Sequoia Union Board of Trustees Special Board Meeting January 23, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

A special meeting of the Board of the Sequoia Union Elementary School will be held at 23958 Avenue 324, Lemon Cove, CA.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, for those requiring special assistance to access the Board meeting room, to access written documents being discussed at the Board meeting, or to otherwise participate at Board meetings, please contact the school office at (559) 564-2106 for assistance. Notification at least 48 hours before the meeting will enable the District to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to the Board meeting and to provide any required accommodations, auxiliary aids or services.

Documents provided to a majority of the Governing Board regarding an open session item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection in the District office located at 23958 Ave. 324, Lemon Cove, California during normal business hours and on the website at https://www.sequoiaunion.org/

- 1. CALL TO ORDER at 6:00 pm
- 2. FLAG SALUTE
- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Board Policy #9323 allows each individual speaker three minutes for public comment. The public may choose to address the board on any non agenda item at this time, or on an agendized item at this time or at the time of the items discussion. Before making a comment, please gain recognition from the Chair and direct your comments through the Chair. Due to COVID-19, if you wish to submit a comment virtually you may do so online at https://bit.ly/SUpubliccomment. Comments must be submitted one hour prior to the scheduled meeting opening to ensure they will be read. The same requirements relating to the three minute limit apply to written comments also. Comments submitted after the opening of the meeting, but before adjournment will be recorded in the minutes.

5. STUDENT/STAFF/PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 School Board Appreciation Dinner - Tulare-Kings

7. PUBLIC HEARING

8. ACTION ITEMS

9. DISCUSSION & REPORTS

10. CONSTRUCTION/MODERNIZATION ITEMS

11. SUPERINTENDENT

11.1 Field Trips

3-19-25 - 4th Grade - Exeter Historical Museum

5-16-25 - 3rd Grade - Adventure Park, Visalia

11.2 Financing Private Placement (Amortization Schedule)

11.3 Resolution Declaring Intention to Reimbursement Expenditures

12. HUMAN RESOURCES

13. BUSINESS

14. MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION

14.1 Update

15. CONSENT AGENDA: Items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and are acted on by the Board of Trustees in one motion. There is no discussion of these items before the Board vote unless a member of the Board, staff, or public requests specific items be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Agenda. It is understood that the Administration recommends approval on all Consent Items. Each item on the Consent Agenda approved by the members of the Governing Board shall be deemed to have been considered in full and adopted as recommended.

15.1 Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting 1-9-2025.

16. ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

16.1 Consideration of Agenda Items the Board Wishes to Discuss in Future Meetings

17. BOARD CALENDAR

18. CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (GC 54956.9) Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of section 54956.9 of the Government Code (Deciding Whether to Initiate Litigation): 2 potential cases A.PERSONNEL

1. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Certificated) (GC 54947)

19. OPEN SESSION: OTHER ACTION ITEMS

Consideration of items from closed session

20. ADJOURNMENT



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CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 School Board Appreciation Dinner - Tulare-Kings



TO:

Tulare County and Kings County Superintendents

FROM:

Wendy Colson, Tulare-Kings Service Center Council Chairperson

DATE:

January 6, 2025

REGARDING:

SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION DINNER INVITATIONS

The Tulare-Kings Service Center Council would like to cordially invite all Tulare and Kings County School Board Members, as well as their local Chapter President and Superintendent to our Annual School Board Appreciation Dinner on March 4, 2025. We appreciate your assistance in delivering the enclosed invitations to your School Board Members.

Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate spouses, children, or other non-member guests.

Registrations for this event are accepted on the TKSCC website: www.tkscc.org

Please complete the online registration by February 4, 2025. No-Shows or cancels after the registration deadline of February 4, 2025 will be billed to the district.

If you have questions, please call the Kings/Tulare UniServ Office, (559) 733-7706.

