

**TULARE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES**

The Tulare County Board of Education met on Wednesday June 9, 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  
   Celia Maldonado-Arroyo  
   Edward Peterson, D.D.S.  
   Chris Reed  
   Jim Vidak, Ex-Officio Secretary

ABSENT  
Board Member                    Joe Enea

PRESENT  
Staff Members                    Patty Blaswich, Director, Internal Business  
   Ofelia Trevino-Toste, Accountant  
   Pansy Ceballos, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services  
   Kelley Petty, Character Counts! Coordinator  
   Marilyn Rankin, Assistant Superintendent, Special Services  
   Charlene Stringham, Instructional Consultant  
   Nani Rowland, Network for a Healthy California  
   Ray Chavez, Administrator, Child Care  
   Sheli Silva, Administrator, Migrant Education Program  
   Robyn Cooper, Network for a Healthy California  
   Sylvia Karsten, School Health Program  
   Roger Smith, Director, Information Systems  
   Candy Hilvers, Program Manager, School Health Programs  
   Guadalupe Solis, Administrator, Educational Resource Services  
   Janet Hettinger, Network School Nurse  
   Sharon Phillips, Project Coordinator, Community Challenge Grant  
   Jeanne Nava, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources  
   John Caudle, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services  
   Robert Herman, Public Information Officer  
   Christine Chapman, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS                                Guests as listed in the register and Sandy Menezes and Cathy Hall.

CALL TO ORDER                    Board President Scot Townsend called the meeting to order and welcomed  
Pledge of Allegiance/            everyone in attendance. He also led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Welcome

FOUNDATIONS FOR LIFE ESSAY CONTEST	Charlene Stringham and Kelley Petty introduced the 2010 Foundations for Life Essay Winners and read excerpts from their work. Ms. Stringham described the quotation-based program that promotes reading, critical thinking and writing skills, while introducing or reinforcing character education. Because of the caliber of the essays, judging was extremely difficult. Each student was presented with a cash award, certificate and a Character Counts! t-shirt.
SPECIAL RECOGNITION- EXETER SAVE MART	Nani Rowland explained that the Exeter Save Mart in conjunction with the Network for a Healthy California graciously hosted the Fruit and Veggie Fest with over 500 second and third grade students in attendance. Special recognition was given to Gordon Silkwood, store manager, who was accompanied by Sharon Blakely of the Save Mart Corporate Office. The event was a huge success and would have not been possible without the cooperation and generosity extended by Mr. Blakely and the Save Mart organization.
ADA ACCOMMODATIONS	Scot Townsend reported that the ADA accommodations had been met.
PUBLIC COMMENTS	Members of the public did not address any matter of jurisdiction.
CONSENT CALENDAR	It was moved by Burkett, seconded by Peterson, to approve Consent Calendar, including Countywide Registration of Credentials, Temporary County Certificates, and minutes of the May 12, 2010 board meeting. Motion unanimously carried.
DONATION TO UNIVERSITY PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL	Pansy Ceballos requested acceptance of an anonymous donation in the amount of \$1,500 to be used for advertising at University Preparatory High School. It was moved by Hillman, seconded by Maldonado-Arroyo to accept the donation. Motion unanimously carried.
SECOND READING – SELPA POLICY #7073	Marilyn Rankin presented SELPA Policy #7073 on Behavioral Interventions for Special Education Students that are in line with Federal and State legislation. It was moved by Maldonado-Arroyo, seconded by Hillman to approve the policy. Motion unanimously carried.
SECOND READING – SELPA POLICY #2520	Marilyn Rankin described SELPA Policy #2520 regarding Special Education Litigation and Due Process Hearing Costs which reflects a change in the frequency that a deductible will be applied. It was moved by Burkett, seconded by Peterson to approve the policy. Motion unanimously carried.
SECOND READING – CHILD CARE NEW PROGRAM POLICIES	Ray Chavez requested approval of the 29 newly developed program policies presented for the second reading. It was moved by Hillman, seconded by Maldonado-Arroyo to approve the policies with the suggestion that Mr. Vidak appoint and designate a board member to the Program Policy Council. Motion unanimously carried.

