

TRINITY ALPS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

Alps View High School Room 1..... Monday, May 19, 2008
200 Weaver Bally Road..... Business Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
Weaverville, California

Trinity Alps Unified School District Governing Board:

George Tkach, President – Present

Les Daye – Present

Mike Cloud – Present

Bob Simmons – Present

Galen McCray – Present

1.0 CALL TO ORDER – 6:07 PM

2.0 FLAG SALUTE – Led by Trustee Tkach.

3.0 ADDITIONS OR CHANGES IN AGENDA –None

4.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC- Rachel LaFein, THS drama, photo, and arts teacher invited board members to the “Evening of the Arts” this Thursday to be held at the Trinity Performing Arts Theatre.

Anne Schneider, CTA was introduced by Bill Baker. Anne discussed unification on July 1 and states she looks forward to working together. CTA is currently at the bargaining table with much work to do in a little time. She spoke highly of the teaching staff and thanked the board.

Mike Flint, Co-President TAUSD CTA stated the teachers would like to settle as soon as possible. Mr. Flint also noted that football practice for the new district began today.

5.0 CONSENT ITEMS

Trustee Simmons motioned to pull Item 5.2 for correction of Item 3.0 of the April 21, 2008 Board Minutes to read that the vote was not unanimous, Trustee McCray voted nay and Trustees Daye and Simmons were absent. Trustee Simmons also motioned to pull Item 5.4 as Trustee McCray was absent.

On motion by Trustee Cloud, second by Trustee Daye, the Trinity Alps Unified School District Governing Board approves consent ACTION items 5.1, 5.3 and 5.5:

Item 5.1 Approval of the Governing Board Regular Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2008

Item 5.2 Approval of the Governing Board Special Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2008

Poll: Trustee Simmons abstain, Trustee Cloud aye, Trustee Daye abstain, Trustee McCray aye, Trustee Tkach aye.

Item 5.3 Approval of the Governing Board Special Meeting Minutes of May 1, 2 and 3, 2008

Item 5.4 Approval of the Governing Board Special Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2008

Trustee Simmons moved to approve with corrections, motion carried with Trustee McCray abstaining.

Item 5.5 Approval of Resolution 078-07 Personnel Services – Annual Certificated Offers of Employment

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Letter from Weaverville Elementary School Staff Regarding Program Specialist Position –
Christy Ravenscroft

Christy Ravenscroft, 5th grade teacher at WES discussed her letter regarding proposed cut-back to Program

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Specialist. Ms. Ravenscroft explained that WES may cut 1 FTE in this program and she requests the program specialist position not be cut.

The Board thanked Ms. Ravenscroft.

7.0 INSTRUCTIONAL FUNCTIONS

Item 7.1 Trinity Alps Unified School District Independent Study Program/Human Response Network (HRN) Pre-School Program-Location of Programs for the 2008-2009 School Year

Mr. Baker prefaced by explaining we are considering moving the HRN preschool program to the WES campus and moving the WES independent study program to the Alps View Campus. This is an information item at this time.

David Crummy, HRN reported they own 2 buildings on the Alps View campus; one is used for the preschool program. The Youth Center on the WES site is also owned by HRN. There was more discussion.

Item 7.2 Special Education Program for the 2009-2010 School Year

Mr. Baker is bringing this back for information to see if the Board would like to administer a portion of the Special Ed Program (resource specialist, special day school). As the administrative entity we will need to make a decision by June 30, 2008. After that date this issue will go to the county feeder schools SELPA for a vote. Trustee Tkach, would like to put this on the June agenda for action with more backup information for the board. Trustee McCray voiced concerns about administering the program as the high school and two feeder schools from his district voted against administering the Special Ed Program. He would welcome information and discussion from the public.

Item 7.3 Approval of Early Start/Late Start Kindergarten Program for the 2008-2009 School Year

Mr. Baker introduced Rosalind Morris to explain changes and the program further.

Rosalind Morris states they are looking at class scheduling options due to enrollment of 45 kindergarteners at this point. Average enrollment has been 41-43.

