

**TULARE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

The Tulare County Board of Education met on Wednesday, October 12, 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 Julie Berk, Assistant Superintendent, Student Support Services
Staff Members Dr. Fernie Marroquin, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Andrea Perez, Assistant Superintendent, District Support Services
Dedi Somavia, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Rob Herman, Communications Director
John Davis, Administrator, Leadership Support Services
Kelley Petty, Character Counts! Coordinator
Jennifer Fisher, Administrative Secretary
Jody Arriaga, Director, Internal Business Services
Arturo Figueroa, Civic/Economics Teacher, UPHS
Marlene Moreno, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent
Christina Rodriguez, Manager, School Health
Sarah Hamilton, Administrator, Special Services
Justin Paredes, Administrator, Leadership Support Services

GUESTS Guests as listed in the register including Janae Castellani and Tony Rodriguez.

CALL TO ORDER Board President Tom Link welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.
Pledge of Allegiance/ Chris Reed 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 Hillman to approve the consent calendar to include minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of September 14, 2022, Countywide Registration of Credentials, Temporary County Certificates, Emergency Permits and listed donation. Motion unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Reed, Enea, Hillman, Holguin, Link and Maldonado-Arroyo.

RESOLUTION 22/23-07 Jennifer Fisher asked the Board to approve Resolution 22/23-07 proclaiming the 2022 TCOE Red Ribbon Week to be October 24 through October 28, 2022. 2022 RED RIBBON WEEK (Oct 24-Oct 28) This year proceeds will go to CASA. She also explained that fundraising events will take place in-person this year. The Tulare County Red Ribbon event will take place at the Valley Strong Ballpark on October 27. It was moved by Joe, seconded by Holguin to approve Resolution 22/23-07. Motion unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Reed, Enea, Hillman, Holguin, Link and Maldonado-Arroyo.

RESOLUTION 22/23-05 Kelley Petty requested the Board approve Resolution 22/23-05 to proclaim October 2022 as Character Counts (CC!) Month. Kelley shared one story of the Pillar of Caring about a student named Alex. There were three different teachers from another school that nominated a student named Diego. Each teacher didn't know that any other teachers had nominated him for this pillar. It was moved by Hillman, seconded by Reed to approve Resolution 22/23-05. Motion unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Reed, Enea, Hillman, Holguin, Link and Maldonado-Arroyo. OCTOBER 2022 AS CHARACTER COUNTS MONTH

RESOLUTION 22/23-06 Kelley Petty asked for the Board's approval on Resolution 22/23-06 proclaiming October 16 through October 22, 2022, as Character Counts (CC!) Week. She reported that there were over 4,000 nominations this year. It was moved by Maldonado-Arroyo, seconded by Enea to approve Resolution 22/23-06. Motion unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Reed, Enea, Hillman, Holguin, Link and Maldonado-Arroyo. OCTOBER 16-22, 2022, AS CHARACTER COUNTS WEEK

Mr. Hire complimented the efforts of Kelley and her staff of bringing CC! eventually to all schools in Tulare County. So far, we have 154 schools on board.

STATE SEAL OF Arturo Figueroa asked the Board to approve the criteria for the State Seal of Civic Engagement for UPHS students to have this on their high school diplomas. CIVIC ENGAGEMENT CRITERIA FOR UPHS It was moved by Maldonado-Arroyo, seconded by Reed to approve the State Seal criteria. Motion unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Reed, Enea, Hillman, Holguin, Link and Maldonado-Arroyo.

CONSOLIDATED
APPLICATION FOR
FUNDING 2022-2023

John Davis presented the Consolidated Application for Funding 2022-2023, known as the Con-App. We are applying for all programs except for the Title III, Immigrant Program. We do not qualify for this program. We are projecting that the awards will be similar to previous years. It was moved by Enea, seconded by Coble to approve the Consolidated Application for 2022-2023. Motion unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Reed, Enea, Hillman, Holguin, Link and Maldonado-Arroyo

PRESENTATION OF
THE WILLIAMS CASE
MONITORING
ANNUAL REPORT

Justin Paredes advised the Board that the Williams Case monitoring is required for schools identified by the CDE. Leadership Support Services staff conducted the annual monitoring sufficiency of instructional materials, “Clean, Safe, and Functional” Facilities and verification of SARC data. Twenty-five percent of the visits are unannounced. There were 40 schools that were assessed this year. Most, were exemplary and good regarding facilities review. Half of these were new to being visited. There were nine classrooms noted that need to be rebuilt due to dry rot at Alta Vista Elementary. Chris Reed wanted to know if the charter schools would be monitored also. Mr. Paredes said their monitoring would take place for their facilities and instructional materials as well.

PRESENTATION OF
THE LEARNING
COMMUNITIES FOR
SCHOOL SUCCESS
PROGRAM, COHORT
5, ANNUAL
PROGRESS REPORT

Julie Berk presented the Learning Communities for School Success Program, Cohort 5, Annual Progress Report on behalf of Frank Silveira. We entered into this grant with Visalia Unified two years ago. We have one full-time person serving just VUSD. We use three different types of curriculums: “Why Try”, staff and training counselors. This program will continue for one more year.

