

***LAKE COUNTY COMMITTEE ON  
SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION***

**AUGUST 19, 2015**

**MINUTES**

**I CALL TO ORDER**

The Lake County Committee on School District Organization was called to order at 3:04 p.m. at the Lake County Office of Education, 1152 S. Main Street, Lakeport CA 95453 by Board President Patricia Hicks. Board Members Browning, Cooper, Lyon and Ryder were present.

**II APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Mrs. Lyon, seconded by Mr. Ryder, to approve the Agenda of the **Committee on School District Organization** of August 19, 2015.

Aye Browning; Aye Cooper; Aye Hicks; Aye Lyon; Aye Ryder - Motion Carried 5-0

**III PUBLIC INPUT** – There was no Public Input.

**IV APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. It was moved by Dr. Cooper, seconded by Dr. Browning, to approve the Minutes of the Lake County Committee on School District Organization on **June 17, 2015**.

Aye Browning; Aye Cooper; Aye Hicks; Aye Lyon; Aye Ryder - Motion Carried 5-0

B. It was moved by Dr. Browning, seconded by Mrs. Lyon, to approve the Minutes of the Lake County Committee on School District Organization **Public Hearing at Lucerne Elementary School** on **June 24, 2015**.

Aye Browning; Aye Cooper; Aye Hicks; Aye Lyon; Aye Ryder - Motion Carried 5-0

C. It was moved by Mrs. Lyon, seconded by Mr. Ryder, to approve the Minutes of the Lake County Committee on School District Organization **Public Hearing at Upper Lake High School** on **June 24, 2015**.

Aye Browning; Aye Cooper; Aye Hicks; Aye Lyon; Aye Ryder - Motion Carried 5-0

**V ACTION & DISCUSSION**

**A. ACCEPT THE FEASIBILITY REPORT ON UNIFICATION OF UPPER LAKE UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND UPPER LAKE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Mr. Falkenberg noted that the Committee relied heavily on the work the Districts completed in their original Feasibility Report. Upon review of each criteria by LCOE staff, it was deemed that the Report meets or substantially meets all required conditions.

It was moved by Mr. Ryder, seconded by Dr. Browning, to accept the Feasibility Report on Unification of Upper Lake Union High School District and Upper Lake Union Elementary School District.

Aye Browning; Aye Cooper; Aye Hicks; Aye Lyon; Aye Ryder - Motion Carried 5-0

**B. APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. LCCSDO 1516-01 REGARDING THE PROPOSED UNIFICATION OF UPPER LAKE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND UPPER LAKE UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Due to the magnitude of the unification issue, Mr. Falkenberg conferred with legal counsel to prepare the Resolution. Mr. Falkenberg reported that if the Resolution were to be approved today, there would be 35 days to file with the Registrar of Voters for the June 2016 election. The districts will be requesting a waiver of the election from the State Board of Education in November. The question is: can the election request be rescinded if the State Board of Education approves the waiver? Mr. Falkenberg has spoken with Diane Fridley at the County of Lake. She will seek legal counsel and get back to him.

Dr. Cooper expressed his concern over violating any timelines. Valerie Gardner, Principal/Superintendent of Upper Lake Union Elementary District, stated she wants the process to be done right. She just became aware of the time constraints yesterday and plans to meet with an attorney this week regarding the waivers. She expressed her appreciation of the support from the Committee. She stated that voting on the Resolution in October would be fine.

Pat Iaccino, Principal/Superintendent of Upper Lake Union High School District, stated they have posted notice for another Public Hearing before both Upper Lake school boards on August 29, 2015 to address the waivers of the election of new Board Members and of unification. Dr. Browning shared that another Public Hearing would provide the public with the opportunity for more input and would facilitate public opinion of the waiver of election. He noted that if the SBE does not approve the waiver request, the election process would move forward.

It was moved by Dr. Browning, seconded by Dr. Cooper, to table Resolution No. LCCSDO1516-01 Regarding the Unification of Upper Lake Union High School District and Upper Lake Union Elementary School District until a future meeting.

Aye Browning; Aye Cooper; Aye Hicks; Aye Lyon; Aye Ryder - Motion Carried 5-0

**C. APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. LCCSDO 1516-02 SUPPORTING THE DISTRICTS REQUEST FOR A WAIVER OF EDUCATION CODE §35722 AND §35710.51 BY THE CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Mrs. Gardner stated there may be other Education Codes that should be included in this Resolution. It was noted by Mr. Falkenberg that the Committee's approval of this Resolution was not necessary to the waiver process.

It was moved by Dr. Cooper, seconded by Dr. Browning, to approve Resolution No. LCCSDO1516-02 supporting the districts' request for a waiver of Education Code (§35722 AND §35710.51) by the California State Board of Education upon verification of appropriate Education Codes.

Aye Browning; Aye Cooper; Aye Hicks; Aye Lyon; Aye Ryder - Motion Carried 5-0

Dr. Browning took the opportunity to acknowledge audience member and former Superintendent of Schools Wally Holbrook. He thanked Mr. Holbrook for his guidance throughout the unification process.

#### **VI FUTURE BUSINESS**

The next meeting of the Lake County Committee on School District Organization will be held at 3:00 p.m. on October 21, 2015 at the Lake County Office of Education, 1152 S. Main Street, Lakeport, CA 95453.

#### **VII ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mr. Ryder, seconded by Dr. Browning, to adjourn the Lake County Committee on School District Organization adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

Aye Browning; Aye Cooper; Aye Hicks; Aye Lyon; Aye Ryder - Motion Carried 5-0

*Submitted by,*

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**BROCK FALKENBERG**  
Secretary to the Board  
Lake County Committee on School District Organization