SECOND READING – REVISED PROGRAM POLICIES	Ray Chavez brought 8 revised policies for the second reading reporting that no proposed changes were suggested. It was moved by Peterson, seconded by Burkett to approve the revised program policies. Motion unanimously carried.
REVISED PROGRAM POLICY COUNCIL BY-LAWS	Ray Chavez announced that the By-laws for the Program Policy Council had been revised. Mr. Chavez reported that there are currently 57 members on the council and language was added to have a written process in the by-laws for removal or suspension of a member. It was moved by Hillman, seconded by Peterson to approve the revised program policy council by-laws. Motion unanimously carried.
PROGRAM SERVICE AREA PLANS	Ray Chavez presented the 2010-2011 Program Service Area Plans for Head Start, Early Head Start and Migrant Seasonal Head Start. The plans have been reviewed with staff to ensure that there is one set of plans documenting services for all programs. Goals and objectives were added; activities that were no longer implemented were deleted; forms were renamed, and a plan was included to monitor activities and timelines. It was moved by Hillman, seconded by Peterson to approve the Program Area Plans. Motion unanimously carried.
RENEWAL OF LA SIERRA CHARTER	Pansy Ceballos explained that as the authorizing agent for La Sierra Charter School, it is necessary to renew the charter every five years. La Sierra was approved by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accreditation process and has been accredited through March 2010. La Sierra is committed to an education program that addresses the students’ academic and social needs through a smaller classroom structure. The school also has a very active parent group. Attendance has shown a decrease resulting in the elimination of the 7 <sup>th</sup> grade classroom. This issue will be reviewed in the future should the school reflect a more sound budget picture. Mrs. Ceballos also reported that the Academic Performance Index has shown an increase of 15 points. It was moved by Peterson, seconded by Burkett to approve the renewal of the La Sierra Charter. Motion unanimously carried.
ELEANOR ROOSEVELT COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER OVERSIGHT REPORT	Pansy Ceballos presented the 2009-2010 oversight report for the Eleanor Roosevelt Community Learning Center (ERCLC). Highlights of the annual report included enrichment classes being offered and a 34 point growth on the 2008-2009 API score. The school now has approximately 170 students in Kindergarten through 12 <sup>th</sup> grade. Parents appreciate the opportunity for this learning environment for their home-schooled students. It was moved by Burkett, seconded by Maldonado-Arroyo to approve the 2009-2010 oversight report for ERCLC. Motion unanimously carried.
RESOLUTION TO EXTEND COMMUNITY CHALLENGE GRANT	Sharon Phillips asked the board to adopt a resolution accepting the one-year extension of the California Department of Public Health Community Challenge Grant. The grant money is used for teen pregnancy prevention programs in Tulare County. It was moved by Hillman, seconded by Maldonado-Arroyo to adopt the resolution. Motion unanimously carried.

**CHILD CARE AUDIT AGREEMENT**

John Caudle explained that the Federal Child Care Program requires board approval of the contract for audit services. M. Green and Company will provide the audit services for the Child Care Program for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. It was moved by Burkett, seconded by Hillman to approve the audit agreement with M. Green and Company. Motion unanimously carried.

**PRESENTATION OF 2010/2011 CSSF BUDGET**

Patty Blaswich and Ofelia Trevino-Toste gave an in-depth powerpoint presentation providing detailed information on the CSSF 2010-2011 budget. A review of the budget assumptions along with CSSF revenues of \$146,176,384 and expenditures of \$148,483,632 were included. The result will be an estimated ending fund balance of \$37,683,016. In addition, Ms. Blaswich reviewed the Child Development revenues of \$52,577,431 and expenditures of \$53,460,458 with an ending fund balance of \$1,488,343. Other funds include La Sierra Charter School, University Prep High School, SCICON, Facilities and LEVIS trust. Patty Blaswich added that we are very fortunate to have a great reserve structure.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR ADOPTION OF 2010-2011 CSSF BUDGET**

At 4:10 p.m. a Public Hearing was opened by Board President Scot Townsend to allow for public input on the 2010-2011 CSSF budget, prior to the adoption. No public comments were received. Mr. Caudle explained that the figures represented the best estimate to reflect all the changes that are taking place on the state level. The hearing closed at 4:11 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF BUDGET**

It was moved by Burkett, seconded by Hillman to adopt the 2010-2011 County School Service Fund budget. Motion unanimously carried. Board President Townsend thanked Patty Blaswich and her staff for all the hard work and the informative presentation.

**CTA AND CSEA PUBLIC HEARINGS**

A hearing was opened at 4:11 p.m. for public comments on the Tulare County Office of Education Initial Proposal to California Teachers Association (CTA) for the 2010-2011 school year regarding school calendar, class size, salaries and employee benefits. Hearing closed at 4:12 p.m.

A public hearing opened at 4:13 p.m. regarding California Teachers Association (CTA) Initial Proposal to the Tulare County Office of Education for the 2010-2011 school year regarding class size, salaries and employee benefits. Hearing closed at 4:14 p.m.

A hearing opened at 4:14 p.m. for public comments on the Tulare County Office of Education initial proposal to California School Employees Association (CSEA) for the 2010-2011 school year regarding hours, employee benefits, pay and allowances and transfer. The hearing closed at 4:15 p.m.

A public hearing opened at 4:15 p.m. for comments on the California School Employees Association (CSEA) initial proposal to the Tulare County Office of

Education for the 2010-2011 school year regarding employee benefits, pay and allowances and reclassification. Hearing closed at 4:16 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING July 14, 2010

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.