Thank you,

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C Jesse Aguilar, CTA Board Member Ed DeLaVega, CTA/ABC District H Angela Der Ramos, CTA Director at Large Robert Ellis, CTA Director at Large Rafael Gonzalez, NEA Board Member



School Board Appreciation Dinner

Tuesday, March 4, 2025 6:00 PM

Hilton Garden Inn 8715 W Hillsdale Ave Visalia, CA 93291

REGISTER ONLINE TO ATTEND AT WWW.TKSCC.ORG

PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR REGISTRATION BY FEBRUARY 4, 2025

CONTACT THE UNISERV OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS (559) 733-7706



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SUPERINTENDENT

11.1 Field Trips

3-19-25 - 4th Grade - Exeter Historical Museum

5-16-25 - 3rd Grade - Adventure Park, Visalia



Dr. Scott Pickle Superintendent/Principal

Field Trip/Transportation Request Form

Please fill out this request and return	the request to the			
Teachers: Bookwalter/Sho	ouman 3	prior to y	of Request: 1/	13/25
Location: Adventure 3	Park (to	explore	forces	\$ motion
Location: Adventure 1 Copy of Educational Packet attach	ed: YES	NO	NG	SS science
Cost of Tickets: Students \$ 25	_ Adults \$\ <i>O</i>	Entrance Fee: \$		
# of Student: 34 # of Adults:	6 = 40	110		# 910
Meals through Cateteria: YES	NO:			+ 90
Date of Trip: 5/16/25 Approx	imate Miles: <u></u>	_ X \$2.35 Total Co	ost of Trip: 90	1,000
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Superintendent	PTC President	Direc	ctor of Transport	ation

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23958 AVE 324/P.O. BOX 44260 PHONE: 559-564-2106 LEMON COVE, CA 93244-4260

^{*} Please follow the SOP Email completed form Hard Copy hand delivered to Tanya. Confirmation will be provided once your field trip has been approved by all parties.



Dr. Scott Pickle Superintendent/Principal

Field Trip/Transportation Request Form

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Cost of Tickets: Students \$	_ Adults \$ Entrance	e Fee: \$ tree
# of Student: 43 # of Adults: _	<u> </u>	
Meals through Cafeteria: YES	NO: _X	
Date of Trip: 3 19 35 Approxi	imate Miles: 17 X \$2.3	35 Total Cost of Trip:
Time of Departure: 9:00		
Deposit Needed: Yes of No_(c	ircle one) Deposit Amo	ount: \$
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Signature:	Date:	
Transporting by: Please Choose	Other:	
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•	PTC President	 Director of Transportation
Superintendent	I TO Flesidelic	Director of management

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SUPERINTENDENT

11.2 Financing Private Placement (Amortization Schedule)

Sequoia Union Elementary School District

2025 Private Placement

	<u>Lender 1 - Chase</u>		
Total Loan Amount	\$1,000,000		
Project Proceeds	\$875,000		
Issuance Costs	\$125,000		
Interest Rate	4.23%		
Term	10 Years		
Call Option	5 Years		
Avg. Annual D/S	\$118,926		
Minimum Loan Amount	\$1,000,000		

Notes:

- 1. Rates as of January 3, 2025
- 2. Principal maturing after 8/1/2030 is callable at par; denoted by ($^{\rm C}$)

Period Ending	Principal	Interest	Total Debt Service	Bond Balance
2/1/2025	-	-	-	1,000,000
8/1/2025	38,313	21,150	59,463	961,687
2/1/2026	39,541	20,340	59,881	922,146
8/1/2026	39,542	19,503	59,045	882,604
2/1/2027	41,232	18,667	59,899	841,372
8/1/2027	41,232	17,795	59,027	800,140
2/1/2028	42,995	16,923	59,918	757,145
8/1/2028	42,995	16,014	59,009	714,150
2/1/2029	44,833	15,104	59,937	669,317
8/1/2029	44,833	14,156	58,989	624,484
2/1/2030	46,749	13,208	59,957	577,735
8/1/2030	46,750	12,219	58,969	530,985
2/1/2031	48,749 ^c	11,230	59,979	482,236
8/1/2031	48,748 ^c	10,199	58,947	433,488
2/1/2032	50,833 ^c	9,168	60,001	382,655
8/1/2032	50,832 ^c	8,093	58,925	331,823
2/1/2033	53,005 ^c	7,018	60,023	278,818
8/1/2033	53,006 ^c	5,897	58,903	225,812
2/1/2034	55,271 ^c	4,776	60,047	170,541
8/1/2034	55,272 ^c	3,607	58,879	115,269
2/1/2035	57,634 ^c	2,438	60,072	57,635
8/1/2035	57,635 ^c	1,219	58,854	-

