

TUOLUMNE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes of January 10, 2011
4:00 p.m.
County Schools Office, Room 217



MINUTES

Board President Joe von Herrmann called the meeting to order at 4:07 and led the audience in the pledge.

Members Present: Joe von Herrmann Sherri Brennan
 Sharon Mele Juliana Feriani
 Chucker Twining

Staff: Danna Fritz, Jon Lenz, Leigh Ann Blessing, Darlene Hodge, Joane Job, Josh Kroeze, Bill Schneiderman

Guests: Dwain McDonald, Cherie Farrell, Lacey Peterson, Maria Benech, Susan Skalski, Phyllis Ashmead

Superintendent Silva gave the Oath of Office to Chucker Twining, who was appointed as if elected to the County Board of Education.

Public Comment:
None

Consent Agenda:

Trustee Feriani moved to adopt the consent agenda as presented. There was some discussion about the minutes regarding the charter school liaison, but it was decided that the minutes would stand as presented.

Second: Trustee Mele

Ayes: Mele, von Herrmann, Brennan, Twining, Feriani

Noes: None

Presentations/Recognitions

Susan Skalski, Maria Benech, and Phyllis Ashmead from the U.S. Forest Service, gave a presentation about the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree for 2011 which will be coming out of the Stanislaus National Forest. California hasn't provided a tree since 1995, but now it is our turn again. There are several specific criteria for the selection of the tree, which is selected by the Capitol architect. It is a very involved process, but a very exciting thing for our area. Once the tree is cut, it goes "on tour" for 20 days before it arrives at the Capitol. There is special security involved, as well. All the costs are through donations. Another 120 trees will be taken to Washington for congress and other locations. They will need 5,000 ornaments made by school children throughout California. They have to meet certain specs and are hoping they will be made

out of recycled materials. They are trying to find a way get the word out to the schools concerning the ornament production.

District Report

None

Staff Report

Josh Kroeze, Adaptive PE Instructor, spoke to the board about his job with the county SELPA. Adaptive PE is the provision of PE services for students with disabilities. Some of his students have visual impairments, autism, brain trauma, cerebral palsy, etc. His students are preschool through high school. He currently has 56 students at 10 sites. He also assesses students who may have some motor skills concerns and writes goals for them. He provides resources to parents and teachers to help the students improve their mobility. Adaptive Physical Education really improves the quality of life for students with disabilities. It gives them some additional social opportunities if they are able to participate in recreational activities. Increasing mobility for those with severe disabilities can help their caregivers who have to toilet them, diaper them, etc. It is very rewarding.

Action Items:

Adoption of New Courses of Study

Joane Job asked the board to approve courses of study that will reflect updated texts and course materials.

Trustee Feriani moved to adopt the new courses of study for Algebra II and Pre-Algebra for the Cal-SAFE program

Second: Trustee Brennan

Ayes: Mele, von Herrmann, Brennan, Twining, Feriani

Noes: None

2009-2010 Audit Report

Leigh Ann Blessing presented the Audit Report to the board. There were no issues, but three minor findings. The findings were mostly timing issues that are easily corrected. She feels it is a very good audit report and the county office financial picture is very good.

Trustee Feriani moved to adopt the 1st Interim Budget

Second: Trustee Twining

Ayes: Mele, von Herrmann, Brennan, Twining, Feriani

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 Twining moved to continue the Annual County Boards of Trustees Dinner.

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

SELPA SARC

Jon Lenz presented the SELPA School Accountability Report Card for 2009-2010 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 Brennan moved to accept the SELPA School Accountability Report Card for 2009-2010.

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

Cal-SAFE and Community School SARC

Bill Schneiderman presented the Cal-SAFE and Community Day School SARCs for 2009-2010 and asked the board to approve the document.

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

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

Discussion Items

None

Information Items

None

Comments:

County Superintendent

- Superintendent Silva thanked Cheri Farrell for attending our meeting
- Beginning in February we will have monthly budget updates at the board meetings.
- Leadership Tuolumne County Education Day was January 6th. Superintendent Silva and Executive Administrative Assistant Jeanie Smith coordinated the day, highlighting an elementary school, a special education program, a charter school, a high school, and a board panel. It was very well received by the LTC participants.
- A New Board Member Workshop will be held on January 27, 2011. All board members are invited to attend.
- Superintendent Silva commented that our county schools really need to get involved in the Capitol Christmas Tree project.

Board

- Trustee Mele indicated that a gentleman from the Senior Center asked if they could use BOFG for meals.
- Trustee Feriani presented Sherri and Chucker with their CCBE hat and pin from the conference she attended.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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

Unadopted Minutes