

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

**Weaverville Elementary School Library ..... Wednesday, January 13, 2010**  
**31020 State Hwy 3 ..... Business Meeting 6:00 p.m.**  
**Weaverville, California .....**

Trinity Alps Unified School District Governing Board:  
Keith Groves, President - Present  
George Tkach, Vice President/Clerk - Present  
Mike Cloud - Present  
Steve Hagen - Present  
Sean Harris – Present

Also present: Ed Traverso, Superintendent  
Debra Robison, Principal  
Scott Payne, 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 Groves.

1.3 Additions or Changes in Agenda –Trustee Tkach motioned to move Item 7.1 up the agenda after Item 5.16, Second by Trustee Groves. Superintendent Traverso would like to take Item 4.6 off the consent agenda to allow Superintendent French to speak to it. He will also add three inter-district transfers that came in late as action Items 7.3, 7.4 and 7.5. Motion to approve by Trustee Tkach, Second by Trustee Cloud. Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

1.4 Declaration of Recording Devices - One

**2.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON OPEN SESSION AGENDA** – Diana Frink, WES special education teacher spoke to the transfer of the special education program expressing staff wishes to work with the district to make a seamless transition of this quality program.

**3.0 ACCEPT OPEN SESSION AGENDA**

Motion by Trustee Cloud to approve as amended, Second by Trustee Hagen: Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

**4.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

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

4.1 Approval of the Governing Board Regular Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2009

4.2 Approval of the Governing Board Special Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2009

4.3 Approval of Resolution 910-22 Payroll and General Fund Warrants

4.4 Approval of Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints – Quarter 4, 2009

4.5 January & February Fundraising Calendar

Pulled Item 4.6 Approval of National Forest Counties and Schools Coalition Dues and Membership  
Superintendent French states currently TCOE pays this fee but as they anticipate it increasing to \$460,000 per year he is asking districts to also pay a percent of the fee. Superintendent Traverso recommends approval.  
MSC Trustees Tkach/Hagen. Motion carried unanimously. Item 9.1

**5.0 BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE****5.1 Alumni Football Game Fundraiser Presentation – Mike McMaster**

Superintendent Traverso introduced Mr. McMaster who explained the following: Alumni USA members and public pay to see these games generating funds; they request use of our football field; they provide equipment and have appropriate insurance; clubs then sell concessions to raise funds, as well as raffles; Student Body sells tickets ahead of time; half ticket sales go to Student Body, half to AUSA, gate goes to AUSA; our opponent will be from Hayfork; ticket price is \$8 or \$6 if bought from students; AUSA is available Sunday, October 17, 2010; he passed around a handout and explained the program further.

MSC Trustees Hagen/Cloud. Motion carried unanimously.

**5.2 Committee to Raise Funds for an All Weather Track at THS-Presented by Stuart Drake**

Superintendent Traverso introduced Mr. Drake who was here to ask for conceptual approval so they may move forward. He reported the following: The group wishes to raise enough funds for an all weather track so our school can host meets (roughly 60 students on the team last year); they have made architectural drawings for a 6 lane track; estimated cost is \$300,000; they hope to raise funds within 3 years; local contractors and landscaping have agreed to donate time; asphalt would need contracting out. When asked what would happen with their funds if the project fails Mr. Drake replied funds could be donated to the THS athletics program. The Board asked Mr. Drake to come back and keep the Board informed.

**5.3 Superintendent's Report – Ed Traverso**

Superintendent Traverso reported the following: He introduced Mr. Cork McGowan, new CTA Field Representative; Trinity Alps enrollment=14 total, high school CDS=5 total. The State has upped the competitive bid threshold for contracts to \$78,500; State adjustment to liability for willful student misconduct to \$16,765; Economic Survival plan-meets with transportation supervisor each week-using flex time to cut down on bus driver overtime-tracking overtime in all departments-working with Mindy on cafeteria costs-labor costs are being reevaluated-looking at the State Classroom Breakfast Program, which feeds everyone for free-grant funds are available and Mindy and Mary Beth are working on this. He handed out materials on the Governor's budget-we could lose \$201 in ADA next year. We will still have to look at lay-offs and hopefully we will have golden handshake recipients.