Total \$1,000,000 \$248,725 \$1,248,725



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SUPERINTENDENT

11.3 Resolution Declaring Intention to Reimbursement Expenditures

RESOLUTION NO. __2425-08____

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SEQUOIA UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO REIMBURSE EXPENDITURES RELATING TO ELIGIBLE PROJECTS FROM THE PROCEEDS OF TAX-EXEMPT INDEBTEDNESS

WHEREAS, the Sequoia Union Elementary School District (the "District") wishes to raise funds to finance public capital improvements consisting of the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, and the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities (collectively, the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, in order to provide funds to finance the Project, the District intends to issue or cause the issuance of tax-exempt bonds, certificates of participation or other obligations in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$1,000,000 (the "Obligations"); and

WHEREAS, in order to use the proceeds of the Obligations to reimburse certain advances made by the District for the Project before the date of issuance of the Obligations, but not more than 60 days before the date of adoption of this Resolution, Section 1.150-2 of the United States Income Tax Regulations requires that the Board of Trustees of the District (the "Board") declare its intention to reimburse such advances from the proceeds of the Obligations; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest and for the public benefit that the District declare its official intent to reimburse the expenditures referenced herein to implement the financing plan for the Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Sequoia Union Elementary School District does hereby resolve, declare, determine and order as follows:

- 1. Declaration of Intent. The Board hereby declares that it reasonably expects to issue or cause the issuance of the Obligations and to use a portion of the proceeds thereof to reimburse certain expenditures made by the District for the Project before the date of issuance of the Obligations, not more than 60 days before the date of adoption of this Resolution. The District anticipates that the Obligations will be issued in an aggregate principal amount which is sufficient to raise funds for the Project in an amount of up to \$1,000,000.
- **2. Effective Date**. This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption by two-thirds of all members of the Board.

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The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Sequoia Jnion Elementary School District, being the board authorized by law to make the lesignations therein contained by the following vote, on February 6, 2025.
Adopted by the following votes:
YES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:
President of the Board
ATTEST:

Secretary to the Board



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MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION

14.1 Update



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CONSENT AGENDA

15.1 Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting 1-9-2025



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MINUTES - SEQUOIA UNION BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, January 9, 2025 6:00pm

AGENDA

ATTENDANCE

Board Members *Present* Cody Bogan, Board President

Melissa Myers, Board Member Greg Dunn, Board Member Lane Anderson, Board Clerk

Board Members Absent Jon Cotta, Board Member

Staff Members *Present* Scott Pickle, Superintendent

Gladys Ramirez, Business Manager

OPENING BUSINESS

1. CALL TO ORDER

Regular Board meeting on January 9, 2025 was called to order at 6:06 pm by President, Cody Bogan. All Board members were present in the Gymnasium at Sequoia Union Elementary, 23958 Ave 324, Lemon Cove, CA 93244.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Board President, Cody Bogan led the flag salute.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA with amendment, Cody Bogan asked for a motion to approve the agenda with amendment to add 11.3 Resolution Electric Vehicle Program and 11.1 Field Trip to Monterey Bay

Motion by Trustee, Melissa Myers, **seconded** by Trustee Lane Anderson, to approve of the agenda with amendment to add 11.3 Resolution Electric Vehicle Program and 11.1 Field trip to Monterey Bay.

Motion carried 4-0.

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Vote:

Ayes: Greg Dunn, Cody Bogan, Melissa Myers and Lane Anderson

Noes: None

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Board President, Cody Bogan opened up for public comments. No public comments. Dr. Pickle reported no on online comment.

