



426 N. Blackstone
Tulare, CA 93274

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

MINUTES

February 3, 2022

Call to Order Board President Kelley Nicholson called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. The Board members were physically present in the Staff Development Room at the Tulare Joint Union High School District office.

Roll Call **Board Members Present:**
 Laura Fonseca, Craig Hamilton, Cathy Mederos, Kelley Nicholson **Absent:** Tyler Ribeiro
Staff Members Present:
 Lucy Van Scyoc, Ed.D, Superintendent
 Tammy Aldaco, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources and Business

Adopt Agenda On a motion by Cathy Mederos and second by Laura Fonseca, the Board approved the agenda by the following 4-0 vote:
Ayes: Fonseca, Hamilton, Mederos, Nicholson **Noes:** None **Absent:** Ribeiro

Identify Closed Session Topics Board President, Kelly Nicholson, identified the Closed Session items.

- 2.1 Public Employee Assignment/Reassignment/Appointment of Certificated and Classified Personnel (Government Code section 54957)
- 2.2 Public Employee Resignations, Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint (Government Code section 54957)
- 2.3 Conference with Legal Counsel Pending/Anticipated Litigation Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (2) or (3) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 – Number of cases: (1) (Government Code Section 54956.9)
- 2.4 Student Transfers, Student Confidential Matters, Student Reinstatements, Student Expulsions (Education Code Sections 48900, et. seq.)
- 2.5 Superintendent Evaluation

Public Comment on Closed Session Topics There was no public comment provided.

Adjourn to Closed Session The Board adjourned to closed session to deliberate on closed session items.

**Reconvene in
Regular Session**

The Board reconvened the Regular Session at 6:48 p.m. A quorum of the Board was present.

Board Members Present:

Laura Fonseca, Craig Hamilton, Cathy Mederos, Kelley Nicholson

Absent: Tyler Ribeiro

Staff Members Present:

Lucy Van Scyoc, Ed.D, Superintendent
Carlos Peralta, Principal, Tulare Tech Prep/Countryside High School
Dan Dutto, Principal, Sierra Vista Charter High School
Daniel Pierotte, Director of Facilities
Dereck Domingues, Director I, Child Welfare & Safety
Donny Trimm, Director of Technology
Isidro Carrasco, Principal, Mission Oak High School
Kevin Covert, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum, Assessment & Technology
Michelle Nunley, Ed.D, Principal, Tulare Union High School
Roger Hildreth, Director, Agriculture
Roger Robles, Director, Special Education
Sara Morton, Principal, Tulare Western High School
Tammy Aldaco, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources and Business
Tracey Domingues, Board Stenographer
Vivian Hamilton, Business Manager
Wendi Powell, Principal, Accelerated Charter High School

**Pledge of
Allegiance**

Kelley Nicholson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Report Action
Taken in Closed
Session**

Kelley Nicholson reported out on the following information from Closed Session:

Personnel Matters

On a motion by Laura Fonseca and second by Craig Hamilton, the Board voted to approve the regular Personnel report by the following 4-0 vote:

Ayes: Fonseca, Hamilton, Mederos, Nicholson

Noes: None **Absent:** Ribeiro

Certificated Hire:

Name:	Position:	Site:	Effective Date:
Genaro Casas	After School PLATO	Tulare Union	1/11/22
Ryan Hogg	After School PLATO	Tulare Union	1/11/22

Retirement:

Terry Langlie	Head Counselor	Tulare Union	6/30/22
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Classified Hire:

Azuzena Cabrera	Rehab Spec Case Worker	Mission Oak	2/21/22
Benton Bray	Softball Coach	Tulare Western	2/7/22

Christie Lopez	JV Softball Coach	Mission Oak	2/7/22
Jayden Sanders	JV Softball Coach	Mission Oak	2/4/22
Lay Off – 30 Month Re-Employment:			
Employee #1106	Tutorial Supervision Aide	Tulare Western	1/31/22
Employee #1344	Cafeteria Helper II	Tulare Union	2/2/22
Employee #2082	Food Svc. Utility Worker	Mission Oak	2/2/22
Resignation:			
Anselmo Gutierrez	Custodian/Bus Driver	Tulare Western	1/26/22
Transfer:			
Cilihe Rice	Special Ed Aide	Tulare Western	1/10/22
Marlena Morphis	MOT Secretary	District Office	2/1/22
Volunteer Placement:			
Alex Dickson	Student Observation	Mission Oak	2/7/22
Alyssa Logan	Student Observer	Mission Oak	2/7/22
Junior Gaytan	Student Observer	High School Farm	2/7/22
Matthew Verissimo	Student Observer	Tulare Western	2/7/22
Raul Gomez	Student Observer	Tulare Western	2/7/22
Ulices Garcia-Melgar	Student Observer	Tulare Union	2/7/22

