

# Tuolumne County Board of Education

The mission of the Tuolumne County Board of Education is to provide a leadership role in education; to support the County Office of Education in its governance; and to advocate and champion for the education of all students.



## Minutes

April 9, 2018

4:00 p.m.

Room 217, County Schools Office

Board President Simonson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and asked Trustee Twining to lead the audience in the pledge.

Members Present: Cyndi Simonson  
Juliana Feriani  
Ian Morcott  
Nicholas Chernoff  
Martha Golay  
Don Rolle  
Chucker Twining

### *Approval of Agenda:*

Trustee Feriani moved to approve the agenda as amended to move item 12.1 after item 5.0.

Second: Trustee Chernoff

Ayes: Trustees Simonson, Feriani, Morcott, Chernoff, Golay, Rolle, Twining

Noes: None

Staff: Brian Thomas, Troy Ashton, Cathy Parker, Tracy Rasmussen, Lisa Rico, Blaine Cowick

Guests: Lisa Edwards, Mathew Drake, Lelani DeKnoblough, Niurka Benton, Sunny Fox, Kim Hartwig

### *Public Comment:*

None

### *Item 21.1*

*FLA Update RE: STRS Non-Compliance and March Bank Statement/Check Register Detail*

Public Comment: Niurka Benton speaking on behalf of other former FLA teachers thanked the board on current and former FLA teachers regarding not receiving STRS contributions.

Ms. Benton said that they are working with STRS and FLA to find a solution.

Kim Hartwig shared her frustration at being told that they were not going to be offered STRS, and were told that other schools were dropping STRS because of the cost.

Superintendent Bulkin presented several slides with the timeline of FLA's STRS participation.

Lisa Rico shared information with the board regarding FLA's bank statement balances and said that their ending fund balance on March 31<sup>st</sup> was approximately \$27,000. Ms. Rico reminded the board that per the MOU with FLA, they are required to have a 3% reserve for economic uncertainty, which would be approximately \$31,000.

*Consent Agenda:*

Trustee Twining moved to adopt the consent agenda as corrected to correct language the Board Clerk's name at the beginning of the minutes.

Second: Trustee Morcott

Ayes: Trustees Simonson, Feriani, Morcott, Chernoff, Golay, Rolle, Twining

Noes: None

*Presentations/Recognitions*

TCSOS Employees Who Make a Difference Recipients:

*Laurie Remlinger, Glen White & Nancy Palmer*

TCSOS Excellence in Teaching Recipient:

*Maureen Peacock*

History Fair Winners and Judges

*Miranda Bendix, Soulsbyville, Jr. Individual Exhibit*

*Teagan Spangler, Kierah Levering, Soulsbyville, Jr. Group Exhibit*

*Christian Felts, Motherlode Christian, Jr. Historical Paper*

*Callahan Hanson, Motherlode Christian, Jr. Individual Performance*

*Judges: Hal Cunningham, Marty Gerbasi, Carl Johnson & Don Rolle*

Alternative Education Graduates

Collen Whitlock explained that there were 5 students who completed programs—2 diplomas and 3 GED's. Adult Education program participant, Walter Partridge, was presented with his GED, and Anthony Murillo was presented with his diploma.

*District Report*

None

*Staff Report*

TCSOS Bell Update—Troy Ashton explained that 2 more sites have been added to the TCSOS phone system, bringing the total to 8 sites with 467 phone extensions. Mr. Ashton explained that Tioga High was struck by lightning, which destroyed all of their phone and internet connections, but he and his team were able to get everything up and running with the new phones over spring break.

Business Services Update—Lisa Rico spoke on several items. She explained that TCSOS received the 25% SRS apportionment; the post-employment trust balance is at just over one million; and spoke about the reserve for economic uncertainty averages for COE's.

*Action Items:*

**Resolution #2018-02 Staff Appreciation**

Trustee Feriani moved to approve Resolution #2018-02, Staff Appreciation.

Second: Trustee Twining

Ayes: Trustees Simonson, Feriani, Morcott, Chernoff, Golay, Rolle, Twining

Noes: None

**Resolution #2018-03, Surplus Property**

Trustee Chernoff moved to approve Resolution #2018-03, Surplus Property.

Second: Trustee Morcott

Ayes: Trustees Simonson, Feriani, Morcott, Chernoff, Golay, Rolle, Twining

Noes: None

**Board Policies 3515.7, Firearms on School Grounds and 6163.2, Animals at School**

Trustee Feriani moved to waive the first reading and approve the policies as amended to changed “district” to “county office” in the policies

Second: Trustee Roll

Ayes: Trustees Simonson, Feriani, Morcott, Chernoff, Golay, Rolle, Twining

Noes: None

*Discussion Items*

TCBOE Post Card—Board workshops will be added as applicable and photos of the TCSOS board will be added before it is finalized and printed.

Scholarship Presenters—Trustees Simonson and Feriani will present at Summerville High. The recipients will be invited to the May board meeting as well.

*Information Items:*

FLA Update Re: STRS Non-Compliance and March Bank Statement/Check Register Detail—this item was moved up in the agenda, but further public comment was called for. Emily McVey handed out a letter to the board addressed to County Superintendent Margie Bulkin from FLA’s legal firm explaining their stance on FLA’s responsibilities to current and former teachers with regards to STRS payments.

CCBE Newsletter—the board receives the newsletter electronically so in the future the newsletter will not be printed for inclusion in the board packet.

*Comments:*

County Superintendent

- During the first week of May, staff appreciation gifts will be delivered
- TCSOS t-shirts will be ordered for all staff, and board members are welcome to place an order as well
- The end of the year BBQ will be held on June 7<sup>th</sup> at noon and retirees will be honored.
- The back to school in-service will be on August 20<sup>th</sup> and board members are welcome to attend the lunch when years of service pins will be distributed

- Ms. Bulkin shared information about a program through the Dolly Parton Foundation and FirstFive where parents can receive one book a month for the first five years of their child's life.

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- Trustee Twining asked about the Sonora High Budget. Ms. Bulkin explained that it was certified positive.
- Trustee Feriani said that she went to the CSBA Leg Day and spoke with legislature's staff members.

The meeting was adjourned 5:37 p.m.

Marguerite D. Bulkin  
County Superintendent and Secretary to the Board