Item tabled.

Item 7.4 Review Summer School Program Plans for the 2008-2009 School Year

Mr. Baker introduced Craig Miller regarding the schedule. Mr. Miller reported THS has four teachers on board. Rosalind Morris reported that WES has one teacher willing to work two summer school sessions June 23-July 25, for grades 2-8.

Item 7.5 After School Tutorial Program for the 2008-2009 School Year

Rosalind Morris states the parent survey data from the after school program was positive. A job description is being developed.

Item 7.6 Approval of Adult Education Program for the 2008-2009 School Year

Mr. Baker states this has been approved by the TUHSD Board and he recommends approval by the TAUSD Board.

MSC Trustee McCray/Daye. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 7.7 Approval of Resolution 078-08 for Students to Attend College Connection for the 2008-2009 School Year

Craig Miller explained some students will attend this program during their senior year, with students receiving college and high school credits. A THS teacher provides this class at Shasta College.

MSC Trustees Day/McCray. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 7.8 Approval of Carl Perkins Career Technical Education Application for Funding for the 2008-2009 School Year

Mr. Baker explained this item was also approved by the TUHSD Board and he recommends approval by the TAUSD Board.

Mr. Miller explained it is a vocational program funding source. We are now standing alone and not in the consortium per TUHSD Board approval, but the federal funding will remain the same.

MSC Trustees Daye/McCray. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 7.9 Approval of Trinity High School Agriculture Incentive Grant for the 2008-2009 School Year
Mr. Rourke explained this is an incentive grant to offer different components of an agriculture program. We have met the guidelines for 24 years.

MSC Trustees McCray/Daye. Motion carried unanimously.

8.0 BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE

Item 8.1 Superintendent Report – William Baker

Mr. Baker reported on the following:

1. He would like to recognize the folks in both schools for putting in extra time regarding unification.
2. A time and date will be established soon regarding the board policy service with CSBA for the TAUSD.

Item 8.2 Report from Trinity High School District - Michael McAllister, Superintendent

Mr. Baker explained that Mr. McAllister is not able to attend tonight but he requested Mr. Miller to report on his behalf regarding attendance. Mr. Miller passed out a handout, which he explained. Current enrollment is 386. The chart shows the new attendance policy has made a significant positive impact at THS. He also passed out a report with data from last year and this year indicating a decrease in Saturday School attendees this year.

Item 8.3 Report from Weaverville Elementary School District – Rosalind Morris, Principal

Rosalind Morris reported on the following:

1. Ms. Morris passed out a handout and discussed attendance over a 10 year span. Currently graduating 60 students and even with a large kindergarten class we will be down about 12 student. Next year she would like to include a para-educator to follow up on attendance per the ACES program grant funding. She also reported information on attendance for 4-H students, proposing having a staff member attend and take roll to include those 17 students in the attendance count.
2. In April she, Kathy Larson and a para-educator attended a Title 1 conference. She has a slide show she would like to present to the board at a later date.
3. State recommendations for K-college for closing achievement gaps will be shared with the staff at their May meeting. She would like to come back in June with her staff's in-put on the recommendations. Kathleen Graham spoke about math adoption and requirements for students to attend college. After the Site Council meeting she hopes to have recommendations for their math curriculum.
4. Ms. Morris would like the board to consider an independent study program for the elementary school as the high school does.

Item 8.4 Approval of School Representatives from Trinity High School to the California Interscholastic Federation League Meetings for the 2008-2009 School Year

Mr. Baker explained this is an annual approval that was also approved by the TUHSD Board, and he recommends approval by the TAUSD Board.

MSC Trustees McCray/Daye. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 8.5 Review of Agreement Between Trinity Alps Unified School District and the Weaverville, Douglas City Parks and Recreation Department Regarding Use of the Pool

Kelly Jackson, WDCPRD introduced herself and explained the agreement also includes students from Alps View High School and this year the sober graduation. In 2004 we had joint facility use agreement with each

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school. As they are combined she would like to join in an MOU with the TAUSD for 20 years, which could be amended at any time. The new pool that will be built this year would be available for the same uses. Trustee Tkach suggests bringing this item back in June.

