

TRINITY ALPS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Weaverville Elementary School Library..... Monday, April 14, 2008
31020 State Hwy 3..... Closed Session – 4:00 p.m..... 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
Bob Simmons, Clerk – Present
Les Daye – Present
Mike Cloud – Present, Closed Session/Absent, Open Session
Galen McCray – Present

- 1.0 **Call to Order** 4:00 PM
- 2.0 **Flag Salute** – Led by Trustee Tkach
- 3.0 **CLOSED SESSION** - 4:02 PM

Government Code Section 54957.6 negotiations with CSEA and CTA District Negotiator – Bill Odell
Government Code Section 54957 Public Employee Appointment District Principal

Action may be taken

Trustee McCray adjournment of Closed Session 5:50 pm
Motion to convene to open session made by Trustee McCray, second by Trustee Daye

- 4.0 **Comments from the Public**- Mike Flint TAUSD Co-CTA Union President, reported he understood that the Board would sunshine CTA offers at this board meeting, but this issue wasn't on the Agenda. Mr. Baker states the Special Board Meeting of April 21, 2008 at 5:00 pm at Weaverville Elementary School Library they will have that issue on the Agenda, also they will be adopting the classified employees handbook. CTA has submitted a letter in regards to accepting CVT as their insurance carrier, but are still concerned about not knowing what the cap will be. Mr. Flint reports that CTA have negotiations planed for May 13, 14, 19, 20, and 21st, CTA is hoping board members will be at the table during the negotiation process.

News from Trinity High School, Teachers, Staff and Students came back from spring Break at a full run. The School is getting ready for Star testing next week; this week is review for students. Year book is wrapping up and will be sent to press Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. The year books staff is very busy with the final touches. Track is starting the season out with huge success; they won the Burt Williams Invitational the last week of March. The team came home with more than a fist full of medals. Over spring break a group of track students went to Enterprise school and all of them medaled.

- 5.0 **Review of Minutes** – The minutes of the March 10, 2008 Regular Meeting and March 27, 2008 Special Meeting of the TAUSD Board of Trustees were reviewed.

4.0 Approval of Minutes – Approval of the Governing Board Minutes of March 10, 2008 Regular Meeting MSC Simmons/Daye Motion carried Cloud/Tkach abstain McCray and March 27, 2008 Special Meeting 04, 2008 as submitted. MSC McCray/Daye Motion carried unanimously.

6.0 BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE

Item 6.1 Superintendent Report – William Baker

Mr. Baker reported the following:

1. There will be a meeting Tuesday April 15, 2008 to discuss Cafeteria services for the Trinity Alps Unified School District. Mindy Bentley, Cafeteria manager WES, Joyce Pennington, Cafeteria Manager THS, Ms. Morris, Principal WES, Mr. McAllister Principal Assoc Superintendent TAUSD, Mr. Lowden, Superintendent WES and Cindy Blanchard, Director of Business Services TAUSD will be attending the meeting; we will be discussing how to combine services, increase participation and selection of a Cafeteria Manager. Mr. Baker will report to the board at the April 21st Board Meeting with a recommendation for this process.
2. Special Board meeting on April 21, 2008 5:00 p.m. Weaverville Elementary School Library

Item 6.2 Report from Trinity High School – David Smith, Director of Facilities and Operations TAUSD

1. During spring break, Concrete Aggregate removed a large mound of dirt which doubled the size of the parking lot by the Gym at THS. They also created a road to the lower softball and soccer field. Inmates assisted with the project on Monday and Tuesday. The Auto shop area grounds were prepared for irrigation and AG department will do a tree planting project.
2. Mr. Smith also reports Weaverville Elementary School had a busy week also they created an area by the Kindergarten for new concrete tables. We also worked in the garden area. We utilized the inmates to bring in pea gravel and clean up the hill side. There was also work performed in the staff room to help the After School Program with their beautification project. The Geothermal tap will be completed and the Cafeteria will be completely converted to Geothermal.

Item 6.3 Report from Weaverville Elementary School – Rosalind Morris, Principal

1. Mrs. Morris reports spring is time to start preparing for next year and with Unification there will be many changes. WES has been holding staff meetings and team meetings to help maintain our current level of education.
2. Site Counsel met last month and reviewed the plan and outline the goals for the coming year. The main focus will be implementing math curriculum for next year.
3. There will be a week long training session available this summer for all teachers who teach math and we are hoping to have our staff participate.
4. Randall Walker and WES Music department is presenting the Aladdin play at the performing arts center. Having the play at the performing arts Center is a nice touch. The acoustics, nice chairs and just the over all feeling for the children makes such difference.

