



Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

March 5, 2020

Minutes

1.0 **Opening Business**

1.1 **Call to Order**

Board President Cathy Mederos called the regular meeting of the Tulare Joint Union High School District Board of Trustees to order at 6:34 p.m. on Thursday, March 5, 2020, at the Tulare Joint Union High School District Office.

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

Members Absent: None

1.2 **Adopt Agenda**

On a motion by **Laura Fonseca** and second by **Kelley Nicholson**, the Board approved the agenda by the following 5-0 vote:

Ayes: Fernandes, Fonseca, Hamilton, Mederos, Nicholson

Noes: None **Absent:** None

2.0 **Adjourn to Closed Session**

3.0 **Regular Session** at 7:40 p.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Administrators Present:

Tony Rodriguez, Superintendent

Barbara Orisio, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources and Business

Tammy Aldaco, Assistant Superintendent, Student Services and Special Programs

Lucy Van Scyoc, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Technology, and Assessment

Jason Edwards, Director, Special Education

Michelle Nunley, Ed.D., Principal, Tulare Union High School

Wendi Powell, Principal, Accelerated Charter High School

Steve Ramirez, Principal, Tech Prep High School & Countryside High School

Larriann Torrez, Ed.D., Director, Tulare Adult School

Dan Dutto, Director of Agriculture Program

Administrators Absent:

Michele Borges, Principal, Mission Oak High School

Kevin Covert, Principal, Tulare Western High School
Dereck Domingues, Principal, Sierra Vista Charter High School

Others Present:

Vivian Hamilton, Business Manager
Daniel Pierotte, Director of Facilities
Donny Trimm, Director of Technology
Tracey Domingues, Board Stenographer

3.1 **Pledge of Allegiance**

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

4.0 **Students**

4.1 **Student Board Reports**

The following Student Representatives to the Board, provided a brief summary of the events that are taking place at the respective high schools:

Tulare Union High School: **Itsel Garnica**
Tulare Western High School: **Lainey Flores**
Mission Oak High School: **Elizabeth Ramirez**
Sierra Vista Charter High School: **Alizae Humphrey**
Accelerated Charter High School: **Briseida Rodriguez**

Mrs. Mederos thanked the students for their reports. The Board enjoys hearing what our students are doing in the community.

5.0 **Community Relations**

5.1 **Citizen Comments**

Board President Cathy Mederos requested those who wish to address a matter on the agenda to do so at this time. There were no Citizen comments.

6.0 **Reports by CTA/CSEA**

There were no comments from CTA. There were no comments from CSEA.

7.0 **Correspondence/Presentations**

7.1 **Presentation by Brent Calvin, President of College of the Sequoias**

Brent Calvin, President of College of the Sequoias thanked Tony Rodriguez and the Board members for allowing him to present the annual report for Spring 2020 to the Board. COS Board Member Lori Cardoza also attended the meeting. Mr. Calvin shared a PowerPoint presentation on data that has been gathered for students from the Tulare Joint Union High School District who attended COS from 2015 through 2019. The slides included the following information:

- Student Enrollment
- Dual & Concurrent Enrollment
- Awards
- Transfer- Prepared
- Transfer- Outcomes
- Equity
- COS Class of 2019 Highlights
- AB 705
- Data Specific to Students from TJUHSD

Mr. Calvin also spoke about College of the Sequoias moving from College Promise Reimbursement to a Free Tuition motto so all students have the same opportunity to succeed. The key is the student must complete a FAFSA application.

Cathy Mederos asked about COS implementing a Bachelor degree program at the community college level. Mr. Calvin informed the Board when they held a discussion about offering this opportunity to students; they discovered the degree has to be a degree not offered in any UC or CSU. It would be in a more conventional area. College of the Sequoias is not currently considering offering a specialized Bachelor's degree.

Lori Cardoza congratulated the District on the number of Tulare baseball players playing at COS – Ben Pederson pitched a perfect game.

Mr. Calvin responded to questions from the Board.

