

**TRINITY ALPS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**MINUTES**

**Weaverville Elementary School Library ..... Monday, June 9, 2008**  
**31020 State Hwy 3 ..... Closed Session – 4:00 p.m., Business Meeting – 6:00 p.m.**  
**Weaverville, California .....**

Trinity Alps Unified School District Governing Board:

- Trustee Tkach, President – Present
- Trustee McCray – Present
- Trustee Daye – Present
- Trustee Simmons – Present
- Trustee Cloud – Present

Bill Baker, Interim Superintendent

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER – 4:05**

**2.0 FLAG SALUTE – Led by Trustee Tkach**

**3.0 ADDITIONS OR CHANGES IN AGENDA - None**

**4.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC-** Thea Fletcher, WES Community Day School, presented a letter to the Board in support of keeping Bob Lowden as Interim Superintendent signed by many WES staff. Ms. Fletcher explained that there are more copies being circulated for signatures which have yet to be collected. CTA Rep, Scott Lane, states this letter was signed by individuals not the CTA. Mr. Lane, WES teacher, Scott Pickering, Transportation, and Gail Jones, WES GATE teacher all spoke and gave their recommendations in support of Mr. Lowden.

**5.0 CLOSED SESSION – 4:15 PM**

Government Code Section 54957.6  
Negotiations with CSEA and CTA  
District Negotiator – Bill Odell

Government Code Section 54957  
District Superintendent

Action may be taken

Motion to end closed session by Trustee McCray, second by Trustee Simmons, motion carried unanimously.

End Closed Session – **5:50 PM**

Return to Open Session **6:01 PM**

Report out of closed session – No action taken

**6.0 CONSENT ITEMS**

On motion by Trustee McCray, second by Trustee Cloud, the Trinity Alps Unified School District Governing Board approves consent ACTION items:

## CONSENT ITEMS CONTINUED

- 6.1 Approval of the Governing Board Regular Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2008
- 6.2 Approval of the Governing Board Special Meeting Minutes of May 28, 2008
- 6.3 Approval of Pitney Bowes Contract for the Trinity High School Postage Machine
- 6.4 Approval of Administration Association Dues for the 2008-2009 School Year

### **7.0 INSTRUCTIONAL FUNCTIONS**

- 7.1 Review and Approval of State Adopted Math Curriculum Textbook Adoption 2008—  
Weaverville Elementary School

Kathleen Graham, WES presented the information that was enclosed in the board packet. A curriculum training will be held at WES the end of July and early August. There is another training in Redding the end of July, which WES will send some teachers to. It is planned to pilot interventions throughout the year and report back to the Board in May or June to adopt for the following school year.  
MSC Trustees Daye/McCray. Motion carried unanimously.

- 7.2 Approval of TAUSD GATE Application for the 2008-2009 School Year  
Rosalind Morris thanked Gail Jones for preparing the application.  
MSC Trustees Cloud/Simmons. Motion carried unanimously

- 7.3 Special Education Program for the 2009-2010 School Year  
Mr. Baker explained this item reviews the basic data about the special education program and our interest in assuming some programs and administering them through out own district. The transfer date would be 7/1/09. Instructional benefits were discussed at previous meetings. Costs to the district still need to be addressed. We could wait and notify the county office of our intent next spring, which would necessitate a SELPA vote. There are some unknowns and we are currently still negotiating with CTA and CSEA. His recommendation is to complete negotiations and have as much info as possible before making a decision and wait until spring of '09. The board discussed it more and took input from the audience.  
Trustee Tkach recommends we bring this item back to the June Special meeting for action.

- 7.4 Community Day School Program K-12 Core Element Description  
Rosalind Morris explained that as a unified district we need to do a program description for the state. She drafted this item from information from both schools. K-6 and 7-12 are recommended by the state.  
Bill Baker explained location options we are currently looking at (multi-year building usage MOU).  
Trustee Tkach would like to bring back for action on June 26.

- 7.5 After School Program Academic Support Teacher Job Description  
Rosalind Morris explained the functions of this position. There was discussion regarding salary options.  
Trustee Tkach recommends we bring this item back on June 26 as an information item.

