

TRINITY ALPS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES

Weaverville Elementary School Library Wednesday, December 10, 2008
31020 State Hwy 3 Closed Session 5:30 p.m., Open Session Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Weaverville, California

Trinity Alps Unified School District Governing Board:

- George Tkach, President - Present
- Mike Cloud - Present
- Bob Simmons - Present
- Galen McCray - Present
- Keith Groves - Present

Also Present: Ed Traverso, Interim Superintendent
Michael McAllister, Associate Superintendent/THS Principal
Rosalind Morris, WES Principal
Cindy Blanchard, Director of Business Services
Dave Ottem, Director of Facilities and Operations

1.0 Formal Opening 5:30 PM

- 1.1 Call to Order – 5:30 PM
- 1.2 Flag Salute – Led by Trustee
- 1.3 Additions or Changes in Agenda - None
- 1.4 Declaration of Recording Devices - One

2.0 ACCEPT CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Groves, Second by Trustee McCray. Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain

3.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC CONCERNING CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

None

4.0 CLOSED SESSION

- 4.1 Government Code Section 54957.6
Negotiations with CSEA
District Negotiators Bill Odell and Ed Traverso
- 4.2 Per Ed Code 48900 (k); 48900.4; 48915 (5) – Student Expulsion Hearing
Student # 1 (08-09)
- 4.3 Per Ed Code 48915 (a-2); 48915 (g); 48900 (b) – Student Expulsion Hearing
Student # 2 (08-09)

5.0 RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION 7:15 PM

6.0 REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION – Government Code 54957.1(a) (5)

Trustee Tkach reported Student # 1 is expelled for two semesters and will attend Community Day School.
Student # 2 is expelled with expulsion suspended and student to return to Alps View High School.

7.0 ACCEPT OPEN SESSION AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Cloud, Second by Trustee Groves. Vote: 5 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent

8.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Molly Contos, mother of WES student and band member Jake Contos, questioned what direction the Board plans to proceed with regard to the school band. Ms. Contos gave her support of the music program and feels the majority of honor roll students are also music program participants. Molly would also like the music program to expand at the high school.

Superintendent Traverso and Trustee Tkach explained that the Board will know more at the February meeting. At this time there has been no talk of doing away with the music program.

9.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Simmons moved to pull Items 9.2 and 9.3 for vote as he was absent.

On motion by Trustee McCray, second by Trustee Groves, the Trinity Alps Unified School District Governing Board approves consent ACTION items: 9.1, 9.4, 9.5 and 9.6.

9.1 Approval of the Governing Board Special Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2008

9.2 Approval of the Governing Board Special Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2008

Roll Call: Trustee Simmons Abstain, Trustee Cloud Aye, Trustee McCray Aye, Trustee Groves Aye, Trustee Tkach Aye.

9.3 Approval of the Governing Board Regular Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2008

Roll call: Trustee Simmons Abstain, Trustee Cloud Aye, Trustee McCray Aye, Trustee Groves Aye, Trustee Tkach Aye.

9.4 Approval of Resolution 089-35 Payroll and General Fund Warrants

9.5 Approval of Agreement to Furnish Food Service between a Child and Adult Care Food Program Agency and a Food Service Vendor

9.6 Approval of Contract with School Innovations and Advocacy for Accountability Report Card Services - \$2,700.00

10.0 BOARD ORGANIZATION

10.1 Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board of Trustees Required by the Education Code and Board Bylaw 9100, for the Purpose of Electing Officers to Serve for the Term December 2008 through November 2009

A. Election of Board President – Trustee Cloud

B. Election of Board Vice President/Clerk – Trustee McCray

Superintendent Traverso took nominations for President, Trustee Cloud nominated Trustee Simmons, who declined. Trustee McCray nominated Trustee Cloud, second by Trustee Simmons. Vote: Trustee Cloud Abstain, Trustee Simmons Aye, Trustee McCray Aye, Trustee Groves Aye, Trustee Tkach Aye. The gavel was handed over to Trustee Cloud.

Nominations for Vice President/Clerk: Trustee Tkach nominated Trustee McCray, Second by Trustee Cloud. Trustee McCray nominated Trustee Groves, Second by Trustee Simmons. Trustee Groves declined. Vote by show of hands: Votes for Trustee McCray 4, for Trustee Groves 1. The vote goes to Trustee McCray.

10.2 Terms of Office for Trinity Alps Unified School District Board of Trustees

Area 1	George Tkach	November 2007-November 2011
Area 1	Bob Simmons	November 2007-November 2009
Area 2	Galen McCray	January 2008-November 2009
Area 3	Mike Cloud	November 2007-November 2011
Area 4	Keith Groves	September 2008-November 2009

10.3 Determination of the Time, Date and Location of the Regular Meetings of the Board of Trustees for the 2009 Calendar Year and Adoption of Resolution 089-36

After discussion the Board adopted the calendar with the following two amendments: Change the November meeting to the second Wednesday of the month (November 11, 2009); and the April exception to be changed to

the third Wednesday of the month. Special meeting to be called if needed in June to adopt Budget. Trustee McCray motioned to approve as amended, Second by Trustee Tkach. Motion carried unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED to set the time, date and location of the regular meetings of the Board of Trustees of the Trinity Alps Unified School District for the 2009 calendar year as follows:

