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**Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Held via Zoom Video Meeting
June 25, 2020
Minutes**

MODIFIED MEETING PROCEDURES DURING COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) PANDEMIC:
As per Executive Order N-29-20 from Governor Newsom, the Tulare Joint Union High School Board of Education Regular meeting, scheduled for June 25, 2020, was conducted via zoom video <https://url.tjuhsd.org/board-meeting>.

1.0 Opening Business

1.1 Call to Order

Board President Cathy Mederos called the regular meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. via Zoom video conference call.

Members Present: Laura Fonseca, Craig Hamilton, Cathy Mederos, Kelley Nicholson

Members Absent: Frank Fernandes (Mr. Fernandes arrived at 6:37 p.m.)

1.2 Adopt Agenda

On a motion by Laura Fonseca and second by Craig Hamilton, the Board approved the agenda by the following 4-0 vote:

Ayes: Fonseca, Hamilton, Mederos, Nicholson

Noes: None Absent: Fernandes (Mr. Fernandes arrived at 6:37 p.m.)

2.0 Adjourn to Closed Session

3.0 Regular Session at 7:36 p.m.

Members Present: Frank Fernandes, Laura Fonseca, Craig Hamilton, Cathy Mederos, Kelley Nicholson

Members Present via Zoom:

Members Absent: None

Administrators Present:

Tony Rodriguez, Superintendent

Barbara Orisio, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources and Business

Lucy Van Scyoc, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum, Technology & Assessment

Tammy Aldaco, Assistant Superintendent, Student Services

Administrators Present via Zoom:

Jason Edwards, Director of Special Education

Michelle Nunley, Principal, Tulare Union High School

Michele Borges, Mission Oak High School

Kevin Covert, Principal, Tulare Western High School

Dereck Domingues, Principal, Sierra Vista Charter High School

Wendi Powell, Principal, Accelerated Charter High School

Steve Ramirez, Principal, Tulare Tech Prep/Countryside High School

Larriann Torrez, Director, Tulare Adult School
Dan Dutto, Principal, High School Farm

Others Present: Vivian Hamilton, Business Manager, Tracey Domingues, Board Stenographer

Others Present via Zoom: Donny Trimm, Director of Technology, Daniel Pierotte, Director of Facilities

3.1 **Pledge of Allegiance**

Board President, Cathy Mederos, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4.0 **Community Relations**

4.1 Citizen Comments – None.

5.0 **Reports by CTA/CSEA**

David Flores, CTA Chapter President, shared a memorandum from Katie Hardeman, CTA Legislative Advocate, regarding the 2020-2021 Final Budget Agreement. He also shared two spreadsheets from the CTA Chapter titled (1) CTA Multi-year projections with full funding, and (2) CTA Multi-year projections with full funding and \$500k in savings in 2019-2020.

Cathy Mederos thanked Mr. Flores for his report and stated we cannot budget for money we do not have yet.

Filomena Rocha, CSEA Chapter President, said her goal is to change how classified staff is perceived. She wants to be considered part of the team and most of all to build dialogue and a connection with the Board and Administration. She thanked the Board for allowing CSEA to share a 6-minute video.

Cathy Mederos thanked Mrs. Rocha for her report and sharing the video.

6.0 **Correspondence** – None.

7.0 **Information Items**

7.1 **Disposal of Surplus or Obsolete Property (Textbooks)** [Van Scyoc]

Lucy Van Scyoc informed the Board our comprehensive sites are requesting to dispose of the Statistics books that are not being utilized, as well as other miscellaneous books. The District would like approval to discard, donate, or sell, a total of 359 books.

7.2 **Recovery Resources Agreement for Drug/Alcohol Counseling Services at Tulare Union, Tulare Western and Mission Oak High School** [Aldaco]

Tammy Aldaco informed the Board the District is requesting approval of an agreement with Recovery Resources to offer services of a counselor on each of the comprehensive sites for three full days each week to provide drug/alcohol prevention counseling services. The District offers these services to students who have been suspended and are in need of drug/alcohol prevention counseling sessions.

7.3 **Recovery Resources Agreement for Drug/Alcohol Counseling Services at Tech Prep and Sierra Vista Charter High School** [Aldaco]

Tammy Aldaco informed the Board the District is requesting approval of an agreement with Recovery Resources to offer services of a counselor at Tech Prep and Sierra Vista Charter High School for one half day each week to provide drug/alcohol prevention counseling services. She stated these sites previously utilized services from Turning Point but they closed their business at the end of this school year.

