

TRINITY ALPS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

Weaverville Elementary School Library Wednesday, September 9, 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 - Absent
George Tkach - Present
Keith Groves – Present

Also present: Ed Traverso, Superintendent; Cindy Blanchard, Director of Business Services; Scott Payne, WES Principal; Dave Ottem, Director of Facilities and Operations.

1.0 Formal Opening

1.1 Call to Order – 6:03 PM

1.2 Flag Salute – Led by Trustee Cloud

1.3 Additions or Changes in Agenda – Superintendent Traverso requests the following: Move Item 7.13 to between 7.0 and 7.1; move Items 14.0 and 15.0 between 8.1 and 9.0; Trustee McCray motioned to have CSEA Representatives give comments to the Board as information Item 7.19, Second by Trusted Groves. Vote: 4 Ayes, 1 Absent.

1.4 Declaration of Recording Devices - 1

2.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON OPEN SESSION AGENDA - None

3.0 ACCEPT OPEN SESSION AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Tkach to accept with additions/changes, Second by Trustee Groves. Vote: 4 Ayes, 1 Absent

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Cloud noted an error on the Second motion made on Item 11.4 of the August 12, 2009 Minutes. On motion by Trustee Cloud to approve with secretary clarifying who made the Second motion, Second by Trustee Groves, the Trinity Alps Unified School District Governing Board approves consent ACTION items: Vote: 4 Aye, 1 Absent

4.1 Approval of the Governing Board Special Meeting Minutes of August 11, 2009

4.2 Approval of the Governing Board Regular Meeting Minutes of August 12, 2009

4.3 Approval of Resolution 910-06 Payroll and General Fund Warrants

4.4 Ratify Agreement between TAUSD and Envoy Plan Services as Third Party Administrator of 403(b) Plan

5.0 INSTRUCTIONAL FUNCTIONS

5.1 Introduction of THS Foreign Exchange Students for the 2009-10 School Year

Isabell Genter from Germany was introduced by her host parent, Mrs. Trujillo. Superintendent Traverso introduced the Board to Johannes Volbehr, Alex Ikas, both of Germany, and Saaya Uehara from Japan.

Johannes spoke to the Board and audience thanking the school for allowing foreign exchange students to attend the meeting. Their host mother is Sharon Martinez.

5.2 ROP Presentation-Charlie Hoffman, ROP Superintendent

Mr. Hoffman thanked the Board for providing our students with career pathways, which he feels should be a state model. He proceeded to give a power point presentation explaining the program and the districts it serves. With large cuts to ROP he discussed Categorical Flexibility to help ROP maintain their center as well as district run programs (3 years flexibility may go away). Districts that break away from JPA would have no claim to JPA funds, and ROP center programs. Our district and MVUSD were over cut with us only offering 9 periods so far, but he anticipates 11 periods being approved through ROP. We will need to vote on staying in or backing out of JPA at our November meeting.

5.3 Presentation of Healthy Kids Survey of 2008-09 – Denise Squires, TCOE Categorical Program Director
Denise Squires gave a presentation of the data from the countywide Healthy Kids survey done last spring. She focused on our district's results of 9th and 11th graders as 5th and 7th grades participation were not large enough to generate a report. The report includes data on lifetime use, and current use of alcohol, inhalants, marijuana, tobacco; safety related incidents (harassment, fights, fear of being beaten up, carried a gun, carried any other weapons such as a knife or club to school); school environment external assets (caring relationships, high expectations, meaningful participation). County results were also shared per the Board's request. Denise offered to forward specific questions we would like to include on future surveys to West Ed Surveys. Trustee Cloud thanks Denise and adjourned for a 5 minute break.

5.3 Approval of Trinity Student International Travel Club for the 2009-10 School Year Presented by Rachel LaFein

Superintendent Traverso spoke for Mrs. LaFein as she is ill tonight. He explained that ASB has approved formation of this club and looks at all club fundraising events to coordinate them when possible. Travel Clubs' first fundraising activity is the end of September and he pointed out the handouts that Ms. LaFein e-mailed to us today. Student Body budgets will be presented at the October meeting. He recommends approval if they raise enough funds for the trip. Trustee McCray asked about a cut-off date for fundraising for students to participate and would like to see that in writing. Superintendent Traverso will follow up on this for the next meeting. Motion to approve if they raise enough funds for the trip by Trustee McCray, Second by Trustee Groves. Motion carried.

5.5 Approval of Inter-District Transfer from LES to WES

Motion by Trustee Groves to approve 5.5, 5.6, 5.7, Second by Trustee Tkach, discussion to pull 5.7. Motion to approve 5.5 and 5.6 by Trustee Groves, Second by Trustee Tkach. Motion carried.

5.6 Approval of Inter-District Transfer from WES to JCS

See 5.5.