5. Spring field trips have begun, 5th grade went to Ashland Science Exploratorium. This fits right in with the 5th grade science standards. 1st grade went to the Wizard of Oz play in Redding at the Convention Center. Our 7th and 8th grade AVID students went on a tour of colleges in the north state this past week.
6. On April 21st Rosalind Morris, Kathy Larson and Annie Steele will be attending the Title I Academic Achievement Conference in Los Angeles. Kathy Larson our Reading coordinator has been asked to be a presenter at the conference. This request is due to Mrs. Larson's successful Reading program. Mrs. Larson with the help of Mr. Newton have put together a power point presentation for the conference that they would like the board to view.
7. The Reno Jazz Festival is coming up April 23-27th the Music department is gearing up for that.
8. Kathleen Graham our program specialist has been working with the staff on Math adoption for the 08-09 school year and they are narrowing down their options.
9. Student of the month is approaching and we now have two special awards in addition to the traditional ones. Our Boosters Club sponsors an outstanding character award and that goes along with a \$5.00 gift certificate that can be redeemed by our local businesses. Also Dean and Rene Ryan sponsor a reading award which includes a generous \$25.00 gift certificate and a \$5.00 Trinity Theatre pass donated by Ken Hill. Our schools have very generous community support.

Item 6.4 Approve memorandum of Understanding between Trinity Alps Unified School district and Trinity County office of Education for the Early Mental Health Initiative Grant.

Rosalind Morris reports that this is a grant proposal; Denise Squires from the County office is writing the grant for us she is a very experienced grant writer and feels we have a strong chance of receiving the grant. The idea came from a Site Council meeting when the California healthy kid's survey was reviewed. Site Council members were asked by Scott Lane to identify high priority areas of the survey. The single most priority areas were school connect to early intervention, drug and alcohol prevention. This is the grant that most addresses this need. This program will only take place if we receive the grant. MSC Trustee Daye/McCray, Motion carried unanimously.

Item 6.5 Approve Counseling Services Agreement between the governing board of the Trinity Alps Unified School district and Trinity County office of Education for the 2008-2009 school year.

This agreement is for continued use of counseling services provided by Shirley Shaden of Trinity County Office of Education as per past years and includes her to implement the K-3 grant program. MSC Simmons/McCray, Motion carried unanimously.

Item 6.6 Action was taken to select Health and Welfare Administrative Carrier California Value Trust for CSEA & CTA.

After California School Employees Association and California Teacher Association met with several different insurance JPA's it was decided by both units to go with CVT to be the insurance carrier for both units of the Trinity Alps Unified School district. MSC Trustee Simmons/McCray, to approve CVT as CSEA and CTA insurance carrier. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 6.7 Approve TAUSD Mission Statement

The Board has reviewed the mission statement over several Board meetings and they now have a revised version.

TAUSD Mission Statement

The Trinity Alps Unified School District is committed to preparing students for success by promoting responsible citizenship, critical thinking, knowledge and skills, within a safe, positive educational environment.

MSC Daye/McCray, to approve the mission statement. Motion carried unanimously

7.0 INSTRUCTIONAL FUNCTIONS

Item 7.1 Approve School Calendar for the 2008-2009 School year

Thank you to all who participated in putting the calendar together, Craig Miller, Christy Ravenscroft, Scott Lane, Rosalind Morris and Michael McAllister. This calendar meets all requirements of both sites. MSC Trustee Daye/Simmons. Motion carried unanimously

Item 7.2 Early start / Late start – Kindergarten program 2008-09

Mrs. Yoho and Mrs. Fisk have been working on an early start – late start kindergarten program. This should improve the Teacher to Student ratio and help meet the needs of students. Ms. Morris has contacted the state to insure that this program would meet the required minutes.

The Board agrees to move forward with an informational meeting with parents, and report back to the Board at the May Regular meeting.

9.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL

Item 9.1 Approve Agreement to prepare Developer Fee Justification Study

David Smith explained the Developer Fee Justification Study is a requirement in order to proceed with any modernization projects. MSC Trustee Simmons/Daye to approve Developer Fee Justification Study. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 9.2 Approve Request for Superintendents small district funding waiver for Community Day Schools

We have been in contact with the state and this is required to continue our funding for the Community Day Schools with-in Trinity Alps Unified School district. We are looking in to changing the core elements and an adjustment in the grade level configuration. MSC Trustee Simmons/Daye to Approve Request for Superintendents small district funding waiver for Community day School. Motion carried unanimously.

10.0 Open Forum Cindy Blanchard presented a budget calendar to the Board. Board discussed records organization, record facilities and declining ADA. It has been brought to the Boards attention that if Trinity Alps Unified School district expanded our bus territory down river that we could possibly pick up 10-12 additional students. The Board will continue to research this issue.

11.0 Adjournment Motion made to adjourn made by Trustee McCray, second by Trustee Simmons – 7:53 p.m.