

TUOLUMNE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Minutes of June 13, 2011  
4:00 p.m.  
County Schools Office, Room 217



**MINUTES**

Board President Joe von Herrmann called the meeting to order at 4:00 and asked Trustee Mele to lead the audience in the pledge.

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

Staff:                      Danna Fritz, Jon Lenz, Leigh Ann Blessing, Darlene Hodge, Diane Baumhover, Kelly Gabrielli, Cheryl Barton, Christine Lancaster

Guests:                  Dr. Mike McCoy, Margie Bulkin (conducting the meeting for Superintendent Silva), Lacey Peterson

*Public Comment:*

None

*Public Hearing:*

Board President Joe von Herrmann opened the Public Hearing at 4:12 pm

*There was no discussion during the Public Hearing.*

Board President Joe von Herrmann closed the Public Hearing at 4:13

*Consent Agenda:*

Trustee Twining moved to adopt the consent agenda as presented.

Second:                  Trustee Barreiro

Ayes:                      Mele, Feriani, Millhollin, von Herrmann, Twining, Barreiro

Noes:                      None

*Presentations/Recognitions*

Dr. Mike McCoy, Superintendent of Sonora Union High School District, talked to the board about the shared services transportation committee. The committee met four times during the year to discuss what they could do to share services and save money. All interested districts will now form a partnership known as "Mountain Pricing" for the purchase of diesel fuel, propane and perhaps some other products. They will share bus driver trainings and combine drug testing in order to avoid duplication of services. They will also try to use red diesel and consider onsite diesel tanks. Their research indicated they can't save much money on parts purchases; however, for tires and some other services, they should be able to realize some savings by going out to bid each year or every other years forcing the vendors to sharpen their pencils. Sonora High School and Summerville High School have both decided to charge ridership fees for the 2011-2012 school year.

The County Schools Office will now take over the management and coordination of this committee, including purchases and investigation into other ways to save money.

#### *District Report*

None

#### *Staff Report*

Jon Lenz, SELPA Executive Director, gave a brief report about his job with SELPA. He is just concluding his first year in the Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools Office.

The SELPA is a regionalized services organization for special education services. It makes certain that the full spectrum of special education services is available to the students in Tuolumne County. The districts serve mild to moderate disabilities. The SELPA works with students who have significant deficits in adaptive skills which may also require significant adaptation in the school environment and teaching modalities.

About 7.7% of the total student population in Tuolumne County is special education students. There is a large, dedicated staff who serves those students in the regionalized classrooms.

#### *Action Items:*

#### **Board Policy 5117**

Deputy Superintendent Margie Bulkin asked the board to adopt changes to BP 5117 which would provide for Interdistrict Transfer hearings to be held in closed session, unless an open session is requested in writing by the parent/guardian.

Trustee Feriani moved to waive the first reading and adopt the proposed changes to BP 5117.

Second: Trustee Millhollin

Ayes: Mele, Feriani, Millhollin, von Herrmann, Twining, Barreiro

Noes: None

#### **Board Adoption of the 2011-2012 Budget**

Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, Leigh Ann Blessing, gave the board a presentation on the 2011-2012 budget. Once again, the County Office has to develop a budget prior to the state's budget adoption, which makes it very difficult to know exactly how much money we can expect to have available. The May revise looks to be better for the schools, but that is dependent on the tax extension being placed on the ballot and receiving approval from the voters. The budget presented to the board tonight is built on the January proposal from the Governor. The County Office will be deficit spending next year. Ms. Blessing reviewed the changes from last year to this year which included a decline in ADA and an increase in the deficit factor (offset by the COLA). We still have the flexibility option available to us for the next few years, however, which is a positive thing. On the expenditure side, we have added the Deputy Superintendent position, a secretarial position, and eliminated the director of grant-funded programs when Bill Schneiderman retired. Joe von Herrmann suggested that perhaps the board and Superintendent Silva could find a way to develop a simplistic version of the budget so the public can see how the changes affect the services we are able to offer. The board was then asked to adopt the 2011-2012 budget as presented.

