

# TRINITY ALPS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Alps View High School Room 1 .....Monday, January 14, 2008  
200 Weaver Bally Road.....Business Meeting – 6:00 p.m.  
Weaverville, California.....

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD MINUTES

Trinity Alps Unified School District Governing Board:

George Tkach, President – Present  
Les Daye – Absent  
Mike Cloud – Present  
Bob Simmons – Present  
Vacant – Area IV

- 1.0 **Call to Order** 6:02 PM
- 2.0 **Flag Salute** – Led by Trustee Tkach
- 3.0 **Review of Minutes** – The minutes of the December 10, 2007 Regular Meeting of the TAUSD Board of Trustees were reviewed.
- 4.0 **Approval of Minutes** - Trustee Cloud motioned, seconded by Trustee Simmons, to approve the minutes of December 10, 2007 as submitted.
- 5.0 **Comments from the Public** - Mike Flint, President THS Teachers Association, reported there has been much activity this month. The Association is currently working on a contract which they hope to have together next week and look forward to negotiations.
- 6.0 **BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE**
  - 6.1 Superintendent Report – William Baker  
Mr. Baker reported the following:
    - 1) He will be working on 08-09 calendar next few weeks and will get it out for in-put from employees. He would like to adopt a calendar in February.
    - 2) He will have information for the Board regarding Governor’s Budget for 08-09 soon.
    - 3) He will give the Board his schedule. He will be here Wednesday and Thursday this week.
    - 4) He will be working with both school’s staff and hopes to involve staff in appropriate decisions.
    - 5) He is glad to be here. He recommends another meeting this month.
  - 6.2 Report from Trinity High School – Michael McAllister, Superintendent  
Superintendent McAllister reported the following:
    - 1) Current enrollment at THS: 95 freshmen, 113 sophomores, 88 juniors, 120 seniors = 416 total.
    - 2) TUHSD has selected the architect firm of Nichols Melburg & Rossetto for our modernization plan.
    - 3) Currently putting together a syllabus for next year’s class schedules. He discussed the Career Path model the school is planning to use.
    - 4) There was a snow day taken last week
    - 5) In process of applying for an electronic marquee at highway 299 and Weaver Bally Road.
    - 6) Recently installed C & C Router for furniture making in our wood shop.

### 6.3 Report from Weaverville Elementary School – Bob Lowden, Superintendent

Superintendent Lowden reported the following:

- 1) Briefly reported on a Budget workshop he attended today and what it means to us. A 14 billion dollar deficit is projected in California next year. We probably won't be able to fund the COLA next year.
- 2) WES recently received the Title 1 Academic Achievement Award for the second year in a row. They were also nominated for the NCLB Blue Ribbon School award. WES is one of only two schools in Northern California to be nominated, and the only rural school in the North state.

### 6.4 Interview and Appoint Area IV Board Candidate

Note: Mr. Galen McCray had previously been interviewed as a school board candidate at the December 10, 2007 TAUSD Board meeting.

Trustee Tkach introduced Sylvia Green. Sylvia reported that she lives in Burnt Ranch, and is a third generation Trinity County Resident. Sylvia has four children who have all attended Burnt Ranch Elementary and have/will attend Trinity High School. She has worked for Trinity County Behavioral Health for the past 7-8 years as a substance abuse specialist and commutes from Burnt Ranch daily. Sylvia then answered the Board interview questions: Sylvia has been a member of the Burnt Ranch School Board for nearly 9 years, she then reported on progress at the Burnt Ranch Elementary School; she attended Alps View High School and graduated from Alps View Adult Education in 1997 with also an AA degree and completed her Masters degree last August; she is actively involved in children's education; has done two internships as a social work student at 2 local schools; Sylvia feels unification enhances educational chances for children. Sylvia explained she will have a conflict on making meetings on Monday nights.

Trustee Cloud asked why she would want to be a board member, to which she answered that she wanted to make sure the downriver area was represented, and her own struggles with education has given her impetus to want all children to receive a good education.

After much discussion Trustee Tkach moved to approve Galen McCray. Trustee Cloud seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Jim French, County Superintendent swore-in Galen McCray, Area IV Board member.

### 6.5 Consider and/or Approve California School Boards Association to Conduct Superintendent Search Process

Mr. Baker introduced Barry Reed, CSBA

Mr. Reed explained his background to the Board, which includes Masters in Governance, Collective Bargaining, Policy and Judicial Review. He congratulated the Board and explained reasons why we need a strong Superintendent. Mr. Reed advocates a statewide search on the CSBA website targeting California, yet include everyone interested. The CSBA process is tight and confidential and provides professional screeners to read all applications before giving their recommendations to the Board. The Board would still read all of the applications and decide who to interview. CSBA provides in depth reference checks on each applicant, provides the recruitment brochure, and most of the secretarial needs.