PUBLIC HEARING
FOR ADOPTION OF
EXTENDED SCHOOL
YEAR WAIVER

Sarah Hamilton requested a public hearing for comment regarding adoption of the Extended School Year Waiver. This would allow our extended summer session to be adjusted from 19 days to 15 days. Mr. Link opened the public hearing at 3:41 p.m. The public hearing was closed at 3:43 p.m. with no public comments received.

ADOPTION OF
EXTENDED SCHOOL
YEAR WAIVER

It was moved by Maldonado-Arroyo, seconded by Holguin to adopt the Extended School Year Waiver. Motion unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Reed, Enea, Hillman, Holguin, Link and Maldonado-Arroyo.

ESTABLISHING
APPROPRIATIONS
LIMITS (GANN)
RESOLUTION 22/23-08

Jody Arriaga requested the Board’s approval on the Resolution No. 22/23-08. The Education Code requires the board to adopt a resolution to identify the estimated appropriations limit for the current fiscal year and the actual appropriations limit for the preceding fiscal year on or before October 15 each year.

For 2022-2023 fiscal year, we have an estimated appropriations limit in the amount of \$11,827,500.42 and for the 2021-2022 fiscal year identified the actual appropriations limit of \$10,826,148.21. It was moved by Enea, seconded by Maldonado-Arroyo to approve the GANN, Establishing Appropriations Limits. Motion unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Reed, Enea, Hillman, Holguin, Link and Maldonado-Arroyo.

FIRST READING OF
BOARD/
SUPERINTENDENT
POLICY 1312.3
UNIFORM
COMPLAINT
PROCEDURES

Dedi Somavia advised the Board that this was the first reading of the Board/ Superintendent Policy 1312.3, Uniform Complaint Procedures. How to file it, what the process is and how or when to post it. Action will be taken on this agenda item at the November board meeting.

FIRST READING OF
BOARD/
SUPERINTENDENT
POLICY 1312.4
WILLIAMS
COMPLAINT
POLICIES AND
PROCEDURES

Dedi Somavia advised the Board this was the first reading of the Board/ Superintendent Policy 1312.4, Williams Complaint Policies and Procedures. This is to make necessary revisions to complaints regarding deficiencies or lack of instructional materials, and facilities in schools. Action will be take on this agenda item at the November board meeting.

FIRST READING OF
BOARD POLICY
5141.21
ADMINISTERING
MEDICATION AND
MONITORING
HEALTH

Christina Rodriguez presented the first reading of Board Policy 5141.21, Administering Medication and Monitoring Health. In her Powerpoint, it was stated per Ed Code 49414.3, any school district, county office of education, or charter school electing to utilize naloxone hydrochloride (Narcan Nasal Spray) or another opioid antagonist for emergency aid shall: distribute a notice at least once per school year to all staff that contains the description of the training that the volunteer will receive and the right of the employee to rescind their offer to volunteer, trained volunteer personnel will be provided with defense and indemnification for any and all civil liability. Naloxone Training is to be provided at least annually by the Credentialed School Nurse for personnel who would like to volunteer to be trained.

Data shows there is a rise in opioid overdose deaths. Between 2018 to 2020, Fentanyl, a synthetic opioid, use is on the rise. Fentanyl-related overdose deaths increased by 625 percent. There were 63 overdose deaths related to Fentanyl in 2021 in Tulare County. Christina said school districts have to go to their board to get this policy approved. They need to make sure that this particular staff member is CPR trained. This will be an action item in the November board meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Superintendent Hire advised the Board that our café, Redwood Center Café, has opened and is being run by CBI students, ages 18-22. Thanks to Sarah Hamilton and her staff. They are open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9-11:00 a.m. and provide coffee and pastries. This café is giving these students life skills.

Mr. Hire advised that ActVnet had a final run through with Sundale on Monday. They were able to mark their kids present or injured. It was a successful training/drill. It looks like we could have five schools completely up and running by the end of the month. Possibly on November 3rd, Mr. Hire will be presenting to Los Angeles Unified School District Police Department. They will be increasing the number of staff for this new division. The person who founded Sandy Hook foundation wants to partner with us and promote ActVnet as well. We are also in the process of securing a 15,000 square foot building for space for ActVnet staff located behind Milan school adjacent to TCOE.

Mr. Hire advised that he, Dedi Somavia, Kelley Petty, Tammy Bradford and a few others from TCOE will be attending a "What's Right in Education" conference in Florida. He also mentioned that Marvin Lopez, at the request of the federal government, was in Florida recently to discuss the teacher shortage. They are interested in using our virtual teacher platform to recruit teachers.

If you haven't already, don't forget to RSVP for Excellence in Education breakfast on November 2.

We have had our Fall Institute, historically, in November. We have moved this event now to January 19 with a new name, District Leadership Institute.

Pat Hillman introduced Tony Rodriguez, Pat's replacement, to the Board. Mr. Rodriguez was present at the meeting and gave the Board a quick background on himself. He was raised in Porterville and went to Monache High School. He started his educational career in San Jose. Then he returned to the valley and taught math at Tulare Jt. Union High School where he retired as their superintendent.

NEXT SCHEDULED
MEETING

November 9, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. Redwood Rooms CDEF

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.