

**TRINITY ALPS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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

**Weaverville Elementary School Library ..... Wednesday, January 14, 2009**  
**31020 State Hwy 3 ..... Business Meeting 6:00 p.m.**  
**Weaverville, California .....**

Trinity Alps Unified School District Governing Board:

- Mike Cloud, President - Present
- Galen McCray, Vice President/Clerk - Absent
- Bob Simmons - Present
- George Tkach - Absent
- Keith Groves - Present

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

**1.0 Formal Opening**

- 1.1 Call to Order – 6:02 PM
- 1.2 Flag Salute – Led by Trustee
- 1.3 Additions or Changes in Agenda – Superintendent Traverso would like to move Personnel Item 13.0 between Items 10.0 and 11.0; add a check register page to Consent Agenda Item 9.2; add a donation document supporting the art programs at WES as Item # 10.7
- 1.4 Declaration of Recording Devices - One

**2.0 ACCEPT CLOSED SESSION AGENDA**

Motion by Trustee Groves, second by Trustee Simmons. Vote: 3 Aye, 0 Nay, 2 Absent, 0 Abstain

**3.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC CONCERNING CLOSED SESSION AGENDA - None**

**4.0 CLOSED SESSION – 6:08 PM**

- 4.1 Government Code Section 54957.6  
CSEA and CTA Negotiations  
District Negotiators Bill Odell and Ed Traverso

**5.0 RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION 7:04 PM**

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

Trustee Cloud reported there was no action taken.

**7.0 ACCEPT OPEN SESSION AGENDA**

Motion by Trustee Groves to approve agenda as amended, second by Trustee Simmons. Vote: 3 Aye, 0 Nay, 2 Absent, 0 Abstain.

**8.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC Kelly Parson day care provider and four other day care providers wish to reinstate the “no-nit” head lice policy at WES. Rosalind Morris explained the previous and current**

school policy. She also had the school nurse give a presentation to staff last spring with the most current public health recommendations. Trustee Groves requests we bring this issue back to the February Board meeting. Christy Ravenscroft, 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at WES will take on Scott Lane's position with the CTA bargaining unit. The WES teachers invited board members to their classrooms. Teachers wish to know what administration might look like next year. Superintendent Traverso explained law limits us to 3 administrators per number of certificated staff.

**9.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 9.1 Approval of the Governing Board Special Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2008
- 9.2 Approval of Resolution 089-40 Payroll and General Fund Warrants
- 9.3 Approval of Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints – Quarter 4, 2008

**10.0 INSTRUCTIONAL FUNCTIONS**

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

Denise Squires of TCOE presented and has since last month found out that questions can not be removed from the survey module. Permission slips are scheduled to go to participating districts in February. Trustee Groves motioned to recommended active consent at the 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade level and passive consent at the high school level, second by Trustee Simmons. Motion carried.

- 10.2 Service Learning Presentation – Cricket Kidwell, TCOE

Cricket Kidwell passed out a hand out and explained a grant available this winter, which allows for funding up to 6 years to schools interested in Service Learning Service. This is a method of community focused teaching with curriculum for life and career skills (\$30,000 each year). The next step is to have a meeting with administrators for planning, etc. She has presented to the high school staff already.

- 10.3 Adopt/Approve Trinity County SELPA Local Plan for Special Education  
MSC Trustees Groves/Simmons. Motion carried.

- 10.4 Approval of THS Photo Club Annual Overnight Field Trip  
MSC Trustees Simmons/Groves. Motion carried.

- 10.5 Approval of THS Drama Club Competition Overnight Field Trip  
MSC Trustees Groves/Simmons. Motion carried.

- 10.6 Approval of FFA Overnight Field Trips for the 2008-2009 School Year  
MSC Trustees Groves/Simmons. Motion carried.

Added Agenda Item 10.7 Accept \$500 donation from 5 Windows Gallery to WES for their Arts Program in Memory of Joanne Horsefall.

MSC Trustees Simmons/Groves. Motion carried.

**13.0 PERSONNEL**

- 13.1 Approval of PERS Golden Handshake-Grant Additional Two Years Service Credit  
Mary Beth Brinkley presented information on the early retirement incentive program.  
MSC Trustees Simmons/Groves. Motion carried.

- 13.2 Approval of STRS Golden Handshake-Grant Additional Two Years Service Credit

Mary Beth Brinkley presented information regarding the early retirement incentive program. Per Trustee Cloud's question, Cindy Blanchard will also look into the 403b program by Keenan. MSC Trustees Grove/Simmons. Motion carried.

13.3 Approval of Resolution 089-44 Personnel Services-Substitutes and Volunteers  
MSC Trustees Simmons/Groves. Motion carried.

**11.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL**

11.1 Director of Business Services Report – Cindy Blanchard

Cindy Blanchard reported the following:

1. No settled decision on what cuts will be made by legislature. We will continue hard spending freeze.
2. Forest Reserves are expected in our banks in February. County tax revenues are also down.
3. 1<sup>st</sup> interim accepted by TCOE.
4. The District Office is working with TCOE to implement a new accounting system.

11.2 Public Disclosure of the Bargaining Agreement between the Trinity Alps Unified School District and the California School Employees Association Chapter #578

Cindy Blanchard explained it further. There were no questions from the audience. Mr. Henry Boorman, President of CSEA Chapter #578 thanked Mr. Traverso and Mr. Odell.

11.3 Ratify the Bargaining Agreement between the Trinity Alps Unified School District and the California School Employees Association Chapter #578

MSC Trustees Simmons/Groves. Motion carried.

