

TRINITY ALPS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES

Weaverville Elementary School Library Wednesday, August 12, 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, Present
- Bob Simmons, Present
- George Tkach - Present
- Keith Groves - Present

Also present: Ed Traverso, Superintendent; Cindy Blanchard, Director of Business Services; Debra Robison, THS Principal; Scott Payne, WES Principal; Dave Ottem, Director of Facilities and Operations; Susan Hazard, District Secretary

1.0 Formal Opening

- 1.1 Call to Order - **6:02 PM**
- 1.2 Flag Salute – Led by Trustee Cloud
- 1.3 Additions or Changes in Agenda – Informational Item 8.17 notice from Trinity County Board of

Supervisors to “Consider Ordinance Per Revenue and Taxation Code Section 69.5”; Items 10.11 through 10.15 inter-district transfers; Add the following to 11.1, Mike Carroll, additional 1 hour for after school program, Jennifer Sprague to teach English during her 7th period prep, certificated request to be released from ½ time contract; Item 10.16 contract with Sue Jones to teach 1 AP math class 3 X per week and be available to students before school .

Trustee McCray moved to approve agenda with amendments, Second by Trustee Tkach. Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain.

- 1.4 Declaration of Recording Devices - 1

2.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – Lisa Mey, WES teacher, read a letter regarding her reassignment and provided handouts of the letter. Christy Ravenscroft spoke to the reassignments of teachers and the difficulties that presents. She also spoke negatively about a laid-off teacher volunteering. Susan Cousins, WES teacher, and Dow Angspott, parent, also supported Lisa and Christy’s statements.

3.0 ACCEPT CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Groves, Second by Trustee Tkach. Trustee McCray discussion to have audience come back in ½ hour for open session. Vote Aye 5, Nay 0, Absent 0

4.0 CLOSED SESSION – 6:20 PM

- 4.1 Education Code 48900 (k); 48915 (a-5) – Student Expulsion Hearing
Student # 1 (09-10)
- 4.2 Government Code Section 54957.6
Regarding CTA and CSEA
District Negotiator Ed Traverso

Action may be taken

5.0 REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION – Government Code 54957.1(a) (5) No action taken at this time. The Board came out of closed session at 6:52 and will reconvene to closed session at the end of open session.

6.0 ACCEPT OPEN SESSION AGENDA

Trustee McCray moved to approve agenda with amendments, Second by Trustee Tkach. Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain.

7.0 CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 7.1 Approval of the Governing Board Regular Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2009
- 7.2 Approval of Resolution 910-01 Payroll and General Fund Warrants
- 7.3 Ratify Service Agreement between TAUSD and Aramark Uniform Services, Inc.
- 7.4 Approval of Resolution 910-02 Instructions for Federal Child Nutrition Funds to First Pay All Classified Salaries Subject to PERS

8.0 BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE

8.1 Superintendent's Report – Ed Traverso

Superintendent Traverso set aside his report in the interest of saving time as the budget is still bad and the outlook is not good. Cindy will not be here to report (Item 9.0) but he will report as best as he can for her.

8.2 THS Principal's Report – Debra Robison

Principal Robison reported the following:

- The Wolf Pack ambassadors helped with school registration today. 264 students showed up and were able to collect textbooks. They received, schedule, books, lockers, etc.
 - Football, volleyball practices began
 - Challenge day is being worked on through Behavioral Health (August 30, September 1, 2, & 3)
- Student acceptance is the theme and goal of the program
- She attended a CIF Admin meeting last week
 - Power School training for district and office staff is tomorrow
 - She feels we are ready for school to begin

8.3 WES Principal's Report – Scott Payne

Principal Payne reported the following:

- Enrollment handout was passed out – growing each day. Today's total enrollment is 391, which may increase with tonight's inter-district transfers
- Middle school registration was today (85 showed up)
- Custodial staff has done a magnificent job
- Teachers have been in classrooms working on their own time
- Office staff has been very good with registration
- He and the staff are excited about school beginning.