6:00 p.m.	Wednesday	January 14, 2009	Weaverville Elementary School Library
6:00 p.m.	Wednesday	February 11, 2009	Weaverville Elementary School Library
6:00 p.m.	Wednesday	March 11, 2009	Weaverville Elementary School Library
6:00 p.m.	Wednesday	April 15, 2009	Weaverville Elementary School Library (Third Wednesday)
6:00 p.m.	Wednesday	May 13, 2009	Weaverville Elementary School Library
6:00 p.m.	Wednesday	June 10, 2009	Weaverville Elementary School Library
6:00 p.m.	Wednesday	July 8, 2009	Weaverville Elementary School Library
6:00 p.m.	Wednesday	August 12, 2009	Weaverville Elementary School Library
6:00 p.m.	Wednesday	September 9, 2009	Weaverville Elementary School Library
6:00 p.m.	Wednesday	October 14, 2009	Weaverville Elementary School Library
6:00 p.m.	Wednesday	November 11, 2009	Weaverville Elementary School Library
6:00 p.m.	Wednesday	December 9, 2009	Weaverville Elementary School Library

Regular meetings to be held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, with the exception of April, which will be held the third Wednesday of the month. Special meetings to be called as necessary.

11.0 INSTRUCTIONAL FUNCTIONS

11.1 Approval to Participate in the California Healthy Kids Survey at WES and THS-Denise Squires, Trinity County Office of Education

Superintendent Traverso introduced Denise Squires and then passed out the surveys to Board members. Denise Squires spoke to the Board and encouraged the District to have all the schools participate. She is a prevention coordinator with the TCOE and she is coordinating these surveys throughout the county. The surveys are provided by West Ed, and will be held in March for grades 5, 7, 9, 11 and Alt Ed schools, 9th through 12th grade. The Board must have adopted BP and AR 5022 and must use active consent for 5th grade. The other grades may participate with passive consent, which she recommends due to difficulties getting statistically accurate data in the past using active consent.

Scott Morris, Chair of the Local Coordinating Coalition, also spoke and passed out handout regarding how Behavioral Health uses this survey data and why it is important to them.

After discussion, the Board requested receiving both the county wide and the district report. Trustee McCray questioned if Alt Ed schools are lumped together as he has concerns about anonymity and Denise answered yes. Trustee McCray motioned to table this item until January Second by Trustee Tkach. Motion carried unanimously.

11.2 Approval of Community Day School Placement Procedures

Mr. Traverso asked Principal Morris to talk to this issue. Ms. Morris explained a committee has worked on this procedure and would like to now formalize those procedures. She then explained it further.

MSC Trustees Simmons/Tkach. Motion carried unanimously.

11.3 First Reading:

Administrative Regulation 6146.11 – Alternative Credits Toward Graduation

Superintendent Traverso explained this AR further. He suggests students get a semester credit for active participation in a school sport. Athletic Director Kathleen Lynch asked if there is an issue regarding coaches not needing to be credentialed as the coach's program is not as long or rigorous as a credentialed teacher and the curriculum is different between extracurricular sports and school gym programs. There was more discussion.

Trustee McCray asked the Athletic Director and school administrators to work together on this AR.

11.4 Approval of Single Plan for Student Achievement-Weaverville Elementary School

Principal Morris explained this further. Site Counsel has approved the plan last month.

MSC Trustees Tkach/McCray. Motion carried unanimously.

11.5 Agricultural Vocational Education Incentive Grant Funding Notification

Superintendent Traverso explained the board previously approved the grant and this is the funding notification.

12.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL

12.1 Director of Business Services Report – Cindy Blanchard

Cindy Blanchard reported the following:

1. NewsBreak handout was discussed.
2. She anticipates receiving Forest Reserves in January.
3. Recently implemented a hard freeze on purchasing.
4. Staff meetings have been held at THS and WES regarding hard freeze and State budget.
5. On January 1 TCOE will go live on the new accounting system. July 1, 2009 TAUSD will be live on this new system. Training will occur over next 6 months.
6. Auditors have sent the audit findings for THS and WES-we need a fraud and an inventory policy.

12.2 Approval of First Interim Financial Report for the 2008-2009 School Year

Cindy Blanchard passed around a handout to board members. She then explained both reports.

MSC Trustees Simmons/Tkach. Motion carried unanimously.

12.3 Approval of Resolution 089-37 Authorizing Application to the Director of Industrial Relations, State of California for a Certificate of Consent to Self Insure Workers' Compensation Liabilities

MSC Trustees Tkach/Simmons. Motion carried unanimously.

12.4 Second Reading:

Board Policy 1330 – Use of School Facilities

Administrative Regulation 1330 – Use of School Facilities

Superintendent Traverso explained we are bringing this back to adopt a fee schedule. The Board asked to bring this back in January with an hourly rate that would also reflect overtime when appropriate.

