

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

1152 South Main Street
Lakeport, CA 95453

REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 18, 2017 MINUTES

I CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Lake County Board of Education 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 David Browning. Board Members Cooper, Hicks, Kinsel and Lyon were present. Also present were Brock Falkenberg, Lake County Superintendent of Schools, and LCOE staff members Lynn Thomasson, Michelle Buell, April Leiferman, Cynthia Lenner and Janice Bailey.

II APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Ms. Kinsel, seconded by Mrs. Lyon, to approve the Agenda of the regular meeting of January 18, 2017.

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

III PUBLIC INPUT – There was no Public Input.

IV APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Ms. Kinsel, seconded by Mrs. Hicks, to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of December 14, 2016.

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

V PROGRAM REPORTS

A. LCAP Update – Cynthia Lenner presented information on the partnership with CCEE (California Collaborative of Educational Excellence) to provide professional development to school districts, county offices, and charter schools for utilization of the LCAP evaluation rubrics and annual update template. The CCEE also implements a pilot program to bring people together to work collaboratively to share problems and ideas. The pilot program, *Mendo-Lake County Professional Learning Network*, established by Ms. Lenner and Aaron Carter from the Mendocino County Office of Education, are working with five districts from Mendocino County and two from Lake County to improve student outcomes through a series of meetings.

VI ACTION & DISCUSSION

A. REVIEW OF THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT DATED JUNE 30, 2016 PRESENTED BY CHRISTY WHITE ACCOUNTANCY

Mr. Michael Ash, a partner of Christy White Accountancy, presented the annual audit report. He assured the Board that the long term debt listed in the report was due to GASB (Governmental Accounting Standards Board) Statement 68 relating to the new financial reporting requirements established for state and local governments pertaining to their employees with pension benefits (PERS/STRS) – and is neither a liability nor concern.

The majority of the report summary reflected an “unmodified” opinion, the highest designation achieved; with two findings not related to financial standings. The first finding was a result of no SARC (School Accountability Report Card) developed for the Renaissance Court School, which was closed in October 2016. The second finding was related to a match requirement in the ASES program. Lynn Thomasson, Assistant Director of Business Services, supplied updated information on the match that will be reflected in an updated audit report.

B. APPROVAL OF SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT CARDS (SARCs) FOR CLEARLAKE CREATIVITY SCHOOL AND HANCE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

It was moved by Mrs. Hicks, seconded by Dr. Cooper, to approve the School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs) for Clearlake Community School and Hance Community School, to include additional information provided.

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

C. APPROVAL OF MASTER AGREEMENT FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

It was moved by Ms. Kinsel, seconded by Mrs. Lyon, to approve the Master Agreement for Architectural Services with QKA Architects for design and construction of projects as needed.

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

D. APPROVAL OF QUARTERLY REPORT ON WILLIAMS UNIFORM COMPLAINTS FOR LAKE COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION FOR JANUARY 2017

It was moved by Ms. Kinsel, seconded by Mrs. Hicks, to approve the Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints for Lake County Office of Education for January 2017.

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

E. DISCUSSION ITEM – COLLEGE READINESS BLOCK GRANT (CRBG)

Cynthia Lenners, Senior Director of Student and School Support, presented information on the College Readiness Block Grant. This item will be presented to the Board for approval at the next regular board meeting scheduled for February 22, 2017.

F. INFORMATIONAL ITEM – REPORT ON TEMPORARY COUNTY CERTIFICATES (TCC) ISSUED FROM JULY 1, 2016 – PRESENT

The Board reviewed Temporary County Certificates issued from July 1, 2016 to present, and discussed the need to effectively support these teachers.