8.4 Director of Facilities and Operations Report – Dave Ottem

Mr. Ottem reported the following:

- Red Cross is set up in WES gym regarding the Lewiston fire.
- WES and THS carpets cleaned by staff using District owned equipment rather than outside contract work
- Upper Grade classroom dry rot has been taken care of
- The District maintenance crew did much prep work to cut costs on contract work of resealing the parking lots.
- New roof on room 33
- Had 4 students from student work program helped with several projects at the high school

- Working on specific requests from some teachers regarding lighting
- Electric panel project at THS was explained. He then shared pictures of before and after project
- Bathrooms donated by THS Site Council are now operable and an asset to sport fields
- Still pursuing Federal Grant for WES student drop-off project
- THS dug outs projects are completed. Construction class will work on “tricking them out” when school begins. Mr. Cunningham was instrumental in dugout project.

Trustee McCray suggests Dave send a letter of thanks to the Road Dept. and PUD.

8.5 Approval of Agriculture Advisory Committee to the THS Agriculture Program
MSC Trustees Simmons/Tkach. Motion carried unanimously.

8.6 Agriculture Advisory Committee Report
Susan had a handout from Mr. Everett that she will bring to the next meeting.

8.7 ROP Report-Bob Simmons
Meeting is 25th of August and he will report at our Sept. Board meeting.

8.8 WES Site Council Report
No report

8.9 THS Site Council Report
No report.

8.10 THS Boosters Club Report
A handout listing officers submitted by Tamara Harris was passed out by Susan.

8.11 TAUSD Athletic Handbook – Available On-Line at www.trinitywolves.org

8.12 Approval of Mandatory Sexual Harassment Training and Education to Supervisory Employees Per Government Code section 12950.1
Superintendent Traverso reported he has coordinated with Jim French at TCOE, who will put it together and offer it countywide with payment for it on a prorated basis. We need approval of our participation.
MSC Trustees Tkach/Simmons. Motion carried unanimously

8.13 Approval of THS School-Parent Compact Required for Title 1 School
MSC Trustees Simmons/Groves. Motion carried unanimously

8.14 Determination of Transportation Services to be Offered for the 2009-2010 School Year
Scott Pickering, Transportation Director and Ed Traverso gave a report with the following highlights:
Looked at cutting down on routes and how long students are on bus (1 hour 20 minutes for the longest route). Home to School transportation is what we are reimbursed for through the state. This allocation still falls short. We need to reduce driver hours to reduce the deficit. Scott and Mr. Traverso will teleconference with TransTracks electronic program for transportation tomorrow. Scott explained 1/3 of athletic miles are currently going to be cut (only league games this year). We will cut down to one bus for athletic trips as opposed to two previously, which are already figured into the budget. Scott states all costs for athletic transportation, minus hotels and food, come out to \$4.00 per mile. Superintendent Traverso recommends: Charge \$65.00 per hour for maintenance services to other districts; charge the actual cost of bus use for field trips not directly tied to curriculum; charge transportation fee for athletics of \$75.00 per sports with a maximum of \$250.00 per family per year (league games and playoffs); we are working with CSEA, which may save us some money (we are still deficit spending over \$600,000); regarding routes – eliminate 12:30 p.m. kindergarten bus run and provide after

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school program for those students. Three buses to run at 2:30 p.m. K-3 in-town student route only, back at school 3:10 to pick up grades 4-8 students, drop off in town students, go to high school at 3:30 pick up those students and then drop off high school and out of town students.

Trustee McCray wants to get figures from Athletic Director and get the info to parents and students on proposed transportation fees. Mr. Flint reminds that non league games give you "power points" and number of games is considered in playoffs. Information needs to get to parents ASAP. We will bring student numbers and costs to the next meeting (comparison numbers requested).

Trustee Tkach – keep bus maintenance to \$60.00 per hour.

Scott-subject to negotiations, transportation staff has talked informally about reducing some positions to 10 month positions.

Motion to approve Superintendent Traversos' bus route recommendation by Trustee Groves, Second by Trustee Simmons. Motion carried unanimously.

8.15 Ratify Request for Fund-Raising Event for WES 8th Grade Class

MSC Trustees Groves/Tkach. Discussion by Trustee McCray to add a short description of what they will do with the proceeds. Motion carried unanimously.

