

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

Weaverville Elementary School Library Wednesday, March 10, 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
Scott Payne, Principal
Debra Robison, Principal
Cindy Blanchard, Director of Business Services
Dave Ottem, Director of Facilities and Operations

1.0 Formal Opening

- 1.1 Call to Order – **6:01 PM**
- 1.2 Flag Salute – Led by Trustee Groves
- 1.3 Additions or Changes in Agenda - None
- 1.4 Declaration of Recording Devices - One

2.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON OPEN SESSION AGENDA - None

3.0 ACCEPT OPEN SESSION AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Cloud, Second by Trustee Hagen. Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Groves moved to pull 4.7 for discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Principal Robison reported on 4.6.

On motion by Trustee Cloud to approve as amended, Second by Trustee Tkach, the Trinity Alps Unified School District Governing Board approves consent ACTION items: 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, and 4.6

- 4.1 Approval of the Governing Board Regular Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2010
- 4.2 Approval of Resolution 910-28 Payroll and General Fund Warrants
- 4.3 March & April Fundraising Calendar
- 4.4 Ratify Student Waivers for CAHSEE (2)
- 4.5 Ratify Amendment to the Section 125 Flexible Spending Account Agreement between American Fidelity Assurance Company and TAUSD
- 4.6 McConnell Foundation Grant Application-All Weather Track for TAUSD
- 4.7 Approval of Friday Night Live and Club Live MOU(s) Between Trinity County Behavioral Health and TAUSD - \$2,000 Each THS and WES

Trustee Groves asked for info on plans to implement this grant. Principal Robison states Behavioral Health runs the program and it is beneficial to drug and alcohol prevention. There was discussion about the current school coordinator stipend. The grant for next year would not include a stipend.

Trustee Groves motioned to table this item to clear up stipend questions. Vote 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

5.0 INSTRUCTIONAL FUNCTIONS

5.1 WES Student Presentation on Odyssey of the Mind

Principal Payne introduced students and explained the program originated from the GATE program teaching problem solving skills. The students had no outside help. The students then gave a great presentation of their balsa wood project, which they won first place with at a competition in Redding. March 27 is the next championship in Brentwood, CA. The world championship will be held in Michigan.

5.2 **Public Hearing** - Proposed School Calendar(s) for the 2010-2011 School Year

Principal Robison described the A through D calendars.

Open at 6:29 PM

There was discussion about the 175 day calendar. Some teachers concerned about needing 5 days to prepare students for STAR and AP tests, which are set dates. All 175 day calendars would require negotiation with unions. Discussion on fair days: FFA students can get credit for fair days and State does not allow that for 4-H. Christine Camara, JCS Principal, prefers 180 school day as 175 affects their ADA.

Closed at 6:44 PM

5.3 Adopt TAUSD Calendar for the 2010-2011 School Year

After discussion, Superintendent Traverso recommends adopting the 180 instructional day calendar.

Motion to adopt the 180 day calendar by Trustee Tkach, Second by Trustee Hagen. Vote: Trustee Groves Nay, Trustee Tkach Aye, Trustee Cloud Aye, Trustee Harris Aye, Trustee Hagen Aye.

5.4 Approval of Inter-District Attendance Request for the 2010-11 School Year Klamath Trinity Joint Unified to TAUSD

MSC Trustees Cloud/Hagen. Motion carried unanimously.

5.5 First Reading: Revision of Inter-District Attendance

Board Policy 5117 – Option 2: School District of Choice Program

Administrative Regulation 5117 – Option 2: School District of Choice Program

Superintendent Traverso recommends approval as this will allow students to come to us even if the resident school denies their request. It will help draw students to our schools-help our declining enrollment.

We will bring back for action at the second reading.

6.0 BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE

6.1 Superintendent's Report – Ed Traverso

Superintendent Traverso referred to the Providence R.I. firing of teachers, which is legal. There are 4 models for underachieving schools and one is releasing all teachers and only hiring back half; close and reopen with another name; school closure model closing one and enrolling all in another school; improvement monitoring program. The State will release the names of up to 115 persistently underachieving schools.

Enterprise School District laid off 35 teachers, Sequoia laying off 4 of 5 music teachers; he read heartbreaking stories of schools up and down the state. Passed out Prop 98 handout.

6.2 THS Principal's Report – Debra Robison

Principal Robison passed out a tentative THS schedule for 2010-11 explaining it further, she then reported the following: APEX distance learning is coming to talk to us about higher levels of math, statistics and Spanish classes; Dept. meetings in Math, social studies and history for next year; basketball playoffs in Hamilton City – she was very proud of all of the students that attended and our boys played a great game; during minimum days this week there will be staff meetings, handbook committee meeting, etc.; THS has been awarded Title I Academic Achievement Award; Kevin Maelfeyt came in 4th in State for wrestling; Fall River newspaper included Trinity in their news because they are so impressed with our team; FBLA went to regional competition last week placing in the top ten in 18 events-four will be going to state in April, fundraising so students can

attend; March 20th McConnell applications due; discussion to waive transportation fees for JV softball and baseball as they have few away games; Steve Schmidt, youth pastor, introduced himself as a volunteer on THS campus reported he has the gym open 2X per week with 50-60 students attending. He feels there is less tobacco paraphernalia now compared to beginning of the school year and feels Principal Robison is doing a great job with students.