**5.4 THS Principal's Report – Debra Robison**

Principal Robison reported: She and Jaime went to Trinity Center and Coffee Creek to preregister students-students will take math tests to see where they are at; Cash for College night last Tuesday; two seniors have a slot held at a UC per review of their transcripts; football awards and spaghetti dinner last week; student awards moved to February 4; Google will award 4 laptops to students and one to a teacher; speech contest February 9 in Mr. Sprague's room-topic is healthcare; what's your solution; mock trial to be held March 29<sup>th</sup>; Winter Ball January 23 at Golf Course.

**5.5 WES Principal's Report – Scott Payne**

Principal Payne reported: Jim Valley program at 6:30 tomorrow night; January 19 kindergarteners will go full day; January 22 is 8<sup>th</sup> grade fundraiser tri-tip dinner and basketball tournament; pancake breakfast 23<sup>rd</sup>; Boosters Club will come in and do a lunch for the staff; Feb 5 middle school dance; staff working on test release questions; algebra class has Keith Sprague and Mr. Ohde helping 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> period focusing on math skills. Mr. Ohde will continue for quite awhile and the students really like him and are "getting it".

**5.6 Director of Facilities and Operations Report – Dave Ottem**

Mr. Ottem reported: Three year asbestos inspection happened at all three sites-nothing to report; plans for new restroom went to State architects review before Christmas; he read a list of projects completed over Christmas break (see written report).

### 5.7 THS Student Representative Report – Lindsay Cone

Lindsay reported: Winter Ball 8pm-midnight; students request being allowed to go in the cafeteria during break as it is cold; Kevin Malfaet took a first place at Reno wrestling competition; home basketball game next week against Etna; Ms. LaFein's first period drama students will be performing *The Importance of Being Ernest* in March at the performing arts center. Superintendent Traverso pointed out an article in the Trinity Journal written by students to let the community know what they are doing.

### 5.8 ROP Report – Trustee Hagen

Trustee Hagen reported the first meeting is scheduled in February.

### 5.9 Agriculture Advisory Committee Report

NA

### 5.10 WES Site Council Report

Cindy Blanchard reported they met last week and adopted the Con Ap.; also working on school safety plan.

### 5.11 THS Site Council Report

Principal Robison reported: they have approved the Con Ap.; also working on school safety plan.

### 5.12 WES Boosters Club Report

NA

### 5.13 THS Boosters Club Report

NA

### 5.14 CSEA Representative Report

NA

### 5.15 CTA Representative Report

Christy Ravenscroft gave appreciation of effort to work out prep time for some teachers at WES. In light of any and all changes next year the teachers wish to give in-put. Traverso explained Mr. Flint is not here due to injuries from an auto accident.

### 5.16 Second Reading: Board Policy 5127

#### Valedictorian/Salutatorian Selections Policy

Superintendent Traverso explained the second page contains the changes that we would like to make. It does not belong in the 6000 series so it is moved to BP 5127. After more discussion it was decided to bring this back with clarification on weighting for College Connection students.

### Moved Item 7.1 Transfer of Special Education from TCOE to TAUSD

Superintendent Traverso explained that we have met with TCOE and both business officials as well as two of our Board members. Maintenance of Effort will be "re-benched" with Federal Stimulus package. Funding is based on C-BEDS count, not per student being served. Superintendent French said to take good care of his students, teachers and aides; he trusts they will be in good hands. He referred the Board to his summary handout regarding what this vote tonight means. TCOE has 5 to 6 employees with 15-20 years seniority and he and his Board are working on a policy to offer them retirement benefits as TAUSD does not have that obligation. Both TAUSD Principals have background in Special Ed and they currently attend IEPs. Any extra work to our District would be evaluating the teachers.

Christine Camara, Junction City School Principal, added that anything that benefits our school will benefit all of the feeder schools and she sees this move as a plus. Mary Nixon, school nurse, expressed concern with keeping the current level of para-educators. Superintendent Traverso does not see any significant changes right away although things could change from year to year depending on student needs. We do need to look at classified

lay-offs so there are no guarantees, but it could offer more security for some of those classified para-educators within the entire District. We need to negotiate salary schedules as we currently only have one and TCOE has two. February 12 is the deadline for commitment on golden handshake for certificated. Classified staff will be allowed a “free” day to go to Sacramento and talk to PERS and classified commit day is flexible.