5. STUDENT/STAFF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

5.1 Mrs. Perez Neeley, Yearbook Pictures:

Yearbook committee was here to take yearbook photos of the board members. They will return next Board meeting to take a group picture and to take a picture of the missing board member tonight

5.2 Ms. Morgan Henson:

Update to the Ag program updated the Board on competitions for judging citrus. The students went to Porterville for a completion. There is 2 more competitions coming up. The students are very excited to be able to travel for these competitions. Meat judging will also be coming up. There is a 4 day conference coming up that Sequoia Union will need to take 2 students in order to keep our FFA Chapter in good standing. The advisory meeting will be coming up. A grant for classroom fruits and vegetables was recently awarded to Sequoia Union.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- 7. PUBLIC HEARING
- 8. ACTION ITEMS

9. DISCUSSION & REPORTS

9.1 Rex DeSpain, Isom Advisors: Bond measure/Modernization financing: Rex came to discuss the failure of Measure L. When the community was polled 70% said they would approve and 22% said they would say No. So there was a great pole that they thought this would pass. Measure L achieved 49.65% approval. 79% of the voters voted in the Sequoia Union School district. Historical voter turnout has ranged from a low of 34% to a high of 79%. Poling was done a year before the vote. Going into the election the same time Exeter had Measure L may have been a detriment.



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58 voters voted at the election without voting for or against Measure L which is an undervote of 4.35%. 3 of the 6 precincts did not support the Measure L above the required 55% levels. District has option to attempt another bond measure in June 2026 or November 2026.

The financing for getting \$700,000 fees will be the same as getting a \$5,000,000 financing. The smaller the amount the harder the financing is to get. Lender one will not do anything for under \$1,000,000. Interest rate is 4.23% with a term of 10 years, you can not pay off for the first 5 years. Lender 2 will not do anything for under \$1,000,000. Interest rate is 4.75% with a term of 10 years. Lender 3 interest is 5.05% but can be paid off at any time.

9.2 Ryan Morelli, Mangini Associates:

Ryan stated he doesn't know why it wasn't in the scope of the bid. It should have been in the plans. Ryan believes this is not an error he believes this is an omission of the plan. He can look into his error and omission insurance but he does think the insurance would not do anything about this. As he is not held to perfection.

9.3 New Construction and Modernization Discussion & Report by Consultant, Luke Smith:

Electrical work has begun on the feeders. The confirmation for alarms have been tied into the rest of the school. Once the low voltage happens they can put in the ceiling tiles. Coming up is ceiling tiles, touch up paint, exterior paint, flooring and interior and exterior touch ups. The punch list for building 1 is looking to be done February 11th. Finishing Mid-February 2025. And starting building 2 end of February 2025. The grand total for the windows was \$53.258.48 this will come for approval at a special board meeting on 1-23-25.

10. CONSTRUCTION/MODERNIZATION ITEMS

10.1 Change Order #15R – ADA Sidewalks *Tabled until after Closed Session*

11. SUPERINTENDENT

11.1 Field Trips

2-7-25 & 2-8-25 - AG Field Trip - Chico, Ca - Chico Field Day

3-7-25 & 3-8-25 - AG Field Trip - Davis, Ca - Davis Field Day

3-22-25 - AG Field Trip - Clovis, Ca - Clovis FFA Field Day

3-29-25 - AG Field Trip - Reedley, Ca - Reedley Middle College Field Day

5-3-25 - AG Field Trip - San Luis Obispo, Ca - Cal Poly State Finals

2-14-25 – 5th Field Trip – Monterey Bay Aquarium



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Motion by Trustee, Lane Anderson **seconded** by Trustee Melissa Myers, to approve Field Trips

2-7-25 & 2-8-25 - AG Field Trip - Chico, Ca - Chico Field Day

3-7-25 & 3-8-25 - AG Field Trip - Davis, Ca - Davis Field Day

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2-14-25 – 5th Field Trip – Monterey Bay Aquarium

Motion carried 4-0.

Vote:

Ayes: Greg Dunn, Cody Bogan, Melissa Myers and Lane Anderson

Noes: None

11.2 Refrigerator Bids

Bids will be coming on the Board Meeting on 1-23-25

11.3 Resolution Electric Vehicle Report

Dr. Pickle read the resolution of the Electric Vehicle Report to the Board Members.

Motion by Trustee, Melissa Myers **seconded** by Trustee Lane Anderson, to Approve Dr. Pickle to act as the executor of the vehicle program, **Motion** carried **4-0**.

