

**TULARE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

The Tulare County Board of Education met on Wednesday, June 14, 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
Board Members

Tom Link, President
Joe Enea, Vice President
Judy Coble
Debby Holguin
Celia Maldonado-Arroyo
Chris Reed
Tony Rodriguez
Tim A. Hire, Ex-Officio Secretary

PRESENT
Staff Members

Rob Herman, Communications Director, Administration
Marlene Moreno, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Administration
Dedi Somavia, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Julie Berk, Assistant Superintendent, Student Support Services
Jody Arriaga, Director, Internal Business Services
Helen Millorn-Feller, Lead Teacher, UPHS
Andrea Perez, Assistant Superintendent, District Support Services
Samantha Tate, Administrator, ERS
Vanessa Cantu, Administrative Legal Assistant, Business Services
Sarah Hamilton, Administrator II, Special Services
Jeff Ramsay, Director, General Services
Gabriela Guzman, Administrator, Leadership Support Services
John Davis, Administrator, Leadership Support Services
Freddy Reyes, Helpdesk Support Specialist, IS
Anthony Paz, Helpdesk Support Specialist, IS
Ron Pekarek, Program Manager, Special Services
Darlene Tyndal, Employment Services Coordinator, SEE
Dr. Alex Elliott, Administrator, Early Childhood Education
K.C. Pearce, Prevention/Intervention Education Manager, CHOICES
Frank Silveira, Administrator, CHOICES
Dr. Martin Frolli, Administrator, Leadership Support Services
Dr. Fernie Marroquin, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Tammy Bradford, Assistant Superintendent, Special Services
Jody Arriaga, Director, Internal Business
Nayirah Dosu, Communications Specialist, Administration

GUESTS	Guests as listed in the register including: Christine Alfaro, Martha Chavez, Michelle McNiece, Kent McNiece, Katrina Smith, Judy Williams, Connie Avina, Kaleb Avina, Jennifer Ramos, Susie Martinez, Steve Tellez, Leticia Tellez, Steven Tellez, Beverly Furnier, Linda Lantern, Angela Benton, Claudia Carter, JC Garza, and Josh Whiteside.
CALL TO ORDER Pledge of Allegiance/ Welcome	Board President Link welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Celia Maldonado-Arroyo led the Pledge of Allegiance.
ADA ACCOMMODATIONS	Tom Link reported that ADA accommodations had been met.
PUBLIC COMMENT	Members of the public did not address any matter of jurisdiction.
RETIREMENT RECEPTION	Superintendent Hire announced that TCOE retirees are going to be honored at this time. He then called on Dedi Somavia to conduct the employee retirement announcements. Retirees included: Christine Alfaro, Consuelo Avina, Maria Martha Chavez, Beverly Furnier, Lynne Goodwin, Christina Hanger, Laura Lawrence, Michelle McNiece, and Steve Tellez. Total years of service for retirees is 431 years.
BOARD MEETING BACK IN SESSION	Tom Link called the board meeting back to order at 3:36 p.m.
CONSENT CALENDAR	It was moved by Enea, seconded by Maldonado-Arroyo to approve the consent calendar to include: minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of May 10, 2023, Countywide Registration of Credentials, Temporary County Certificates, Emergency Permits and listed donations. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, Reed and Rodriguez. Mr. Link thanked The Trophy Shoppe and Rick’s Vending & Distributing companies for their donations.
CLOSED SESSION INTERDISTRICT ATTENDANCE APPEAL – Case No. 22/23-01 (Woodlake to Exeter)	Mr. Link called for a closed session at 3:37 p.m. and asked for everyone who was not involved in the Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Case No. 22/23-01 to exit the board room.

OPEN SESSION/
ACTION OF
INTERDISTRICT
ATTENDANCE
APPEAL – Case No.
22/23-01 (Woodlake to
Exeter)

The Board returned to open session at 4:19 p.m. President Link stated the action taken on the Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Case No. 22/23-01.

The decision was made after the Board voted on a roll vote that the student will not be permitted to attend Exeter High School at Exeter Unified School District for the 2023/2024 school year. A motion also carried that the average daily attendance of student from Case No. 22/23-01, shall be credited to the Woodlake Unified School District in accordance with Education Code Section 46607.

The Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Hearing, Case No. 22/23-01, is adjourned. Written notice of the decision shall be delivered to the parents' address, as well as to the governing boards of both districts.