8.16 Ratify Request for Fund-Raising Event for WES AVID Club College Field Trip

MSC Trustees Simmons/Groves. Motion carried unanimously.

Added Agenda Item 8.17 Notice of Consideration of Ordinance per Revenue and Taxation Code Section 69.5

Superintendent Traverso explained the County Board of Supervisor's proposal.

The Board acknowledges they received notice and will not respond to the County.

9.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL

9.1 Director of Business Services Report – Superintendent Traverso for Cindy Blanchard

Superintendent Traverso reported that Monday's budget workshop stated we will not see mid year cuts this year because we are already at the bottom of the funding limitations of Prop 98! Categorical programs, of which many are already deferred, are being cut even further. Transportation was cut by 20% but the other 45% is being taken out of Prop 98. Revenue limit has gone down another \$250 per student. The State is doing many things that include accounting "gimmicks", such as saying they will sell the State Comp Program to generate funds. They are deferring more payments (October to February) and the % of payments are being changed and cut as time goes along. We are working toward concessions with CSEA to the amount of \$130,000.

Trustee Tkach asked the audience if they all understood the State deficit has gone from 17% to 18%.

9.2 Approval of Resolution 910-03 Authorization to Sign Orders Drawn on the Funds of TAUSD

MSC Trustees McCray/Groves. Motion carried unanimously.

9.3 Ratify Contract between TAUSD and Challenge Day to Provide Program at THS

MSC Trustees Simmons/Tkach. Motion carried unanimously.

9.4 Approval of Request to Create an Organization Fund for the THS Athletic Department through the Trinity Trust-Maintained by Humboldt Area Foundation

Kathleen Lynch made a presentation. The long term intent is to have this become an endowment so we can eventually work off the interest only. It is easy to make contributions to this on-line.

MSC Trustees Groves/Simmons. Motion carried unanimously.

10.0 INSTRUCTIONAL FUNCTIONS

10.1 WES Teacher Assignments and Class Schedule

Principal Payne reported on elementary school teachers: 10 lower grade (K-5), 1 Reading Lab and 7 upper grade

(6-8) teachers; current enrollment 391 students.

10.2 THS Teacher Assignments and Class Schedule

Principal Robison reported there are a few minor changes per approval of Resolution 910-04 Personnel Services: Rachel LaFein to English 9, English Exit Exam picked up through resource program. Pre AP English 9 picked up by Jennifer Sprague enlarging her class size. Pre AP English 10 to be taught by Jennifer Sprague in place of her Prep period. Craig Miller will go to Alps View 7th period. Randall Walker will go to Prep instead of Career Exploratory. John Whaley will come up from Alps View for Career Exploratory to teach music.

10.3 Approval of Inter-District Transfer from LES to WES

Motion by Trustee Groves to approve 10.3 through 10.7, discussion by Trustee McCray, Second by Trustee Simmons. Motion carried unanimously.

10.4 Approval of Inter-District Transfer from DCS to WES

10.5 Approval of Inter-District Transfer from DCS to WES

10.6 Approval of Inter-District Transfer from DCS to WES

10.7 Approval of Inter-District Transfer from WES to DCS

10.8 Third Reading:

AR 6146.1 Instruction - Suggested Schedule of Required Classes for Graduation

Exhibit 6146.1 Instruction - Suggested Schedule of Required Classes for Graduation and Units Required to Move with Class

Principal Robison states this could be updated yearly as courses are changed. Next month she will include UC and CSU requirements.

MSC Trustees Simmons/Tkach, discussion by Trustee McCray to amend to indicate courses accepted through UC and/or CSU system as A-G requirement. Motion to approve as amended carried unanimously.

10.9 Approval of Proposal to Facilitate THS AP Chemistry and Physics Classes

Superintendent Traverso reported Shasta College backed out of the proposed on-line class offerings. This proposal keeps those classes (which are required). None of our laid off teachers are credentialed for this. We are continuing our talks with other colleges to provide these in the future.