Vote:

Ayes: Greg Dunn, Cody Bogan, Melissa Myers and Lane Anderson

Noes: None

12. HUMAN RESOURCES

13.BUSINESS

13.1 Business Financial Report

Enrollment as of January 6, 2025 is 390 students.

Charter Budget Report

Projected Income is \$4,854,397.07. Income received is \$1,377,102.97

District Budget Report

Projected Income is \$721,706.97. Income received is \$344,584.07

Cafeteria Budget Report

Projected Income is \$257,000.00 Income received is \$88,762.35

December Payroll

Certificated was \$266,693.82. Classified was \$81,103.91

Vendor Payments

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12-5-2024 was \$96,101.61

12-12-2024 was \$14,833.07

12-18-2024 was \$16,402.38

Bank Reconciliation Balances

Revolving Account is \$2,077.95 and Student Body Account is \$11,938.45

Attendance Summary by Grade was 98.55% for Charter

Attendance Summary by Grade was 100.00% for Elementary

Approve the Business Financial Report

Motion by Trustee, Melissa Myers seconded by Trustee Lane Anderson, to

Approve the business financial report, **Motion carried 4-0**.

Vote:

Ayes: Greg Dunn, Cody Bogan, Melissa Myers and Lane Anderson

Noes: None

14. MAINTENANCE, OPERATIONS AND GROUNDS

14.1 Update:

The state released an application for grants for busses. Districts that don't have fuel efficient busses may be able to get a new bus. Dr. Pickle will be applying for that.

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15.1 Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting (12-10-24) 12-17-24

Motion by Trustee, Melissa Myers **seconded** by Trustee Lane Anderson, to Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting (12-10-24) 12-17-24, **Motion carried 4-0.**

Vote:

Ayes: Greg Dunn, Cody Bogan, Melissa Myers and Lane Anderson

Noes: None

15.2 Approve the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting 12-17-24

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Motion by Trustee, Melissa Myers seconded by Trustee Lane Anderson, to Approve the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting 12-17-24, Motion carried 4-0.

Vote:

Ayes: Greg Dunn, Cody Bogan, Melissa Myers and Lane Anderson

Noes: None

16. ORGANIZATION BUSINESS

16.1 Consideration of Agenda Items the Board Wishes to Discuss in Future Meetings:

Before the end of the year revisit the bond measure.

More indept discussion on the loan.

17. BOARD CALENDAR

17.1 Tentative Special Board Meeting for January 23, 2025 **Motion** by Trustee, Melissa Myers **seconded** by Trustee Lane Anderson, to Approve the Tentative Special Board Meeting for January 23, 2025, **Motion carried 4-0.**

Vote:

Ayes: Greg Dunn, Cody Bogan, Melissa Myers and Lane Anderson

Noes: None

18. CLOSED SESSION

A.PERSONNEL

- 1. Public Employee Appointment (Certificated) (GC 54957)
- 2. Public Employee Appointment (Classified) (GC 54957)
- 3. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Certificated) (GC 54947)

B.STUDENT MATTERS

1. Consideration of Student Readmissions (EC 35146; 48912; 48918)

19. OTHER ACTION ITEMS

Consideration of items from closed session

20. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION: Open session was opened up at 8:19 pm CONSTRUCTION/MODERNIZATION ITEMS

10.1 Change Order #15R – ADA Sidewalks

Motion by Trustee, Greg Dunn **seconded** by Trustee Lane Anderson, to Deny the Change Order #15R – ADA Sidewalks,

Motion carried 4-0.

Vote:



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Ayes:

Noes: Greg Dunn, Cody Bogan, Melissa Myers and Lane Anderson

Approve the Hire of 6th Grade Teacher Alaura Shouse *Motion by Trustee, Lane Anderson seconded by Trustee Melissa Myers, to* Approve the Hire of 6th Grade Teacher Alaura Shouse, *Motion carried 4-0.*

Vote:

Ayes: Greg Dunn, Cody Bogan, Melissa Myers and Lane Anderson

Noes: None

21. ADJORNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm by Board President, Cody Bogan



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ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

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