- 7.6 Independent Study Program K-12  
Mr. Baker would like the Board to consider a K-12 program. The County currently provides those services K-8. If we provide the service we could hire someone as an Independent Study teacher as the program grows.  
Mr. McAllister explained what the independent study program entails, answering several questions.  
Trustee Tkach recommends we bring this item back for action at the June 26 meeting. Trustee McCray would like Ms. Morris to include data on students we have lost to home school and charter schools.

7.7 Program Specialist K-12

Mr. Baker explained we have previously discussed this position K-8 and would like the Board to consider this position K-12.

Mr. McAllister presented this position to faculty last week with half not seeing a need previously and half ready to look at costs and what the position really entails for K-12. Mr. Flint elaborated on the faculty meeting.

Kathleen Graham feels she can answer most of the board and administration questions.

Trustee McCray recommends we bring this item back June 26 as an info item again.

**8.0 BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE**

8.1 Superintendent Report – William Baker

Mr. Baker reported the following:

1. CSBA Board Policy meetings were held over two days recently, including Cindy Blanchard, Michael McAllister and Rosalind Morris. These are a guide for us to uphold the law regarding curriculum, community, budget and finance, etc.

8.2 Report from Trinity High School District – Michael McAllister, Superintendent

Mr. McAllister reported the following:

1. THS graduation was held last Friday.
2. New marquee is up and running well.

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

Ms. Morris reported the following:

1. Close to 50 kindergarteners will be enrolled next year.
2. An end of the year staff appreciation meeting was held.
3. Kindergarten and 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduations were held last week.
4. A Professional Development Plan was handed out for next year.

8.4 Correction to June Special Board Meeting Date for 2008-2009 Budget Adoption–Change to Thursday, June 26, 2008, 6:00 PM at Weaverville Elementary School Library

MSC Trustees Cloud/Daye. Motion carried unanimously.

8.5 TAUSD Local Education Agency Plan – Contract Service Option

Mr. Baker states Ms. Morris has indicated a need and the Board is requested to contract this out for \$2,000.00 Completion date to be amended to “by the end of July 2008”.

Motion to approve as amended by Trustee Simmons, second by Trustee Cloud. Discussion by Trustee McCray regarding completion of the plan by the end of July. Mr. Baker feels it will be complete in a timely manner.

Ms. Morris and Mr. McAllister gave their support of using the service of Iris Miller, who has done good work previously.

Motion carried as amended unanimously.

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

After discussion Trustee Cloud recommended we bring this item back for action on June 26.

8.7 Cafeteria Program Plan for 2008-2009 School Year

Mr. Baker explained there has been a few staff meetings but would like to spend more time on this. We may

come back with a revised job description for the cafeteria manager. Michael McAllister will head these meetings, and states we would like to utilize the WES cafeteria for both schools. Break would be site specific and satellite service would include THS, Alps View and Community Day School. We may need to restructure the staff to cover both sites. Food based menu will be used, rather than nutrition based. Joyce Pennington, THS cafeteria manager, will be retiring in August and Mindy Bentley, WES Cafeteria Manager, would assume those responsibilities for the district. Mr. McAllister elaborated on food transportation needs. Mindy and Joyce indicated they would continue to work towards a plan throughout the summer.

Trustee McCray called for a short break at 7:40 PM  
Meeting resumed at 7:45 PM

## **9.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL**

9.1 Approval of Resolution 078-09 from CSEA Regarding Letter of Intent to Join State Disability Insurance (SDI),

MSC Trustees Simmons/McCray. Motion carried unanimously.

9.2.1 Approval of California's Valued Trust Insurance Plan for WES Board of Trustee Retiree-No Cost to District

Cindy Blanchard, Director of Business Services, explained this item to the Board.

MSC Trustees McCray/Simmons. Motion carried unanimously.

## **10.0 OPEN FORUM**

Dave Smith: Absent

Trustee Simmons: Commended Mr. Miller on the marquee and also the plan to upgrade in front of the gym. Alumni association is going to sponsor a Red and White Hall of Fame dinner as a fundraiser for the school, which is scheduled for September.

Trustee Daye: N.A.

Trustee Cloud: New attendance policy is working per the graduation speeches.

Trustee McCray: N.A.

Trustee Tkach: Volunteered at Sober Grad and thought it was well attended (71% of student body). He thanked the high school for providing this event.

## **10.0 Adjournment - 7:52 PM**

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Simmons, second by Trustee Cloud. Motion carried unanimously.