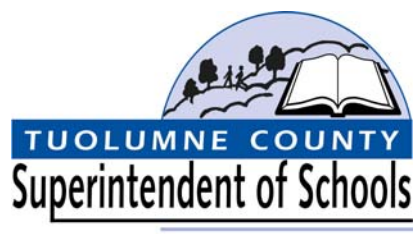


TUOLUMNE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes of February 14, 2011
4:00 p.m.
County Schools Office, Room 217



MINUTES

Board President Joe von Herrmann called the meeting to order at 4:03 and asked Trustee Mele to lead the audience in the pledge.

Members Present: Sherri Brennan Chucker Twining
 Sharon Mele Juliana Feriani

Staff: Danna Fritz, Jon Lenz, Leigh Ann Blessing, Darlene Hodge, Joane Job

Guests: Lacey Peterson

Public Comment:
None

Consent Agenda:
Trustee Twining moved to adopt the consent agenda as presented.

Second: Trustee Mele

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

Noes: None

Presentations/Recognitions

Darlene Hodge, Director of Business Services, External, gave the board an overview of what goes into our audits. She pointed out important timelines that must be met. Each district must have an audit firm and report that to the County Office by April 1st. Many audit firms do not want to come up to Tuolumne County, which can sometimes be a problem when searching for a firm. After the districts approve their audit reports, they are sent to the county. The county reviews any findings and may have to follow up on it with the district to insure the finding has been corrected and doesn't occur the following year.

District Report

None

Staff Report

Danna Fritz, Director of Human Resources, spoke to the board about PASSCO. They have three meetings a year in Sacramento. Usually 50 of the 58 counties attend the meetings. PASSCO is the personnel arm of CCSESA. They get together to talk about all the current issues in the state such as NCLB, program improvement, staff development, and any other issues that affect personnel policies and practices. They share ideas and ways for dealing with difficult situations. Each of the seven regions is working on a handbook dealing with a specific topic that will provide

all the counties with valuable information regarding human resources. Danna Fritz received the STAR award from CCSESA for her outstanding work.

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 Art History and English for the Cal-SAFE program.

Second: Trustee Brennan

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

Noes: None

Board Resolution #2011-01, Week of the School Administrator

Mr. Silva asked the board to adopt Resolution #2011-01 which recognizes March 7 – 11 as Week of the School Administrator.

Trustee Twining moved to adopt Resolution #2011-01.

Second: Trustee Feriani

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

Noes: None

Forest Reserve Timeline

Superintendent Silva asked the board to approve the recommended timeline for notification and adoption of the formula used to distribute Forest Reserve Funds to the individual districts. This is something that is done annually as long as we have Forest Reserve Funds.

Trustee Brennan moved to approve the Forest Reserve Timeline.

Second: Trustee Mele

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

Noes: None

Golden Lakes Charter MOU

Superintendent Silva asked the board to table this item until next month as the MOU is not ready for presentation at this time. It will come back to the board in March.

Resolution #2011-02, Revenue Extension Support

Superintendent Silva asked the board to approve Resolution #2011-02 which offers support for the tax extension to be put on the ballot to bring funds into the schools. President von Herrmann suggested sending a letter with the resolution to our legislators.

Trustee Twining moved to approve Resolution #2011-02.

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

Discussion Items

Juliana Feriani presented some documents from her most recent CCBE conference. They had a breakout session featuring a survey that dealt with ways CSBA can become more transparent, responsive and responsible. Juliana wanted to share the information with the board.

Information Items

Superintendent Silva shared information about the Kindergarten Early Entry legislation

Superintendent Silva shared a very nice thank you letter from one of the Perricone-Hobbin-Hodge scholarship recipients.

The Business Office shared a letter from the auditors to the board.

Comments:

County Superintendent

- Superintendent Silva reported that the Secure Rural Act has been included as part of the president's budget. The amount is less than the schools wanted, but at least it is included.
- The county schools office is working with the Health Department to help facilitate the identification of students who do not have the Tdap booster. New legislation requires 7-12th grade students to have this vaccine prior to enrolling in school in August.
- The interview process for the Deputy Superintendent position should conclude tomorrow. Superintendent Silva hopes to have a person aboard by the end of the week.
- AB 3632 is currently impacting schools financially, but next year it should be going back to the county.
- Superintendent Silva spoke about some of the problems with the 2011-2012 budget. Our office is encouraging schools to budget as if the tax extension does not pass.
- Mari Brabbin has been selected as the Executive Director of the Golden Lakes Charter School. She has asked for a meeting with Superintendent Silva to make certain they are proceeding within the rules and regulations.

Board

- Trustee Feriani said that she was at the BOB fundraising luncheon. It was a very nice luncheon and an excellent presentation by Dr. Stolp about the BOB van and their need for funding.
- Pres. Joe von Herrmann attended the CCBE legislative committee meeting recently. The first half of the day was spent listening to bills and legislation. They are trying to be very specific to county board issues. There is a bill out there to look at teacher evaluation and effectiveness when it comes to layoffs. During the CCBE section, Joe brought up the problem with Basic Aid district funding that affects the local school district. He learned that at one point there was a bill on the governor's desk

to address the inequity, but it was never signed. That bill addressed the possibility of considering the financial effect on the district when approving charters. Joe explained that the county board's idea for new legislation is that the money should follow the child. It may get some traction and move forward. He would like the advocacy committee to look at it and communicate with the Big Oak Flat-Groveland district and others to see if they are all on the same page.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

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

Unadopted Minutes