

Superintendent's contract approved

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The board of trustees for the newly formed Yosemite Joint Unified School District unanimously approved the contract for District Superintendent Bill McCabe Tuesday, through June 2009.

The decision was made at the board's monthly meeting at the district's office on the campus of Yosemite High School.

The six-page contract includes an annual base salary of \$127,062, roughly \$10 more than his annual salary for 2005-2006.

McCabe currently presides over both the Coarsegold Union School District and the Yosemite Joint Union High School District and has been the superintendent of the Yosemite school district for roughly 10 years.

The unification of the Yosemite and Coarsegold districts was approved during the Nov. 8 special election and will become official July 1.

Also on Tuesday, the board unanimously named Sрни Vasan as the district's chief business officer, Joanne Pitts as the executive secretary and Pat Hansen-Sedor as the administrative assistant. Both Pitts and Hansen-Sedor held the same roles within the Yosemite Joint Union High School District, while Vasan was the director of business services.

On budget issues, the board unanimously approved an interim budget of roughly \$50,000 through June 30.

"That's what we are estimating," Vasan said in comments to the board. "As with any budget, it could change depending on the district's needs."

According to the interim budget provided by Vasan, district funds include \$10,000 borrowed from

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the Coarsegold Union School District and \$60,000 as part of a loan through the Public Schools District Organization Revolving Fund, available in four to six weeks.

The board agreed to pay back the Coarsegold loan as soon as the revolving funds come in and then will pay back the \$60,000 loan, Vasan said, through funds taken out by the state on a month to month apportionment.

The board also approved the first reading of its bylaws.

A special meeting of the board of trustees is set for Feb. 2 at Turlock Unified School District. McCabe said Turlock finished a unification process last year similar to Yosemite's and the meeting will be an opportunity for Turlock's board members to discuss the past year with board members from the Yosemite Joint Unified School District.

The next regular meeting of the board is on Feb. 28 at the Yosemite High School board room.

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