

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

**Weaverville Elementary School Library .....Wednesday, May 12, 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 – **6:00 PM**
- 1.2 Flag Salute – Led by Trustee Groves
- 1.3 Additions or Changes in Agenda – Superintendent Traverso would like to add a presentation by AVID students after the consent agenda; per Ms. Bentley’s request, move Item 6.9 up the agenda under Item 6.0.
- 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 to approve as amended by Trustee Tkach, Second by Trustee Cloud. Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

**4.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

On motion by Trustee Tkach, Second by Trustee Hagen, the Trinity Alps Unified School District Governing Board approves consent ACTION items: 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6. Pull Item 4.1 for vote.

- 4.1 Approval of the Governing Board Regular Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2010 – Motion to approve by Trustee Cloud, Second by Trustee Hagen. 3 Ayes, Trustees Harris and Tkach Abstain.
- 4.2 Approval of Resolution 910-34 Payroll and General Fund Warrants
- 4.3 May & June Fundraising Calendar
- 4.4 Ratify 2010-11 Designation of CIF Representatives to League
- 4.5 Approval of American Fidelity Assurance Company Section 125 Flexible Benefit Plan Agreement for the 2010-2011 Plan Year
- 4.6 Ratify Carl D. Perkins Career Technical Education Application for 2010-11 Funding

**5.0 BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE**

Added Item 5.05 AVID Student Presentation

Ten AVID students reported on what the class teaches them, skills learned and how it prepares them for college.

- 5.1 Mandated Reporter Presentation by Trinity County Child Protective Services-Mario Angelone and Legal Authority to Interview Students Presentation-David Hammer

Mr. Angelone, Social Worker III passed out several handouts to the Board and discussed child abuse and neglect regarding mandated reporting by school staff, law enforcement, firefighters, and daycare providers.

## ITEM 5.1 CONTINUED

Requirement to report is reasonable suspicion based on something seen or heard. He then discussed CPS procedures.

Mr. Hammer discussed the procedures to bring a case to court; he passed out a handout on interviewing students on campus, explaining CPS has authority to come onto school grounds any time and students have the right to have another person with them during interviews or refuse to talk; CPS try to contact the parents first.

Superintendent Traverso referred the Board to Board Policy 5141.4. Our staff had an in-service two years ago

#### 5.2 THS Student Representative Report – Lindsay Cone

Ms. Cone reported the following: On behalf of the senior class she thanked the Board for not approving the senior contract; Spring Week coming up with dress-up days including a battle of the bands and barbeque. Prom this Saturday at the golf course; monologues this Tuesday at Mamma Llama; ASB elections coming up.

#### 5.3 Review/Revision of Athletic 1 F Policy and Student Teacher Academic Agreement

Superintendent Traverso read a letter from Jerad Harris explaining the policy, which he has taken to teachers.

Mr. Traverso recommends going back to a No F policy. Ms. Lynch, Athletic Advisor, supports a No F policy although the Section Commissioner follows CIF policy only requiring a 2.0 grade point average.

Trustee Hagen motioned to add the “No F” language to the policy, amending 1.7 of the athletic handbook, Second by Trustee Cloud. Discussion by Trustee Groves regarding grading periods. Mr. Traverso will bring the language back to the Board next month. Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

#### 5.4 Request Waiver of Board Policy 7310: Approve Request to Plant a Tree in Memory of Dr. Michael Polka from the Dr. Richard Armstrong Family

Superintendent Traverso requested the Board grant a waiver of our Memorial Policy allowing the request in honor of Dr. Polka to take place this school year.

MSC Trustees Hagen/Tkach. Vote 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

#### 5.5 Trinity County Administrators Report on Bullying-Christine Camara

Ms. Camara reported that the county administrators are working toward a cohesive and consistent countywide bullying curriculum, while also addressing the climate/culture at each school. She thanked Principal Robison for her work on this.

#### 5.6 Superintendent’s Report – Ed Traverso

Superintendent Traverso reported the following: He attended North State Spring Conference in Reno; he referred to a handout regarding the graduation ceremonies and after events; Sober Graduation procedures and rules; charging for student transportation is being discussed at the state level; TAUSD transportation encroaches on general funds \$220,000 annually; TAUSD is not doing away with in-town bussing, just creating more centralized points to pick up students.