7.4 **Recovery Resources Agreement for Drug/Alcohol Counseling Services at Accelerated Charter High School** [Aldaco]

Tammy Aldaco informed the Board the District is requesting approval of an agreement with Recovery Resources to offer services of a counselor at Accelerated Charter High School for two days each week to provide drug/alcohol prevention counseling services.

The Board asked Tammy Aldaco to share data on the outcome of these services at the end of the 2020-2021 school year. Mrs. Aldaco has current data that she will share with the Board.

7.5 **Technology Update Report** [Trimm]

The Board received the Technology Update Report for their review. In addition to the report, Donny Trimm informed the Board he and his staff are working with our school sites on how to set up Aeries with the different scheduling options we are planning for when school reopens. Mr. Trimm responded to questions from the Board.

7.6 **Facilities and Transportation Update Report**

The Board received the Facilities and Transportation Update report for their review. In addition to the report, Daniel Pierotte informed the Board the TUHS 2 Story flooring issue in the science lab has been resolved, the new signage was installed on the buildings at ACHS by Smith Signs, and the roofing project at TWHS is over 90% complete. Mr. Pierotte responded to questions from the Board.

7.7 **COVID-19 Information/Update**

Tony Rodriguez presented the Board with the most recent COVID-19 update.

State Update:

The latest update from the State is in regards to the mandate required the use of masks. Students, with some limited exceptions, and staff must wear masks while in school facilities. The current legal understanding is that, with potential exceptions for persons with medical conditions or disabilities, schools must largely comply by the same rules as other public spaces where the requirement on face coverings is concerned.

Reopening of Schools:

The District previously announced that it is planning a blended learning option for the fall. The District recently learned Fresno Unified, Hanford High Schools, and Exeter are returning fully in the fall. The District is reviewing the reopening plans for those districts to determine if it is feasible for TJUHSD to follow the same plans but with extensive safety protocols in place. While TJUHSD plans for how to reopen schools, Mr. Rodriguez said the safety of the students and staff is at the forefront. Mr. Rodriguez will bring more information to the Board at the July 9, 2020 meeting.

Meals

As of June 5, 2020, the TJUHSD has served 179,432 meals. The number of meals served between June 8 – June 24, 2020 is 22,462. Tulare Union and Tulare Western will continue to serve meals through July 8, 2020.

Summer Program

Page 2 of the COVID-19 Update included information on the Summer RTI Intervention program at the three comprehensive high schools. Cathy Mederos wished more seniors would have completed the program. Lucy Van Scyoc said that most of the seniors who needed the intervention were enrolled in the summer program.

Cathy Mederos inquired how the District is communicating the COVID-19 updates with the community, parents, and students. She asked if they are constantly updating the website. Tony Rodriguez responded he sends frequent Aeries Communication messages to the parents and students as well as posts his board updates to the website. He plans to organize a COVID-19/Reopening of Schools committee and create a video from the results of the meetings to post to the District website.

8.0 **Action Items**

8.1 **Approve Interdistrict Attendance Agreement with Tulare County and Amendment to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5117 on Interdistrict Attendance**

On a motion by Laura Fonseca and second by Kelley Nicholson the Board voted to approve the Interdistrict Attendance Agreement with Tulare County and Amendment to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5117 on Interdistrict Attendance by the following 5-0 vote:

Ayes: Fernandes, Fonseca, Hamilton, Mederos, Nicholson
Noes: None Absent: None

8.2 **Approve Western Governors University Student Teaching Credential Program Agreement for 2020-2021**

On a motion by Frank Fernandes and second by Laura Fonseca, the Board voted to approve the Western Governors University Student Teaching Credential Program Agreement for 2020-2021 by the following 5-0 vote:

Ayes: Fernandes, Fonseca, Hamilton, Mederos, Nicholson
Noes: None Absent: None

8.3 **Approve Provisional Internship Permit for Broghan Altermatt, Home Economics Teacher at Tulare Western High School** [Orisio]

On a motion by Kelley Nicholson and second by Laura Fonseca, the Board voted to approve the Provisional Internship Permit for Broghan Altermatt, Home Economics Teacher at Tulare Western High School by the following 5-0 vote:

