

REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 19, 2015
MINUTES

I CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Lake County Board of Education was called to order at 3:44 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. Also present were Brock Falkenberg, County Superintendent of Schools, and LCOE staff members Gilbert Rangel, April Leiferman, Ruth Aldrich, Lynn Thomasson, Michelle Buell and Janice Bailey.

II APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Mrs. Lyon, seconded by Dr. Browning, to approve the Agenda of the regular meeting 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 A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mrs. Lyon, seconded by Dr. Cooper, to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting on June 17, 2015.

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

V PROGRAM REPORTS

A. UNDERSTANDING SBAC STUDENT SCORES – April Leiferman

Mr. Falkenberg introduced Assistant Superintendent, April Leiferman. Mrs. Leiferman comes to LCOE under a contract with Konocti Unified School District and brings a strong background in curriculum and instruction to the agency. Mrs. Leiferman provided information on the State's new student score report for the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). Last spring, students in grades 3-8 and 11 completed the computer-based SBAC (Smarter Balanced Assessments) in English-Language Arts and Mathematics. Sample score reports were reviewed.

Mr. Falkenberg also introduced the new director of Healthy Start programs, Jolene Chappel. Ms. Chappel, a graduate of Clear Lake High School, brings expertise in working with runaway and foster youth from her involvement with Redwood Community Services, the Nest, the Pad and the Harbor. Ms. Chappel indicated she is looking forward to helping the Healthy Start programs grow. She will present to the Board at a future date.

VI ACTION & DISCUSSION

A. APPROVAL OF QUARTERLY REPORT ON WILLIAMS UNIFORM COMPLAINTS FOR LAKE COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION – JULY 2015

It was moved by Mrs. Lyon, seconded by Mr. Ryder, to approve the Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints for Lake County Office of Education for July 2015.

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

B. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 1516-01 – LAKE COUNTY AMERICORPS TUTORING PROGRAM

Mr. Gilbert Rangel, AmeriCorps Coordinator with Lake County Office of Education, requested approval of Resolution 1516-01, acceptance of fiscal and programmatic responsibility for the AmeriCorps grant award (up to \$157,987) for the 2015-16 program year.

It was moved by Mr. Ryder, seconded by Mrs. Lyon, to approve Resolution 1516-01 regarding the Lake County AmeriCorps Tutoring Program.

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

C. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 1516-02 – LEASE OF ONE (1) SELPA BUS

Dr. Ruth Aldrich reported that the Lake County SELPA Governance Council has approved the lease/purchase of a bus to meet the Special Education transportation needs of Kelseyville Unified School District. This bus is being purchased via a lease agreement which requires the approval of the governing Board of the Lake County Office of Education.

It was moved by Dr. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. Lyon, to approve Resolution 1516-02 regarding the lease of one SELPA bus.

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

C. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 1516-03 – LEASE OF THREE (3) SELPA BUSES

Dr. Ruth Aldrich reported that the Lake County SELPA Governance Council has approved the lease/purchase of three buses to meet the Special Education transportation needs of three member districts: Konocti Unified School District, Middletown Unified School District, and Kelseyville Unified School District. All three buses are being purchased via a lease agreement which requires the approval of the governing Board of the Lake County Office of Education.

It was moved by Dr. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. Lyon, to approve Resolution 1516-03 regarding the lease of three additional SELPA buses.

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

D. APPROVAL OF LAKE COUNTY PLAN FOR EXPELLED YOUTH

Every three years the County Superintendent of Schools, in conjunction with the county District Superintendents, is required to develop a plan to provide educational services to expelled youth. It was noted by Dr. Cooper that it would be helpful to have changes/updates to the previous document highlighted in the current document. This item will be added to a future agenda for revision if/when the juvenile hall closes.

It was moved by Mrs. Lyon, seconded by Dr. Browning, to approve the Lake County Plan for Expelled Youth.

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

E. DISCUSSION ITEM – STATUS OF RENAISSANCE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Mr. Falkenberg provided an update on the potential closure of the Renaissance juvenile hall program. At their August 18, 2015 meeting, the Lake County Board of Supervisors agreed to move forward with a proposed partnership with Mendocino County to consolidate housing services for juvenile offenders. This consolidation of services is a matter of fiscal stability to both counties due to the reduction of students being served in each facility. Displacement of existing staff is of concern. There is a position currently being held for the one classified staff; and certificated personnel have been encouraged to look for a permanent position with districts. Another employment option is to have an MOU with a local district for the services for the certificated staff through the end of their contract on June 30, 2015.