MSC Trustees Groves/Tkach, discussion by Trustee McCray to amend to approve language of "month by month". Motion by Trustee Groves to approve with amendment, Second by Trustee Tkach. Motion carried unanimously

10.10 Approval of the Revised THS Local Education Plan-Single Plan for Student Achievement

Superintendent Traverso-Compliance review from previous year was missing some components and has been revised and approved by THS Site Council.

MSC Trustees McCray/Groves. Motion carried unanimously.

Added Items 10.11 through 10.15 Inter-District Attendance Requests (1 to Cox Bar, 1 to Douglas City, 3 to WES)

MSC to approve Items 10.11 through 10.15 by Trustees Groves/Trustee Simmons. Motion carried unanimously.

Added Item 10.16 Proposal for Sue Jones to Teach One AP Calculus Math Class per Day Three Days per Week

Ms. Robison explained how the erroneous information received from Shasta College impacted our students.

Sue Jones was teaching this through Shasta College and is willing to teach it at THS (none of our layoffs have this certificate). She will meet her 105 days. Agreement to be clarified.

MSC Trustees Groves/Tkach. Motion carried unanimously.

11.0 PERSONNEL

11.1 Approval of Resolution 910-04 Personnel Services

Mr. Traverso explained all of the listed personnel as well as those added to the agenda at the beginning of the meeting (Add 1 hour to Mike Carroll for after school program, Jennifer Sprague to teach English during her prep period, certificated request to be released from half time contract).

Motion to approve with the amendments by Trustee Tkach, Second by Trustee Simmons. Motion carried unanimously.

11.2 Approval of Request for an Additional Primary Grade Teacher at WES

Scott Payne passed around a handout of test scores and reading lab documentation, which he explained in detail. He is requesting a first grade teacher.

Motion to approve by Trustee Groves, Second by Trustee Simmons, discussion by Trustee Tkach. Motion carried unanimously.

11.3 Approval of Resolution 910-05 Unpaid Volunteer Teacher at THS for the 2009-2010 School Year

Superintendent Traverso explained that last year's teacher for these classes was laid off and has offered to volunteer for this school year. She is not displacing anyone who is laid off, which he explained (Mr. Miller is in place to pick up those classes if her request to volunteer is denied). She will not be eligible to sub under these conditions. District attorney, Alan Swanson believes it is doable and is legal even though it is unusual. This year would count toward her 39 month reemployment rights.

Trustee Groves feels this is the best thing for the students regardless of CTA's opinion. Ditto Trustee Cloud.

Motion to approve by Trustee Groves, Second by Trustee Tkach. Motion carried unanimously.

11.4 Determine and Approve which, if Any, Extra Service Positions Will be Offered for the 2009-2010 School Year

Superintendent Traverso would like direction on the remaining unfilled positions. He recommends filling the following positions: music director, yearbook advisor (finish interview process), fine arts advisor, FFA advisor, FBLA advisor, WEB Master at both sites, Academic competition advisor, WES music production advisor, 2 class advisors for each grade 8th through 12th, 6th grade Environmental Class teacher/advisors (up to 3), WES yearbook advisor.

Motion by Trustee McCray to approve Superintendent Traverso's recommendations, Second by Trustee McCray, discussion by Trustee Cloud. Vote: 4 Aye, 1 Nay, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent.

Comment [SH1]: Corrected to "Second by Trustee Simmons" per approval at 9/9/09 Board meeting.

12.0 ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING

More information on transportation fees.

Trustee McCray called for an executive summary from yesterday's special board meeting.

13.0 BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Groves: Thanked the audience for their participation. Their views are very important.

Trustee McCray: We have made tough decisions tonight that he knows are in the best interest of the students although difficult for the teaching staff. Gave thanks and support to our new administrators.

Trustee Tkach: We will support our teachers and all employees. Reassignments have been done to keep our doors open and offer classes. Ditto to Galen's comments about new administrators.

Trustee Simmons: Glad to have Scott and Debbie here.

Trustee Cloud: NA

14.0 ADJOURNMENT OPEN SESSION - 10:21 PM

15.0 RETURN TO CLOSED SESSION - 10:30 PM

16.0 REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION - No action taken.

17.0 ADJOURNMENT - 11:15 PM