

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

**Weaverville Elementary School Library ..... Wednesday, February 10, 2010**  
**31020 State Hwy 3 ..... Closed Session 5:30 p.m., 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 - Absent  
Sean Harris - Present

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

**1.0 Formal Opening**

1.1 Call to Order – **6:14 PM**

1.2 Flag Salute – Led by Trustee Groves

1.3 Additions or Changes in Agenda – Superintendent Traverso passed out copies of an agenda item under provisions of Government Code 54954.5 to accept retirement letters recently received in order to amend the number of layoffs in Resolution Item 10.4. Trustee Tkach moved to approve amending the agenda as stated by Superintendent Traverso: Vote; 4 Ayes, 1 Absent. Trustee Cloud motioned to accept as Item 10.4.a Teacher Retirements and Item 10.4.b Resolution 910-25 Layoff, amendments to Item 10.4: Vote; 4 Ayes, 1 Absent. Superintendent Traverso also requested the Board move Item 11.4 to under Item 10.3 to accommodate Mr. Pickering so he will be able to drive his AM route; table Item 12.4 as it has yet to be approved by site council.

1.4 Declaration of Recording Devices - One

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

None

**3.0 ACCEPT CLOSED SESSION AGENDA**

Motion by Trustee Cloud, Second by Trustee Tkach. Vote: 4 Ayes, 1 Absent

**4.0 CLOSED SESSION – 5:48 PM**

4.1 Education Code 48915 (a-2) – Student Expulsion Hearing  
Student # 2 (09-10)

**5.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – 6:10 PM**

**6.0 REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

Trustee Groves reported there was no expulsion, and they will return to Closed Session at end of Open Session.

**7.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON OPEN SESSION AGENDA.**

Angela Gutermuth –Parent from East Branch Road states she represents a group of parents who request art and music be kept in the core curriculum even with the cuts being made in the school; students not be pulled from core classes to participate in art and music; the Board to begin efforts to replace these teachers; and that the Board present a budget for these programs.

Superintendent Traverso responded explaining the retirement deadline, next year's schedules include art and music, which the Board supports. We will bring the art and music budget(s) to the next meeting. Mr. Flint will have to leave early and wanted to know if the Board had any questions about 6 period days or the calendar(s) that he has given them. Trustee Groves asked him to give his report now (Item 10.18). Mr. Flint read from his written report; thanked and recognized retiring teachers; staff is looking forward to working on class schedules; staff at high school has been discussing 6 and 7 period days with mixed preferences; CTA still concerned with prep time at WES; thanked the Board members for their hard work and hopes to work together.

### **8.0 ACCEPT OPEN SESSION AGENDA**

Motion by Trustee Cloud to accept as amended, Second by Trustee Tkach. Vote: 4 Ayes, 1 Absent.

### **9.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 9.1 Approval of the Governing Board Regular Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2010
- 9.2 Approval of Resolution 910-24 Payroll and General Fund Warrants
- 9.3 Approval of Instructional Media Services Agreement between TCOE and TAUSD for the 2010-2011 School Year
- 9.4 February & March Fundraising Calendar

### **10.0 BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE**

10.1 All Weather Track Committee Update-Stuart Drake

Joanne Harper reported for Stuart Drake: They are in the process of applying for various grants. She passed out the current grant due February 24, requesting \$10,000. She explained the Prop 84 grant, which requires public meeting and a resolution from the Board (minimum \$100,000 and max \$5 million) and will be available again next fall. There is a second McConnell foundation grant that they will apply for in a couple of month (\$30,000).

10.2 Automated External Defibrillator Installations at WES and THS – Mary Nixon, School Nurse

Mary Nixon passed out a handout and discussed the three defibrillators, which are installed in each gym in unlocked cabinets, with signage above the defibrillator. Twenty staff from WES has been trained in its use and THS is rescheduled to Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> including CPR certification.