6.3 WES Principal's Report – Scott Payne

Principal Payne passed out a tentative schedule for WES, which includes all teachers having prep time during the day. He then reported the following: Fundraiser for Haiti raised over \$2,500; curriculum instructor from Pacheco School visited and were very impressed with our teachers and our programs. They told other people and Bella Vista from Redding will visit us in 2 weeks; Odyssey of the Mind; STAR writing test last week; AVID students on their trip now for 3 days visiting colleges; Scripps spelling bee this weekend; Kick Butts Day pledging to be tobacco free on the 19th; March 22nd academic decathlon hosted here.

6.4 Director of Facilities and Operations Report – Dave Ottem

Mr. Ottem reported: Safe Routes to School-CalTrans has committed a flashing beacon at WES crosswalk with a radar speed feedback sign activated at beginning and end of school day installed by end of August 2010; we will continue to develop Washington Street drop-off, pick-up site; he attended a CASH conference last week (see handout) dealing with school facilities and lobbying our state legislators.

6.4 THS Student Representative Report- Lindsay Cone

Lindsay reported on the following: MOOT Trial March 29th at courthouse; McConnell foundation scholarship; 100-200 attended the boys basketball playoff; wrestling coach, Kyle Davis, received Coach of the Year award; spring sports have begun; March 2nd FAFSA deadline; passed out handout for school play, The Importance of Being Ernest; many seniors have already been accepted to colleges; ASB students considering a "Prep Club" for school spirit; looking at Student Store as sports fundraiser; Chinese New Year Dinner had 20 student volunteers; Science Bowl took place earlier this month with a team going to academic decathlon this weekend.

6.6 ROP Report – Trustee Hagen

Meeting held yesterday: Possibility of firefighting class up here; next years funding remains about the same.

6.7 Agriculture Advisory Committee Report

None

6.8 WES Site Council Report

None

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Met Tuesday morning and working on a parent and a student survey.

6.10 WES Boosters Club Report

Met last week; art day April 3 run by Boosters in conjunction with the local Art-Walk; working on jog-a-thon; staff appreciation week events are being planned.

6.11 THS Boosters Club Report

None

6.12 CSEA Representative Report

Annie Steele states she is not the official representative but she reported the following: They may request a rating survey; discussing school counselor layoff and that they support the position.

6.12 CTA Representative Report

Mike Flint reported the following: Staff at THS would still like to see a Dean of Students position; track has 55-60 students, first meet next Friday at Chico.

6.14 Report on Tobacco and iPod Use on School Grounds-Review District Policy & Site Rules

Superintendent Traverso explained the handout of the current policy and handbook rules, which Principal Robison read. Both principals explained the rules for each site.

Trustee Groves called a 10 minute break.

7.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL

7.1 Director of Business Services Report – Cindy Blanchard

Ms. Blanchard explained the letter regarding audit findings; March 1st she received a \$28,000 bill from STSIG insurance group for the previous WES contract, which she has budgeted for this fiscal year; monthly financial report shows revenue up due to our Forest Reserves; we are still deficit spending this year; she referred to a letter from the State showing Safe and Drug Free School funds will cease next school year.

7.2 Approval of Second Interim Financial Report for the 2009-2010 School Year

Ms. Blanchard gave a power point presentation and reported the following: State shortfall is now up to 21 billion, which includes various assumptions about Federal funds that may not come through; we have received a negative COLA; we end up overstating our revenues more than \$410,000 because it is all funds that the State has owed us since last fiscal year; auditors have done a budget adjustment for last year and this year; she then ran through the budget; golden handshake bill from PERS may carry forward as it has yet to be received; she passed out a multi-year projection handout.

MSC Trustees Tkach/Hagen. Motion carried unanimously.

7.3 Approval of Resolution 910-29 to Participate in the California School Cash Reserve Program Sponsored by the California School Boards Association Finance Corporation Regarding Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes (TRANS)

Superintendent Traverso explained this is for short term cash flow problems only.

MSC Trustees Tkach/Cloud. Motion carried unanimously.

7.4 Review 2009-10 Budget for Visual and Performing Arts

Ms. Blanchard explained that we are continuing these services although staff has changed, and she reviewed the budget.

7.5 Approval of Prevention and Early Intervention Grant MOU Between Junction City School and TAUSD for the 2010-2011 School Year

Superintendent Traverso asked Ms. Camara to explain this grant, which she did. Feeder schools have given their support.

MSC Trustees Hagen/Tkach. Motion carried unanimously.

8.0 ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING

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Athletics; injuries prevention and required safety trainings.

9.0 BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Harris – None

Trustee Hagen – Great basketball season. He commended Coach Green for a great job coaching the students.

Trustee Cloud – None

Trustee Tkach – Thanked the audience for attending.

BOARD COMMENTS CONTINUED

Trustee Groves – He is inspired by coaching at the high school even with the current depressing economy.

10.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC CONCERNING CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

None

11.0 ACCEPT CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

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

12.0 CLOSED SESSION – 9:53 PM

- 12.1 Government Code Section 54957.6
Conference with Labor Negotiator-Ed Traverso
- 12.2 Government Code Section 54957
Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release - Resolution 910-30 Personnel Services
- 12.3 Government Code Section 54957
Public Employment - Superintendent Contract for 2010-11 School Year
- 12.4 Government Code Section 54957
Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Principals

13.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – 10:49 PM

14.0 REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Item 12.1 - No reportable action.

Item 12.2 Resolution 910-30 approved by the following vote: Trustee Cloud Nay, Trustee Tkach Aye, Trustee Harris Aye, Trustee Hagen Aye, Trustee Groves Aye.

Item 12.3 – Tabled.

Item 12.4 – Tabled.

15.0 ADJOURNMENT – 10:51 PM