AMENDMENT
DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH CARE
SERVICES 21-10068
A04

Mr. Hire asked the Board to approve the amendment for the Department of Health Care Services 21-10068 A04. This amendment shifts unspent funds from Year 2 to Year 3, increasing the contract amount by \$5 million. It was moved by Reed, seconded by Enea to approve the amendment with the Department of Health Care Services 21-10068 A04. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, Reed and Rodriguez.

FIRST READING OF
BOARD POLICY
6142.7 PHYSICAL
EDUCATION AND
ACTIVITY

Dedi Somavia presented a first read of Board Policy 6142.7 Physical Education and Activity. This policy is to state that the physical education instruction shall be for a total period of time of not less than 400 minutes each 10 school days to pupils in grades 7 to 12. Somavia said the final read will reflect the edit of 400 minutes instead of 200 minutes.

Action will be taken on this board policy on the second reading at the next board meeting.

TOBACCO USE
PREVENTION
EDUCATION FOR
GRADES SIX
THROUGH TWELVE,
TIER 2 GRANT

K.C. Pearce asked the Board to approve the Tobacco Use Prevention Education (TUPE) for Grades 6 through 12 Tier 2 Grant for \$2,431,773. It was moved by Maldonado-Arroyo, seconded by Holguin to approve the TUPE Grant for \$2,431,773. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, Reed and Rodriguez.

ADOPTION OF 2022-
2023 LIBRARY AND
MULTIMEDIA
MATERIAL
COLLECTION

Samantha Tate requested the Board to approve the 2022-2023 Library and Multimedia Collection. It was moved by Reed, seconded by Coble to approve the 2022-2023 Library and Multimedia Collection. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, Reed and Rodriguez.

2023-2024 LOCAL CONTROL AND ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN (LCAP) FOR TCOE SCHOOLS-COURT/COMMUNITY/SPECIAL SERVICES

John Davis stated to the Board, regarding LCAPs being presented, when looking at metrics, there haven't been any substantial changes since their first readings in May. He gave the order that they would be presented to the Board. Sarah Hamilton asked for the Board to approve the TCOE Court/Community and Special Services LCAPs. Celia asked what happens when we don't meet our goals. Sarah advised her that we keep working on them until we meet them. It was moved by Coble, seconded by Holguin to approve the LCAP for TCOE Court/Community Schools and Special Services. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, Reed and Rodriguez.

2023-2024 LOCAL CONTROL AND ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN (LCAP) FOR UNIVERSITY PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL (UPHS)

Dr. Helen Millorn-Feller presented on behalf of Eric Thiessen. She advised the Board that they have kept up with their goals for the 3rd year in a row. One of their successes is that their students scored 86% proficient or above in mathematics. It was moved by Enea, seconded by Maldonado-Arroyo to approve the UPHS LCAP. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, Reed and Rodriguez.

2023-2024 LOCAL CONTROL AND ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN (LCAP) FOR LA SIERRA MILITARY ACADEMY

Jose Bedolla asked for the Board's approval on the La Sierra Military Academy LCAP. No significant changes were made. Mrs. Reed asked if the truancy officer and transition specialist positions were new hires from last year. Mr. Bedolla confirmed that they were new positions which were much needed on their campus. It was asked if they had a full-time nurse on campus. An LVN has been added to their staff which helps quite a bit. Transportation is not an issue at this time. Mr. Bedolla is currently looking at their metrics, point indicators, and how to specifically be successful. It was moved by Maldonado-Arroyo, seconded by Holguin to approve the La Sierra Military Academy LCAP. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, Reed and Rodriguez.

LOCAL CONTROL AND ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN (LCAP) /EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT FEDERAL ADDENDUM

John Davis reported on the LCAP and Every Student Succeeds Act Federal Addendum. We want the federal money to be used for state activities in a coordinated and supported fashion for LCFF. It was moved by Maldonado-Arroyo, seconded by Holguin to approve the LCAP/Every Student Succeeds Act Federal Addendum. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, Reed and Rodriguez.

UPDATE ON LOCAL INDICATORS FOR TCOE SCHOOL-COURT/COMMUNITY/SPECIAL EDUCATION

John Davis advised the Board that the local indicators help develop the LCAP and measure performance at grade level. This also helps to evaluate their current status since their last report in October.

Sarah Hamilton said she and Karon Valdivieso worked on their report together. They rate themselves in all academic areas. They have not done any

extracurricular activities. They do, however, have strong relationships in working with partners. They feel they are doing well.

UPDATE ON LOCAL INDICATORS FOR UNIVERSITY PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL (UPHS).

