



TULARE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

05/08/2024 [03:00 PM]

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

For the Regular Board Meeting of May 8, 2024, at 3:00 p.m., in the Redwood Conference Center at the Jim Vidak Education Center, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Welcome

2. Poetry & Prose Student Presentations

Chris Meyer presented to the Board three Superior rated groups of students who presented their poems, This year was our 39th year of this wonderful event. This event included six days with 18 sessions of students reciting poems. There were 116 schools participated, 105 from Tulare County, 10 from Fresno County, and one from Kings County schools. We had 841 performances that took place which included 1,981 participating students. Nancy Bellin was present and acknowledged Mr. Meyer thanked Brook Killingsworth and all the assigned judges who assisted with judging in advance, Mr. Meyer thanked the student groups who recited from Liberty Elementary School who recited "I Love America." Hurley Elementary School's student performed "I Transformed." The third performance was from a student from Oak Grove School reciting "The Cage Bird Sings."

Celia Maldonado Arroyo, Tony Rodriguez, and Office Secretary Tim A. Hira Absent Board Member: Chris Reed Staff members present Jody Arriaga, Jose Bedolla, Julie Berk, John Davis, Karla Doyer, Bekah Gomez, Kevin Jessee, Brook Killingsworth, Dr. Fernie Marroquin, Sara Marvin, Chris Meyer, Helen Dr. Milliron Feller, Megan Motsenbocker, Anthony P. Pekarek, Shantall Porchia, Freddy Reyes, and Dr. Amanda Richards present Kristie Adams, Nancy Bellin, Stanley Bonds, Blanca Chavez, Chelse Chavez Gonzalez, Diana S., Miriam Saham, and Josh Whiteside.

4. ADA ACCOMMODATION REQUIREMENT

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Written documents concerning agenda items are available for public inspection during normal business hours within 72 hours of a regular board meeting at the Tulare County Office of Education, 6200 South Mooney Boulevard, Visalia, California.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public may address the board on any agenda item, or other item of interest within the subject matter jurisdiction of the board during the public comment period. Agenda items may also be addressed by the public at the time they are taken up by the board. The board is not able to discuss or take action on any item not appearing on the agenda. A five-minute time limit can be imposed on public input for individuals/issues as deemed necessary.

Members of the public did not address any matter of jurisdiction.

6.b. New Business

6.b.a. Presentation of the Williams/Valenzuela Uniform Complaint Report, 1st Quarter of 2024 for Tulare County School Districts -r. Dr. Fernie Marroquin, Encl. No. 5

Dr. Fernie Marroquin presented the Williams/ Valenzuela Uniform Complaint Report 1st Quarter of 2024. There were two findings in this quarter. One finding was with the Burton Elementary School District regarding instructional materials. This issue has since been resolved. The second finding was with Visalia Unified School District for an ADA compliance issue. USD is currently addressing that issue. This report is for information only.

6.b.b. Consideration and Approval, Part C, Early Education Program Grant Award 2023 (\$140,675)- Ron Pekarek, Encl. No. 6

Vote Results

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emotional support for students. Helen advised the Board that UPHS has a social worker on their campus two weeks and a school psychologist once a week to meet students' needs. The hearing was closed at 3:34 p.m.

6.b.f. Information: Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant for TCOE (\$337,763)-- Kevin Jessee, Encl. No. 10

John Davis gave the purpose of what the Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant for. This grant is for schools to obtain standardized professional development and acquire instructional materials for a variety of subject areas. This funding is stabilized. Kevin Jessee advised the board that this was a new grant for them, TCOE Court/Community Schools and the AcCEL program would be receiving \$337,763. This was for information only.

6.b.g. Information: Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant for LSMA (\$132,836)-- Jose Bedolla, Encl. No. 11

Jose Bedolla, La Sierra Military Academy (LSMA) principal, informed the Board that the Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant would assist in getting a technology instructor and an arts instructor. The amount this grant would provide LSMA would be \$132,836. This is for information only.

6.b.h. Information: Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant for UPHS (\$81,500)-- Dr. Helen Million Feller, Encl. No. 12

Dr. Helen Million Feller advised the Board that the Discretionary Block Grant would be put towards hiring a drama teacher for UPHS. The amount UPHS will receive is \$81,500. This is an informational item.

6.b.i. Presentation of the 2024-2025 Proposed Budget for TCOE Jody Arriaga, Encl. No. 13

Jody Arriaga brought some of her staff (Bekah Gomez, Megan Motsenbocker, and Karla Doyer) with her to thank them for all their assistance in preparing the 2024 proposed budget for TCOE.

Jody gave a review of the budget assumptions which were shown to have CSSF revenues of an estimated fund balance of \$243,974,634 and expenditures of \$235,103,319.

6.b.k. Consideration and Approval, Adopt Resolution 23/24

Mr. Hire thanked Joe, Celia and Tony for being a judge at this year's salsa making contest at the Spring. The winner was Patty Najera from Special Services. He also thanked board members for their attendance at this year's Office Olympics.

8. Next Scheduled Board Meeting

June 12, 2024- 3:00 p.m., Redwood Conference Center, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia.

9. Adjournment

Minutes

The meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.