



**AGENDA**  
*Governing Board Meeting*  
*August 8, 2017*  
*Open Session 3:00 pm*  
*County Schools Office, Room 217*



- 1.0 Call Public Session to Order**
- 2.0 Flag Salute**
- 3.0 Establishment of Quorum**

Invited to Attend

Governing Board:

Joe Aldridge – Superintendent, Columbia Union School District  
Marguerite Bulkin - County Superintendent  
Pat Chabot - Superintendent, Sonora Union High School District  
Robert Griffith - Superintendent, Summerville Union High School District  
Carla Haakma – Superintendent, Belleview School District  
Rick Hennes – Superintendent, Twain Harte School District  
Sharon Johnson – Superintendent, Curtis Creek School District  
Tessa Pelfrey - Superintendent, Jamestown School District  
Leigh Shampain – Superintendent, Sonora and Summerville School Districts  
Dave Urquhart – Superintendent, Big Oak Flat-Groveland Unified School District  
Jeff Winfield – Superintendent, Soulsbyville School District

Staff: Dr. Blaine Cowick, Executive Director Tuolumne County SELPA  
Jeanie Smith, Executive Assistant Tuolumne County SELPA  
Lisa Rico, Asst. Supt. of Business Services Tuolumne County Supt. of Schools

**4.0 Public Comment**

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Notice to the Public: SELPA Policy is that all meetings open to the public will be tape recorded.

## **5.0 Consent Agenda (Attachments)**

**5.1 Approval of Agenda for August 8, 2017**

**5.2 Approval of Minutes for May 9, 2017**

## **6.0 Discussion with the Possibility of Action Items**

**6.1 Curtis Creek School District Intent to Rent SELPA Classrooms at Curtis Creek School to Gold Rush Charter School.**

*The SELPA Director will present information for discussion and action regarding the SELPA classrooms at Curtis Creek School.*

**6.2 Speech Services**

*Jordan Mulder will discuss the proposed plan for speech services, and the board may consider action on the proposal.*

## **7.0 Standing Agenda Items**

**7.1 CAC Report to the Board**

*A member of the Community Advisory Council may address the board regarding CAC activities.*

**7.2 Budget and Enrollment Updates**

*Blaine Cowick and Lisa Rico will provide enrollment and budget updates to the board.*

## **8.0 SELPA Director's Report – Dr. Blaine Cowick**

*Additional information and communication will be presented by Executive Director, Wendy Pound.*

## **9.0 Comments from Council Members**

*Each member of the Governing Board/Executive Council may report about various matters involving the SELPA. There will be no board discussion except to ask questions or refer matters to staff, and no action will be taken unless listed on a subsequent agenda.*

## 11.0 Adjournment

Next Tuolumne County SELPA Meeting Date: September 12, 2017

Closed Session 3:00 p.m. (if required)

Open Session 3:00 p.m. **or immediately following Closed Session**

Tuolumne County Office of Education, Room #217

175 Fairview Lane, Sonora, CA 95370 209-536-2040

**ANNOTATION – AGENDA ITEMS 5.1, 5.2**  
Governing Board – August 8, 2017

**AGENDA ITEM**

Consent Agenda

**ITEM TYPE**

Action

**RECOMMENDATION**

The SELPA Director recommends that the Governing Board approve the consent agenda as presented.

**SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS GOVERNING BOARD ACTION**

None

**SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES**

The agenda for the current meeting is presented. The minutes of the previous Governing Board meeting are presented.

**ATTACHMENTS TO THIS AGENDA ITEM**

Attachment 1: Agenda, Governing Board, August 8, 2017

Attachment 2: Minutes, Governing Board, May 9, 2017



**Minutes**  
Governing Board Meeting  
May 9, 2017  
3:00 pm Closed Session  
Open Session Immediately Following  
County Schools Office, Room 217



- 1.0 Meeting called to order by Chair Jeff Winfield at 3:03 pm**
- 2.0 Flag Salute**
- 3.0 Establishment of Quorum**

Attending:

Governing Board:

- Marguerite Bulkin - County Superintendent
- Pat Chabot - Superintendent, Sonora Union High School District
- Brenda Chapman - Superintendent, Jamestown School District
- Diane Dotson - Interim Superintendent, Columbia Union School District
- Robert Griffith - Superintendent, Summerville Union High School District
- Carla Haakma - Superintendent, Belleview School District
- Rick Hennes - Superintendent, Twain Harte School District
- Sharon Johnson - Superintendent, Curtis Creek School District
- Leigh Shampain - Superintendent, Sonora and Summerville School Districts
- Dave Urquhart - Superintendent, Big Oak Flat-Groveland Unified School District
- Jeff Winfield - Superintendent, Soulsbyville School District

- Staff:
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| Wendy Pound, Executive Director             | Tuolumne County SELPA            |
| Jeanie Smith, Executive Assistant           | Tuolumne County SELPA            |
| Lisa Rico, Asst. Supt. of Business Services | Tuolumne County Supt. of Schools |

Guests: Members of the Certificated and Classified Unions. Introductions were not made.