Helen Millorn-Feller reported that the local indicators for UPHS. One area they could do better in is bringing in more migrant and EL students. Just over 11% of adults in Tulare County have bachelor's degrees. Our goal is to have that percentage rate closer to 40%. Helen thanked the Board for their time in hearing what she had to say about UPHS indicators.

UPDATE ON LOCAL INDICATORS FOR LA SIERRA MILITARY ACADEMY

Jose Bedolla spoke on local indicators for La Sierra Military Academy (LSMA). For the 22-23 school year, they implemented a credit recovery program offered during summer school. Jose said they need to modernize curriculum in 2023-2024. College and career planning awareness need to improve for La Sierra's students. Mrs. Reed asked if students at LSMA get involved in performing arts. Mr. Bedolla said they need to make this more available to their students. He is also going to reach out to ERS' staff to help where needed.

PRESENTATION OF COUNTY OFFICE SUMMARY REPORT TO LEAs WITH LCAPS AND DIFFERENTIATED ASSISTANCE

Dr. Martin Frolli gave the 2023-2024 Annual Summary Report to the Board. Three areas of the report is posted on CDE's website. There are three goals/metrics areas for 2023-2024. These goals are listed on page one of the handout. Page three of the handout lists the actions in providing technical assistance to school districts. Page five lists the metrics with actions to provide continuous support to school districts and schools within the county in implementing the provisions of EC Sections 52059.5-52077.

Board member Reed asked Dr. Frolli who normally writes the LCAP for charter schools. Dr. Frolli said we review LCAPs on behalf of the superintendent. We don't write them for them. These LCAPs have been written since 2014. There are a lot of changes every year. They need help in order to get their LCAP approved.

OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OF FINDINGS (NOF) REPORT FOR THE TULARE COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION FEDERAL PROGRAM MONITORING (FPM) REVIEW

Gabriela Guzman advised the Board that in April 2023, TCOE was reviewed (in person) by the Federal Program Monitoring Review team in some of the following areas: compensatory education, early education, homeless education, migrant education, student support and improvements, and uniform complaints. Mrs. Guzman was thrilled to report that there were zero findings in every one of those departments/programs. This was a team effort in completing a successful report - this is not very common. Gabriela gave verbal kudos for TCOE employees who made this possible. Superintendent Hire thanked Ms. Guzman for leading the team to such an extraordinary review.

UPK (UNIVERSAL
PREKINDERGARTEN)
MIXED DELIVERY
PLANNING GRANT

Julie Berk asked for the Board’s approval for the UPK (Universal Prekindergarten) Mixed Delivery Planning Grant for \$374,350. LPC is a group formed by people in the community. This is the group that was given the grant. This will help us work more with private childcare providers. We can train them and connect parents to people which may be going to be a private provider. Mrs. Maldonado-Arroyo asked if we have enough childcare for people who need it. Mrs. Berk said, “no”. It was moved by Reed, seconded by Coble to approve the UPK Mixed Delivery Planning Grant. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, Reed and Rodriguez.

PUBLIC HEARING
ADOPTION OF 2023-
2024 ANNUAL
SERVICE PLAN AND
ANNUAL BUDGET
PLAN FOR TULARE
COUNTY/DISTRICT
SELPA

Mr. Link opened the public meeting at 5:10 p.m. Tammy Bradford stated that the Service Plan is a list of all the services that we provide to our students. We have a handful of students that are both deaf and blind. The public hearing was closed at 5:14 p.m. The Annual Budget Plan for Tulare County/District SELPA has a budget of over \$150,000,000. Visually impaired funds total about \$1.5 million.

ADOPTION OF 2023-
2024 ANNUAL
SERVICE PLAN AND
ANNUAL BUDGET
PLAN FOR TULARE
COUNTY/DISTRICT
SELPA

Tammy Bradford asked for the approval of the 2023-2024 Annual Service Plan and the Annual Budget Plan for Tulare County/District SELPA. It was moved by Enea, seconded by Reed to approve the 2023-2024 Annual Service Plan and the Annual Budget Plan for Tulare County/District SELPA. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, Reed and Rodriguez.

2023-2024 SCHOOL
PLAN FOR STUDENT
ACHIEVEMENT FOR
COURT SCHOOLS

Sara Hamilton asked for the Board to approve the 2023-2024 School Plan for Student Achievement for court schools. Everything is in line and the supplemental program is ready for everyone. It was moved by Coble, seconded by Enea to approve the 2023-2024 School Plan for Student Achievement for court schools. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, Reed and Rodriguez.