12.5 Approval of Vehicle Servicing Agreement between TAUSD and Trinity County Office of Education

MSC Trustees Groves/Tkach. Discussion by Trustee McCray who asked Trustee Simmons to elaborate on the fee schedule. Motion carried unanimously.

12.6 Athletic Handbook and Admission Prices

Superintendent Traverso recommends forming a committee with administrators, athletic directors, Board members and coaches to create one district handbook from both schools' handbooks and policies.

Trustees Tkach and Simmons volunteered to be on the committee.

13.0 BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE

13.1 Superintendent's Report – Ed Traverso

Superintendent Traverso reported on the state of the Federal and State budget and how it is impacting schools.

13.2 Associate Superintendent/THS Principal's Report – Michael McAllister

Mr. McAllister reported the following:

1. Current enrollment: 103 freshmen, 86 sophomores, 108 juniors and 87 seniors=384 total at THS.

2. Bonfire at THS tonight
3. Finals next week
4. Tournament begins tomorrow night at THS.

Trustee Groves brought up a community suggestion to place an outside clock on the THS campus, which was briefly discussed. Trustee Groves then asked if the school would have a means to help students from far outlying areas get to medical appointments in town, which was also discussed. Trustee Groves also had a suggestion about the Parent Connect computer program.

13.3 WES Principal's Report – Rosalind Morris

Ms. Morris reported the following:

1. Current enrollment=430 students.
2. Fire safety in lower grades. School assembly
3. Winter concert at performing arts center.
4. Recently held honor roll assembly, which includes 6th grade.
5. Polar Express festivities last week.
6. Boosters club has an interactive bulletin board at WES.
7. Student Council sponsoring door decorating contest.
8. Winter play 6:30 PM and one performance in the morning.
9. Early release days next week and WES will hold vertical team meetings.
10. Attended after school program workshop at TCOE today.
11. Gave sports update.

13.4 Director of Facilities and Operations Report – Dave Ottem

Mr. Ottem reported the following:

1. WES freezer plan was shown to board members. Bids are still being taken.
2. Johnson Controls will be at THS tomorrow examining all the classrooms during the day and evening.
3. Safe Routes to School Grant-Federal and State funds-he is still working on this.

13.5 Set Date, Time and Location for Board Policy Workshop (0000 and 7000 Series)

Superintendent Traverso passed out the BP 0000 and 7000 Series and also Exhibits 3541.1(a through e) relating to vehicle use.

Trustee McCray suggests we put Exhibits 3541.1 on the January Board agenda.

The Board set the workshop date for Tuesday, January 6 at 4:00 at TCOE if available.

13.6 Second Reading:

Board Bylaws Series 9000 – NoteBP 9124, 9230 and 9234 Updated July 2008

Superintendent Traverso recommends approval.

MSC Trustees Tkach/McCray. Motion carried unanimously.

13.7 Approval of Resolution 089- 38 Consulting Services Agreement with Compliance Associates, Inc. Regarding Transportation Department Drug and Alcohol Testing

MSC Trustees Tkach/Groves. Motion carried unanimously.

13.8 Accept Book Donation to WES Library

MSC Trustees Tkach/Groves. Motion carried unanimously.

13.9 Approve TAUSD Weaverville Elementary School Safety Plan for 2008-2009 School Year

Principal Morris states this has gone to the site council already. She explained it further. Trustee Tkach asked to be invited to the next annual safety plan meeting.

MSC Trustees Groves/McCray. Motion carried unanimously.

14.0 PERSONNEL

14.1 Approval of CalSTRS Retirement Incentive Program-Grant Additional Two Years Service Credit
Superintendent Traverso explained the window for certificated staff is February 9 through June 9, 2009. A STRS Representative has been here recently to discuss retirement with certificated staff. Superintendent Traverso recommended approval.

MSC Trustees Simmons/Tkach. Motion carried unanimously.

14.2 Approval of PERS Golden Handshake-Grant Additional Two Years Service Credit
Golden Handshake window: January 16 through April 30, 2009. Trustee Simmons noted mistakes on this handout. Superintendent Traverso will discuss this with the appropriate staff tomorrow.
Item Tabled until January meeting so Board may have accurate information.

14.3 Approval of Resolution 089-39 Personnel Services

MSC Trustees Groves/Tkach. Motion carried unanimously.

15.0 SCHOOL PLANT AND PROPERTY

15.1 Deferred Maintenance Program Funding

Superintendent Traverso brought this as an informational item for the Board.

15.2 Approval of Routine Disposal of Surplus Property

MSC Trustees Groves/Tkach. Motion carried unanimously.

16.0 ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING

Trustee McCray suggests prioritizing what the schools really need. Superintendent Traverso will bring a criteria list to the next meeting.

17.0 BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Groves: Thanked Susan for the map he requested.

Trustee Cloud: WES Winter concert was thoroughly enjoyed and he supports the music program.

Trustee Simmons: Hopes for a large crowd at the basketball tournament

Trustee McCray: None

Trustee Tkach: Thanked Superintendent Traverso for all of his hard work.

18.0 ADJOURNMENT – 10:20 PM

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Cloud, Second by Trustee Tkach. Motion carried.