

**TULARE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

The Tulare County Board of Education met on Wednesday, November 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 Board Members Tom Link, President
Joe Enea, Vice President
Judy Coble
Pat Hillman
Debby Holguin (3:01 p.m.)
Celia Maldonado-Arroyo
Chris Reed
Tim A. Hire, Ex-Officio Secretary

PRESENT Staff Members Julie Berk, Assistant Superintendent, Student Support Services
Dr. Fernie Marroquin, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Andrea Perez, Assistant Superintendent, District Support Services
Dedi Somavia, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Tammy Bradford, Assistant Superintendent, Special Services
Rob Herman, Communications Director
Jennifer Fisher, Administrative Secretary
Lynne Goodwin, Administrator, CFNLP
Jeff Ramsay, Director, General Services
Courtney Venegas, Coordinator, Foster Youth Services
Tony Cavanagh, Manager, CHOICES School Safety Program
Frank Silveira, Administrator, CHOICES Programs
Nayirah Dosu, Communications Specialist
Isaac Celedon, System Support Specialist, Information Systems
Jordan Davis, System Support Specialist, Information Systems
Bruce Storer, Director, Information Systems

GUESTS Guests as listed in the register including Igor Avanto, Caron Borba, Gary Reed, Adrienne Hillman, Bret Hillman, Scot Hillman, Bill Postlewaite, Tony Rodriguez, Bobbie Vidak, Jim Vidak, and Joshua Whiteside.

CALL TO ORDER Board President Tom Link welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.
Pledge of Allegiance/ Pat Hillman led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Welcome

RECEPTION Mr. Hire announced that this will be Pat Hillman’s final board meeting with Tulare County Office of Education. He thanked her for her service of 25 years to the Board and the Tulare County Office of Education and presented her with a certificate of recognition and appreciation.

Mrs. Hillman thanked Mr. Hire. She has been actively involved in education in Tulare County for over 90 years, first as a student, then as a parent, teacher, and board member. She introduced Bill Postlewaite, retired Superintendent for Tulare City School District, Jim Vidak, retired Tulare County Superintendent of Schools and Tim Hire, County Superintendent and thanked them for their work. She also introduced and thanked her fellow board members. Mrs. Hillman welcomed Tony Rodriguez, past Superintendent of Tulare Joint Union High School District, who will take over next month as a new board member. She recognized the 1,850 employees who work behind the scenes. She introduced and recognized two of her four children. Her daughters live out of state but her sons, Scot and Bret Hillman, were in attendance.

The board members congratulated and thanked Pat for her service, friendship, encouragement and mentoring. Audience members shared stories about Mrs. Hillman's influence and contribution to their lives and the community. She thanked everyone for sharing. Mr. Hire invited everyone to enjoy some refreshments. After refreshments, Mr. Link called the meeting back to order at 3:30 p.m.

ADA
ACCOMMODATIONS

Mr. Link announced that ADA accommodations had been met.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

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 October 12, 2022, Countywide Registration of Credentials, Temporary County Certificates, Emergency Permits and listed donation. Motion unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Hillman, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, and Reed.

SECOND READING OF
BOARD/
SUPERINTENDENT
POLICY 1312.3
UNIFORM
COMPLAINT
PROCEDURES

Dedi Somavia requested the Board's approval of the Board/Superintendent Policy 1312.3, Uniform Complaint Procedures. Most of the changes to the policy are additions regarding health and safety for state preschool. It was moved by Reed, seconded by Hillman to approve Board/Superintendent Policy 1312.3, Uniform Complaint Procedures. Motion unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Hillman, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, and Reed.

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

Dedi Somavia asked the Board to approve the Board/Superintendent Policy 1312.4, Williams Complaint Policies and Procedures. This complaint procedure specifically relates to any complaint regarding deficiencies of instructional materials, condition of school facilities, and teacher vacancies or misassignments. It was moved by Coble, seconded by Maldonado-Arroyo to approve Board/Superintendent Policy 1312.4, Williams Complaint Policies and Procedures. Motion unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Hillman, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, and Reed.