5.7 Approval of Inter-District Transfer from WES to DCS

Trustee McCray questioned the reason given for the transfer and suggests the Board not accept "weak" reasons. Mr. Payne states the 3rd grade teacher is a close friend and shared transportation was part of the request. MSC Trustees McCray/Groves. Vote: 4 Ayes, 1 Absent.

6.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL

6.1 Director of Business Services Report – Cindy Blanchard

Ms. Blanchard referred to the report in the packet. \$605,000 deficit spending this year not including additional expenditures that have been incurred this school year. State is making a one time cut of \$253 per student ADA after our budget was adopted. We have incurred an additional \$183,000 expenditure since budget adoption. She attended a School Services workshop recently and she received a disc of information that she shared with the Board as a power point presentation (major changes from the May Revision to the Final Budget and flexibility of funds). Most State funding is being based on 07-08 funding. Trustee Groves clarified that from

this time last year to now we are down 1.8 million and we have made cuts of about 1.3 million, Cindy agreed. We have a beginning fund balance of \$231,000 which we were able to flex, thanks to the State allowing flexibility this year. We are spending these funds on staff. Superintendent Traverso mentioned that so far we have maintained all programs. State deferrals and their impact were also discussed. Cindy will have the first interim report at the November or December meeting. At present we have \$896,000 (7%) in reserves and the budget is 8.2 million. County Office feels we won't have enough reserves 3 years out to stay solvent. The Board previously approved 7% reserves to help with anticipated cash flow issues. Previously Forest Reserves (F.R.) were being spent a year in arrears to help with cash flow. This year we will spend all of 08-09 F.R. and about half of this year's F.R.

The Board thanked Cindy for her presentation.

6.2 Approval of Resolution 910-07 GANN Limit

Superintendent Traverso recommends we table this item since prior year Unaudited Actuals are not ready.

7.0 BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE

7.13 Determination of Transportation Services to be Offered for the 2009-2010 School Year-Extra Curricular Activities Fees, Rate Increase to Vehicle Servicing Agreements and Walking Distances (Moved Item)

Scott Pickering, Supervisor of Transportation and Superintendent Traverso reported on the following: Letters have been mailed to student families regarding transportation fees; letter has gone to feeder schools regarding increasing maintenance fees; prior Board approved vehicle/bus use was discussed; passed out current approved volunteer driver list to reduce bus use; passed out a cost break down of bus and van use for fall sports.

Scott concerned about safety issues with volunteer drivers and recommends using buses or not going to the game. Buses travel 522 miles per day for home to school travel and over 36,000 miles for athletic trips alone last year. There was discussion about charging a transportation fee, and how much; increasing our service/maintenance fees; what to do with middle school student sports; travel squads. Kathleen Lynch offered information on her coordinating with other Athletic Directors. Asked by Superintendent Traverso for clarification, Trustee Groves responded that transportation fees were meant to offset league game costs and volunteers were to be used for non-league games. Trustee Cloud opened up to comments from the public: Bus drivers are highly trained and bus and vans are necessary for safety reasons; we should use traveling teams; the community will be hit with fundraisers and other fees so our students should be transported by buses and vans. Trustee Groves advocates a fee for transportation and he moved to approve \$50 per sport, or \$150 max per family per year, Second by Trustee Tkach. Discussion by A.D. for clarification if fee only covers league games (yes). Discussion by Trustee McCray to charge family \$100 max per year for the remainder of the 2009-10 fiscal year and \$150 for subsequent years. Trustee Groves moved to approve as amended, Second by Trustee Tkach. Motion carried

Trustee Groves moved to increase maintenance fee to \$60.00 per hour effective Friday, September 11, Second by Trustee Tkach. Motion carried.

Trustee McCray motioned to keep fall sports transportation status quo and consistent with Board Policy (one bus to games and parents cannot drive their own youngster and have them participate with the team), Second by Trustee Groves. 3 Ayes, 1 Nay, 1 Absent.

7.1 Superintendent's Report – Ed Traverso

He and Scott Pickering looked at Trans Tracks. CDS has 1 student, Alps 10 students, K-6 CDS 0 students. The District erred with Amanda Cloud's English credential and she would be able to teach English K-12. Christy Ravenscroft would like the administration to look at how that could affect staffing assignments this year.

7.2 THS Principal's Report – Debra Robison

Superintendent Traverso gave a brief report for Principal Robison as she is ill; THS had 4 days of Challenge

Day activities last week.

7.3 WES Principal's Report – Scott Payne

Principal Payne reported: Intervention started for grades 1-5; first awards ceremony last Thursday; Environmental Camp 9/16-9/18; Indian Days 9/25; prep periods are being worked out with union; music program off and running with the 4th grade choral program being the only thing that has been cut from the music program; fundraising has begun for 8th grade trip; 9/11 coffee with principal 7:30-8:30am in the library; first leadership meeting (7 teachers attended).

