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## YJUHSD holds its last board meeting

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A chapter in the education system in Eastern Madera County came to an end June 12 when the Yosemite Joint Union High School District Board of Trustees held its final meeting.

YJUHSD will join with Coarsegold Union School District July 1 to become Yosemite Unified School District.

The CUSD Board will hold its final meeting June 21.

The YJUHSD Board members were presented with plaques by District Superintendent Bill McCabe.

Ending their board careers for the YJUHSD are Bert McSwain, representing Bass Lake since 1988; Tom Allcock, Ahwahnee, 1989; Karen Hutchings, Raymond, 1990; Priscilla Pike, Oakhurst, 2002 and Linda Olson, Coarsegold, 2002. Pike, who was unable to attend the final meeting, will serve on the unified board.

The Yosemite Union High School District became official Oct. 9, 1973. The first board was appointed by Norman Gould, who was Madera County Superintendent of Schools at that time.

He appointed Harry Baker from Oakhurst; Fritz Konklin, Coarsegold; Regina Harlow, Raymond; Herman Neufeld, Ahwahnee; and Russell Clutter, Bass Lake. The appointment was until June 30, 1974 at which time all were elected to their positions. Baker served as the first president of the board.

Yosemite High School opened its doors for students Sept. 9, 1976 with 421 students. As the school nears its 30th anniversary, the student body has almost tripled.

Through the years, alternative schools have been added to the district. There are two continuation schools, Ahwahnee High School and Mountain View High School; one independent study school, Evergreen High School; two necessary small schools, Foothill High School and Raymond Granite High School; one charter school, Glacier High School Charter; and an adult high school, Yosemite Adult High School.

Others who have served on the YJUHSD Board are: Ed Gonsalves, Jane Williams, Richard McMechan, Robert Muller, Sara Wilkins, Joe Giebel, Ken Kiehlmeier, Marti Stephens, Elsie Crawford, Gary Thompson, Bob Curran, Jim Hubbard, Susan Macy, Dennis Adams and David Hartesveldt.

The district has had five superintendents: Paul Pitman, interim superintendent appointed when the district was formed to serve until Feb. 28, 1974; Ken Savage, 1974-1979; Jerry Livesey, 1979-1988; Angelo Pizelo, 1988-1996 and Bill McCabe, 1996-present.

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