Ayes: Fernandes, Fonseca, Hamilton, Mederos, Nicholson
Noes: None Absent: None

8.4 **Approve the Certificated and Classified Salary Schedules for 2020-2021** [Orisio]

On a motion by Laura Fonseca and second by Kelley Nicholson, the Board voted to approve the Certificated and Classified Salary Schedules for 2020-2021 by the following 5-0 vote:

Ayes: Fernandes, Fonseca, Hamilton, Mederos, Nicholson
Noes: None Absent: None

8.5 **Approve the Certificated Management, Classified Management, and Classified Confidential Salary Schedules for 2020-2021** [Orisio]

Each Board member recognized all the hard work and extra efforts the management team devotes to the TJUHSD. They stated how important the Management team is and how much they appreciate them but they agreed to take a pause and wait for further budget information at which time they would revisit this item.

On a motion by Laura Fonseca and second by Frank Fernandes, the Board voted **NOT** to approve the Certificated Management, Classified Management, and Classified Confidential Salary Schedules for 2020-2021 by a 5-0 vote:

Ayes: Fernandes, Fonseca, Hamilton, Mederos, Nicholson
Noes: None Absent: None

8.6 **Approve Additional Proposal for a New Course for the 2020-2021 School Year** [Van Scyoc]

On a motion by Kelley Nicholson and second by Laura Fonseca the Board voted to approve Additional Proposal for a New Course for the 2020-2021 School Year by the following 5-0 vote:

Ayes: Fernandes, Fonseca, Hamilton, Mederos, Nicholson
Noes: None Absent: None

8.7 **Approve Assigned and Unassigned Ending Fund Balances in Excess of Minimum Recommended Reserves for 2020-2021** [Hamilton]

Vivian Hamilton reported the numbers were updated since the June 11, 2020 meeting. There was a slight decrease in expenditures because of the adjustment to stipends. She stated the standard reserve level for a district our size is 3% of total expenditures, or \$2,231,056. This leaves \$7,564,288 remaining ending fund balance for the District to substantiate as general reserve. Leaving zero in ending fund balance in excess of the minimum recommended reserves.

On a motion by Laura Fonseca and second by Frank Fernandes the Board voted to approve Assigned and Unassigned Ending Fund Balances in Excess of Minimum Recommended Reserves for 2020-2021 by the following 5-0 vote:

Ayes: Fernandes, Fonseca, Hamilton, Mederos, Nicholson
Noes: None Absent: None

8.8 **Approve the Tulare Joint Union High School District Budget for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year and the COVID-19 Operations Written Report** [Hamilton/Van Scyoc]

Vivian Hamilton made a presentation to the Board on the budget. The budget she presented reflected the changes administration was instructed to make at the additional budget study session on June 17, 2020. The Governor’s Executive Order N-56-20 established the requirement that a local educational agency (LEA) adopt a written report (COVID-19 Operations Written Report) explaining to its community the changes to program offerings the LEA has made in response to school closures to address the COVID-19 emergency and the major impacts of such closures on students and families. The written report was included in the packet for the Board’s review.

David Flores commented that the numbers are different today in the budget that Vivian Hamilton presented on June 11, 2020. He stated she is misleading the Board and should present a fully funded budget to the Board that includes the CARES Act monies.

Laura Fonseca stated she does not feel misled. She said Vivian Hamilton explained the District’s current and future revenue in her multi-year projections and if we need to, we have 45 days to revise our budget once the Governor signs the 2020 State Budget Act.

Cathy Mederos said we cannot spend money we do not have nor can we build a budget around money we anticipate receiving in the future.

Frank Fernandes said the Board has to approve a budget today based on the numbers presented before them.

A brief discussion was held on assumptions, deferrals, borrowing money and interest rates.

