

TRINITY ALPS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES

Weaverville Elementary School LibraryWednesday, May 13, 2009
31020 State Hwy 3 Business Meeting 5:00 p.m.
Weaverville, California

Trinity Alps Unified School District Governing Board:

- Mike Cloud, President - President
- Galen McCray, Vice President/Clerk – 5:15 PM
- Bob Simmons - Present
- George Tkach -Present
- Keith Groves - Present

1.0 Formal Opening

- 1.1 Call to Order – 5:02
- 1.2 Flag Salute – Led by Trustee Cloud
- 1.3 Additions or Changes in Agenda – Superintendent Traverso has a revised student list for Item 7.4; and an addition to 8.2 Resolution # 089-63.
- 1.4 Declaration of Recording Devices - 1

Also present: Ed Traverso, Superintendent
Cindy Blanchard, Director of Business Services
Dave Ottem, Director of Facilities and Operations

2.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – Annie Steele, Parent Center Coordinator and paraeducator discussed what she does at the school and who she represents (School Site Council, Boosters Club).

Dow Angspatt, WES parent, has concern about next year split level grades, which she feels is a hardship on teachers and students. Christy Ravenscroft, WES teacher, talked about the federal stimulus bill and funds that she feels may be available to hire back teachers. Superintendent Traverso states the funds are to backfill general funds and are not earmarked for rehiring teachers. Hopefully when second layoff session opens we won't have to layoff any others. Trustee Groves invited the audience to stay for the preliminary budget later in this meeting. Heather MacLaren, WES parent, asked for the temporary assignment schedule and if parents can be asked for contributions for classroom projects. Superintendent Traverso answered that you can ask, but the State says schools must provide for their students. Also, upper grades will be team teaching, with students moving to different teachers for different subjects. There will be art and P.E. Music may begin at 5th grade, which will be in the morning as the instructor will be at the high school in the afternoon.

Trustee Groves motioned to move all Items under 6.0 to the front of the agenda between 3.0 and 4.0. for audience members to hear about the budget. Second by Trustee McCray. Motion carried unanimously.

3.0 ACCEPT OPEN SESSION AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Simmons, second by Trustee Groves. Vote: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Absent, 0 Abstain

6.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL

6.1 Director of Business Services Report – Cindy Blanchard

Ms. Blanchard referred to the balance sheet for April 30, 2009, which shows we are almost a million dollars behind in cash flow. Forest Reserve funds won't come in until next fiscal year. The State has not paid on several program funds. She anticipates next year cash flow being worse from the State. Our insurance carrier

ITEM 6.1 CONTINUED

will increase costs by 9.5%. We are continuing the new accounting system training and information set-up within the new system.

6.4 Preliminary Budget for the 2009-2010 School Year

Ms. Blanchard explained her spreadsheet line item by line item. Shasta College will be taking some of our Forest Reserve funds beginning next fiscal year. Trustee McCray requests an overhead projection of budget spreadsheets in the future. Superintendent Traverso will have this spreadsheet available at each site tomorrow.

6.2 Approval of WES Student Body Budgets for the 2008-2009 School Year

Mr. Traverso states next year we will bring these to the Board in October. He recommends approving the various budgets. Trustee McCray asks for a more detailed breakdown of each club (trip costs, etc.).

MSC Trustees Groves/McCray. Motion carried unanimously.

6.3 Set Date, Time and Location for the 2009-2010 Budget Adoption

After discussion the Board tabled this item until the June 10th Regular Board meeting.

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee McCray moved to pull Items 4.1 and 4.3 for vote.

On motion by Trustee Groves, second by Trustee Simmons, the Trinity Alps Unified School District Governing Board approves consent ACTION items: 4.2, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6, 4.7, 4.8 and 4.9.

4.1 Approval of the Governing Board Regular Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2009 – Roll call vote: Trustee McCray-Abstain, Trustee Groves-Aye, Trustee Tkach-Aye, Trustee Simmons-Aye, Trustee Cloud-Aye.

4.2 Approval of the Governing Board Special Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2009

4.3 Approval of the Governing Board Special Meeting Minutes of April 29, 2009 – Roll call vote: Trustee Simmons-Abstain, Trustee McCray-Aye, Trustee Groves-Aye, Trustee Tkach-Aye, Trustee Cloud-Aye.

