

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

**December 9, 2015**

**MINUTES**

**I CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Lake County Committee on School District Organization was called to order at 3:00 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 also present. Also in attendance were Brock Falkenberg, Lake County Superintendent of Schools; Janice Bailey, Mary Ryder and Melissa Kinsel.

**II APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Mrs. Lyon, seconded by Dr. Browning, to approve the Agenda of the **Committee on School District Organization** of December 9, 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**

It was moved by Dr. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. Lyon, to approve the Minutes of the Lake County Committee on School District Organization on October 21, 2015.

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

**V ACTION & DISCUSSION**

**A. UPDATE ON UNIFICATION OF UPPER LAKE UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND UPPER LAKE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Superintendent Falkenberg provided an update of the unification process. The unification of the two districts is moving forward based on the November 5, 2015 vote by the State Board of Education to approve the two waivers submitted: one waiving the public election on unification; the other waiving the election of Board Members.

Interviews for potential Board Members were held on November 10. Twelve highly qualified candidates were interviewed by a committee consisting of Mr. Falkenberg, and former school superintendents Wally Holbrook, Chris Thomas and Bill MacDougall. The newly appointed board for the unified school district includes Keith Austin, Don Meri, Mel O'Meara, Claudine Pedroncelli and Diane Plante. Each board

member was mailed information regarding serving on concurrent school boards, per Education Code 35106.

Notice of the unification of the districts was sent to the following agencies on November 16, 2015: the Superintendent of Upper Lake Union Elementary District; the Superintendent of Upper Lake Union High District; the Lake County Board of Supervisors; the Lake County Assessor; Lake County Auditor/Controller; the Lake County Registrar of Voters; the Lake County Treasurer; Lake County Counsel; California State Board of Education; the State Board of Equalization; the California Department of Education; the California Department of General Services; Lake County LAFCO; and the Office of Public School Construction.

Mr. Falkenberg reported that the IT department at the County of Lake has been extremely helpful in generating maps of the Unified School District.

The first meeting of the Unified District will be held at Upper Lake High School at 6:00 p.m. on December 15, 2015. The agenda was released on December 3, 2015. County Superintendent Falkenberg will chair the first meeting until a new board president is elected. The meeting will be mainly organizational – including election of officers, approval of bylaws and approval of a Conflict of Interest Resolution

**B. SET FUTURE MEETING DATE(S)**

It was moved by Dr. Browning, seconded by Mr. Ryder to hold the next meeting of the Lake County Committee on School District Organization at 3:00 p.m. on the same day as the December 2016 meeting.

The motion was then amended to remove the specific meeting time. Dr. Browning moved, Mrs. Lyon seconded, the motion as amended.

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

**VI FUTURE BUSINESS**

The next regular meeting of the Lake County Committee on School District Organization will be held on the same day as the December 2016 Lake County Board of Education meeting. Time to be determined.

**VII ADJOURNMENT**

The Lake County Committee on School District Organization adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

*Submitted by,*

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