

**TULARE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES**

The Tulare County Board of Education met on Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the County Education Building, Visalia, California.

**PRESENT**  
Board Members

Scot Townsend, President  
Pat Hillman, Vice President  
Rod Burkett  
Joe Enea  
Celia Maldonado-Arroyo  
Edward Peterson, D.D.S.  
Chris Reed  
Jim Vidak, Ex-Officio Secretary

**PRESENT**  
Staff Members

Pansy Ceballos, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services  
Jeanne Nava, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources  
Ray Chavez, Administrator, Child Care  
Guadalupe Solis, Ed.D., Administrator, Educational Resource Services  
Beth Olshewsky, Library Media Supervisor  
Rob Herman, Public Information Officer  
John Caudle, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services  
Rick Mitchell, Administrator, SCICON  
Roger Smith, Director, Information Systems  
Xay Xiong, Manager of Technology  
Marilyn Rankin, Assistant Superintendent, Special Services  
Marie Holguin, Secretary  
Patty Blaswich, Director, Internal Business Services  
Christine Antilla, Administrative Assistant

**GUESTS**

Guests as listed in the register and Tim Hire, Diane Graziani, Carol Laird, Niessen Foster and Mr. and Mrs. Ross.

**CALL TO ORDER**  
Pledge of Allegiance/  
Welcome

Board President Scot Townsend welcomed everyone to the meeting. Joe Enea led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADA**  
**ACCOMMODATIONS**

Board President Townsend announced that ADA accommodations had been met.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

CONSENT CALENDAR It was moved by Peterson, seconded by Enea, to approve Consent Calendar, including January 13, 2010 Board Minutes, Countywide Registration of Credentials, and Temporary County Certificates. Motion unanimously carried.

DONATION TO COLLEGE NIGHT Beth Olshewsky announced that donations totaling \$6,350 were received to offset expenses for the College Night event and help with the funding of the scholarships that are awarded. It was moved by Hillman, seconded by Burkett to accept the donations. Motion unanimously carried.

INTERDISTRICT ATTENDANCE APPEAL 09/10-17 Woodlake High School to Exeter High School John Caudle reviewed the criteria to be considered by the board when making a decision on an interdistrict appeal. Carol Laird, Tulare County Counsel, was in attendance to answer any legal questions regarding the interdistrict attendance appeal. Tim Hire was in attendance to represent Woodlake High School and Diane Graziani was present for Exeter High School. Mr. and Mrs. Ross explained the circumstances regarding their daughter and the reasons they are requesting the appeal. It was moved by Enea, seconded by Burkett to refer the matter back to the original district, Woodlake, for a final determination. Motion unanimously carried.

INTERDISTRICT ATTENDANCE APPEAL 09/10-18 Woodlake High School to Exeter High School Mr. and Mrs. Ross explained the circumstances surrounding their daughter's past schooling the reasons they are requesting the appeal. It was moved by Enea, seconded by Burkett to refer the matter back to the original district, Woodlake, for a final determination. Motion unanimously carried.

PURCHASE OF NEW MATERIALS FOR LIBRARY Beth Olshewsky presented the list of 708 library and audio visual materials purchased for the master collection for loan to contracting schools. Over 34,000 items are in the Educational Resource Services collection and the titles are aligned to the California Academic Content Standards. It was moved by Maldonado-Arroyo, seconded by Peterson to approve the purchases. Motion unanimously carried.

WILLIAMS SETTLEMENT Jeanne Nava presented the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter report of the Williams/Valenzuela Uniform Complaint Report. The only district to receive any complaints was Cutler-Orosi. Ms. Nava explained the unresolved complaints and noted they are being taken care of.

SCICON GRANT Rick Mitchell was on hand to report a \$19,000 grant from The Sierra Club to the Circle J-Norris Ranch. The grant is to be used for the "Building Bridges to the Outdoors" program designed to assist youth in accessing the outdoors and will help fund the Field Science Weekend. It was moved by Hillman, seconded by Enea to accept the grant. Motion unanimously carried.

PROGRAM PLANNING POLICY	Ray Chavez explained that Head Start requires the development and implementation of a program planning that includes consultation with the program’s governing body, policy groups, and program staff. The Program Planning Policy and Procedures as well as the Program Activity Calendars have been revised to reflect current planning activities. It was moved by Peterson, seconded by Enea to approve the revised Program Planning Policy and Procedure and Program Activity Calendars. Motion unanimously carried.
MIGRANT SEASONAL HEAD START RECRUITMENT PLAN 2009-2010	Ray Chavez announced the Migrant Seasonal Head Start Recruitment Plan for 2009-2010 with no changes from the previous year, focuses on the recruitment of the neediest children to attend the program. Recruitment strategies include visiting of labor camps, flea markets, speaking with school districts and going door-to-door in communities where centers are located. Mr. Chavez did say that the best way to get information out to people is word of mouth from those currently receiving services. It was moved by Maldonado-Arroyo, seconded by Burkett to approve the recruitment plan for 2009-2010. Motion unanimously carried.
QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT	John Caudle presented the Quarterly Investment Report for the period ending December 31, 2009 as a matter of disclosure only. The report summarizes the investments and balances at the end of the quarter, which reflected a 2.18% return. Mr. Caudle also mentioned the fees for retirees’ benefits will continue to decrease as they lose their eligibility.
PUBLIC HEARING CATEGORICAL FLEXIBILITY	Board President opened the public hearing at 3:45 p.m. for comments regarding the Categorical Flexibility Funds. No comments were received. The public hearing closed at 3:46 p.m.
CATEGORICAL FLEXIBILITY FUNDING	It was moved by Burkett, seconded by Enea to approve the resolution that provides “flexibility” for the use of certain Categorical Program Funds. Motion unanimously carried.
SPECIALIZED SERVICES GRANT	Xay Xiong, announced the receipt of a Low Incidence Specialized Services Grant in the amount of \$18,313. The grant will help purchase equipment and devices, from pencil grips to high-end computer systems, to assist students with low incidence disabilities. It was moved by Enea, seconded by Peterson to accept the grant. Motion unanimously carried.
EARLY INTERVENTION GRANT	Marilyn Rankin presented the 2009-2010 Early Intervention Grant in the amount of \$140,675. The funds will supplement the Bright Start Parent Infant Program serving 457 infants and toddlers, birth to 3 years of age. It was moved by Hillman, seconded by Enea to accept the funds. Motion unanimously carried.

**SUPERINTENDENTS’  
REPORT**

Superintendent Vidak announced that the world famous Ag Expo is taking place in Tulare this week with another record-breaking crowd. Granite Hills High School won the Academic Decathlon competition and will be moving on to state. Mock Trial semi-finals will be held on February 16 with Woodlake High School taking on Tulare Union. The Spelling Bee is scheduled to take place on February 24 with 110 schools scheduled to participate and has been labeled one of the largest in the United States. Mr. Vidak called attention to the most recent issue of the News Gallery featuring the SEE Youth job program. He mentioned the beautiful artwork displayed throughout the building and announced that the Best of Show exhibit will take place in March.

**NEXT SCHEDULED  
MEETING**

March 10, 2010

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.