Correspondence: Model SARB

Tony Rodriguez informed the Board our district's Model SARB (School Attendance Review Board) Application was approved making our district eligible for Model SARB recognition. A field verification visit has been scheduled on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 between 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. They have requested a Board member to be available for an interview. Mr. Rodriguez will share more information when he receives it. The Board will check their calendars and see who can attend.

8.0 Information Items

8.1 Adoption of New Textbooks

Lucy Van Scyoc presented a chart of the departments requesting new textbooks for 2020-2021. The six textbooks were approved by the principals, department chairs, and cabinet for Board approval. It was noted that Latin is a popular course in the World Language department at Tulare Union High School. The textbooks will be available in the Conference room at the District Office for review from March 5–20, 2020. Textbooks will only be ordered once sites have finalized enrollment numbers for those courses.

8.2 Recovery Resources Agreement for Additional Days of Drug/Alcohol Counseling Services and Follow-Up Drug Tests

Tammy Aldaco informed the Board due to starting the counseling earlier in the school year and having students that require random testing that roll over into a new school year, the District needs to increase services. There is a need to add additional days to the contract for a certified counselor on each of the comprehensive sites to provide the necessary prevention services for the students. The request is to add 35 additional days of prevention counseling and 28 additional follow up drug tests. The cost for additional days of prevention counseling and follow up tests would cost \$12,985. Mrs. Aldaco responded to questions from the Board.

8.3 Information on Purchase of Mimecast Cyber Awareness Training

Donny Trimm informed the Board his department has researched companies that offer training and testing platforms for phishing techniques used by hacker's compromise networks. He is recommending Mimecast as a training and evaluation platform. This is a web-based online training program done with videos. All district employees and board members must go through the training. Mr. Trimm responded to questions from the Board.

8.4 Facilities, Transportation and Project Update Report

The Board received the Facilities and Transportation update in their packet for their review. Daniel Pierotte gave the board a brief project update on the 2-story building at Tulare Union and the time line for staff to occupy the building, he reported on the marquee at Accelerated Charter and the steps being taken to connect

power to support the sign and he spoke about the fencing at the Ag Farm. Daniel Pierotte responded to questions from the Board.

9.0 **Action Items**

9.1 **Candidates for 2020 CSBA Delegate Assembly Election Ballot**

On a motion by **Frank Fernandes**, and second by **Kelley Nicholson**, the Board voted to approve Candidates for 2020 CSBA Delegate Assembly Election Ballot by the following 5-0 vote:

Ayes: Fernandes, Fonseca, Hamilton, Mederos, Nicholson

Noes: None Absent: None

9.2 **Agreement for Legal Services with Ellis & Makus LLP**

On a motion by **Laura Fonseca** and second by **Frank Fernandes**, the Board voted to approve Agreement for Legal Services with Ellis & Makus LLP by the following 5-0 vote:

Ayes: Fernandes, Fonseca, Hamilton, Mederos, Nicholson

Noes: None Absent: None

9.3 **Resolution 2020-07 in the Matter of a Release of a Certificated Employee from an Administrative or Supervisory Position**

On a motion by **Kelley Nicholson**, and second by **Laura Fonseca**, the Board voted to approve Resolution 2020-07 in the Matter of a Release of a Certificated Employee from an Administrative or Supervisory Position by the following 5-0 vote:

Ayes: Fernandes, Fonseca, Hamilton, Mederos, Nicholson

Noes: None Absent: None

9.4 **Resolution 2020-09 in the Matter of the Reduction of Classified School Services for the 2020-2021 School Year**

On a motion by **Frank Fernandes**, and second by **Craig Hamilton**, the Board voted to approve Resolution 2020-09 in the Matter of the Reduction of Classified School Services for the 2020-2021 School Year by the following 5-0 vote:

Ayes: Fernandes, Fonseca, Hamilton, Mederos, Nicholson

Noes: None Absent: None

9.5 **Resolution 2020-10 in the Matter of Non-Reelection of a Probationary Certificated Employee(s)**

