

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

1152 South Main Street
Lakeport, CA 95453

**REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2015
MINUTES**

I CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Lake County Board of Education was called to order at 3:30 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 April Leiferman, Michelle Buell, Stephanie Wayment, Lynn Thomasson, Karen Shippley, and Janice Bailey. Melissa Kinsel was also present.

II APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Dr. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. Lyon to approve the Agenda of the regular meeting of September 23, 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 Mrs. Lyon, seconded by Mr. Ryder, to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting on August 19, 2015.

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

V PROGRAM REPORTS

A. EMERGENCY SERVICES/VALLEY FIRE UPDATE

Superintendent Falkenberg introduced Rob Young, the liaison between the county and school districts for emergency services. Mr. Young shared that the Valley fire spread so quickly and in so many different directions that the focus was first on getting families to safety. He reported that the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has now moved from shelter and care status into recovery status. All Middletown schools, with the exception of Cobb Elementary, are scheduled to reopen on Monday, September 28. Classes from Cobb will meet on the Minnie Cannon campus while the Cobb school undergoes a deep cleaning for smoke and ash damage. Mr. Falkenberg reported that an estimated 1000 homes were destroyed in the fire, resulting in approximately 3000 people displaced, including 500 student.

Dr. Browning expressed his concern for students being in school while displaced. Mr. Falkenberg shared that according to the McKinney Vento Act, all displaced students are considered homeless and have the right to enroll in the school of their residence; and have the right to transportation to and from school. Mr. Falkenberg shared that after meeting with district transportation directors, a bus route around the lake has been planned to get students to and from school. The list of bus stops will be published in local media once needs are determined.

FEMA is already in the area and is determining the needs of local families. Temporary housing and buildings will be delivered as necessary.

LCOE staff has been involved in volunteer recruitment. AmeriCorps staff has worked in the distribution centers.

Mr. Falkenberg commended Mr. Young on his commitment of time and energy. He stated that Mr. Young knows how to ask important questions and then present the information to the schools. Dr. Cooper thanked Mr. Falkenberg for his email communication and updates during the fire.

B. LCAP UPDATE

Stephanie Wayment, Director of Educational Resources and Accountability, reported that the LCAP for Lake County Office of Education has been approved by the CDE. All district LCAP documents have been approved at the county level. Mrs. Wayment shared that district documents vary in length, with some averaging over 70 pages. Some district documents are more detailed; however the length of the document does not necessarily indicate more robust activity at the district level. At this time, the State does not have a structure to read district-level plans. Mr. Falkenberg reported that three criteria are used for district review: Did they use the required template? Does the budget align to the LCAP? Is the money being used legally?

Michelle Buell, Senior Director of Business Services, presented information on Supplemental and Concentration dollars for unduplicated pupils (students from low socioeconomic backgrounds, foster youth or English learners).

VI ACTION & DISCUSSION –The order of the Agenda was modified due to time constraints of the Public Hearing at 5:00 p.m. First on the Agenda was Item VI-B. Item VI-A was discussed after the Public Hearing.

A. APPROVAL OF UNAUDITED ACTUALS FOR THE 2014-15 FISCAL YEAR

It was moved by Dr. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. Lyon to approve the 2014-15 Unaudited Actuals Financial Report.

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

B. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 1516-05 – ADOPTING THE “GANN” LIMIT

It was moved by Dr. Browning seconded by Dr. Cooper, to approve Resolution No. 1516-05 – Adopting the “Gann” Limit.

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

C. ACCEPT DONATION FROM THE LEIBOWITZ ESTATE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000

It was moved by Mr. Ryder, seconded by Mrs. Lyon, to accept the \$25,000 donation from the Leibowitz Estate.

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

D. ACCEPT DONATION FROM CACHE CREEK VINEYARDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$274 TO HEALTHY START PROGRAM

It was moved by Dr. Cooper seconded by Mrs. Lyon, to accept the \$274 donation from Cache Creek Vineyards to the Healthy Start Program.

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON SUFFICIENCY OF TEXTBOOKS FOR HANCE SCHOOL AND CLEARLAKE CREATIVITY SCHOOL (5:00 p.m.)

The Public Hearing opened at 5:01 p.m. There were no members of the Public present. Board President Hicks noted that although Sufficiency of Instructional Materials was indicated, she would like a specific student/book count included in the future. The Public Hearing was closed at 5:06 p.m.

E. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 1516-06 REGARDING THE SUFFICIENCY OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS FOR HANCE SCHOOL AND CLEARLAKE CREATIVITY SCHOOL

It was moved by Dr. Browning, seconded by Mr. Ryder, to approve Resolution 1516-06 Regarding the Sufficiency of Instructional Materials for Hance School and Clearlake Creativity Schools.

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

VII SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- Superintendent Falkenberg reported that he met with counselors from around the County today at Marymount CA University. Looking at the community from that location, it was hard to note that the county is still in a state of emergency. He commended his staff for their courage, commitment and ability. He praised Rob Young for his dedication.

- The annual *New Educator Welcome* was held on August 25 at Riviera Hills, with approximately 90 attendees, including teachers new to the profession and those new to their district. Thank you to LCOE staff Robyn Bera and Annie Mills, along with sponsors Lake County Chamber of Commerce, PG&E and Mendo Lake Credit Union. This event is the first step in retaining teachers in Lake County.
- The Hero Project took a greater role in the Lake County Fair this year with a larger area and a children's obstacle course. Approximately 300 new participants registered.
- The annual leadership retreat for LCOE program directors and coordinators was held on September 8 at the Taylor Observatory classroom. The event provided an opportunity to review the mission and core values and to outline program goals for the year.
- Superintendent Falkenberg reported that all students housed at the juvenile hall were temporarily moved to the Mendocino County facility during the Valley fire due to displaced staff. The Lake County Board of Supervisors has approved the permanent placement of students in Mendocino County, with an estimated transfer date of October 15. The impact on existing staff was discussed. Options include having an agreement with districts for the services of teacher Brian Figg for the remainder of this school year, if he does not find other employment. There is an open position at the Hance Center available for the one classified staff member; and the special education teacher has volunteered to cut her hours.

VIII BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- Dr. Browning reported on the September CCBE Fall Conference. The meetings were well attended and much improved from past sessions. He attended a presentation by Robyn Bera on the Hero Project; and a session by *Attendance Works*, a program on the reduction of chronic absenteeism. CSBA is working diligently on a County Board policy manual. Dr. Browning was disappointed in missing the session on Foster Youth due to his early departure because of the fire reported in Lake County.
- Mr. Ryder reported that his back surgery was postponed due to the recent fire/evacuation. It has been rescheduled for the week of October 12.
- Mrs. Lyon reported that Soda Bay Road, west of Clark Drive, has been closed due to bridge construction. This has caused heavy traffic along Clark Drive, especially during the evacuation of the Rivas.

IX FUTURE BUSINESS

The next regular meeting of the Lake County Board of Education will be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 3:30 p.m. at the Lake County Office of Education, 1152 S. Main Street, Lakeport, CA 95453.

The Lake County Committee on School District Organization will be held on Wednesday, November 18, at 3:00 p.m. at the Lake County Office of Education, 1152 S. Main Street, Lakeport, CA 95453.

X ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Ryder, seconded by Mrs. Lyon, to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Lake County Board of Education at 6:20 p.m.

Submitted by,

BROCK FALKENBERG
Secretary to the Board
Lake County Superintendent of Schools