SECOND READING OF BOARD POLICY 5141.21 ADMINISTERING MEDICATION AND MONITORING HEALTH

Julie Berk requested approval for Board Policy 5141.21, Administering Medication and Monitoring Health. Having this medication on campus allows sites to take care of students, not just for an overdose but because of the danger of taking a single pill of fentanyl. It was moved by Reed, seconded by Enea to approve Board Policy 5141.21, Administering Medication and Monitoring Health. Motion unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Hillman, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, and Reed.

PRESENTATION OF ROCKFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mr. Link called on Caron Borba for the presentation about Rockford School District. Ms. Borba shared her personal connections with Rockford which started with her teaching, then becoming a board member and later Superintendent. The school originally started in 1868. The last modernization was in 1989. Rockford has 15 full time teachers, eight instructional aides and a committed maintenance staff.

Ms. Borba shared math and English achievement data in comparison to the county and graduation requirements for 8th grade students. In order to address learning loss from the pandemic, Rockford has contracted with TCOE for professional development, coaching and the implementation of PLCs across grade spans. Her presentation included photos of student field trips, student, school and community events, and a video clip from their video editing elective class. Rockford has great parent involvement with a lot of generational family support. They have hosted an annual spring dinner for 65 years.

Eighty percent of Rockford's enrollment is inter-district transfers with a total enrollment of 311 students. Rockford received a donation that allows them to provide scholarships for graduating seniors. Rockford's annual graduating class is 30 to 40 students who attend Summit Charter Collegiate Academy (Burton) and Harmony Magnet Academy (Porterville), Monache and Porterville High Schools.

The Board and Mr. Hire thanked Ms. Borba for her presentation.

FIRST READING OF
BOARD POLICY 6173
EDUCATION FOR
HOMELESS
CHILDREN

Courtney Venegas advised the Board this was the first reading of the Board Policy 6173, Education for Homeless Children. The updates and revisions to the policy are activities that our office has already implemented. Action will be taken on this agenda item at the December board meeting.

FIRST READING OF
ADMINISTRATIVE
REGULATION 6173
EDUCATION FOR
HOMELESS
CHILDREN

Courtney Venegas advised the Board this was the first reading of the Administrative Regulation 6173, Education for Homeless Children. The updates and revisions to this regulation incorporate our office's current practices. Action will be taken on this agenda item at the December board meeting.

PRESENTATION OF
WILLIAMS/
VALENZUELA
UNIFORM
COMPLAINT REPORT
THIRD QUARTER 2022

Dedi Somavia presented the Williams/Valenzuela Uniform Complaint Report for the Third Quarter of 2022. There were no complaints received during this period in any areas. This was an informational item only.

CONTRACT
AMENDMENT STATE
OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH CARE
SERVICES 21-10068
A03

Lynne Goodwin requested approval of the Contract Amendment to the State of California – Department of Health Care Services, 21-10068 A03. This amendment adds \$500,000 for the infrastructure of California Friday Night Live Partnership. It was moved by Enea, seconded by Holguin to approve the Contract Amendment to the State of California – Department of Health Care Services, 21-10068 A03. Motion unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Hillman, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, and Reed.

CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION
AGREEMENT
CN220114

Lynne Goodwin asked the board to approve California Department of Education Agreement, CN220114 for \$1,000,000. This funding is a two-year grant to augment infrastructure, training, and building capacity in all of the counties that have the Friday Night Live program. It was moved by Hillman, seconded by Maldonado-Arroyo to approve California Department of Education Agreement, CN220114. Motion unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Hillman, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, and Reed.

INFANT
DISCRETIONARY
FUND GRANT 2021-
2022

Tammy Bradford requested the Board's approval for the Infant Discretionary Fund Grant 2021-2022 for \$102,029. This grant supports the services provided through our Bright Start program for infants, birth to three years old. This program serves just under 1,100 children, which is the largest infant serving program in the state. It was moved by Reed, seconded by Enea to approve the Infant Discretionary Fund Grant 2021-2022. Motion unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Hillman, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, and Reed.