On a motion by **Frank Fernandes**, and second by **Craig Hamilton**, the Board voted to approve Resolution 2020-10 in the Matter of Non-Reelection of a Probationary Certificated Employee(s) by the following 5-0 vote:

Ayes: Fernandes, Fonseca, Hamilton, Mederos, Nicholson

Noes: None Absent: None

9.6 **Resolution 2020-11 in the Matter of the Release of a Temporary Certificated Employee**

On a motion by **Kelley Nicholson**, and second by **Laura Fonseca**, the Board voted to approve Resolution 2020-11 in the Matter of the Release of a Temporary Certificated Employee by the following 5-0 vote:

Ayes: Fernandes, Fonseca, Hamilton, Mederos, Nicholson

Noes: None Absent: None

9.7 **Joinder Agreement with the Tulare County Office of Education for Data Sharing Services from January 2020 to June 2023**

On a motion by **Laura Fonseca**, and second by **Kelley Nicholson**, the Board voted to approve Joinder Agreement with the Tulare County Office of Education for Data Sharing Services from January 2020 to June 2023 by the following 5-0 vote:

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

9.8 **Ratify Agreement between Tulare County Superintendent of Schools and Tulare Joint Union High School District for Travel Reimbursement for the Mission Oak Reconnecting Youth Class Attending Project Survival Cat Haven in Dunlap, CA on January 23, 2020**

On a motion by **Frank Fernandes**, and second by **Craig Hamilton**, the Board voted to ratify the agreement between Tulare County Superintendent of Schools and Tulare Joint Union High School District for Travel Reimbursement for the Mission Oak Reconnecting Youth Class Attending Project Survival Cat Haven in Dunlap, CA on January 23, 2020 by the following 5-0 vote:

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

9.9 **Second Interim Financial Report for 2019-2020**

On a motion by **Laura Fonseca**, and second by **Kelley Nicholson**, the Board voted to approve the Second Interim Financial Report for 2019-2020 by the following 5-0 vote:

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

9.10 **Hold Public Hearing and Approve Submission of Online General Waiver Request for Accelerated Charter High School**

On a motion by **Laura Fonseca**, and second by **Kelley Nicholson**, the Board voted to Hold a Public Hearing and Approve Submission of Online General Waiver Request for Accelerated Charter High School by the following 5-0 vote:

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

9.11 **Resolution 2020-13 Requesting for Board Authority to Pursue a Public Benefits Grant from the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District**

On a motion by **Frank Fernandes**, and second by **Kelley Nicholson**, the Board voted to approve Resolution 2020-13 Requesting for Board Authority to Pursue a Public Benefits Grant from the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District by the following 5-0 vote:

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

9.12 **Education Affiliation Agreement for Saint Agnes Medical Center**

On a motion by **Laura Fonseca**, and second by **Kelley Nicholson**, the Board voted to approve Education Affiliation Agreement for Saint Agnes Medical Center by the following 5-0 vote:

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

10.0 **Consent Calendar**

On a motion by **Frank Fernandes**, and second by **Craig Hamilton**, the Board voted to approve the Consent Calendar by the following 5-0 vote:

Ayes: Fernandes, Fonseca, Hamilton, Mederos, Nicholson

Noes: None Absent: None

- 10.1 Minutes of Regular Board Meeting held on February 20, 2020 and Special Board Meeting held on February 24, 2020
- 10.2 Expenditures (Purchase Orders, Payment Vouchers, etc.) [Hamilton]
- 10.3 Overnight Travel Request for the Tulare FFA Team to attend the 52nd Annual FFA Field Day in Chico, CA from March 13-14, 2020 [Aldaco]
- 10.4 Overnight Field Trip Request for the Tulare Western High School Odyssey of the Mind Team to attend the State Competition in Moreno Valley, CA on March 20-21, 2020 [Aldaco]
- 10.5 Donation to Mission Oak High School ASB Drama Club from Multiple Donors [Hamilton]
- 10.6 Donation to Mission Oak High School ASB S Club from Tulare City School District [Hamilton]
- 10.7 Donation to Tulare Union High School Principal's Reserve from California Table Grape Commission [Hamilton]
- 10.8 Donation to Tulare Union High School Principal's Reserve from Ohiopyle Prints Inc. [Hamilton]

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

11.0 **Review 12-Month Board Calendar**

The Board received the 12-Month Board calendar.