On a motion by Craig Hamilton and second by Laura Fonseca the Board voted to approve the Tulare Joint Union High School District Budget for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year and the COVID-19 Operations Written Report by the following 5-0 vote:

Ayes: Fernandes, Fonseca, Hamilton, Mederos, Nicholson

Noes: None Absent: None

8.9 **Approve Resolution 2020-27 In the Matter of Establishing a County School Facilities Fund for Modernization** [Hamilton]

On a motion by Frank Fernandes, and second by Kelley Nicholson, the Board voted to approve Resolution 2020-27 In the Matter of Establishing a County School Facilities Fund for Modernization by the following 5-0 vote:

Ayes: Fernandes, Fonseca, Hamilton, Mederos, Nicholson

Noes: None Absent: None

8.10 **Approve Resolution 2020-28 in the Matter of the Spending Determination for Funds Received from the Education Protection Account Pursuant to Article XIII, Section 36 of the California Constitution for Fiscal Year 2020-2021** [Hamilton]

On a motion by Laura Fonseca and second by Frank Fernandes, the Board voted to approve Resolution 2020-28 in the Matter of the Spending Determination for Funds Received from the Education Protection Account Pursuant to Article XIII, Section 36 of the California Constitution for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 by the following 5-0 vote:

Ayes: Fernandes, Fonseca, Hamilton, Mederos, Nicholson

Noes: None Absent: None

8.11 **Approve Agreement between Tulare Joint Union High School District and Dairy Manager for the 2020-2021 School Year** [Hamilton]

On a motion by Laura Fonseca, and second by Kelley Nicholson, the Board voted to approve the Agreement between Tulare Joint Union High School District and Dairy Manager for the 2020-2021 School Year by the following 4-0 vote:

Ayes: Fonseca, Hamilton, Mederos, Nicholson

Noes: None Absent: None **Recused: Frank Fernandes recused himself.**

8.12 **Approve Leach Group, Inc. as Inspector of Record for Tulare Western High School Scoreboards** [Pierotte]

On a motion by Kelley Nicholson, and second by Laura Fonseca, the Board voted to approve Leach Group, Inc. as Inspector of Record for Tulare Western High School Scoreboards by the following 5-0 vote:

Ayes: Fernandes, Fonseca, Hamilton, Mederos, Nicholson

Noes: None Absent: None

8.13 **Approve Change Order No. 6 for Romanazzi General Engineering for the New Science Classrooms and Administration Building for the Tulare Union High School Project** [Pierotte]

On a motion by Frank Fernandes, and second by Laura Fonseca, the Board voted to approve Change Order No. 6 for Romanazzi General Engineering for the New Science Classrooms and Administration Building for the Tulare Union High School Project by the following 5-0 vote:

Ayes: Fernandes, Fonseca, Hamilton, Mederos, Nicholson

Noes: None Absent: None

8.14 **Approve Authorization to Sell/Dispose of Surplus Property (X-Mark XP Diesel 27 Horse Power Liquid Cooled Riding Lawn Mower)** [Richardson]

On a motion by Laura Fonseca, and second by Frank Fernandes, the Board voted to approve Authorization to Sell/Dispose of Surplus Property (X-Mark XP Diesel 27 Horse Power Liquid Cooled Riding Lawn Mower) by the following 5-0 vote:

Ayes: Fernandes, Fonseca, Hamilton, Mederos, Nicholson

Noes: None Absent: None

9.0 **Consent Items** (Action)

On a motion by Frank Fernandes, and second by Kelley Nicholson, the Board voted to approve the Consent Calendar excluding Item 9.10 by the following 5-0 vote:

Ayes: Fernandes, Fonseca, Hamilton, Mederos, Nicholson

Noes: None Absent: None

- 9.1 Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting held on June 11, 2020 [Rodriguez]
- 9.2 Approve Expenditures (Purchase Orders, Payment Vouchers, etc.) [Hamilton]
- 9.3 Approve Contract with Campus Life for Gang Intervention Services, Safe Schools Intervention Program (SSIP), for 2020-2021 [Van Scyoc]
- 9.4 Approve Edmentum (PLATO) Credit Recovery Program Contract Renewal for 2020-2021 School Year [Van Scyoc]
- 9.5 Approve Contract for Nearpod for 2020-2021 [Van Scyoc]
- 9.6 Approve Contract for Pear Deck for the 2020-2021 School Year [Van Scyoc]
- 9.7 Approve Solution Tree Agreement – Mathematics Professional Learning Community (PLC) Follow-up Training for 2020-2021 [Van Scyoc]
- 9.8 Approve College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) Agreement with the College of the Sequoias for Dual Enrollment Courses at Accelerated Charter High School and Tulare Western High School [Aldaco]
- 9.9 Approve Sprigeo Renewal for 2020-2021 School Year [Aldaco]
- 9.11 Approve Price Quote for Services from Edgenuity [Domingues]
- 9.12 Approve Agreement between SchoolWorks, Inc. and Tulare Joint Union High School District for Demographics and Enrollment Projections Update for 2020-2021 [Hamilton]
- 9.13 Approve Donation to Tulare Union High School ASB Cross Country Club from Jennifer Young [Hamilton]
- 9.14 Approve Donation to Tulare Western High School ASB Cross Country Club from James Cardoza [Hamilton]
- 9.15 Approve Donation to Tulare Western High School ASB SOPAS from Mr. & Mrs. Fernandes [Hamilton]