7.4 Director of Facilities and Operations Report – Dave Ottem

Mr. Ottem reported: Still finishing up summer projects as staff is busy with regular 8 hour shifts since school began; THS first home football game this week, new bathrooms will be ready; Relay for Life at WES this weekend; flu season concerns – disinfectant wipes will be used and available. Trustee Groves would like follow-up on outside clock at THS in the “quad” area.

7.5 THS Student Representative Report – Jerad Harris

No report as Jerad is ill and unable to attend.

7.6 WES Site Council Report

No report.

7.7 THS Site Council Report

Superintendent Traverso noted that the bathrooms by the football field were a Site Council project and it is much appreciated.

7.8 THS Boosters Club Report

No report, but thanks for list of committee members.

7.9 Agriculture Advisory Committee Report

No report, thanks for the list of committee members.

7.10 Enrollment Report – WES and THS

Included in the packet.

7.11 Approval of TAUSD Organizational Chart

Tabled to next month's meeting for minor changes per Superintendent Traverso.

7.12 Set Date, Time and Location for Board Policy Workshop-Possible Dates: 9/15, 9/17, 9/24, 9/28, 9/29

The Board decided on 9/29 at 6:00 in WES Library.

7.13 Determination of Transportation Services to be Offered for the 2009-2010 School Year-Extra Curricular Activities Fees, Rate Increase to Vehicle Servicing Agreements and Walking Distances

Moved between Items 7.0 and 7.1

7.14 Board Policy Exhibit Revision

Special Transportation For School Related Trips-Forms E3541.1(a) and E3541.1(b)

MSC Trustees Groves/Tkach, Trustee McCray amends to include language about 9 passenger van requiring a class B license. Trustee Groves moved to approve with amendment, Second by Trustee Tkach. Motion carried.

7.15 Board Policy Revision – BP 0410(a)

Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities

MSC Trustees McCray/Groves. Motion carried.

7.16 California Department of Public Health Guidance for School Responses to Influenza Superintendent Traverso reported we are following CDC Guidelines, which he read.

7.17 Consider Change of Date for November Meeting as it Falls on Veterans Day Holiday Tabled until October meeting.

7.18 TAUSD School Board Vacancy-Area 2 (Junction City, Cox Bar, Burnt Ranch) Superintendent Traverso reported we have 2 vacancies on the Board. This one will be filled by appointment.

7.19 CSEA Representatives Comments (added item)

Joan Nevarez asked what Item 13.1 is since there is no agreement. Superintendent Traverso explained he will be discussing it in closed session and will ask the Board for direction. The State Board of Education meeting is scheduled September 17th in Sacramento. Trustee McCray thanked CSEA for their past efforts. He hopes to resolve this before going to the State Board of Education. Ms. Nevarez states the Union is willing to come back to negotiations, and staff is ready to sacrifice to keep from laying off employees. Annie Steele reported the last two negotiations were "horrible". She and the unit would like to see sacrifices across the board by all staff.

8.0 PERSONNEL

8.1 Approval of Resolution 910-08 Personnel Services

Superintendent Traverso explained that the Board previously authorized positions to be filled and now we need to fill those positions with the recommended people whose names he read (correction to WES Music Director - Randall Walker only). Principal Robison recommended we stay with Mr. Flint as yearbook advisor at THS. Collin Smith, Lynn Kelly, Thea Fletcher to Environmental Camp per Principal Payne. Superintendent Traverso recommends approval with the recommended additions and the list of approved drivers, which were handed out. MSC Trustees Groves/McCray. Motion carried.

14.0 **ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING** (Moved Item)

Transportation issues. Schedule/calendar of fundraisers as info item. Discuss Alps View, suspensions, trend(?). Look at logistics of reassigning teachers in light of Amanda Cloud English credential.

15.0 **BOARD COMMENTS** (Moved Item)

Trustee Tkach-we need to get transportation issues finalized.

9.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC CONCERNING CLOSED SESSION AGENDA – None

10.0 ACCEPT CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Groves, Second by Trustee McCray. Vote: 4 Ayes, 1 Absent, 0 Nays.

11.0 CLOSED SESSION – 10:46 PM

11.1 Government Code Section 54957.6 Regarding CTA and CSEA - District Negotiator Ed Traverso

12.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – 11:44 PM

13.0 REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION - The Board gave direction to their negotiator.

No reportable action taken.

14.0 ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING – Moved up agenda between Items 8.1 and 9.0.

15.0 BOARD COMMENTS - Moved up agenda between Items 8.1 and 9.0.

16.0 ADJOURNMENT – 11:45 PM