado-Arroyo.</p>
<p>SCHOOL SITE SAFETY PLAN 2022-2023 FOR LA SIERRA MILITARY ACADEMY</p>	<p>Dr. Scott Pierce asked for the Board's approval on the 2022-2023 School Site Safety Plan for La Sierra Military Academy. It was moved by Hillman, seconded by Coble to approve the School Site Safety Plan for La Sierra Military Academy. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Reed, Enea, Coble, Link, Hillman, Holguin and Maldonado-Arroyo.</p>
<p>SCHOOL SITE SAFETY PLAN 2022-</p>	<p>Sarah Hamilton requested the Board to approve the School Site Safety Plan 2022-2023 for TCOE Community School. It was moved by Maldonado-Arroyo,</p>

2023 FOR TCOE
COMMUNITY
SCHOOL

seconded by Reed to approve the School Site Safety Plan for TCOE Community School. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Reed, Enea, Coble, Link, Hillman, Holguin and Maldonado-Arroyo.

BUDGET REVISIONS
THROUGH JANUARY
31, 2022

Jody Arriaga presented to the Board the actual expenditures for budget revisions through January 31, 2022. The County School Service Fund showed an increase of \$75,569 in LCFF. There was a combined increase in the Federal Revenue for Teacher Quality Partnership Carry Over \$561,312; CFNL Innovation \$305,999; Special Education Federal Grants \$92,751 and CA Friday Night Live Innovation \$235,432. State revenues reported an increase in CA Center on Teaching Careers \$1,366,075; CA Friday Night Live Cannabis Program \$103,159; COVID Testing Task Force \$153,333; ASES/21st Century Grants \$322,978 and Special Education-Workability and Infant Funding \$184,396. There were also increases in Local Revenue in the following programs: Tulare Co HHSa COVID Workforce, CA Center on Teaching Careers Fees, ERS Statewide Social Emotional Learning Improvement Grant, ERS Professional Development Fees and Safe School Fees. This showed an estimated ending fund balance for CSSF of \$59,541,534. The Child Development Fund showed an estimated ending fund balance of \$2,810,371.

It was moved by Maldonado-Arroyo, seconded by Holguin to approve the Budget Revisions through January 31, 2022. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Reed, Enea, Coble, Link, Hillman, Holguin and Maldonado-Arroyo.

2nd INTERIM REPORT
AS OF JANUARY 31,
2022

Jody Arriaga explained to the Board that county superintendents are required to certify twice a year regarding their ability to meet their financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year and for the subsequent two fiscal years with adequate reserves. She went on to discuss the Criteria and Standards Review Summary providing an explanation on areas that did not meet the criteria and standards. Mrs. Arriaga reported a positive cash flow for the next two years and the ability to meet fiscal obligations. It was moved by Hillman, seconded by Enea to approve the Second Interim Report as of January 31, 2022. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Reed, Enea, Coble, Link, Hillman, Holguin and Maldonado-Arroyo.

2020-2021 AUDIT FOR
TCOE

Jody Arriaga introduced Christy White from Christy White & Associates. Ms. White reported that there were no adjustments and no recommendations made for this audit. There were also no compliance exceptions in any area. There have been no findings in the last two years with no compliance violations to

report. Christy thanked Jody and her staff for assistance in completing the audit. It was moved by Enea, seconded by Reed to approve the 2020-2021 Audit for

TCOE. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Reed, Enea, Coble, Link, Hillman, Holguin and Maldonado-Arroyo.

Tom Link thanked Jody and her staff for all of their hard work.

RESOLUTION 21/22-12
AUTHORIZATION
FOR EMERGENCY
REPLACEMENT OF
HVAC UNITS FOR
ECE CENTER:
LONDON, IVANHOE,
FAIRVIEW, TEVISTON
AND SUCCESS

Jeff Ramsay asked for the Board's approval on Resolution 21/22-12 authorizing emergency replacement of HVAC units for ECE centers: London, Ivanhoe, Fairview, Teviston and Success. They are larger commercial units but are more efficient. It was moved by Enea, seconded by Holguin to approve and adopt Resolution 21/22-12 authorization for emergency replacement of HVAC units for the listed ECE centers. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Reed, Enea, Coble, Link, Hillman, Holguin and Maldonado-Arroyo.

2022 CSBA
ASSEMBLY COUNTY
DELEGATE VOTE FOR
REGION 12

Tom Link asked for the Board to vote on the 2022 CSBA Assembly County Delegate for Region 12. It was moved by Hillman, seconded by Maldonado-Arroyo to approve voting for incumbent Mary Little for the 2022 CSBA Assembly County Delegate for Region 12. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Reed, Enea, Coble, Link, Hillman, Holguin and Maldonado-Arroyo.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Superintendent Tim Hire advised the Board that the masking mandate will change as of 3/11/22. Masking will not be required but strongly recommended. This is for everyone regardless of if you are vaccinated or not. CalOSHA will take lead on some things around people who need to quarantine. Our local people/businesses may not change certain guidelines. He will continue to update everyone in his Friday message.

Last week, Superintendent Hire reported that the Tulare County Spelling Bee was held successfully at the Valley Strong Rawhide Stadium. The students and staff really enjoyed this new venue. Students felt less anxious when spelling. History Day was well attended and successful this year with the students' presentations. Tomorrow night our Migrant Education will have a Health Fair for students and their families. Mr. Hire gave a shout out to the Spelling Master, Scot Hillman. The STEAM Expo will be this Saturday held at the Pena Planetarium. The Poetry & Prose event will be coming up in a couple of weeks welcoming over 1,000 students. Another exciting student event, Career EXPO will be at COS on April 1. Redwood High School will go onto the state Mock Trial competition. El Diamante will represent Tulare County and compete at state level for Academic Decathlon. Anti-Tobacco Bowl has changed its name to Anti-Tobacco and Marijuana Bowl.

We had to cancel this year's Lip Sync contest due to low participation from schools. Math Super Bowl will take place on March 22.

Mr. Hire reminded the Board that the April board meeting will be 10:00 a.m. and at SCICON. Daylight Time Savings will also occur this weekend.

Superintendent Hire went on to mention that last night at their board meeting, Visalia Unified School District introduced their new superintendent, Kirk Shrum. He comes from a school district in Henry County from the state of Georgia. He will start his first day with VUSD on May 16. He had a great night being welcomed by many VUSD staff and community members. Interim Superintendent Doug Cardoza will be retiring at the of the school year. There will be a meet and greet reception tonight for the new VUSD superintendent from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Board member Maldonado-Arroyo reported on the National Equity Conference she attended virtually. Celia said some things that stood out for her was when a speaker said “education was not designed to teach everyone equally by design. Culture is not race and race is not culture. Students behave on their age regardless of their background.”

Mr. Hire asked the Board to consider any topics for the Board Retreat meeting after the regular board meeting should they want to have one. If you have any recommendations, please email them to Marlene within the next week for us to plan the agenda. Mr. Link requested a walk-around from Dianne Shew after lunch. It’s been business as usual with SCICON. We added onto the lodge on the southside to allow students to eat outside in a covered area. There has been a new UC Merced kiosk installed.

NEXT SCHEDULED
MEETING

April 13, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at SCICON.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m.