#### 5.7 THS Principal’s Report – Debra Robison

Principal Robison added to her written report: THS students will now have the ability to choose their classes through the Power School program, with teacher recommendations.

#### 5.8 WES Principal’s Report – Scott Payne

Principal Payne added to his written report: Busy with 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip; 2 students (Natasha Floerke and Ben Harper) will compete in the statewide spelling bee.

#### 5.9 Director of Facilities and Operations Report – Dave Ottem

Mr. Ottem requests an ad hoc committee of Board members meet with him to walk the facilities regarding deferred maintenance plan, which he will report on next month. Trustee Groves moved for volunteers; Trustees Tkach and Hagen volunteered.

5.10 ROP Report - Steve Hagen

Trustee Hagen reported: ROP is offering firefighting class here on Saturdays next year with two classes held in Redding. Hayfork students are invited to come over and take the classes also. Sixteen students currently signed up. We would offer the class every other year depending on interest.

5.11 Agriculture Advisory Committee Report

No report.

5.12 WES Site Council Report

No report.

5.13 THS Site Council Report

No report.

5.14 WES Boosters Club Report

Annie Steele reported: Staff appreciation week last week for entire staff; Jog-a-thon raised nearly \$3,000; t-shirt design contest; booth at children's festival last weekend.

5.15 THS Boosters Club Report

No report.

5.16 CSEA Representative Report

Superintendent Traverso has a note from CSEA President, Luke Case, stating the unit ratified the job descriptions and tentative agreement the district reached with them.

5.17 CTA Representative Report

Mike Flint also reported on the track team. He read from his written report. There is a request to add a dean of students again for next year.

5.18 Tentative Agreement with CSEA

Superintendent Traverso reported: CSEA and the District have been working towards cutting costs by \$220,000; It is agreed that the transportation manager and café manager will be retiring and not be replaced; the District made retirement concessions regarding the blue light special; we revised the bus driver/mechanics and maintenance staff job descriptions of to allow flexibility of staff; two bus driver mechanics will work in the summer as maintenance staff when needed; high school plant foreman will retire, the position will not be immediately filled, the position salary will be reduced; current lead custodian salary will be Y rated; letter of retirement also from a bus driver, leaving one opening to fill. He recommends approval.

MSC Trustees Hagen/Tkach. Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

**6.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL**

Moved Item 6.9 Preferred Meal Systems

Superintendent Traverso read from his report: the cafeteria encroachment is around \$118,000; we have taken steps to cut costs to no avail; the encroachment amount would pay for a teacher and an aide; savings would be in labor costs, roughly \$98,000; one café staff requested to move to the opening in maintenance allowing us to not layoff café staff; meals meet requirements of the National School Lunch program, which dictates requirements; 25 adults and students participated in the Preferred Foods taste test.

Tammy Taylor, cafeteria worker, gave a report on her investigation of Preferred Foods discussing concerns she has with food quality. Clayton Cox of Weaverville spoke of his previous work as a truck driver delivering food to various schools in the central coast area, and he is opposed to pre-packaged meals. The following people spoke of their opposition to pre-packaged meals: Holly Higgins, Senior at THS; Julie Nourse, WES cafeteria; Rick Tippett, community member; David Crummey, Human Response Network; Gail Goodyear, community

member; Joanne Harper, parent, Christine Taylor, previous WES substitute teacher; Christine Camara, Junction City School Principal, recommends we switch to S & L foods, make better use of our food commodities and use direct certification to pull in more free and reduced students at the high school.

Trustee Tkach thanked everyone for coming and states Superintendent Traverso is doing his job helping us cut costs and making improvement at both of our schools. There was discussion about raising meal rates.

The item died for lack of a motion. The Board directed Superintendent Traverso to look at other options.

Trustee Groves moved to take a 5 minute break. 8:20 PM

6.1 Director of Business Services Report – Cindy Blanchard

The State is projecting a negative .38 COLA. Our auditors are here this week and will meet with representatives from CTA and CSEA tomorrow. Second Interim has been officially approved by County Office. Shasta College has requested their share of Forest Reserves next year.

6.2 Approval of Student Teaching Agreement between California State University, Chico and TAUSD MSC Trustees Cloud/Hagen. Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

6.3 Grant Approval from Redding Rancheria Community Fund to TAUSD Regarding THS Track Joanne Harper spoke to the Board regarding this grant approval to scarify compaction. They are applying for other grants to complete specific pieces of the project.

