



**Minutes**  
Governing Board Meeting  
August 9, 2016  
**1:00 pm Closed Session**  
Approx. 1:20 pm Open Session  
County Schools Office, Room 217



**1.0 Call Public Session to Order: Chairperson:**  
The meeting was called to order by Chair Jeff Winfield at 1:02 pm

**2.0 Flag Salute**

**3.0 Establishment of Quorum**

Attending

Governing Board:

- Marguerite Bulkin - County Superintendent
- Craig Bowden – Superintendent, Columbia Union School District
- Pat Chabot - Superintendent, Sonora Union High School District
- Brenda Chapman - Superintendent, Jamestown 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
- Dave Urquhart – Superintendent, Big Oak Flat-Groveland Unified School District
- Jeff Winfield – Superintendent, Soulsbyville School District

Staff: Wendy Pound, Executive Director      Tuolumne County SELPA  
         Jeanie Smith, Executive Assistant      Tuolumne County SELPA  
         Lisa Rico, Asst. Supt., Bus. Serv.      Tuolumne County Supt. of Schools

**4.0 Public Comment**  
None

**5.0 Adjourn to Closed Session at 1:03 pm**

**5.1** Conference with Legal Counsel: Review of Settlement Agreement, Existing Litigation pursuant to paragraph (1), subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. *Student v. TCSOS*, OAH Case No. 2016060099. Settlement on June 30 with a Soulsbyville Student.

**6.0 Return to Open Session at 1:12 pm and Report on Action Taken (if any)**

*No action was taken*

## **7.0 Consent Agenda (Attachments)**

### **7.1 Approval of Agenda for August 9, 2016**

### **7.2 Approval of Minutes of May 10, 2016**

*Motion to approve the Minutes and accept the Agenda: Margie Bulkin*

*Second: Pat Chabot*

*Ayes: Bulkin, Bowden, Chabot, Chapman, Griffith, Haakma, Hennes, Johnson, Urquhart, Winfield*

*Noes: None*

## **8.0 Reports**

### **8.1 Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Report**

*Maren Paris indicated that CAC has not met all summer, so there is no report on their activities; however, Maren requested that the superintendents contact their CAC district representatives as the school year begins and make certain they are still interested and can attend the meetings. Jeanie will send out brochures.*

## **9.0 Presentations**

### **9.1 FCMAT Presentation**

*Jackie Kirk-Martinez and Marissa Ploog presented information on the FCMAT study done last March. They met in consultation with Wendy Pound regarding our Special Education delivery system.*

*First, they wanted to ensure we have a full continuum of services. There are a couple of areas to be aware of: Are the students receiving equal access and are the students in the county office programs included in programs from which they can benefit? Teachers need to be aware of how they can help that happen at the district and county level. Students needing a 5<sup>th</sup> year if they didn't get a diploma are currently going to Transition. That may not be the least restrictive environment and may be expensive. There may be a better option.*

*Next, they explored our Special Education population. The FCMAT representatives indicated that our identification rates seem high. There may be several sites that are over identifying students into special education. They looked at the statewide percentage versus the K-12 special education population. Rtl or other options could be explored to help districts with identifying special education needs.*

*Finally, they discussed our Local Plan and Governance Procedure Manual. We need an updated Local Plan, a 602 allocation plan, and a procedure manual. Their recommendation is to put the Local Plan on hold while we get the separation of county office and special education services complete. Districts are paying the county office, but do they know what they are paying for? The money should follow the student. In addition, the state is requiring an allocation plan or mental health plan every year. It hasn't been sent from Tuolumne County and needs to be done.*

Areas to consider in the future were listed on the back page of the FCMAT Report (attached to these minutes).

SELPA is the big umbrella. TCSOS is a service provider agency. LEAs are the districts. SELPA is NOT a service provider. TCSOS is the service provider

Itinerants are COUNTY OFFICE people, not SELPA.

**SELPA positions:**

Director .5

Coordinator .5

Exec. assistant .5

Workability 1.6

Program specialists .2

Device costs are borne by SELPA

**TCSOS positions (Special Education)**

Director .5

Coordinator .5

Exec. assistant .5

Office assistant .5

Admin. assistant 1.0

Program specialist 1.8

All other staff (teachers, itinerant)

## **10.0 Discussion Items**

### **10.1 SELPA Organization**

The Board discussed the FCMAT study during the presentation by the representatives.

### **10.2 Preschool to Kindergarten Plan**

Wendy Pound presented information regarding the Preschool to Kindergarten Plan. There are several changes this year. There has been concern over the years about the gap between structured preschool and kindergarten. Last year we had two structured preschool programs and one inclusion class. This year we will have the more advanced students in State Preschools and Head Start programs. There will be a teacher and aides to work with these programs. This is the new inclusion program for preschool. Then, at Sonora Elementary, we will have a structured preschool program in the G Building, with a Head Start program for mainstreaming. We will also have a program at Shaws Flat for our students with more severe needs. BlueBell will be an appointment based program for students who need OT and Speech.

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

Wendy introduced Jordan Mulder, the new Special Education Coordinator. Jordan will be providing district support, and Wendy will be supporting district programs run by the county office.

Wendy also mentioned that we are almost fully staffed. We will have teletherapy for speech on a couple of the campuses and have contracted with another SLP for the

2016-2017 school year. We are happy to have Lisa Rico back as our Asst. Sup. of Business Services.

There will be autism training for all district and county special education teachers and service providers held at the Columbia Elementary gym on August 15, 16 and 17.

**12.0 Comments from Council Members**

*Margie Bulkin announced that Wendy is no longer the Interim Director. She is now the Executive Director.*

**13.0 Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:48 pm.