

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

**Weaverville Elementary School Library .....Wednesday, April 14, 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 - Absent
- Mike Cloud - Present
- Steve Hagen - Present
- Sean Harris – Absent

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 – 6:00 PM
- 1.2 Flag Salute – Led by Trustee Groves
- 1.3 Additions or Changes in Agenda – Per Superintendent Traverso, begin AP presentation at 6:30 to accommodate students and teacher.
- 1.4 Declaration of Recording Devices - One

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

Debbie Holland Olson, bus driver, commented about in town transportation routes, reading from a letter she wrote to the Board. She presented the Board a student/parent petition and asked the board to take her comments into consideration. April Mower, parent, addressed bullying concerns she has with the high school. She and parent Janie Altman commended Colleen Thompson for her counseling skills at the elementary school. Annie Steele, Para-educator, also commended Mrs. Thompson and told the public that the budget crisis dictates the board’s action. Principal Payne and Superintendent Traverso explained the 2010-11 counseling services proposal through Junction City School that would include funds for the WINGS program. We will continue to look at counseling in the coming years.

**3.0 ACCEPT OPEN SESSION AGENDA**

Motion by Trustee Cloud; Second by Trustee Hagen; Vote: 3 Ayes, 2 Absent

**4.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 4.1 Approval of the Governing Board Regular Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2010
- 4.2 Approval of Resolution 910-31 Payroll and General Fund Warrants
- 4.3 April & May Fundraising Calendar
- 4.4 Ratify Friday Night Live and Club Live MOU between Trinity County Behavioral Health and TAUSD \$2,600 THS and \$2,200 WES
- 4.5 Approval of Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints – Quarter 1, 2010
- 4.6 Ratify 2009-10 Agriculture Vocational Education Incentive Grant Allocation Item 4.1

**5.0 BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE**

5.1 Approval of WES Facility Use July 3, 2010 by the Weaverville Chamber of Commerce for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Display-Pat Zugg  
MSC Trustees Hagen/Cloud. Motion carried: 3 Ayes, 2 Absent.

5.2 Approval of Student and Teacher Academic Agreement – Jerad Harris  
Jerad presented his proposal and passed out a handout, which includes some modifications from the previous proposal. He has spoken to Athletic Director, Kathleen Lynch and will be sending it to CIF and to all teachers at a staff meeting for their input about details. After much discussion Superintendent Traverso suggests we table this and bring it back for action.

5.3 Approval of Resolution 910-32 Issuance of Notice of Non-Reemployment to Certificated Employee Who Will be Laid Off at the End of the 2009-2010 School Year  
Superintendent Traverso explained we sent out 12 layoff notices and we received 9 retirements bringing us into line with the budget. If Junction City School PIE grant is approved we will partner with them and have a counselor at WES 1 day per week.  
MSC Trustee Cloud/Hagen. Motion carried: 3 Ayes; 2 Absent

6.1 Advanced Placement Presentation-Students and Mr. Ferguson  
Superintendent Traverso introduced Mr. Ferguson who gave a brief presentation with some of his students. The classes are taught at a 4 year college curriculum level. Students receiving a 3 (out of 5) and above will receive credit in most colleges. The students attested to the benefits of all of the AP classes.

5.4 Superintendent's Report – Ed Traverso  
Superintendent Traverso talked to Preferred Meals for cafeteria program-taste testing on April 20 at 2:00 at WES. Scott Payne to look into a transportation program to automate reporting. Bullying is becoming a very serious problem and we are looking at tools to educate staff to recognize and be proactive in their response.

5.5 THS Principal's Report – Debra Robison  
Principal Robison acknowledged Chris Watanabe as one of four top students who were nominated for and received new computers through a Google grant. There will be a Sober Grad barbeque this Saturday at the golf course. STAR testing next week and the following week is AP testing. May 3<sup>rd</sup> Open House with 8<sup>th</sup> graders from feeder schools. There will be a "Moving Up" class assembly and barbeque. Administrator meeting with Superintendent today discussed bullying programs they are looking at to put in place next year. Superintendent Traverso read the guidelines from the student/parent handbook. She recognized Mrs. Knight who gave a national financial capability challenge and one of her students took it and scored in the top 20 percent nationwide.