**4.0 Public Comment Regarding Closed Session Items**

There was no public comment.

**5.0 Adjourn to Closed Session at 3:04 pm**

**5.1 Public Employee Performance Evaluation (GC §54957)**

**6.0 Return to Open Session at 3:15 pm**

**6.1 Report on action taken in Closed Session**

No action was taken.

## 7.0 Public Comment

Julie Green: Expressed concerns about the capping of programs. The Union would like to see public input on the capping of programs and the program transfer policy. They are concerned about cutting preschool programs. The proposal to cut workability program is upsetting. The Union is motivated to have a positive working environment to promote the success of all students.

Kathie Danicourt and Pam Myhre: Kathie and Pam gave a presentation about the Workability Program. They shared a handout regarding the program. Each highlighted one of their students who had outstanding experiences in Workability.

## 8.0 Consent Agenda (Attachments)

### 8.1 Approve Consent Agenda as Presented

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda: Pat Chabot

Second: Leigh Shampain

Ayes: Bulkin, Chabot, Chapman, Dotson, Griffith, Haakma, Hennes, Johnson, Shampain, Urquhart, Winfield.

Noes: None

## 9.0 Action Items

### 9.1 Tuolumne County SELPA Annual Service Plan for 2017-2018

*The Board considered the Annual Service Plan*

Public Hearing on  
Tuolumne County SELPA Annual Service Plan for 2017-2018  
Hearing opened at 3:40 pm    Hearing closed at 3:48 pm

Motion to Approve the Annual Service Plan: Brenda Chapman

Second: Diane Dotson

Ayes: Bulkin, Chabot, Chapman, Dotson, Griffith, Haakma, Hennes, Johnson, Shampain, Urquhart, Winfield.

Noes: None

### 9.2 Tuolumne County SELPA Annual Budget Plan for 2017-2018

*The Board considered the Annual Budget Plan*

Public Hearing on  
Tuolumne County SELPA Annual Budget Plan for 2017-2018  
Hearing opened at 3:49 pm    Hearing closed at 3:53 pm

Motion to approve the Annual Budget Plan: Brenda Chapman

Second: Pat Chabot

Ayes: Bulkin, Chabot, Chapman, Dotson, Griffith, Haakma, Hennes, Johnson, Shampain, Urquhart, Winfield.

Noes: None

### **9.3 2017-2018 Budget**

*Lisa Rico presented the 2017-2018 budget. The local share has increased over the past few years. AB 602 is based on a student growth model, not on special education population. Student population has flattened, but special education student population has increased. Special education funding has been decreasing since sequestration occurred. Other factors affecting the budget are PERS and STRS requirements. Inequities in special education funding are widespread across SELPAs throughout the state. We receive \$418 per ADA for special education students in our county.*

*Revenue is comprised of P1 ADA, but funded off the P2 ADA. AB 602 is the primary source of funding. Lisa explained the various pieces of AB 602 funding including the mental health allocation. Several federal and state grants are also part of the current budget.*

*Expenditures include step and column, and PERS and STRS increases. There were also salary increases to certificated and classified staff; however there was some salary savings due to attrition.*

*We are experiencing a \$1.7 million deficit which is handled through the billback. The true deficit is just under \$300 per ADA. There is a one-time fund balance relief for the coming year. This is not a sustainable practice. The projected billback for 2019-2020 is \$390 ADA. 2016-2017 would have been \$242 per ADA if they had not used fund balance to offset that.*

*Motion to approve the 2017-2018 budget: Margie Bulkin*

*Second: Leigh Shampain*

*Ayes: Bulkin, Chabot, Chapman, Dotson, Griffith, Haakma, Hennes, Johnson, Shampain, Urquhart, Winfield.*

*Noes: None*

### **9.4 New CAC Member**

*The Board considered the nominations of new CAC members, Maren Paris, representing the Curtis Creek School District, and Janice Samuels Johnson, representing the Jamestown School District.*

