

TUOLUMNE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes of January 9, 2012
4:00 p.m.
County Schools Office, Room 217



MINUTES

Board President Sherri Brennan called the meeting to order at 4:00 and asked Trustee Twining to lead the audience in the pledge.

Members Present: Sherri Brennan
Juliana Feriani
Chucker Twining
Linda Millhollin
Maureen Barreiro
Joe von Herrmann
Sharon Mele

Staff: Jon Lenz, Margie Bulkin, Danna Fritz, Darlene Hodge, Leigh Ann Blessing, Diane Baumhover

Guests: Jim Frost, Mari Brabbin, Lacey Peterson, Ron Howenstein, Jan Zierenberg, Kay Brick

Public Comment:
None

Consent Agenda:
Trustee Barreiro moved to adopt the consent agenda as presented. Trustee von Herrmann wanted to make sure that several items were in the December 2011 minutes as they were not in his packet. It was determined that those items were in the minutes, and that a page was inadvertently left out of the copies. Board members were provided with full copies of the minutes.

Second: Trustee Feriani
Ayes: Trustees Brennan, Twining, Millhollin, Barreiro, Mele, von Herrmann
Noes: None

Presentations/Recognitions
None

District Report

None

Staff Report

None

Action Items:

2010-2011 Audit Report

Leigh Ann Blessing presented the Audit Report to the board. It was a clean audit. There was discussion amongst the board as to how much of an expense the audit is, and whether or not it is a needed expense. Board members agreed that it is a necessary expense.

Trustee Twining moved to adopt the 2010-2011 Audit Report

Second: Trustee Mele

Ayes: Trustees Brennan, Feriani, Millhollin, Barreiro, von Herrmann

Noes: None

County Boards Dinner

Mr. Silva asked the board if they are interested in continuing with the Annual County Boards of Trustees Dinner.

Trustee Feriani moved to continue the Annual County Boards of Trustees Dinner.

Second: Trustee Barreiro

Ayes: Trustees Brennan, Twining, Millhollin, von Herrmann, Mele

Noes: None

SELPA SARC

Jon Lenz presented the SELPA School Accountability Report Card for 2010-2011 and asked the board to approve the document. This is a snapshot of school and students that is required to be posted for the public by February 1st.

Trustee Barreiro moved to accept the SELPA School Accountability Report Card for 2010-2011.

Second: Feriani

Ayes: Trustees Brennan, Twining, Millhollin, von Herrmann, Mele

Noes: None

Cal-SAFE and Community School SARC

Margie Bulkin presented the Cal-SAFE and Community Day School SARCs for 2010-2011 and asked the board to approve the document.

Trustee Twining moved to accept the Cal-SAFE and Community School SARCs

Second: Trustee Barreiro

Ayes: Trustees Brennan, Feriani, Millhollin, von Herrmann, Mele

Noes: None

Discussion Items

Golden Lakes Charter Budget

Superintendent Silva explained that we waited until now to get the GLCS (Golden Lakes Charter School) first interim material to the board because we needed to make sure that it had been made available to the public before distributing it. GLCS had presented it to their board already, so we were able to distribute it now. County CBO Leigh Ann Blessing explained that because we are the oversight agency for the charter, she had reviewed the first interim budget and had a few concerns: 1) The charter's ADA was projected to be higher than it is, so that will affect their revenue; 2) Their expenditures are higher than anticipated; 3) There is a \$200,000 operating deficit.

GLCS Chief Financial Officer, Carl Yoder, and Executive Director, Mari Brabbin, addressed the concerns. Mr. Yoder explained that they are taking steps to mitigate the deficit. Ms. Brabbin said that they did not have a permanent site when they opened, so they lost some students because of that, and that their current enrollment is 89. However, their permanent site is almost ready, and they expect enrollment to increase to 130. They have made some staffing adjustments, and reworked the middle school program to cut \$100,000 over winter break. Also, they have not received the \$225,000 implementation grant money from the state yet.

Board Policies and Procedures Updates

Board President Brennan talked about the need to review the Board Policies and Procedures and asked if there were any members who would be willing to be on a committee. Trustees Feriani, Mele, and von Herrmann agreed to be on the committee. Trustee von Herrmann was concerned about one policy in particular, but said that he would wait and bring it to the next meeting so that the other trustees would have time to review it.

Information Items

None

Comments:

County Superintendent

- The board workshop has been scheduled for Friday, February 24th. Mr. Silva is working on securing a facilitator.
- Mr. Silva talked about the role the county office plays in TCAL, and that there may be more information on this in February.
- Mr. Silva spoke about his trip to D.C. and lobbying efforts for the Secure Rural Schools Act. The act is in the budget at the 2011 levels, but they are trying to get it to the higher 2008 levels.

Board

None

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Joseph A Silva, Jr.
County Superintendent and Secretary to the Board