F. DISCUSSION ITEM – STATUS OF TAYLOR OBSERVATORY

Mr. Falkenberg reported that the Friends of Taylor Observatory (FOTO) is hoping to utilize a donation of \$100,000 to add a new building on the Taylor site to house a solar observatory with a retractable roof and telescope to view solar flares. This is an opportunity for LCOE to partner with FOTO in their efforts. Mr. Falkenberg cautioned the group to take the project slowly to ensure that all requirements of a school building are met, and all appropriate steps and procedures are followed. A consultation with Kelseyville Unified District is needed as they own the property. The current lease with Kelseyville Unified was signed in 1978. It is a 50-year lease at the rate of \$1/year.

PUBLIC HEARING ON SUFFICIENCY OF TEXTBOOKS/INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS FOR RENAISSANCE COURT SCHOOL (5:00 p.m.)

In accordance with Education Code Section 60119, a Public Hearing was held on the sufficiency of textbooks/instructional materials in each subject which is consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum framework adopted by the State Board.

The Public Hearing was opened at 5:03 p.m. As there was no public in attendance, the Public Hearing was closed at 5:05 p.m.

F. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 1516-04 REGARDING THE SUFFICIENCY OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS FOR RENAISSANCE COURT SCHOOL

It was moved by Dr. Browning, seconded by Mrs. Lyon, to approve Resolution 1516-04 Regarding the Sufficiency of Textbooks/Instructional Materials for Renaissance Court School.

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

VII SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Superintendent Falkenberg provided an update on the upcoming November election. In Trustee Area 2, Dr. Cooper is the only candidate running. In Trustee Area 1, the only candidate is Melissa Kinsel. Ms. Kinsel is from Hidden Valley Lake and has children attending the Middletown Unified School District.
- CSBA continues to work on county office policies.
- ESEA seems to be moving forward through congress and the senate. There is a good possibility we will transition from NCLB to either Student Success Act or Every Child Succeeding.
- Our staff has been working diligently through July on LCAP review and approval. Lucerne's LCAP has been approved; Upper Lake High School District and Lakeport Unified have received conditional approvals; Konocti, Kelseyville, Middletown and Upper Lake Elementary District have significant revisions to be made, and will need approval from their school boards.
- The Medical Therapy Unit (MTU), designed for children who require OT or PT services, was originally purchased by SELPA and is currently housed on a Konocti Unified campus. Due to expansion, Konocti Unified is hoping to utilize this space for one of its programs. Currently, over half of the children accessing services are from the Kelseyville/Lakeport area. An option for relocation is to use the former ASPIRE center at the Hance Education Center. If such a move should occur, it would impact the Safe Schools and AmeriCorps programs currently housed in that space.
- Office space is also an issue at the Clearlake Creativity School due to additional needs of the TPP grant; and potential new staffing needs for the QRIS grant at the LCOE main office.
- A new HUB will be opening in Clearlake Oaks on the East Lake School campus. A change in the leadership in the partner agencies has delayed the opening a bit. Gloria Flaherty of Lake Resource Center will be retiring. Dr. Cooper announced that a dental unit will be opening on Konocti's Carle High site.
- The Hero Project will have an information and activity center at the Lake County Fair, including an obstacle course for children ages 0-10.
- Enrollment at Marymount CA University is growing. Mr. Falkenberg recently attended the event honoring retiring Marymount President, Dr. Brophy.
- Although the *Big Read* did not receive grant funding this year, permission has been received from the project to hold local events and activities pertaining to the book, *To Kill a Mockingbird*. The Lake County Library will be the lead agency and LCOE will support the program with a \$3000 contribution.
- All local shelters opened during the Rocky and Jerusalem fires have been closed.

VIII BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- Dr. Browning and Mr. Falkenberg plan to attend the CCBE conference in Monterey on September 11. An invitation to attend the conference will be extended to incoming Board member Melissa Kinsel, who will take office in December.
- Mrs. Hicks requested a review of the CSBA policy AR 4144.1 on student suspension. She questioned whether it is necessary to have a policy on students we do not serve. Mr. Falkenberg will review the policy.
- Mrs. Hicks had revisions to the draft Expulsion Appeals Handbook. She will review the changes with Mrs. Bailey.
- Mrs. Hicks has rescheduled her vacation and will not be in attendance for the October Board meeting.

IX FUTURE BUSINESS

The next Regular Meeting of the Lake County Board of Education will be held on Wednesday, September 23, 2015 (the fourth Wednesday of the month) at 3:30 p.m. at the Lake County Office of Education, 1152 S. Main Street, Lakeport, CA 95453.

XI ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mrs. Lyon, seconded by Dr. Browning, to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Lake County Board of Education at 6:07 p.m.

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

Submitted by,

BROCK FALKENBERG
Secretary to the Board
Lake County Superintendent of Schools