5.6 Student Discipline and Suspension Reports – School Principals  
Principal Robison explained the high school report further. Probation officers are on our high school campus two days per week. Principal Payne explained the elementary school report further. Superintendent Traverso gave the CDS report.

5.7 THS Behavioral Guidelines/Discipline Policy  
Principal Robison explained this is part of updating the high school handbook. She will bring more next month and hopes to have it complete by the June Board meeting.

5.8 Senior Graduation Contract  
Principal Robison explained that 33 seniors ditched school one day which prompted this contract, which students helped write. After discussion from the audience Trustee Groves suggested these rules be included in the handbook, which students must sign stating they have read.

Item 5.8 died for lack of action.

5.9 WES Principal's Report – Scott Payne

Principal Payne gave a report on the State tournament of Odyssey of the Mind. WES finished 2<sup>nd</sup> place for weight on balsa wood structure and 5<sup>th</sup> place out of 17 teams overall. WES swept awards at the pentathlon a few weeks ago. He then read the names of award winners from WES. The Willie Wonka play 7:00 April 15, 16 & 17 at TAPAC. Honor roll assembly Friday. STAR testing coming up. Jazz band concert on April 27. Kindergarten round-up May 3 and 4. Jog-a-thon May 4. Booster Club activities each day next week. Enchilada Dinner May 7. Child art day May 9. SARC meetings with parents has yielded 100% student attendance.

5.10 Director of Facilities and Operations Report – Dave Ottem

Mr. Ottem referred to the letter from Dept. of General Services regarding bathrooms at THS. He gave a report of activities during spring break.

5.11 THS Student Representative Report – Lindsay Cone

Lindsay did not stay long enough to give her report.

5.12 Agriculture Advisory Committee Report

No Report.

5.12 WES Site Council Report

No Report.

5.14 THS Site Council Report

No Report.

5.15 WES Boosters Club Report

See Item 5.9

5.16 THS Boosters Club Report

No Report.

5.16 CSEA Representative Report

Ms. Steele reported this week's negotiations went well. More people are retiring. Meeting again on 27<sup>th</sup>.

5.18 CTA Representative Report

Principal Robison commented on the written report from Mr. Flint: The tardy policy has always been on the web site and we will include our Board Policy for absences soon.

5.19 Transportation Issues: Walking Distances-In Town Stops

Superintendent Traverso explained we are looking at consolidating some routes and making a cut in personnel. This does not mean we will be eliminating in-town routes; we may cut the number of stops in town to about 6. The plan should be finished next week and he invited a Board member to participate; Trustee Hagen volunteered. We will bring this back for public comment also. This would take effect next year. Ms. Holland-Olson feels the routes have been expanded in the past due to student safety and she invited Board members to ride her route with her.

5.20 Revise and Set Classified Commitment Date for Retirement Incentive Program-April 30, 2010

Superintendent Traverso explained it became apparent that some staff needed more time. To accommodate the 45 day notice deadline he can only go to April 30<sup>th</sup>.

MSC Trustees Cloud/Hagen. Motion carried: 3 Ayes; 2 Absent.

5.21 Approval of THS Comprehensive School Safety Plan  
MSC Trustees Hagen/Cloud. Motion carried: 3 Ayes; 2 Absent.

Trustee Groves moved to take a 5 minute break and then return to the business director's report.

7.1 Director of Business Services Report – Cindy Blanchard  
Ms. Blanchard explained we are still deficit spending 1 million and next year doesn't look any better. In 10-11 we expect more deferrals of up to 90 days for some programs. She will need a meeting on the latest date possible in June for budget adoption as the State is giving information out later and later. Our district has done a great job to only have one layoff next year. Our community should write our State legislators. She gave a brief report on sport transportation fees, which have been very low. Trustee Groves suggests include collecting fees in the coach's job descriptions.

