

been answered; Jim informed him that the questions that were not negotiable would be answered Wednesday at the joint unified staff meeting.

Action Items

Consider and/or Approve Bill Baker as Interim Superintendent

Jim French reported to the Board that Bill Baker could not be present but wished he could be here. Jim stated the Bill Baker has had many years and much experience in school administration. The contract that has been submitted is a standard contract and recommends the approval of the contract.

Motion

Bob Simmons motioned, seconded by Mike Cloud to Approve Bill Baker as Interim Superintendent of Trinity Alps Unified School District. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider and/or Approve Bill Odell as Chief Labor Negotiator

Jim French reported to the Board that Bill Odell has been Labor Negotiator for both THS and WES for quite a few years now. He is anxious to continue this position with the new unified district. He awaits district guidance to continue.

Motion

Mike Cloud motioned, seconded by Les Daye to Approve Bill Odell as Chief Labor Negotiator. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider and/or Approve Alan Swanson as Chief Counsel to the district

Jim French reported Alan Swanson has been chief counsel to THS and WES for many years. He has agreed to continue on as chief counsel with the Unified District.

Motion

Les Daye motioned, seconded by Mike Cloud to Approve Alan Swanson as Chief Counsel to the district. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider and/or Approve District Logo Contest

Jim French reminded all that the Logo contest for a Trinity Alps Unified School District Logo had been talked about at the November meeting. Marv Stewart offered a \$50.00 prize for 1st place. The board agreed to each put in \$10.00 to bring the 1st place prize to \$100.00.

It is suggested that all Schools within the unified district parameters will be included in the contest. K-12 grade will be included; color and/or Black and White will be accepted. Sizing should be letter head appropriate or at least be able to reduce to letter head size 8 ½ x 11 min no max. All imaginative ideas will be accepted, deadline will be 6 weeks due by February Board meeting.

A winner selection committee will be formed in the near future. Bob Lowden suggested that a representative from WES and THS student body should be selected to sit on the committee through screening then the board can make the final choice.

Sue Hazard and Jim French volunteered to work out initial contest details.

Motion

Mike Cloud motioned, seconded by Les Daye to approve District Logo Contest. The motion passed unanimously.

Information Items

Report from Trinity High School – Michael McAllister

Mike McAllister reported THS has hired a new Librarian and have a vacant Social Science teacher position that will interview next Thursday.

This last weekend was the annual Trinity Holiday Classic Basket ball Tournament; the varsity took 7th place and J.V finish in 1st place. It was a great tournament.

Teachers had an in-service day Friday. Star test will be discussed and plans on how to improve scores. December 21st will be the end of the 1st semester.

We will again be hosting Chinese students they will be arriving January 22 and will depart on January 30th.

Lyn Kelly has had Odyssey Ware implemented at Alps View this year, this software will help keep track to kid's scores and in turn improve scores.

Report from Weaverville Elementary School – Bob Lowden

Bob Lowden reported WES hosted an informal get together with THS and WES staff members, all board members were also invited. There was a great turn out and was a very nice evening. This Wednesday there will be an all staff meeting called by Bill Baker in the WES cafeteria. Bill Baker, Jim French, Mike McAllister and Bob Lowden will talk and answer questions.

First Interim will be submitted at this month's board meeting Tuesday December 11, 2007 @ 7:00 p.m. in the WES library.

Forest Reserves are still up in the air; our staff faxed 40 letters to Senators and Congressmen in support of the Forest Reserves. This is approximately \$1.2 mil funding for our schools and we need to do all we can to help protect this funding.

Jim French commented that he has just returned from Washington DC in regards to the Forest Reserves. The House passed but it is attached to the Energy bill because it can't go through on its own. Wally Herger voted against it. Until some things are changed on the Energy bill Democrats wanted no attachments, the Republicans said they won't sign. The biggest is if the President will sign, the two parties want to show their differences. No one has the answers. We will have to make some noise to be heard.

Temporary Trinity Alps Unified School District Information Website

Rich of THS has put up a temporary web sight trinityalpsusd.org. We have the rights to other web names that seemed the most appropriate. You can find Agendas, Minutes, unification information and Mike Flint as submitted pictures from our staff gathering so take a look. Thanks to Rich!

Interview Area IV Board Candidates

We have two qualified candidates for Area IV School Board Member position. Galen McCray was interviewed; Sylvia Green will be interviewed at the January 7th board meeting. A decision will be made in closed session at that time.

Closed Session

The Board convened to a closed session at 6:35 p.m.

Open Session

The Board reconvened to open session. It was reported out of closed session that Jim French was given direction to invite a representative for CSBA administrative search services to our next board meeting, January 7, 2008 to give a presentation for Superintendent search.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held Monday January 7, 2008 at Alps View School room #1 @ 6 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
James B. French, County Superintendent
Trinity County Office of Education

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