SPECIAL EDUCATION ALTERNATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION GRANT 2022-2023 Tammy Bradford requested approval for the Special Education Alternate Dispute Resolution Grant 2022-2023 for \$14,922. The funds are used for TCOE staff and the directors of special education from the districts to attend an annual alternate dispute resolution training provided by the state. It was moved by Maldonado-Arroyo, seconded by Holguin to approve the Special Education Alternate Dispute Resolution Grant 2022-2023. Motion unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Hillman, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, and Reed.

AUTHORIZATION TO SEEK PROPOSALS FOR STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES Jeff Ramsay asked for authorization to seek proposals for Student Transportation Services. The current contract for transportation of Special Services students will expire June 2023. It was moved by Hillman, seconded by Coble to authorize to seek proposals for Student Transportation Services. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Hillman, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, and Reed.

SET DATE FOR ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING Tim Hire asked the Board to approve setting a date for the annual organizational meeting to elect officers for the following year and adopt a schedule or calendar of regular meetings for 2023 to take place on December 12, 2022. It was moved by Hillman, seconded by Maldonado-Arroyo to set the date of December 12, 2022 as the annual organizational meeting. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Hillman, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, and Reed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT Superintendent Hire thanked the staff and the Board for a wonderful Excellence in Education ceremony. CHARACTER COUNTS! hosted the Provident-Salierno Family Foundation Awards, which recognized students of character. Nominators attended the event in support of their students. The top six students were recognized along with 24 finalists. Expanding Your Horizons was this past weekend which hosted 550 students from 31 schools. Mr. Hire asked Andrea Perez to share a story about a parent volunteer whose child attended the event 17 years ago and is now studying aerospace engineering. Mr. Hire thanked Chris Reed for setting up the Holiday Village again this year.

Upcoming events include the TUPE/FNL Leadership Training which will be November 16, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Visalia Wyndham Hotel for students in grades 6-8. We are hosting the Theatre Company's production of *Disney's Moana Jr.* in Redwood Conference Center. There will be performances on Thursday and Friday evening and two performances on Saturday. Tickets are available online. Run, Hide, Fight, a school safety training in partnership with Tulare County Sheriff's Office will be on December 6, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the

Redwood Conference Center. Please remember that the Fall Institute for Board members is now called the District Leadership Institute, which will be January 19.

On Friday of last week, Mr. Hire, Daniel Cordeniz, Frank Silviera and Rob Herman presented ActVnet to Los Angeles Unified School District and Los Angeles School Police Department. LAUSD is the largest school district in the state of California and the second largest district in the nation. Our program would only require minor changes to meet the needs of their complex organization. Mr. Hire is extremely proud of staff and partners who supported the development of ActVnet. Joe Enea suggested presenting at next year's CSBA Annual Education Conference. Judy suggested also presenting at the California County Boards of Education Annual Conference. Mr. Hire shared information about the other county offices throughout the state that have attended or scheduled presentations.

Mr. Hire expressed his appreciation to Dedi Somavia and her staff for their helping with the additional staff, an office manager, three graphic arts, two project managers and a director that are needed for the expansion of ActVnet. Additionally, he announced that a new building was leased to house the program and additional staff. Jeff Ramsay and Julie Berk's maintenance staff collaborated on a recent construction project for the new building's office space.

Mr. Hire explained that the program is designed to be activated by law enforcement and used by first responders and school staff primarily. Currently, 22 districts have contracted with ActVnet with 56 schools in the set up process. Judy asked if the Board could visit the new ActVnet facility once the construction is complete and staff are on-site. It was suggested as a future Board meeting or study session site.

NEXT SCHEDULED
MEETING

December 12, 2022 (Monday) at 3:00 p.m. Redwood Rooms CDEF

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.