

**TULARE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

The Tulare County Board of Education met on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. for a regular board meeting in the Redwood CDEF meeting room at the Jim Vidak Education Center, 6200 S. Mooney Boulevard, Visalia, California.

PRESENT

Board Members

Joe Enea, President

Debby Holguin, Vice President

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Fernie Marroquin introduced Gilbert Hernandez, who is replacing Bruce Storer as Director of Information Systems. Mr. Storer retired in December. Gilbert has been with TCOE for more than 27 years.

Jeff Ramsay introduced Jack Schreuder, who has 26 years with facilities and maintenance departments at various school sites.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Reed, seconded by Coble to approve the consent calendar to include minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of December 13, 2023, Countywide Registration of Credentials, Temporary County Certificates, Emergency Permits, and listed donations. Motion unanimously carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, Reed, and Rodriguez.

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will send it to the Board before it gets placed on the website. Maldonado-Arroyo asked for minutes to reflect discussion took place of the inaccuracy of the report. The Board wants the public to know that they have paid attention to the inaccurate data information. It was moved by Rodriguez, seconded by Link to approve the Special Education SARC report. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, Reed, and Rodriguez.

2022-2023 SCHOOL
ACCOUNTABILITY
REPORT CARD
(SARC) FOR LA
SIERRA MILITARY
ACADEMY (LSMA)

Jose Bedolla reported on the La Sierra Military Academy SARC. This past year, we offered credit recovery course options for students to take during the school day and/or after school. For the 2021-2022 12 -0 0 12m SSiADEMY

2022-2023 ANNUAL
AUDIT FOR TULARE
COUNTY OFFICE OF
EDUCATION (TCOE)

Jody Arriaga introduced Hugo Luna from Christy White & Associates. Mr. Luna reported that an unmodified opinion was issued on TCOE's financial statements, which is the best opinion that can be given by an auditor. There were no significant deficiencies to report. Long term entries and journal entries were reviewed. There were no material weaknesses to report. \$92.7 million was spent in federal funds. The three programs that were looked at in detail were: ESSER, CFNLF and Head Start.

Mr. Luna complimented Jody, Dr. Marroquin and their team for gathering all of the documents needed for the audit. Everything was in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. There were no findings. It was moved by Link, seconded by Rodriguez to approve the 2022-2023 audit for TCOE. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, Reed, and Rodriguez.

Mr. Enea thanked Mr. Luna for his report. He and Mr. Hire also thanked Jody, Dr. Marroquin, and their staff for their time and effort in working with Mr. Luna.

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authorization to seek bids for lease-leaseback contract for the new administration building project. Motion carried with the following votes: Ayes: Coble, Enea, Holguin, Link, Maldonado-Arroyo, and Rodriguez. Board member Reed was absent.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Superintendent Hire wished everyone a Happy New Year. Student Future Ready Events will keep us busy this spring.

We have closed escrow on 24 acres to the east of us. We are talking to City of Visalia to annex that portion of the 24 acres. We continue to talk to the Pipeline Church, south of us, about selling a portion of the property to them. Jeff Ramsay, Bethany Radar, and Mr. Hire spent time talking about the new theater that is going to be built on 30 acres at the Liberty site. They have been visiting several theaters to gain a better understanding of what they want in our theater.

Mock trial, Academic Decathlon will begin this month. Poetry Outloud is on February 2. National History Day is on February 8.

Next week on Thursday, January 18, is the District Leadership Institute. There ero04

Today at the State Capitol, the bill Mr. Hire helped write describing ActVnet is being heard in the Assembly Education Sub Committee. We anticipate that it will be passed.

Mr. Link