*Motion to approve the nominations of the CAC members: Dave Urquhart*

*Second: Margie Bulkin*

*Ayes: Bulkin, Chabot, Chapman, Dotson, Griffith, Haakma, Hennes, Johnson, Shampain, Urquhart, Winfield.*

*Noes: None*

## **10.0 Standing Agenda Items**

### **10.1 CAC Report to the Board**

*Karen Heflin, VMRC, asked the board if they knew what CAC is and its purpose. It is required by Ed Code. Any changes or discussion about how special education services are provided are supposed to go through the CAC membership. Many members have left because they feel unheard.*

## **10.2 Budget and Enrollment Updates**

Wendy Pound shared the enrollment figures for regionalized classes (see attached).

## **11.0 Information Items**

### **11.1 Committee Reports**

Workability: The three high school superintendents are on the Workability Committee. They have discussed how they can integrate the existing Workability program into the curriculum at the districts. A job coach position was one option discussed.

Preschool: The Preschool Committee invited Donna Meiss to discuss how to provide more services closer to the preschooler's residences. Wendy will talk to the state about state preschool slots. Margie asked for staff members to be involved in the committees, as well as parents.

Mental Health: Has a meeting scheduled for the future.

Allocation Plan: They are outlining the SELPA base costs. They are also looking at a step-down NPS program for students who are in between public school and NPS programs. Sonora High will likely take the lead on this project.

### **11.2 Assessment Caps**

Wendy Pound indicated that caps on the number of assessments that can be done by providers is being discussed. It's part of a three-year plan to find the most effective and efficient way to serve students. It is still under discussion and they are still meeting with providers and districts to plan.

## **12.0 Discussion Items**

### **12.1 Classrooms and Programs Space**

Wendy Pound led a discussion regarding space for TCSOS, District and/or SELPA-operated programs. There has been discussion about TCSOS programs at Sonora, Twain Harte, and Gold Rush Charter, among others. The board asked the director to investigate the situation at Sullivan Creek to see what rooms there belong to the SELPA.

## **13.0 SELPA Director's Report – Wendy Pound**

Wendy listed some of the systems that are causing discomfort in special education, including high costs, dissatisfied staff, students and staff feeling isolated, and overburdened service providers. Wendy believes we can make changes to support staff, parents and students.

Wendy also shared some parting comments (see attached "Closing Remarks").

## **14.0 Comments from Council Members**

No comments.



## 11.0 Adjournment at 4:59 p.m.

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## 2.0 “Closing Remarks” - SELPA Director’s Report – Wendy Pound

*Information and communication will be presented by Executive Director, Wendy Pound.*

Systems are set up to do exactly what they are demonstrating. (Dean Fixsen 2015)

- High costs that feel out of control by the superintendents who are providing the services,
- Over-identification of students with disabilities,
- Staff who are dissatisfied with their jobs
- Students with certain disabilities isolated on campuses where they do not have a sense of belonging to the larger community
- Teachers and aides who support these students do not feel they belong to the larger campus on which they are located, nor to the county office
- Overburdened service providers trying to “do it all” for their assigned districts
- Lack of adequate intervention programs at districts leading to high numbers of referrals to special education
- Over-dependence on TCSOS staff at the expense of building capacity of talented and dedicated district staffs.

Some parts of our system are beyond our control: state and federal budgets and priorities, numbers and severity of students with disabilities within our boundaries, an aging demographic, and declining enrollment. But there are system changes that can make a positive difference, and we are in the midst of them.

- We are changing the way funds are allocated, so that districts retain more responsibility and control over the resources to support their students
- We may be capping the numbers of assessments that individual service providers take on, freeing up time to support and coach students and district staff
- We have developed a system to be used at all districts for reviewing barriers to learning and tackling those barriers with systematic review, evidence-based interventions, data monitoring, and refining interventions prior to referral to special education
- We capped the enrollment and number of county-operated intensive programs, so that staff and students in those programs receive the instruction and support they need without continual changes to the program with class overload
- And we are addressing the need, with districts, for a wider variety of programs, from preschool to high school “NPS step-down”

These changes from a long-entrenched system will not take place overnight, but they are needed and inevitable. Some parts of the system may take years to undo and re-imagine. But, however rocky the process may be at times, the benefits to students, families, staff, and the community will be worth it.

“Change is hard at first, messy in the middle, and gorgeous in the end.”

