

Tuolumne County Board of Education

The Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools Office exists to serve local school districts and ultimately all students including those with special needs in order to promote academic, vocational, artistic and personal success of all Tuolumne County students.



Minutes

October 12, 2015

4:00 p.m.

Tuolumne County Schools Office, Room 217

Board President Chucker Twining called the meeting to order at 4:03 and asked Trustee Barreiro to lead the audience in the pledge.

Members Present: Chucker Twining
Joe von Herrmann
Cyndi Simonson
Linda Millhollin
Maureen Barreiro
Don Rolle
Juliana Feriani

Staff: Tami Ethier, Tracy Rasmussen, Darlene Hodge, Lisa Rico, Wendy Pound, Brian Thomas, Diane Baumhover, Jessica Carson-Hull, Pam Vlach, Troy Ashton, Tara Dennis

Guests: Jim Mele, Shawn Carson, Jeff Winfield, Jim Turner, Ian Morcott

Public Comment

A community member thanked Ms. Bulkin for arranging the Brown Act Training and feels that TCSOS is not following the Brown Act by asking individuals to state their name before public comment.

Consent Agenda:

Trustee Feriani moved to adopt the consent agenda as presented.

Second: Trustee Rolle

Ayes: Trustees Twining, von Herrmann, Simonson, Millhollin, Barreiro, Rolle, Feriani

Noes: None

Recognitions/Presentations

School Safety: Education/Law Enforcement Partnership—Superintendent Bulkin introduced Sherriff Jim Mele who commended the work and collaboration between Law Enforcement and Education and spoke about the great leadership at the schools. Sherriff Mele said that he is proud of the students of the Summerville High and said his office is doing everything they can to make sure that children and staff are safe. Trustees Simonson and Feriani commented on how grateful they were to the Sherriff's office on how events were handled.

District Report

Jeff Winfield, Soulsbyville—Mr. Winfield gave a quick update on Soulsbyville and said that their enrollment is holding steady at 500. He also shared information on the school garden, the updates to the cafeteria, a matching grant with the Arts Alliance to create murals, a plan to purchase new instruments, and the great job the Soulsbyville PTA is doing including paying for a safe running path around the school.

Staff Report:

Pam Vlach, SARB Coordinator—Ms. Vlach said that she firmly believes that truancy issues begin at Kindergarten and follows children through their entire education. She also said that truancy is multifaceted and it can be difficult to figure out the exact causes. Ms. Vlach spoke about the function of the SARB board and that they not only try to figure out why students aren't attending school but also support the family and track the students the entire school year. She talked about working with districts find solutions to chronic truancy and went over some numbers regarding current SARB cases.

*Action Items:***Resolution #2015-13, Week of the School Administrator**

Superintendent Bulkin spoke about the great responsibilities of school administrators and asked the board to approve the resolution

Trustee Barreiro moved to approve the resolution.

Second: Trustee Simonson

Ayes: Trustees Twining, von Herrmann, Simonson, Millhollin, Barreiro, Rolle, Feriani

Noes: None

Resolution #2015-14, Gann Limit

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, Tami Ethier, explained what the Gann Limit is and gave a short presentation on the Gann Limit.

Trustee Feriani moved to adopt Resolution #2015-14.

Second: Trustee Millhollin

Ayes: Trustees Twining, von Herrmann, Simonson, Millhollin, Barreiro, Rolle, Feriani

Noes: None

Resolution #2015-15, Surplus Property

Trustee Barreiro moved to adopt Resolution #2015-15.

Second: Trustee Feriani

Ayes: Trustees Twining, von Herrmann, Simonson, Millhollin, Barreiro, Rolle, Feriani

Noes: None

Board Bylaws 9100, 9110.1 and 9120.1

Trustee von Herrmann moved to waive the first reading and approve the updates.

Second: Trustee Feriani

Ayes: Trustees Twining, von Herrmann, Simonson, Millhollin, Barreiro, Rolle, Feriani

Noes: None

Board Policy 5131.62, Tobacco

Ms. Bulkin explained that the policy the board already updated with regard to tobacco/e-cigarettes had to do with facilities, but this one is specific to student use of tobacco.

Trustee Simonson moved to approve the update to the policy.

Second: Trustee Millhollin

Ayes: Trustees Twining, von Herrmann, Simonson, Millhollin, Barreiro, Rolle, Feriani

Noes: None

Work Education Experience Plan

The board tabled approving the Work Education Experience Plan until November to give them more time to review it.

Discussion Items

Unaudited Actuals—Tami Ethier spoke briefly about the unaudited actuals. She went over each of the funds, and answered questions from the board.

Board Bylaw Discussion—the board discussed Board Bylaws 9123, 9124, and 9130 and asked that updated bylaws be brought to the November meeting for action. The board also asked that they continue to discuss the bylaws beginning with 9200 at the November meeting.

Board Bylaw 2112, Superintendent's Compensation—Trustee von Herrmann would like the dates changed in relation to when the board review the superintendent's compensation and would like an updated policy brought to the November board meeting for action.

Superintendent's Compensation Agreement—an action item related to the superintendent's compensation will be brought to the November meeting.

Information Items:

LCAP Update

Board Vacancy Process

Comments:

County Superintendent

Board

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Marguerite D. Bulkin
County Superintendent and Secretary to the Board