10.3 Dental Van for Qualified Students March 29-April 2, 2010 - Mary Nixon, School Nurse

Mary Nixon passed out a handout for Premier Access, which will bring a van to our community March 29-April 2. It is free regardless of parents' insurance status. One dentist and two dental assistants provide primary dental care. We will need to provide a site coordinator

MSC Trustees Tkach/Cloud. Vote: 4 Ayes, 1 Absent.

Moved Item 11.4 Extension of Down River Bus Route to Friday Ridge Road

Scott Pickering reported that he ran the bus and found it to be about an extra 18 minutes round trip.

Superintendent Traverso pointed out the letter received from downriver parents that was made available tonight, which accounts for about 14 students and 6 families. He recommends approval with the route to begin the first semester next school year.

Trustee Tkach motioned to extend the bus route to Friday Ridge Road for the 2010-11 school year, Second by Trustee Cloud. Vote: 4 Ayes, 1 Absent.

Added Item 10.4.a Accept Retirements of 7.86 Full-Time Certificated Employees Based on the Retirement Incentives Offered.

MSC Trustees Tkach/Cloud. Vote: 4 Ayes, 1 Absent

Amended Item 10.4.b Approval of Resolution 910-25 Reducing Certain Certificated Services for the 2010-2011 School Year (Reduction in Employment of Certificated Employees, Layoff of Certificated Employees)  
Superintendent Traverso explained the changes to this resolution per 10.4.a: He read the resolution-changes are: Elementary school teaching positions changes from 7 to 1. Final action date is in May and some of these may be rescinded. We won't deliver layoff notices until we get back from Presidents Week break.  
Motion to approve amended Resolution 910-25 by Trustee Tkach, Second by Trustee Harris. Vote: 4 Ayes, 1 Absent

10.5 Set Classified Commitment Date for Retirement Incentive Program  
Superintendent Traverso recommends the date be changed to March 26, 2010. We currently have one commitment.  
MSC Trustees Cloud/Tkach. Vote: 4 Ayes, 1 Absent.

10.6 Superintendent's Report – Ed Traverso  
First semester awards: WES recognized Mr. Smith for certificated and Alana Fornaciari for classified. THS recognized Dusty Knight for certificated and Lynne Gervasi for classified.

10.7 THS Principal's Report – Debra Robison  
Absent.

10.8 WES Principal's Report – Scott Payne  
Absent.

10.9 Director of Facilities and Operations Report – Dave Ottem  
Mr. Ottem states there is nothing new to report at this time.

10.10 THS Student Representative Report – Boston Jones  
Boston Jones introduced himself and stated he will take over for Lindsay. The student body requests tighter rules on chewing tobacco. He feels it is rampant at high school and also bad with 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Girls have complained that there is no hot water in the girl's bathrooms and he feels it is a health hazard. The library could use some new books and he asked if student body could sell some to make money to purchase new books. There was more discussion regarding the chew tobacco issue at school. Christine Camara states there is a juvenile prevention person at Behavioral Health through Juvenile Hall funded through a new grant and he is available to schools. There was more discussion about iPod use at schools. Trustee Cloud noted wrestling made it to league. Christine Camara commended outstanding WES students in the spelling bee.

10.11 ROP Report – Trustee Hagen  
Absent. Superintendent Traverso reported for Trustee Hagen. Most classes will continue with the exception of a couple. West Valley is picking up a couple of classes that will be open to other students.

10.12 Agriculture Advisory Committee Report  
None

10.13 WES Site Council Report  
None

10.14 THS Site Council Report  
None

10.15 WES Boosters Club Report  
Annie Steele reported: Boosters sponsored a potato bar for the staff and also provided food at teacher staff meetings; working on the jog-a-thon in May; possibly coordinating with artist showcase at the school in April.

10.16 THS Boosters Club Report

Cindy Blanchard reported: She met this morning with some members and gave them information on the nature of all of the funds.

10.17 CSEA Representative Report

Absent. Annie states they are working on transfer of special ed; retiree insurance increases are a problem for some.

10.18 CTA Representative Report

See above Comments from Public.