11.4 Approval of Resolution 089-41 Permission to Apply for Grant Funding – Transportation  
MSC Trustees Groves/Simmons. Motion carried.

11.5 Approval of Small School District and County Office of Education Pre-1992 School Bus Replacement, Reconditioning and Fleet Expansion Program

Superintendent Traverso recommends approval.

MSC Trustees Simmons/Groves. Motion carried.

11.6 Third Reading:

Board Policy 1330 – Use of School Facilities

Administrative Regulation 1330 – Use of School Facilities

Superintendent Traverso requests that we table this item to revamp the fee structure.

Trustee Groves moved to table the item, second by Trustee Simmons. Motion carried.

11.7 Review and Accept Resolution 089-42 Trinity Union High School District Annual Audit Report for the 2007-2008 School Year

MSC Trustees Groves/Simmons. Motion carried.

11.8 Review and Accept Resolution 089-43 Weaverville Elementary School District Annual Audit Report for the 2007-2008 School Year

MSC Trustees Groves/Simmons. Motion carried.

11.9 Approval of 2008-2009 Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Aide Programs, Part II

Cindy Blanchard explained the application, which has been approved by both of the site councils.

MSC Trustees Groves/Simmons. Motion carried.

11.10 Approval of Specialized Grant Funding-Agricultural Vocational Education

MSC Trustees Simmons/Groves. Motion carried.

## **12.0 BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE**

### **12.1 Superintendent's Report – Ed Traverso**

Superintendent Traverso reported the following:

1. Criteria for spending; health and safety and the core programs. No new or replacement equipment.
2. The exit exams have been taken (31 students passed, 13 of which were from Alps View H.S.)
3. Office of Public School Construction has shut down all projects due to the state budget.
4. Lawsuit injunction regarding algebra in 8<sup>th</sup> grade has been upheld so implementation will not occur.
5. Current bid threshold is now \$76,700.
6. Annual adjustment for willful pupil damage liability increased by 6% (\$16,650).
7. Board member workshop rescheduled to January 21.
8. Small Schools District Association conference April 2-4 in Sacramento.
9. Board policies previously gone through have been sent to CSBA.
10. Mindy Bentley was introduced and discussed the need for a cafeteria freezer. Trustee Groves requests Mindy come back to the board with monthly savings estimates if she had a new freezer space.
11. Trustee Simmons-ROP meeting held yesterday. There is a small 12% reserve at present but some concerns are that the State is proposing to take all ROP funds and roll them into the general funds. ROP has a new brochure, which he shared. Shasta-Trinity ROP just received a “model program” award.

### **12.2 Associate Superintendent/THS Principal's Report – Michael McAllister**

Mr. McAllister reported the following:

1. Current enrollment; freshmen 101, sophomores 86, juniors 106, seniors 86=379 total students.
2. Academic awards will be held in THS gym on January 28 at 9:55 am
3. Welding class just returned tonight from a great field trip.
4. The California State Athletic Directors Association gave recognition to Kathleen Lynch for being a premier athletic director. Mr. McAllister will present it to her tomorrow.
5. Starting a girls basketball tournament was requested by Trustee Tkach at a previous meeting. Mr. McAllister and coaches have discussed this idea and presented it to students and other schools. Those schools who have responded are largely not interested at this time due to fiscal crisis.

### **12.3 WES Principal's Report – Rosalind Morris**

1. Lost three students over winter break but picked up 4 new students. Current enrollment= 431
2. Progress report due end of this week.
3. Athletic report was given.
4. Reading lab-school wide mid year assessing next week.
5. Reading Buddy mentoring program beginning.
6. Mr. Walker has 11 students performing in honor band and choir in Chico this weekend.
7. Lisa May received grant funding for field trips.
8. Julie Ravenscroft will begin auditions for annual musical.
9. Spelling Bee to be held Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>.
10. Kindergarten full day schedule beginning Monday, January 26.
11. Site Council has reviewed the Con Ap Part II and also professional development activities.

### **12.4 Director of Facilities and Operations Report – Dave Ottem**

Dave Ottem reported the following:

1. Crews worked hard over winter break and completed many projects at both school sites.
2. Storage room break-in at WES was cleaned up over break.

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3. Motion sensors and handicap access in bathrooms were addressed.
4. Seven dead trees at Alps View High School have been taken out thanks to coordinating with Trinity River fire crew, CalTrans and the mill, which took salvageable logs.

12.5 Second Reading

Board Policy Series 1000 – Community Relations  
Administrative Regulations Series 1000 – Community Relations  
Board Policy Series 2000 – Administration  
Administrative Regulations Series 2000 – Administration

MSC Trustees Groves/Simmons. Motion carried.

12.6 First Reading: Revised Board Bylaws

Board Bylaw 9012(a) – Board Member Electronic Communications  
Board Bylaw 9320(a) – Meetings and Notices

Superintendent Traverso explained that these are updates that have come out after the board approved the 9000 series. We will bring back to the next meeting with recommendation to approve.

12.7 First Reading: Business and Non-Instructional Operations

Exhibit 3541.1(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) – Special Transportation for School Related Trips

Superintendent Traverso explained these forms further and recommends bringing back to a full board for another reading. It was clarified that Special Transport refers to student transport.

**13.0 PERSONNEL See above between Items 10.0 and 11.0 for Items 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3.**

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**14.0 ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING**

Superintendent Traverso: Certificated staff lay-off notices.

**15.0 BOARD COMMENTS**

No comments.

**15.0 ADJOURNMENT - 9:49 PM**

Trustee Simmons motioned to adjourn, second by Trustee Groves. Motion carried.