Student Matters

On a motion by Craig Hamilton and second by Cathy Mederos, the Board voted 4-0 to approve as recommended:

1. one (1) intra-district transfer request for a student to attend a school outside of their attendance area for the 2022-2023 school year, per BP 5116.1;
2. one (1) inter-district transfer request for a student to attend school **inside** the Tulare Joint Union High School District attendance while living outside the Tulare Joint Union High School District attendance area for the 2021-2022 school year, per BP 5117; and
3. one (1) inter-district transfer request for a student to attend school **inside** the Tulare Joint Union High School District attendance while living outside the Tulare Joint Union High School District attendance area for the 2022-2023 school year, per BP 5117.

Ayes: Fonseca, Hamilton, Mederos, Nicholson

Noes: None **Absent:** Ribeiro

Reports by CTA/CSEA

No report from CTA or CSEA.

Correspondence

Dr. Lucy Van Scyoc shared a letter from the Tulare County Office of Education with the Board that stated TCOE reviewed the 2021-22 First Period Interim Report and has certified with the California Department of Education that the District has submitted a positive report for the period ending October 31, 2021.

Dr. Lucy Van Scyoc reminded the Board about the School Board Appreciation Dinner on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, 6:00 p.m. at the Marriott, Convention Center in Visalia. She asked the Board to RSVP to Tracey Domingues if they would like to attend so she can register them by the February 15 deadline date.

**Citizen
Comments**

Darcie Garcia, Tulare, CA, addressed the Board, in regard to instruction and the grading scale (80/20) for math. She asked the Board to reconsider this grading policy.

Kelley Nicholson thanked Ms. Darcie Garcia for her attendance and input. Mrs. Nicholson stated Dr. Van Scyoc intends to update the Board on this topic under Other Business. Dr. Van Scyoc said this topic will be placed on the February 17, 2022 board agenda.

**COVID 19
Update**

Dr. Lucy Van Scyoc did not have a formal update. She reported the spike in absences seen in January is starting to normalize. She said administration continues to remind students and staff to wear a mask and follow protocols and Dereck Domingues continues to meet with the contact tracers and nurses weekly to communicate any updates in order for our sites to be consistent addressing COVID related situations.

**Information on
Ethnic Studies
Course –
Overview and
Timeline**

Kevin Covert presented the Board with information on Ethnic Studies Course. The Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum will be a graduation requirement for the Class of 2030. We are required to offer one (1) semester (Minimum) of Ethnic Studies for high school. He gave them an overview and timeline for implementing the model curriculum in the District. The Board held a discussion on this course and Mr. Covert responded to questions from the Board.

**2022 Summer
School Proposal**

Kevin Covert presented a 2022 Summer School proposal to the Board. The proposed dates for summer school are June 15, 2022 through July 14, 2022. The school day will be from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The District is requesting Board approval so sites can begin communicating the registration process to students and parents, recruiting teachers and finalizing details. Mr. Covert increased the number of teachers from 27 to 30 this year, with the objective of offering students some elective classes, depending on student interest and need.

Dr. Van Scyoc informed the Board that students who attended the Superintendent Student Advisory meeting, asked for more information on taking classes for advancement in the summer. Mr. Covert reported that a link will be added to the District website and the summer school application on how students can connect with College of the Sequoias for advancement courses.

The Board held a brief discussion and Kevin Covert responded to questions from the Board.

**School Safety
Plans for 2021-
2022**

Dereck Domingues presented the Board with the updated School Safety Plans. He informed the Board there have been slight revisions made to the plans since the board packet posted. He said the plans will be updated accordingly and presented to the Board for approval at the next meeting. Mr. Domingues applauded the site administrators for all the hard work they put in to updating these plans. The Board held a brief discussion and Mr. Domingues responded to questions from the Board.

Cathy Mederos appreciates all the work that goes into the plans.

**Facilities Update
Report**

The Board received the Facilities and Transportation Update report for their review. In addition to the report, Daniel Pierotte highlighted the status of the projects below:

TUHS competition, deck, front pole/curbside and all interior building lighting for the pool complex was converted to LED light fixtures or retrofitted with LED bulbs;

Charge Ready Project update. TUHS construction fencing was reduced/removed by contractors on 2/2. MOHS Transformer and gear arrived onsite on 2/1;

TWHS Dust collector unit install to begin week of 2/7 (subject to change) 600 building windows replaced.