10.19 Third Reading: Board Policy 5127

Valedictorian/Salutatorian Selections Policy

MSC Trustees Cloud/Tkach. Vote: 4 Ayes, 1 Absent.

Trustee Groves moved to take a 10 minute break.

**11.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL**

11.1 Director of Business Services Report – Cindy Blanchard

Ms. Blanchard explained her spreadsheet; interest is not included so the number is not final; Forest Reserves have come in; we are not in a negative cash flow for January!; Forest Reserve allocation will be about \$14,000 higher next year; First Interim approved by TCOE; Stimulus funds require reports; Asset Works completed our initial inventory; next month we will look at a TRANS again for 2010-11 and the Second Interim Report.

11.2 Review and Accept Resolution 910-26 Trinity Alps Unified School District Annual Audit Report for the 2008-2009 School Year

Ms. Blanchard noted page #7 regarding adjustments to categorical funds; page 63 audit finding from last year regarding fraud policy and inventory, which we have now complied with. She thanked and recognized office staff and district staff for their work to comply with the findings.

MSC Trustees Tkach/Cloud. Vote: 4 Ayes, 1 Absent.

11.3 Review and Accept Actuarial Study of Retiree Health Liabilities as of August 1, 2009-Total Compensation Systems, Inc.

MSC Trustees Tkach/Harris. Vote: 4 Ayes, 1 Absent.

11.4 Extension of Down River Bus Route to Friday Ridge Road

Item moved below Item 10.3.

11.5 Accept Anonymous Donation of Nintendo and Guitar Hero Game - WES

MSC Trustees Cloud/Harris. Vote: 4 Ayes, 1 Absent.

**12.0 INSTRUCTIONAL FUNCTIONS**

12.1 Proposed School Calendar(s) for the 2010-2011 School Year-Set for Sunshine at March Meeting

Superintendent Traverso explained we put out 3 proposals then met with members of each union to review. The 180 day with school beginning on August 17 is the one CTA and CSEA prefer. He went over the other proposals. The Board can select more than one calendar and we will bring them back for a public hearing next month. If negotiations are not fruitful the Board can adopt a calendar but it would be late in the school year. Trustee Groves moved to bring back calendar 3-180 day; 175 days with teacher work days; with and without the day before thanksgiving.

12.2 Approval of Single Plan for Student Achievement-WES

MSC Trustees Tkach/Cloud. Vote: 4 Ayes, 1 Absent.

12.3 Approval of Comprehensive School Safety Plan-WES  
MSC Trustees Tkach/Cloud. Vote 4 Ayes, 1 Absent.

12.4 Approval of Local Education Plan Single Plan for Student Achievement-THS  
Tabled until March meeting.

12.5 Pros and Cons of Reverting to 6 Period Day at THS  
After much discussion the Board requests we bring this back.

12.6 Approval of Inter-District Attendance Requests for Siblings for the 2010-11 School Year-THS to  
Northern Humboldt Union High School District  
MSC Trustees Cloud/Tkach. Vote: 4 Ayes, 1 Absent.

12.7 Approval of Inter-District Attendance Request Renewal for the 2010-11 School Year-THS to Northern  
Humboldt Union High School District  
MSC Trustees Cloud/Tkach. Vote: 4 Ayes, 1 Absent.

**13.0 PERSONNEL**

13.1 Approval of Resolution 910-27 Personnel Services  
MSC Trustees Cloud/Tkach. Vote: 4 Ayes, 1 Absent.

**14.0 ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING**

Trustee Groves: How can bus driver notify people when the bus will be early due to inclement weather.  
Ms. Blanchard will provide a power point presentation.  
Trustee Harris: Follow up on tobacco, iPods and other issues discussed earlier tonight.

**15.0 BOARD COMMENTS**

None

**16.0 ADJOURNMENT - 9:19 PM**

**17.0 Return to Closed Session - 9:25 PM**

**18.0 Report Out of Closed Session – 9:35 PM**

No Action Taken – No Report.