4.4 Approval of Resolution 089-59 Payroll and General Fund Warrants

4.5 Approval of Student Waivers for CAHSEE (1)

4.6 Ratify Contract Between Pitney Bowes and TAUSD for Postage Machine

4.7 Ratify Contract Between the California Highway Patrol and TAUSD for Every 15 Minutes Program

4.8 Approval of Carl Perkins Career Technical Education Application for Funding for the 2009-2010 School Year (Distributed at the meeting.)

4.9 Ratify American Fidelity Section 125 Flexible Benefit Plan for FY 2009-2010

5.0 BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE

5.1 Approval of Resolution 089-60 Regarding Reduction or Elimination of Classified Services (Layoff, i.e. Reduction in Hours of Employment of Classified Employees)

Superintendent Traverso explained this is for hiring and extra hours that occurred after unification. Because of the law guaranteeing 2 year employment to classified staff, we need to make these reductions at present to bring the budget into line. He then read the resolution. These cuts reflect a projected savings of \$90,000, which are not currently built into the budget because it is not yet adopted.

MSC Trustee Tkach/Simmons. Discussion per Trustee McCray.

Roll call vote: Trustee Groves-Nay, Trustee McCray-Nay, Trustee Tkach-Aye, Trustee Cloud-Aye, Trustee Simmons-Aye.

5.2 Superintendent's Report – Ed Traverso

No report at this time.

5.3 Associate Superintendent/THS Principal's Report – Michael McAllister - Absent
Superintendent Traverso reported for Mr. McAllister: Prom last Saturday; advanced placement testing finished; play-off baseball game yesterday-they are now done; and a great open house was held last week.

5.4 WES Principal's Report – Ed Traverso
Superintendent Traverso reported: State spelling bee championship coming up with two students from WES attending; the jogathon took place last Thursday; Student of the month this coming Friday; the Lions Club will present flag day to middle school students next week; swimming instructions have begun; Mrs. Larson gave a report on the book faire; Principal Morris will be back on Monday.

5.5 Director of Facilities and Operations Report – Dave Ottem
Mr. Ottem reported: The cafeteria freezer is installed and running; he participated in the countywide yard sale and sold about \$450 worth of school goods; he is still working with Caltrans regarding flashing lights at crosswalks as well as the safe routes to school grant; continuing the restroom project at the high school; the Extreme Hardship application has not been funded at this time; Ms. Blanchard has been helpful with deferred maintenance funds available; he thanked the maintenance staff regarding cross training and keeping substitute costs down.

5.6 Approval of School Representatives from Trinity High School to the California Interscholastic Federation League Meetings for the 2009-2010 School Year
Superintendent Traverso explained this is annual. He has not appointed the Athletic Director so that will need to be decided later tonight.
MSC Trustees Tkach/Simmons. Motion carried unanimously.

5.7 Ratify Request for Fund-Raising Event for 5th Grade Environmental Camp
Ms. Mey corrected this to read 6th grade.
MSC Trustees Tkach/Groves. Motion carried unanimously.

5.8 Recommendation to Add Standing Reports from Site Council, Boosters Club, and Agriculture Advisory Committee to Regular Meeting Agendas
Superintendent Traverso explained that as a way to better communicate we would like to keep a standing place for them on the agenda. We will send future agendas to the appropriate representatives.
Motion to approve for clubs from both schools by Trustee Tkach/second by Trustee Simmons. Trustee McCray moved to also add student representative(s).
Motion carried unanimously.

6.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL – See Above/After Item 3.0

- 6.1 Director of Business Services Report – Cindy Blanchard
- 6.2 Approval of WES Student Body Budgets for the 2008-2009 School Year
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- 6.4 Preliminary Budget for the 2009-2010 School Year

7.0 INSTRUCTIONAL FUNCTIONS

7.1 Summer School
Superintendent Traverso gave a report on the number of students who attended last year. This year the high school instituted the "credit recovery" program to help students make up needed graduation credits, which would cover the previous need for summer school. Trustee McCray asked about WES student participation. After much discussion Ms. Larson suggested instead of summer school we provide an early start program two weeks before school begins with two sessions (two hours each) to catch students up before school begins. The Board directed Superintendent Traverso to follow through with the early start program.

7.2 Adopt TAUSD Calendar for the 2009-2010 School Year

Superintendent Traverso recommends adopting with the STAR testing dates changed to May.