Mike Fennacy, Darden Architects, presented the Board with a vision plan for the Mission Oak Aquatics Complex and CTE Building. He provided the Board with various maps of the project. Mr. Fennacy reviewed the location of the complex and CTE building on the campus as well as next steps for this project.

A brief discussion was held, and Mike Fennacy and Daniel Pierotte responded to questions from the Board.

**Resolution No.
2022-09**

Dr. Lucy Van Scyoc shared that at the January 20, 2022 Board meeting, a public hearing was held to receive input from the public regarding three revised trustee area map options for redistricting, Plan A, Plan B, and Plan C. She stated that at this time, approval of this resolution adopting Plan A, B, or C will allow the District to move forward with the redistricting process. There was discussion by the Board members as to which map, they think has the least deviation.

On a motion by Laura Fonseca and second by Craig Hamilton the Board voted to approve Resolution No. 2022-09, Approving Adjustments to the Boundaries of the District's Trustee Areas, hereby adopting Plan B as its Trustee Area Redistricting Plan, Pursuant to Education Code Section 5019.5 by the following 4-0 vote:

Ayes: Fonseca, Hamilton, Mederos, Nicholson

Noes: None **Absent:** Ribeiro

**Revisions to BP
and AR from
FPM
Recommendations**

Dr. Lucy Van Scyoc reported that the administration received recommendations from a Federal Program Monitoring (FPM) review to revise language in the specific board policy or administrative regulations below. She said the policies will be amended in the Annual Parent Notifications and Student Code of Conduct Handbook. Dr. Van Scyoc informed the Board this item is presented straight to action due to the time sensitive nature of clearing this finding. Dr. Van Scyoc responded to questions from the Board.

On a motion by Laura Fonseca and second by Cathy Mederos, the Board voted to approve the Revisions to Board Policy and Administrative Regulations from Federal Program Monitoring (FPM) Recommendations by a 4-0 vote:

BP 1250	Visitors/Outsiders
BP/ AR 1312.3	Uniform Complaint Procedures
BP/AR 5125	Student Records
AR 5125.1	Release of Directory Information
AR 5145.13	Response to Immigration Enforcement
BP/AR 5145.3	Nondiscrimination/Harassment
BP/AR 5145.7	Sexual Harassment
AR 5145.71	Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures
BP 5145.9	Hate-Motivated Behavior
BP 6145	Extracurricular And Cocurricular Activities
BP/AR 6164.6	Identification And Education Under Section 504

Ayes: Fonseca, Hamilton, Mederos, Nicholson

Noes: None **Absent:** Ribeiro

**Overnight Trip
for MOHS
Cheerleading
Team to Travel
to Anaheim**

On a motion by Laura Fonseca and second by Cathy Mederos the Board voted to approve the Overnight Trip Request for the Mission Oak High School Cheerleading Team to Travel to Anaheim, CA from February 24-27, 2022 by the following 4-0 vote:

Ayes: Fonseca, Hamilton, Mederos, Nicholson

Noes: None **Absent:** Ribeiro

Other Business

Dr. Lucy Van Scyoc invited the Board to the dedication naming the Mission Oak High School gymnasium, the Richard Torrez, Jr. Gymnasium, tomorrow, February 4, 2022 at 11:45 a.m.

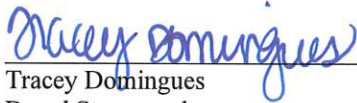
Dr. Lucy Van Scyoc met with Eric Payne from Central Valley Urban Institute. She said he has great ideas of how he wants to support our students, specifically the African American students. Mr. Payne has been invited to attend a meeting with the head counselors on Friday, February 4th where he will present those partnership opportunities. Dr. Van Scyoc is excited to partner with him and his group.

Dr. Lucy Van Scyoc gave the Board a brief update on her Superintendent Student Advisory meeting held on Tuesday, February 1st. She said they discussed at length what methods of communication work best to engage students, summer school, and what our school sites should do more of or less of. The students were assigned homework to go back to their respective groups on campus and discuss their needs and how the district/school can support those needs. The students will provide feedback at the next Superintendent Advisory Meeting on April 5th. As we move forward, Dr. Van Scyoc asked the Board if this is the format they want to continue to use in hearing from our students. A brief discussion was held.

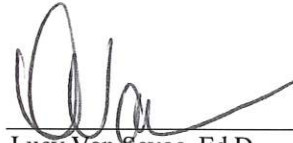
Lastly, Dr. Lucy Van Scyoc informed the Board, Kevin Covert and the Math coaches will make a presentation about our math program at the February 17, 2022 Board meeting.

Adjournment

The regular meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.



Tracey Domingues
Board Stenographer



Lucy Van Scyoc, Ed.D.
Board Secretary/Superintendent