-Robin Sharma

**ANNOTATION – AGENDA ITEM 6.1**  
Governing Board – August 8, 2017

**AGENDA ITEM**

Curtis Creek School District Intent to Rent SELPA Classrooms at Curtis Creek School to Gold Rush Charter School

**ITEM TYPE**

Action

**RECOMMENDATION**

The SELPA Director recommends that the Governing Board take action to direct the SELPA Director to collect the SELPA Common Lease Rate of \$1.75/sq. ft. from Curtis Creek School District for sub-leasing two SELPA classrooms to Gold Rush Charter School.

**SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS GOVERNING BOARD ACTION**

None

**SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES**

None

**ATTACHMENTS TO THIS AGENDA ITEM**

Attachment 3: Leroy Greene Lease Purchase Document

TUOLUMNE COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION  
251 South Barretta  
Sonora, California 95370

SPECIAL EDUCATION FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT

This Agreement, made and entered into this 6th day of April, 1981, at Sonora, California, by and between the CURTIS CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT, a public school district within the County Of Tuolumne, State of California, hereinafter referred to as DISTRICT and the TUOLUMNE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, hereinafter referred to as COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, DISTRICT is the owner of all that real property as more particularly described in Exhibit "A", which exhibit is attached hereto and made a part hereof as though set forth in its entirety, and

WHEREAS, DISTRICT is in the process of making application for building projects under the Leroy Green Lease Purchase Act as more particularly set forth in State School Building Aid Application Number 22/17200, and

WHEREAS, DISTRICT is desirous of constructing facilities on property owned by DISTRICT to provide a special education program for speech therapy, educationally handicapped, and aphasic students as more particularly set forth in State School Building Aid Application Number 22/17200, and

WHEREAS, said new construction contained in said application shall be constructed upon land described in Exhibit "A" as is schematically set forth in Exhibit "B", which exhibit is attached hereto and made a part hereof as though set forth in its entirety, and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of DISTRICT and COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT to form a Joint Powers Agency pursuant to the Joint Execution of Power Act of the Government Code of the State of California to make joint or several applications for said building aid funds and to jointly construct said facility hereinabove described and maintain same thereafter for a term of 40 years from the date first written above.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED by and between the parties as follows:


1. That a Joint Powers Agency is hereby created pursuant to the recitals and terms of this Agreement to construct and maintain school facilities as more particularly described in Building Aid Application Number 22/17200 upon real property owned by DISTRICT as more particularly described in Exhibit "A", which exhibit is attached hereto and made a part thereof as though set forth in its entirety.
2. That the Joint Powers Agency created herein shall make such applications as are deemed necessary for the construction of said facilities, shall advertise and let such bids and

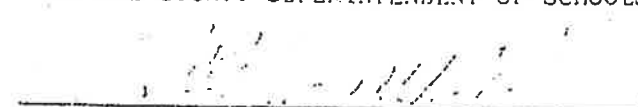
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2. enter into such contracts as are required for the construction of said facilities and to such other necessary and proper things that affect the intent and purpose of this Agreement.
  3. That the Joint Powers Agency shall enter into a lease with the owner of said land described in Exhibit "A" or so much thereof as is required for the accomplishment of this project for a term not to exceed 40 years. At the expiration of said term, said lease shall contain a provision that the land and all improvements located and situated thereon shall revert to DISTRICT or DISTRICT'S successor in interest.
  4. That the Joint Powers Agency herein created shall be managed by the DISTRICT.
  5. That the term of this Agreement shall commence on the date first written above and shall continue for a term of 40 years thereafter and shall terminate on the 6th day of April, 2021, unless extended by mutual agreement of the parties or terminate by mutual agreement of the parties thereto.
  6. All amendments to this Agreement shall be in writing and approved by both parties to this Agreement.
  7. This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the successors in interest of the parties hereto. No party shall assign any right or obligation hereunder without the written consent of the other parties first had and obtained.
  8. Should any part, term, or provision of this Agreement be determined by a court to be invalid or in conflict with any law, or otherwise rendered unenforceable, the validity of the remaining portion or provisions of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby.
  9. The parties hereto designate the County Treasurer as the Treasurer of the agency created hereby for the depository of funds.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties set their hand the date and year first written above.

CURTIS CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

TUOLUMNE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

  
Lois Keenan, Principal/Superintendent

  
Orville Millhollin, Superintendent

Approved as to form:

s/s Leo J. Faulstich, Deputy  
County Counsel for Tuolumne  
County