MSC Trustees Tkach/Simmons. Roll call vote: Trustee McCray-Nay; Trustee Groves-Nay; Trustee Tkach-Aye; Trustee Simmons-Aye; Trustee Cloud-Aye.

7.3 Third Reading: Instruction

Administrative Regulation 6146.11 - Alternative Credits Toward Graduation

MSC Trustees Tkach/Simmons. Motion carried unanimously.

7.4 Approval of Resolution 089-61 for Students to Attend College Connection for the 2009-2010 School Year

Superintendent Traverso explained that 4 students have lost interest in the program. He read the names of those to be dropped from the resolution.

MSC Trustees Groves/Tkach. Motion carried unanimously.

8.0 PERSONNEL

8.1 Approval of Resolution 089-62 Personnel Services

Superintendent Traverso noted the retirement of Don Larry, Lead Custodian.

MSC Trustees Groves/McCray. Motion carried unanimously.

8.2 Administrative Law Judge Hearing Findings

Superintendent Traverso handed out Resolution # 089-63. The decision is to reinstate Mr. Harris and next year he will be transferred to the High School. He then read the resolution to the audience adopting the Administrative Law Judges' findings although the Board disagrees with conclusions 13, 14 and 15.

MSC Trustees Simmons/Groves. Discussion per Trustee McCray.

Roll call vote: Trustee Tkach-Aye, Trustee McCray-Nay, Trustee Groves-Aye, Trustee Simmons-Aye, Trustee Cloud-Aye.

8.3 Fill Extra Service Positions for the 2009-2010 School Year

Superintendent Traverso passed out a copy listing everyone that applied. Superintendent Traverso recommends where there is only one applicant and that applicant has filled the position in the past that they be offered the position. If more than one applied we should set up interviews, and re-fly those positions that had no applicants.

Ms. Blanchard passed out a handout of preseason costs that Trustee Cloud had requested prior to the Board meeting. She then explained it further.

Motion made by Trustee Tkach to approve with Superintendent Traverso's recommendations, second by Trustee Simmons. Discussion by Trustee Groves. Filling all extra service positions died per vote: Trustee Groves Nay; Trustee McCray Nay; Trustee Cloud Nay.

Trustee Groves moved to amend to exclude assistant coaches at this point and approve Superintendent Traverso's previous recommendations, second by Trustee Tkach. Vote: Trustee McCray Aye; Trustee Simmons Nay; Trustee Cloud Nay; Trustee Groves Aye; Trustee Tkach Aye.

The Board then directed Superintendent Traverso to form a committee regarding recommendations on how to cut 10% of personnel costs. Trustees Simmons and Tkach will sit on the interview committee.

8.4 Appointment of Principals for WES and THS

Superintendent Traverso thanked Rich Greenwood for his help with video conferencing/SKYPE for the interviews and briefly reported on the process. Per Board authorization, he made offers of employment to two candidates, with both returning positive responses. The 2009-10 high school Principal is Debra Schoeppach from Bear Valley Elementary, which closed its doors, and the elementary school is Scott Payne, from Hamilton Elementary School in Anza.

ITEM 8.4 CONTINUED

Motion by Trustee Tkach to ratify appointments of Debra Schoeppach and Scott Payne, second Trustee Groves. Motion carried unanimously.

8.5 Superintendent Contract
Item Tabled.

8.6 Reemployment of Elementary Counselor
MSC Trustees Groves/Tkach. Discussion by Trustee McCray. Motion carried unanimously.

9.0 ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING

More information on stipends for extra service, transportation to events,

10.0 BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Groves: Very happy with principals coming on board and this is a positive move.

Trustee Tkach: Welcomed back Dan Harris.

Trustee Simmons: Asked to go over graduation particulars. Per Susan Hazard: Alps View High School at their campus on June 4th at 10:30 a.m.; WES at THS football field at 7:00 PM on June 4th; THS at the football field at 7:00 PM on June 5th. All board members plan to attend each graduation ceremony.

Trustee McCray: He hopes the staff has the same feeling for the principals that the Board has.

Trustee Cloud: NA

11.0 ACCEPT CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Groves, second by Trustee McCray. Vote: 5 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Absent; 0 Abstain.

12.0 CLOSED SESSION -

12.1 Government Code Section 54957.6
District Negotiator Ed Traverso

13.0 REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION - Government Code 54957.1(a)

No action taken

14.0 ADJOURNMENT – 10:10 PM