



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



- 1.0 Meeting called to order by Chair Jeff Winfield at 3:06 pm
- 2.0 Flag Salute
- 3.0 Establishment of Quorum

Attending:

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:
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| 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 |

Guests: Amanda Drayton, Jordan Mulder, Teri Wilson

- 4.0 **Public Comment**  
*There was no public comment.*

- 5.0 **Consent Agenda**

- 5.1 **Approve Consent Agenda as Presented**  
Motion to approve the Consent Agenda: Margie Bulkin  
Second: Pat Chabot  
Ayes: Aldridge, Bulkin, Chabot, Griffith, Haakma, Hennes, Johnson, Pelfrey, Shampain, Urquhart, Winfield.  
Noes: None

- 6.0 **Discussion with the Possibility of Action Items**
  - 6.1 **Curtis Creek School District Intent to Rent SELPA Classrooms at Sullivan Creek**

## **School to Gold Rush Charter School.**

*Margie Bullkin gave some background information on the Leroy Green Lease Purchase Act and Special Education Facilities Construction Agreement between Curtis Creek Elementary School District and the Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools. The agreement stipulates that facilities built on the Sullivan Creek campus will be used by the Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools for Special Education classrooms for 40 years. The rooms, as the county understands the agreement, are the two A building rooms, permanent, with bathrooms, etc. At this time, Curtis Creek would like to rent those classrooms to Gold Rush Charter School. The question is whether or not SELPA is entitled to the rental charged for those classrooms.*

*Ron Hamilton clarified the history behind the charter's use of the rooms.*

*Additionally the question remains, what should be the understanding with the Curtis Creek board on the ownership of the two classrooms? Curtis Creek currently has a 3-year leave with Gold Rush Charter School. Margie requested a subcommittee be organized to work out the details of this situation. Blaine Cowick, Rick Hennes, Sharon Johnson, Lisa Rico and Jeff Winfield will sit on the subcommittee.*

*No action was taken on this item.*

## **6.2 Speech Services**

*Jordan Mulder gave a presentation on speech services. He reviewed the data that was behind the thoughts on speech services and caseloads.*

*His data showed our SLPs average 42 minutes per student per week which would equal 38.5 hours per week. ASHA conducted a survey that the average hours per week for direct service is 20.3 hours. Based on our current model, we need to use teletherapy, and to make it equitable, it would be best to have each district do some teletherapy.*

*Jordan discussed some other areas to address to reduce our speech services load, including eligibility, exiting, RTI, changing the delivery model, etc.*

*The superintendents discussed ways to make our speech system more effective.*

*Motion to implement the teletherapy model as presented: Rick Hennes*

*Second: Dave Urquhart*

*Ayes: Aldridge, Bullkin, Chabot, Griffith, Haakma, Hennes, Johnson, Pelfrey, Urquhart, Winfield.*

*Noes: Shampain*

## **7.0 Standing Agenda Items**

### **7.1 CAC Report to the Board**

*No report*

## 7.2 Budget and Enrollment Updates

*Lisa Rico reported no changes in projected revenue. No grant award notifications have been received yet. Expenditures increased due to step and column, benefits, professional services (specifically psychologists and teletherapy). The billback will be \$200 per ADA.*

*Blaine Cowick reported that most of our programs are full at this time. There is some room in our Transition program, Structured Preschool, and the high school NeXus program.*

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

*Dr. Cowick assured Teri Wilson, CAC co-chair, that he will work with the parents. He indicated he is excited to be here. There seems to be a consensus that there is a lot of work to do, specifically getting the allocation plan and local plan in place. Staff development and consistency in procedures are priorities. Compliance and legal issues need to be addressed also. We will also take a hard look at the curriculum in our county programs.*

*If he hasn't already met with you, please call Jeanie to set up an appointment.*

## 9.0 Comments from Council Members

*Robert Griffith welcomed Dr. Cowick and expressed appreciation for Jordan's report. He feels that people writing IEPs are less than confident of their work and will buy off parents with the candy of services. He encouraged the group to remember that the goal of special education is Least Restrictive Environment with a return to general education, eventually without additional support.*

## 11.0 Adjournment at 4:34 pm

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**  
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