2023-2024 SCHOOL
PLAN FOR STUDENT
ACHIEVEMENT FOR
COMMUNITY
SCHOOLS

Sara Hamilton requested the Board’s approval for the 2023-2024 School Plan for Student Achievement for community schools. It was moved by Reed, seconded by Maldonado-Arroyo to approve the 2023-2024 School Plan for Student Achievement for community schools. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, Reed and Rodriguez.

2023-2024 SCHOOL
PLAN FOR STUDENT
ACHIEVEMENT FOR
SPECIAL EDUCATION

Mrs. Hamilton sought the Board’s approval for the 2023-2024 School Plan for Student Achievement for Special Education. It was moved by Holguin, seconded by Reed to approve the 2023-2024 School Plan for Student Achievement for Special Education. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, Reed and Rodriguez.

ADOPT RESOLUTION #22/23-26 FOR SPENDING DETERMINATION FOR FUNDS RECEIVED FROM EDUCATION PROTECTION ACCOUNT (EPA) FOR 2023-2024

Jody Arriaga requested the Board’s adoption of Resolution 22/23-26 for the Spending Determination for Funds Received from the Educational Protection Account (EPA) for 2023-2024. It was moved by Enea, seconded by Coble to adopt Resolution 22/23-26 for the Spending Determination for Funds Received from the (EPA) for 2023-2024. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, Reed and Rodriguez.

2023-2024 TCOE BUDGET

Dr. Fernie Marroquin asked the Board to adopt the 2023-2024 Tulare County Office of Education Budget. It was moved by Maldonado-Arroyo, seconded by Holguin to adopt the 2023-2024 Tulare County Office of Education Budget. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, Reed and Rodriguez.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE TEMPORARY LOANS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CHARTER SCHOOLS 2023-2024 (#22/23-27) AND 2024-2025 (#22/23-28)

Dr. Fernie Marroquin requested the Board’s adoption of Resolution 22/23-27 and 22/23-28 for Temporary Loans to School Districts and Charter Schools for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025. It was moved by Enea, seconded by Coble to adopt Resolution 22/23-27 and 22/23-28 for Temporary Loans to School Districts and Charter Schools for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, Reed and Rodriguez.

Dr. Marroquin mentioned that he will introduce Vanessa Cantu, Shelly DiCenzo’s replacement, at the next board meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING PROCEEDING WITH A SOLAR GENERATION, BATTERY STORAGE SYSTEM AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING PROGRAM

President Link opened a public hearing at 5:26 p.m. per Government Code Section 4217.10-4217.18, for solar generation, battery storage system, and electric vehicle charging program discussion. Mr. Ramsay said that we have been approved for our Mooney site and at SCICON. This particular loan allows us to pay back over the next 10 years. Solar will be placed in the back parking lot and some panels on the north side of the Mooney building. Panels have to be a certain distance from the building itself. Hearing was closed at 5:29 p.m.

ADOPT RESOLUTION 22/23-29 FINDINGS FOR GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 4217 AND FACILITY SOLUTIONS AGREEMENT WITH SITELOGIQ

Jeff Ramsay asked for the Board’s approval on Resolution No. 22/23-29, findings for Government Code Section 4217 and Facility Solutions Agreement with SiteLogiq. The electricity bill will turn positive, eventually. In the first year, the solar panels will save us \$285,000. The panels’ life span is 30 years. Maintenance fees are also factored into the loan. It was moved by Enea, seconded by Maldonado-Arroyo to adopt Resolution No. 22/23-29. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, Reed and Rodriguez.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Superintendent Hire thanked everyone for attending the graduation ceremonies over the last three weeks.

Looking ahead, Mr. Hire asked the Board if they wanted to consider not meeting in July for the scheduled meeting on July 19. After surveying the divisions, there would not be any agenda items to bring to the meeting. All board members were in favor of canceling the July 19, 2023, board meeting.

Mr. Enea and Mrs. Reed were thanked for attending the listening meeting that occurred recently to obtain input from staff on the proposed new building added to the Mooney site. The next listening meeting is scheduled for June 23.

Mr. Hire reminded the Board to read his Friday messages. These messages are packed with a lot of important information about TCOE.

Board member Reed thanked Jeff Ramsay for facilitating this year's Office Olympics. External Business was this year's winning department.

Superintendent Hire reminded the Board if they have anything that needs further discussion, to let us know so that we can place it on a future board agenda.

NEXT SCHEDULED
MEETING

August 9, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.