The next School Board Site Visit is scheduled on Monday, March 9, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at Mission Oak High School.

School Board Outstanding Achievement Awards for Opportunity Education will be held on Monday, March 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Kelley Nicholson will chair the meeting.

12.0 **Any Other Business**

Board President, Cathy Mederos is disappointed the California voters rejected Prop 13. This limits our ability to move forward with our Facility Master Plan. The Board held a brief discussion and agreed to schedule a special board meeting on Tuesday, March 31, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss facilities.

Reminder: Community Night on March 16, 2020, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m., Tulare Union Auditorium. The presentation is aimed at educating and curbing the rising rate of vape use amongst teens.

13.0 **Adjourn to Closed Session**

14.0 **Reconvene in Regular Session**

Board President, Cathy Mederos, reported out the following information from closed session.

15.0 Personnel Report

On a motion by **Frank Fernandes** and second by **Craig Hamilton**, 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. Accept Resignation of **David McAllister** as Technology Curriculum Specialist, at Tulare Joint Union High School Districtwide, effective June 30, 2020.
2. Accept Resignation of **Jennifer Zolnierowicz** as English Teacher, at Tulare Western High School, effective June 4, 2020.
3. Accept Resignation of **Matthew Vejar** as Math Teacher, at Tulare Western High School, effective June 4, 2020.
4. Accept Resignation of **Misty Parker** as CNA Instructor, at Tulare Western High School, effective June 4, 2020.
5. Accept Resignation of **Tiffini Knight** as English Teacher, at Sierra Vista Charter High School, effective June 4, 2020.
6. Accept Retirement of **Dave Mayhew** as Social Studies Teacher, at Accelerated Charter High School, effective June 4, 2020.
7. Accept Retirement of **Philip Hampton** as Maintenance & Operations Supervisor, at Tulare Union High School, effective June 30, 2020.
8. Approve Volunteer Placement of **Jewelle Haney** as Student Observer, at Tulare Western High School, effective March 6, 2020.
9. Approve **Spring Coaches Assignments** as presented District Wide, effective March 2, 2020.

16.0 Student Matters

By a 5-0 vote, on a motion by **Laura Fonseca** and second by **Kelley Nicholson**, the Board voted on the following seven intra-district requests for a student to attend a school outside of their attendance area for the **2020-2021** school year per district policy 5116.1:

- (1) Uphold a denial and deny an appeal;
- (2) Deny a request submitted based on Ed. Code 35160.5;
- (3) Approve five requests based on sibling rule.

Ayes: Mederos, Nicholson, Fonseca, Fernandes, Hamilton

Noes: None Absent: None

On a motion by **Frank Fernandes** and second by **Laura Fonseca**, the Board voted to approve as recommended eight inter-district transfer requests for students to attend a school inside of the Tulare Joint Union High School District attendance area while living outside the Tulare Joint Union High School District attendance area for the **2020-2021** school year, per district policy 5117, by the following 5-0 vote:

Ayes: Mederos, Nicholson, Fonseca, Fernandes, Hamilton

Noes: None Absent: None

On a motion by **Frank Fernandes** and second by **Kelley Nicholson**, the Board voted to approve as recommended four inter-district transfer requests for a student to attend a school outside of the Tulare Joint

Union High School District attendance area while living inside the Tulare Joint Union High School District attendance area for the **2021-2020** school year, per district policy 5117, by the following 5-0 vote:

Ayes: Fernandes, Fonseca, Hamilton, Nicholson, Mederos

Noes: None Absent: None

17.0 **Adjournment**

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Next Meeting

Regular Board Meeting, March 19, 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