Superintendent Traverso recommends approval.

MSC Trustees Tkach/Hagen. Motion carried unanimously.

5 minute recess called by Trustee Grove.

## **6.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL**

### **6.1 Director of Business Services Report – Cindy Blanchard**

Ms. Blanchard reported: As of 12/31/09 revenues are at 28% (one million less than last year at this time) due to deferrals. Expenditures are also down \$500,000. ARRA funding has helped cash flow. Period 1 attendance was submitted last week, district wide we’re at 89% attendance, down from last year. She pointed out our workers comp certification that was in the packet.

**6.2 Approval of the 2009-2010 Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Aide Programs, Part II**  
MSC Trustees Cloud/Tkach. Motion carried unanimously.

**6.3 Approval to Contract with Fiscal Crisis Management Assistance Team (FCMAT) for Management and Technical Assistance**

Superintendent Traverso explained that he brought this back and the fee has been reduced \$10,500. Classified staffing levels, transportation and special education are part of the contract.

Item 6.3 died for lack of a motion.

**6.4 Accept Art Program Donation from the Beasley Family through 5 Windows Gallery**  
MSC Trustees Cloud/Harris. Motion carried unanimously.

## **7.0 INSTRUCTIONAL FUNCTIONS**

**7.1 Transfer of Special Education from TCOE to TAUSD**

Item moved after Item 5.6.

**7.2 Summer School Funding Outlook**

Superintendent Traverso explained that we get \$5,000 to be used for supplemental hours of instruction and it is not enough to run a whole summer school program. This fiscal year WES offered a “get on track” morning session late in the summer and we could offer that again. Currently these funds are used for after school tutoring. We are being required to provide summer school for a high school student this year and administration is willing to oversee the course for graduation requirement(s). THS now has credit recovery and independent study. WES is currently working on intervention programs for next year.

Added Inter-District Attendance Requests Items 7.3 TCES to WES; 7.4 LES to WES; 7.5 WES to DCS  
Trustee Groves moved to combine Items 7.3, 7.4 and 7.5 for approval as Principals have already approved.  
Motion to approve Items 7.3, 7.4 and 7.5 by Trustee Tkach, Second by Trustee Hagen. Motion carried unanimously.

## **8.0 PERSONNEL**

**8.1 Approval of Resolution 910-23 Personnel Services**

There are a couple of more volunteer drivers to add: Caroline Bishop, Cindy Blanchard and Will Johnson. He recommends approval including those three.

MSC Trustees Hagen/Tkach. Motion carried unanimously.

**9.0 ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING**

Trustee Groves – 175 day school year.

Superintendent Traverso – Tentative 2010-11 school calendar.

**10.0 BOARD COMMENTS**

Trustee Groves – We are taking a challenging role with Special Ed and he is positive we can make it even better.

Trustee Tkach - Thanked those in the audience for attending.

**11.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC CONCERNING CLOSED SESSION AGENDA**

Annie Steele introduced the new CSEA President, Luke Case. He will begin in February.

Steve Power states he will have a meeting with Superintendent Traverso tomorrow. He asked the Board to consider his concerns with the high school and pointed out his letter is in the Board's closed session materials.

**12.0 ACCEPT CLOSED SESSION AGENDA**

Motion by Trustee Cloud, Second by Trustee Tkach. Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

**13.0 CLOSED SESSION – 8:54 PM**

- 13.1 Government Code Section 54957.6  
Conference with Labor Negotiator-Ed Traverso  
Early Retirement Incentive - Certificated and Classified Staff
- 13.2 Government Code Section 54957  
Public Employee Performance Evaluation-Principals
- 13.3 Government Code Section 54956.9  
Anticipated Litigation-Residential Developer Fees

Action may be taken

**14.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – 10:00 PM**

**15.0 REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

No action taken.

**16.0 ADJOURNMENT – 10:01 PM**