Trustee Barreiro moved to adopt the 2011-2012 Budget

Second: Trustee Millhollin

Ayes: Mele, Feriani, Millhollin, von Herrmann, Twining, Barreiro

Noes: None

### **Accepting State Categorical Funds and Implementing Flexibility**

Leigh Ann Blessing explained some of the funds that are available for flexing. Those flexed funds are being used to cover general fund costs at this time. The board was asked to adopt Resolution #2011-06, which allows the County Schools Office to accept state categorical funds and implement flexibility.

Trustee Feriani moved to adopt Resolution #2011-06 to accept state categorical funds and implement flexibility.

Second: Trustee Barreiro

Ayes: Mele, Feriani, Millhollin, von Herrmann, Twining, Barreiro

Noes: None

### **Consolidated Application for Categorical Programs**

Christine Lancaster presented the Consolidated Application to the board. She explained that the funding for some programs, particularly federal programs, cannot be flexed. There are certain parts of the Consolidated Application that don't apply to county offices, so that is why some of the pages do not have much information. The rest of the document is fairly self-explanatory. The board was asked to approve the 2011-2012 Consolidated Application.

Trustee Barreiro moved to approve the 2011-12 Consolidated Application

Second: Trustee Mele

Ayes: Mele, Feriani, Millhollin, von Herrmann, Twining, Barreiro

Noes: None

### **Forest Reserve Formula**

Leigh Ann Blessing explained the 2010-2011 formula for the Forest Reserve Funds. It was established several years ago. It is a weighted formula and based on ADA. The funds have been distributed to the districts.

Trustee Feriani moved to approve the 2010-2011 Forest Reserve Formula

Second: Trustee Mele

Ayes: Mele, Feriani, Millhollin, von Herrmann, Twining, Barreiro

Noes: None

### **IMC Materials List**

Cheryl Barton, IMC Director, presented the list of Instructional Materials to the board, and asked for their approval. There are approximately 70 DVDs, which is a much smaller number than in the past. Part of that is because the IMC is transitioning to video streaming. Being a part of the state consortium has made a wide variety of valuable resources available to the schools. Sharon Mele asked about the controversy surrounding the new Three Little Pigs from the wolf's perspective and wondered if it was appropriate for children. Cheryl explained that it has been approved by the consortium.

Trustee Millhollin moved to approve the materials and resources for the Instructional Media Center.

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

#### *Discussion Items*

##### **ACA 8**

ACA 8 is a constitutional amendment brought forth by Kristin Olsen which calls for the institution of a 2-year budget cycle. The board discussed whether or not to support the amendment. They would like more information about it before they make a decision.

#### *Information Items*

Superintendent Silva provided the board with some information on fiscal oversight, the May revise, and mid-year projections.

#### *Comments:*

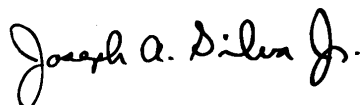
#### County Superintendent

- None

#### Board

- Trustee Feriani attended the CSBA delegate assembly and the CCBE in May. She forwarded some information to the board about that meeting. The new Executive Director for CSBA seems to be doing a good job. Sherri Reusche has been working to get more regional meetings for rural school districts going. There is a CCBE conference in September if any board members are interested in attending.
- Trustee Twining asked what is happening with Golden Lakes Charter School. They are currently trying to acquire property on the corner of Bonds Flat Road and J59. It is an old warehouse that was used to repair houseboats in the past.
- Trustee von Herrmann brought up the letter of support for Sen. Berryhill's bill. The urgency isn't there at the moment so he asked the board if they still want him to draft a letter. The board decided to wait.
- Trustee von Herrmann attended the legislative action conference in Sacramento. It was a meeting mainly about strategizing budgets. The group visited both Kristin Olsen and Tom Berryhill's offices. They felt like Kristin's office wasn't very supportive of the schools' budget concerns, and Berryhill's office was a little more receptive.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.



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