VII SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- Superintendent Falkenberg reported that the Taylor Observatory is being used as a center for science activities for students countywide. Assistant Superintendent Leiferman has worked to further develop partnerships with FOTO (Friends of Taylor Observatory) and CMAS (Children’s Museum of Art and Science). Mrs. Leiferman and the Educational Services department have created curriculum units, including lesson plans, for use at the Observatory. Dr. Cooper commented on the recent *Science Saturday*, a monthly event sponsored by LCOE and CMAS. He left the event extremely excited by the experience. Dr. Cooper commended Mrs. Leiferman and LCOE staff members Blaze King and Wayne Martin for the creation of a sandbox. He shared a video from the event of Carolyn Ruttan, Lake County Water Resources Department, demonstrating the new sandbox in a virtual presentation of the flow, geology and geography of Clear Lake.
- Mr. Falkenberg will develop and distribute a revised schedule of Board meeting locations, to include meetings at the Observatory, Hance and Clearlake Creativity School sites.
- Mr. Falkenberg followed up on an item addressed in the audit report. He reported that recent legislative action requires the employer contribution to PERS be increased from the 8% of three years ago to an expected 29% by 2023. The current employer contribution is at 13%.
- Last year, the Legislative Analyst’s office determined that funding SELPAs was not a transparent way to distribute dollars, and that funds should be distributed directly to districts to tie into their Local Control Funding Formula. The Governor’s budget released last week did not include SELPA funding as part of general fund dollars; however, the Governor has asked for the formation of a task force to determine if future funds will be distributed directly to districts as part of their LCFF. It appears that SELPA will be funded for next year.
- An initial LCOE plan to provide services to severely handicapped students was presented to district superintendents. This plan will be more expensive to implement than what districts can offer, as districts already employ teachers and support staff. SELPA Director Sharon Hjella, along with district superintendents and special education staff, will meet to develop a plan for next year.
- Mr. Falkenberg reported on the efforts to reinvigorate activities at the Taylor Observatory, including expansion of the facility utilizing the funds donated by FOTO. Mr. Falkenberg recently met with Kelseyville Unified Superintendent McQueen with the intent of discussing an extension of the current 50-year land lease, approved by the Lake County Board of Education on May 8, 1980. Mr. McQueen and Tim Gill expressed their desire to terminate the current lease and assume oversight of the Observatory facility.
- Upcoming events include the speech competition of Academic Decathlon on Saturday, January 28, and the Super Quiz on February 4, at Clear Lake High. This year’s topic is World War II. Volunteer judges are still needed. The workshop on the Brown Act and Form 700, designed for Board members and school administrators, will be held at LCOE

on January 30. The Mock Trial competition will be held at the Lake County Courthouse on February 13.

VIII BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- Mrs. Hicks shared that she had difficulty with her internet connectivity over the past several weeks. She also indicated that she will be a volunteer judge at the upcoming Academic Decathlon.
- Dr. Cooper expressed the need to add an app on the Chromebooks to provide printing capability.
- Ms. Kinsel expressed the need for training for parents focused on homework support. Suggestions made include working with our Educational Services department, and including this parent support/engagement to the school's LCAP.
- Dr. Browning will be unable to attend the Board Workshop on January 30 as his wife will be undergoing eye surgery.

IX FUTURE BUSINESS

The next regular meeting of the Lake County Board of Education will be held on February 22, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. at the Lake County Office of Education, 1152 S. Main Street, Lakeport, CA 95453.

X ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting of the Lake County Board of Education adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Submitted by,

BROCK FALKENBERG
Secretary to the Board
Lake County Superintendent of Schools

Consideration of items not appearing on the posted agenda, if necessary, requires the following action prior to consideration: 1) A determination by a majority vote of the Board that an emergency situation exists (as defined in Section 54956.9 of the Brown Act); or 2) A determination by a two-thirds vote of the legislative body or, if less than two-thirds of the members that are present, a unanimous vote of those members present, that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the attention of the Board subsequent to the agenda being posted.

REQUEST FOR DISABILITY-RELATED MODIFICATION OR ACCOMMODATION: *A request for a disability-related modification or accommodation necessary to participate in the Board meeting should be made in writing to our office at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.*