

**TULARE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

The Tulare County Board of Education met on Wednesday, August 9, 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 Dr. Fernie Marroquin, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Staff Members Jeff Ramsay, Director, General Services
Bob Mayo, Administrator, CHOICES
John Davis, Administrator, Leadership Support Services
Julie Berk, Assistant Superintendent, Student Support Services
Rob Herman, Communications Director
Marlene Moreno, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent
Tammy Bradford, Assistant Superintendent, Special Services
Anthony Paz, Helpdesk Support Specialist
Freddy Reyes, Helpdesk Support Specialist
Dedi Somavia, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Nani Dodson, Interim Administrator, CFNLP

GUESTS Guests listed in the register include Roberta Rowe.

CALL TO ORDER Board President Tom Link welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.
Pledge of Allegiance/ Debby Holguin 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 Coble, seconded by Enea to approve the consent calendar to include minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of June 14, 2023 and the canceled meeting of July 19, 2023 (Notice of Adjournment), Countywide Registration of Credentials, Temporary County Certificates, Emergency Permits and listed donations. Motion unanimously carried with the following votes:
Ayes: Coble, Enea, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, Reed and Rodriguez.

SECOND READING
BOARD POLICY
6142.7 – PHYSICAL
EDUCATION AND
ACTIVITY

Dedi Somavia asked the Board to approve Board Policy 6142.7-Physical Education and Activity. This new board policy outlines specific courses for which credit shall be given for Physical Education. This requirement meets state and legal guidelines. It was moved by Rodriguez, seconded by Holguin to approve Board Policy 6142.7. Motion unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, Reed, and Rodriguez.

AMENDMENT TO
AGREEMENT 21-10300
FOR CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC HEALTH

Nani Dodson requested the Board approve the amendment to California Department of Public Health agreement 21-20300 which extends the term of the agreement for an additional year through June 30, 2024. This allows for expansion of program activities. It was moved by Reed, seconded by Maldonado-Arroyo to approve the amendment 21-10300 for the California Department of Public Health agreement. Motion unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, Reed, and Rodriguez.

RESOLUTION NO.
23/24-01
ESTABLISHING THE
2023-2024
COMPENSATION FOR
THE COUNTY
SUPERINTENDENT

Dedi Somavia asked for the Board to approve Resolution No. 23/24-01, Establishing the 2023-2024 Compensation for the County Superintendent. This resolution includes a seven percent increase to \$314,919. The seven percent increase is the same increase that was given to all management. It was moved by Enea, seconded by Maldonado-Arroyo to approve Resolution No. 23/24-01. Motion unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, Reed, and Rodriguez.

DISCLOSURE OF
SALARY
ADJUSTMENT
PRESENTATION

Dedi Somavia presented to the Board the salary adjustment for the past two years of people who received 10% or more due to the COLA increases. This was for information only.

WILLIAMS/
VALENZUELA
UNIFORM
COMPLAINT REPORT
2ND QUARTER OF 2023

Dedi Somavia presented to the Board that there were no complaints received for the Williams/Valenzuela Uniform Complaint Report of the second quarter of 2023. There was a report that a restroom was closed for use. After investigating the concern, the restroom was only temporarily closed for cleaning. Therefore, it is not considered a legitimate complaint. This was an informational agenda item.

2022-2023 FOREST
RESERVE
APPORTIONMENT

Dr. Fernie Marroquin presented the 2022-2023 Forest Reserve Apportionment to the Board for approval. Of the federal funds coming through in May 2023 from USDA, 50% of those funds go to us. It was moved by Enea, seconded by Rodriguez to approve the 2022-2023 Forest Reserve Apportionment. Motion unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, Reed, and Rodriguez.

RESOLUTION NO.
23/24-02 GRANT
APPLICATION FOR
NEW ALTERNATIVE
FUEL VEHICLES AND
AUTHORIZE
ADMINISTRATOR
FOR GRANT

Jeff Ramsay asked the Board's approval on Resolution No. 23/24-02 to apply for a grant application for a new alternative fuel vehicle grant for five electric vehicles. Mr. Enea mentioned that he heard there is going to be a jump in insurance cost for electric vehicles. Jeff said that TCOE is going to lease the vehicles by contracting with a 5-year lease cycle. Once the vehicle lease ends, Enterprise will sell them. Every leased term, we will replace the fleet vehicles. Our efficiency is great for in-town travel. We may only end up having to buy a set of tires during their life span. In the resolution it says leasing is permitted. The resolution also authorizes Jeff Ramsay as an administrator for this grant. It was moved by Maldonado-Arroyo, seconded by Coble to approve Resolution No. 23/24-02. Motion unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, Reed, and Rodriguez.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Superintendent Tim Hire called on Julie Berk. She introduced the new CHOICES Administrator, Bob Mayo. Frank Silveira chose to be the new administrator for School Safety Programs and ActVnet. Mr. Hire went on to announce that Chris Meyer was selected as the new Assistant Superintendent for District Support Services.

Tim thanked the Board for attending the 2023 Convocation. He received several compliments, especially on the keynote speaker, Elizabeth Huntley. There were departments who wore matching shirts to be identified as a unit. We had 1,418 staff members who registered this year. Mr. Hire wants people to work out of commitment and not out of compliance. This year there were over 160 employees that walked across the stage for their years of service at TCOE. This year's convocation included "impact stories". Next year the goal is to highlight staff modeling our core values.

Tuesday, September 12, is College Night at the Visalia Convention Center.

Mr. Enea said COS is opening their University Center. He wants to see economic growth to keep people here. Mrs. Maldonado-Arroyo said that she feels we do not attract companies that hire and pay comparable wages.

The water quality situation in Springville has not affected SCICON.

Tom Link advised the Board that he had a zoom meeting on August 1 with Heather Rubio from our auditor's office. He gave praise to Jody Arriaga and her staff for the remarkable work they do for our business office.

NEXT SCHEDULED
MEETING

September 13, 2023, 3:00 p.m., Redwood Conference Center

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