Fees were then discussed: \$7,000 base fee; some other expenses, which could be as much as \$5,000; he feels a contract could read "not to exceed \$12,000" and cover all of the expenses.

Bill Baker and Alan Swanson both gave their support of CSBA.

Trustee McCray motioned to approve a contract with CSBA and to include the following language: "\$7,000 not to exceed \$12,000", seconded by Trustee Cloud. Motion carried unanimously.

A meeting between the Board and Mr. Reed was tentatively scheduled for January 23 5:30-7:30 PM at Alps View.

6.6 Exemption Certification for Interim Superintendent

Mr. Baker recommends the board approve an exemption regarding his earnings limit. He would like the possibility to exceed his limit and the exemption would allow him to go beyond that.

He and Mr. French explained it further.

MSC Trustees Cloud/McCray. Motion carried unanimously.

6.7 Review Job Description/Salary for Director of Business Services

Mr. Baker put together a recommendation for further review. No salary schedule at this time as he will have a recommendation soon. He feels this position as well as the Director of Facilities and Operations position needs to be in place ASAP while building a new budget for TAUSD. The high school is looking at modernization and needs the facilities and operations person involved in that project.

Trustee Tkach recommends two board members form a committee to review these two job descriptions this week. Trustees Tkach and Cloud volunteered. They will meet with Bill Baker on Wednesday @ 3:30 in the TUHSD Office Conference Rm.

6.8 Review Job Description/Salary for Director of Facilities and Operations

See above 6.7

6.9 Correspondence from Public Employment Relations Board Regarding Teachers Associations – Collective Bargaining

Mr. Baker states this is just for information.

Bill Odell, labor relations consultant, explained it further.

6.10 Correspondence from California Teachers Association Regarding Designation of New Chapter as Trinity Alps Unified School District

7.0 **INSTRUCTIONAL FUNCTIONS**

7.1 Consider and/or Approve Appointment of Alternate to the Shasta-Trinity Regional Occupational Program Board Member

Mr. Baker explained that this is an alternate position at present. Trustee Simmons offered to be the alternate.

Trustee Cloud motioned to appoint Trustee Simmon, second by Trustee Tkach. Motion carried unanimously.

7.2 Proposition 92 – California Measure Regarding Decrease in Community College Fees

Mr. Baker explained that this is information only. Mr. French explained that this is a difficult time fiscally for this measure. CA Teachers Association does not support this bill, California Federation of Teachers does endorse this measure.

8.0 **SCHOOL PLANT AND PROPERTY**

8.1 Consider and/or Approve Setting Date for Special Board Meeting to Visit Potential District Office Facilities

Mr. Baker suggests that the board meet on Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> before the Special Board meeting with Mr. Reed to visit the Bus Barn/Velocity Technology facility, and both district offices. Board members to meet at WES @ 4:00 on January 23.

9.0 **BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL**

9.1 Consider and/or Approve Resolution 078-01 Authorization to Sign Orders Drawn On the Funds of Trinity Alps Unified School District

MSC Trustees Cloud/Simmons. Motion carried unanimously.

9.2.1 Consider and/or Approve Interim Budget to Cover Anticipated Expenses for the Trinity Alps Unified School District through June 30, 2008

Mr. Baker appreciates everyone's help. It was noted that the document may need revisions.

MSC Trustees Simons/Cloud. Motion carried unanimously.

10.0 **Open Forum**

Trustee Daye – Absent

Trustee Simmons – Nothing at this time.

Trustee Cloud – Welcomed Mr. McCray.

Trustee Tkach – There is a lot of work ahead of us. He knows we need committee meetings as much as possible as well as official board meetings. It is good that we have CSBA on board.

Trustee McCray – He will be available for extra meetings and encourages assistance from others.

Mr. French discussed the handout he gave the board regarding the logo contest. Mr. and Mrs. Marv Stewart will donate the entire \$100 winners prize. Mr. French will generate some prizes for the runner-ups.

Mr. Baker suggests we get a mission statement together immediately for the CSBA statewide Superintendent search brochure. Trustees Tkach and McCray volunteered as mission statement committee members.

11.0 **Closed Session – 7:30 PM**

11.1 Government Code 54957 – Public Employee Performance Evaluation

11.2 Government Code 54957.6 – Collective Bargaining

12.0 **Report Out of Closed Session**

No Action Taken

13.0 **Adjournment- 9:00 PM**