## **6.0 INSTRUCTIONAL FUNCTIONS**

6.1 Advanced Placement Presentation-Students and Mr. Ferguson  
Item moved between Items 5.3 and 5.4.

6.2 Resolution 910-33 Change the Day of Observance for "Lincoln Day" and "Washington Day" for the 2010-11 School Year (Monday, February 14 and Friday, February 18)  
Superintendent Traverso explained the reason for the resolution.  
MSC Trustees Hagen/Cloud. Motion carried: 3 Ayes; 2 Absent.

6.3 Adopt Revised TAUSD Calendar for the 2010-11 School Year (Lincoln Day, Washington Day, Minimum Day Changes and Move Spring Break Up 1 Week for Additional Instruction Prior to Testing)  
Motion by Trustee Cloud to adopt the revised calendar with the following amendment: Move "other local holiday" from April 1 to April 22, Second by Trustee Hagen. Motion carried: 3 Ayes; 2 Absent.

6.4 Approval of Inter-District Attendance Request for the 2010-11 School Year TAUSD to Northern Humboldt Union High School District  
MSC Trustees Cloud/Hagen. Motion carried: 3 Ayes; 2 Absent.

6.5 Second 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 explained it has been reauthorized and there are also restrictions on how many students can transfer out. He recommends approval.  
MSC Trustees Hagen/Cloud. Motion carried: 3 Ayes; 2 Absent.

6.6 California Physical Fitness Test 2009 District and School Summary Reports  
Superintendent Traverso will check with the State about student confidentiality for small schools with few students in some categories. Principal Payne explained it further.

6.7 Tentative Class Schedules-THS and WES  
The Principals explained their schedules further.

6.8 Special Education Report  
Superintendent Traverso elaborated on the handout. He met yesterday with teachers, principals, Ms. Boltz from TCOE and have begun laying out the process for next year.

## **7.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL**

7.1 Director of Business Services Report – Cindy Blanchard  
Moved between Items 5.21 and 6.0.

7.2 Adopt Substitute Salary Schedule for Confidential and Classified Management-to be Hired at First Step of the Appropriate Salary Schedule.

Superintendent Traverso explained the reasoning for having a salary schedule in place for substitutes; substitutes to begin at the first step of the schedule.

MSC Trustees Cloud/Hagen. Motion carried: 3 Ayes; 2 Absent.

**8.0 ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING**

None

**9.0 BOARD COMMENTS**

Trustee Hagen – He is impressed with the AP presentation and the classes.

Trustee Cloud - NA

Trustee Groves - NA

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

None

**11.0 ACCEPT CLOSED SESSION AGENDA**

Motion by Trustee Cloud, Second by Trustee Hagen. Vote: 3 Ayes; 2 Absent

**12.0 CLOSED SESSION - 8:55 PM**

- 12.1 Government Code Section 54957.6  
Conference with Labor Negotiator-Ed Traverso
- 12.2 Government Code Section 54957  
Public Employment - Resolution 910-34 Personnel Services  
Rescind Layoff Notice, Volunteers, Extra Service
- 12.3 Government Code Section 54957  
Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release
- 12.4 Government Code Section 54957  
Public Employment - Superintendent Contract for 2010-11 School Year
- 12.5 Government Code Section 54957  
Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Principals

**13.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - 9:38 PM**

**14.0 REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

Board President Groves gave the following report:

- 12.1 The Board gave direction to Labor Negotiator, Ed Traverso.
- 12.2 Motion by Trustee Hagen, Second by Trustee Cloud to approve Resolution 910-34 Personnel Services.  
Vote: 3 Ayes; 2 Absent.
- 12.3 No reportable action.
- 12.4 Motion by Trustee Hagen, Second by Trustee Cloud to approve the Superintendent contract for the 2010-11 school year.  
Vote: 3 Ayes; 2 Absent.
- 12.5 Motion by Trustee Cloud, Second by Trustee Hagen to approve the overall positive evaluations of the Weaverville Elementary School Principal and Trinity High School Principal.  
Vote: 3 Ayes; 2 Absent.

**15.0 ADJOURNMENT 9:40 PM**

There being no further business, President Groves adjourned the meeting.