9.16 Approve Donation to Tulare Western High School ASB SOPAS Club from TF Tire & Service [Hamilton]

9.17 Approve Donation to Tulare Western High School ASB Cross Country Club from Visalia Runners [Hamilton]

On behalf of the Board, Cathy Mederos thanked the donors for the generous donations.

9.10 Approve Countryside/TYSB Renewal Contract for the 2020-2021 School Year [Aldaco]

On a separate vote, it was moved by Laura Fonseca, and seconded by Kelley Nicholson, to approve Item 9.10 on the Consent Calendar by the following 4-0 vote:

Ayes: Fernandes, Fonseca, Hamilton, Nicholson

Noes: None Absent: None **Recused: Cathy Mederos recused herself.**

Cathy Mederos is a Board member of TYSB and TJUHSD.

10.0 Review 12-Month Board Calendar

The Board received the 12-month Board Calendar for their review.

11.0 Any Other Business

Laura Fonseca asked Tony Rodriguez if the old science classrooms at TUHS have been cleaned out. Tony Rodriguez will check with Daniel Pierotte. Lucy Van Scyoc informed Mrs. Fonseca that she and Daniel Pierotte walked through the TUHS campus and the old science classrooms will continue to be used. They also are not removing the portables across the street because they may need to be utilized for overflow purposes to maintain social distancing when school reopens.

Kelly Collins, CTA Vice-President, asked if everyone understands that the Governor and Legislature agreed to fully fund schools and that the Board just approved a budget that includes a \$5M cut to the District.

Cathy Mederos thanked Ms. Collins for her comment and looks forward to working with her July 1st when she becomes the new CTA president.

12.0 Adjourn to Closed Session

13.0 Reconvene in Regular Session

13.1 Action from Closed Session

Cathy Mederos reported out on the following information from Closed Session:

Personnel Report

On a motion by Kelley Nicholson and second by Frank Fernandes, the Board voted to approve the regular personnel report by the following 5-0 vote:

Ayes: Fernandes, Fonseca, Hamilton, Mederos, Nicholson

Noes: None Absent: None

1. Approve Employment of **Mike Machado** as Social Studies Teacher/Football Coach, at Mission Oak High School, effective August 10, 2020.
2. Approve Employment of **Nancy Lopez** as CNA Instructor, at Tulare Western High School, effective August 10, 2020.
3. Approve Employment of **Devan Garcia** as In House Supervision Aide, at Mission Oak High School, effective August 10, 2020.
4. Approve Re-Employment of **Skyler Delgado** as Instructional Aide, at Sierra Vista Charter High School, effective August 10, 2020.
5. Accept Resignation of **Birginia Espinoza** as AVID Tutor, at Tulare Joint Union High School District-Wide, effective June 11, 2020.
6. Accept Resignation of **Mario Flores** as Varsity Boy's Basketball Coach, at Mission Oak High School, effective June 11, 2020.

7. Accept Resignation of **Teresa Ross** as Instructional Aide, at Sierra Vista Charter High School, effective June 30, 2020.
8. Approve Transfer of **Sharon Arellano** as Lead Cafeteria Worker, at Tulare Western High School, effective August 11, 2020.

Student Matters

On a motion by Laura Fonseca and second by Frank Fernandes, the Board voted to approve as recommended one inter-district transfer request for a student to attend a school inside of the Tulare Joint Union High School District attendance area while living inside the Tulare Joint Union High School District attendance area for the 2020-2021 school year, per district policy 5117, by the following vote:

Ayes: Fernandes, Fonseca, Mederos, Nicholson, Hamilton
 Noes: None Absent: None

14.0 **Adjournment**

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Next Meeting

Regular Board Meeting, July 9, 2020, Staff Development Room, TJUHSD District Office, with Closed Session starting at 6:30 p.m. The regular meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. (unless otherwise posted)

Board Stenographer

Secretary to the Board of Trustees