Item 8.6 Cafeteria Program Plan for 2008-2009 School Year

Mr. Baker states this is a progress report as he has been meeting with Mindy Bentley and David Smith regarding potential plans and logistical needs regarding using the WES kitchen and transporting food to THS. Mindy Bentley reported that she will be going to a school our size in Redding to view how they make their program work.

9.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL

Item 9.1 Approval of Revised Interim Budget to Cover Anticipated Expenses for the Trinity Alps Unified School District through June 30, 2008

Bill Baker states this shows expenditures to date.
MSC Trustee McCray/Cloud. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 9.2 Set Date and Time and Place for 2008-2009 Budget Adoption – June 23, 2008, 5:00 PM at Weaverville Elementary School Library

Mr. Baker asked if the time, date, place listed meets the board's approval. Mr. Daye cannot attend until 6:00 PM.

Trustee McCray motioned to approve with the time changed to 6:00 PM, second by Trustee Daye. Motion carried unanimously.

10.0 PERSONNEL

Item 10.1 Approve Counselor Position for the 2008-2009 School Year

Mr. Baker explained the counselor position would be at each school for a portion of each day. Mr. Baker also explained the job description handed out tonight by Rosalind Morris. There was discussion regarding who the counselor reports to, and the need for the counselor to occasionally go to feeder schools regarding 8th grade transition to high school.

Trustee Tkach suggests that the counselor is accountable to the principal at the site they are working at and the counselor would ultimately be accountable to the Lead Counselor, Jaime Green.

Trustee Simmons motioned to approve with changes, second by Trustee Cloud. Discussion by Trustee McCray; He would like the executive summary in the job description to be clearer about the counselor attending feeder schools. Rosalind Morris offered to add "feeder schools" language in the summary.

Trustee McCray would like the salary schedule included with the job description.

Motion carried unanimously with amendments.

Mr. Baker will advertise this position as soon as possible, and include the position on the organizational chart.

Item 10.2 Application Process Regarding Coaching, Extra-Curricular, Extra Duty Assignments for the 2008-2009 School Year

Mr. Baker does not have a recommendation at this time. It is a part of collective bargaining. He will get information to the board as it is clarified to him.

Kathleen Lynch, THS Athletic Director asked if there is a timeline for this and will we re-interview everyone? Mr. Baker states there will be no new policy. We need to determine in absence of an agreement that we could continue what we have until we complete the bargaining process. We will keep functions in place until bargaining is complete. The positions that need to be filled should go forth under current policy at each school. Trustee McCray states we will need to bring this back for adoption in June.

11.0 OPEN FORUM

Trustee McCray: Asked Dave Smith if he has anything of discuss.

Dave Smith reported the geothermal project in the WES gym will be complete in June. Also, the hot water system in kitchen will be off of propane services in June. Propane is still hooked up as a back up. The preschool building will be the only one not on the geothermal system.

Trustee Cloud: Nothing to report.

Trustee Daye: Invited everyone to the 50th anniversary of Lewiston Elementary School. There will be a Barbeque 11:30-3:00 this Saturday. It will be advertised in the Trinity Journal.

Trustee Simmons: Nothing to report.

Trustee Tkach: Nothing to report.

Cindy Blanchard: She will be attending the May Revise tomorrow. The Governor's Budget was discussed. Cindy recognized the district staff for all their work regarding unification.

12.0 CLOSED SESSION 8:04 PM

Government Code Section 54957.6

Negotiations with CSEA and CTA

District Negotiator – Bill Odell

Government Code Section 54957

Public Employment - Contract

Director of Facilities and Operations

Government Code Section 54957

Public Employee Appointment

Superintendent Contract – Trinity Alps Unified School District

Action may be taken

No report out of closed session.

13.0 Adjournment – 9:42 PM