6.4 Accept Donation from the Trinity Alps Golf Course for THS Golf Team MSC Trustees Tkach/Harris. Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

6.5 Accept Donation of Pole Vaulting Equipment from Nadine Johnson Family to THS Track and Field MSC Trustees Tkach/Hagen. Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

6.6 Set Date, Time and Location for the 2010-2011 Budget Adoption – Suggested Date Tuesday, June 29, 2010

Tuesday, June 29 at 6:00 at WES Library approved by the Board. Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

6.7 Approve Meyers-Stevens & Toohey Blanket Student Accident Insurance Plan for the 2010-11 School Year

Superintendent Traverso explained how student insurance works. This year they have paid one claim of about \$350, the premium cost us \$ 6,533.

Motion made by Trustee Tkach to drop this plan, Second by Trustee Cloud. Vote 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

6.8 Attendance Procedures

MSC Trustees Tkach/Cloud. Vote 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

6.9 Preferred Meal Systems

Moved up agenda before 6.1.

6.10 Approval of Request for Superintendent's Small District Funding Waiver for Community Day School

MSC Trustees Tkach/Cloud. Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

**7.0 INSTRUCTIONAL FUNCTIONS**

7.1 Approve MOU between University of California Cooperative Extension and TAUSD Regarding Delivery of the Youth/Adult Nutrition Education Program.

MSC Trustees Hagen/Tkach. Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

7.2 Approve ROP Firefighting Program  
MSC Trustees Hagen/Tkach. Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

7.3 Early Mental Health Initiative (WINGS Program) Costs to District  
Ms. Blanchard explained the funding: The grant pays \$10,497 and costs the District \$47,000 for para-educator trainings, etc. We could continue this program next year with or without the mental health grant. Trustee Harris moved to withdraw from the WINGS grant and bring this item back as an alternative program, Second by Trustee Cloud. Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

7.4 School District of Choice Board Policy 5117-Superintendents Recommendation to Board Regarding Number of Transfer Students the District will be Able to Accept by School, Grade Level and Programs  
Superintendent Traverso read from his handout which addressed the requirements to annually set dates for application (June 25<sup>th</sup>) and set number of students per grade. We would conduct a random drawing at a Board meeting if there are more applicants than openings (see report for specifics).  
MSC Trustees Tkach/Harris. Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

7.5 First Reading:  
BP 6200 - Adult Education  
Revision of Graduation Requirements  
Superintendent Traverso recommends 30 core unit requirement in math; the State requires 10 units in performing or visual art; change elective units from 50 to 60 ending with 200 units.

7.6 Approve Resolution 910-35 Students to Attend College Connection-2010-11 School Year  
Principal Robison read the names of the students; we may have one more; students have been accepted.  
MSC Trustees Tkach/Harris. Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

**8.0 ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING - None**

**9.0 BOARD COMMENTS**

Trustee Cloud: None  
Trustee Hagen: None  
Trustee Harris: None  
Trustee Tkach: None  
Trustee Groves: May not make the retiree dinner but wants other board members to attend.

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

Christine Camara questioned procedures for hiring coaches next year. Kathleen Lynch thanked Debbie for doing post season evaluations this year, which will help with continuity and morale for coaches in the future.

**11.0 ACCEPT CLOSED SESSION AGENDA**

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

**12.0 CLOSED SESSION – 9:24 PM**

- 12.1 Government Code Section 54957.6  
Conference with Labor Negotiator-Ed Traverso
- 12.2 Government Code Section 54957  
Public Employment - Resolution 910-36 Personnel Services  
Retirement, Volunteers, Extra Service
- 12.3 Government Code Section 54957  
Public Employment – Principals Contracts

Action may be taken

**13.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – 10:05 PM**

**14.0 REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION Government Code 54957.1**

12.1 No reportable action taken.

12.2 Motion to approve Personnel Services as amended with respect to the THS girl's basketball varsity and junior varsity coach position(s) by Trustee Tkach, Second by Trustee Harris. Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

12.3 Motion to approve the Principal's contracts by Trustee Tkach, Second by Trustee Harris. Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

**14.0 ADJOURNMENT – 10:08 PM**