

TRINITY ALPS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

Weaverville Elementary School Library Wednesday, August 10, 2011
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
Steve Hagen - Present
Sadie Fagan - Present
Wendy Cloud - Present

Also Present: Ed Traverso, Superintendent
Tom Barnett, Principal, Associate Superintendent
Keith Sprague, Principal
Cindy Blanchard, Director of Business Services

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 - None

2.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

3.0 ACCEPT OPEN SESSION AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Tkach, Second by Trustee Fagan: Vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain

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 June 8, 2011
- 4.2 Approval of the Governing Board Special Meeting Minutes of June 29, 2011
- 4.3 Approval of Resolution 1112-01 Payroll and General Fund Warrants June & July 2011
- 4.4 Approval of Resolution 1112-02 Instructions for Federal Child Nutrition Funds to First Pay All Classified Salaries Subject to PERS
- 4.5 Ratify MOU Between TCOE and TAUSD to Implement the Prevention and Early Intervention Grant (PIE) for the 2011-2012 School Year
- 4.6 Approval of MOU Between Golden Umbrella Senior Corps Program and TAUSD
- 4.7 Vehicle Servicing Agreement between TAUSD and Feeder Schools

5.0 PRESENTATION

5.1 THS Six Year WASC Accreditation – Kathleen Lynch & Dusty Knight
Dusty O’Neill-Knight handed out the accreditation letter received from the State to the Board members. She gave a report on the process and how important it is and the three goals the staff have adopted.

6.0 BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE

6.1 Superintendent’s Report – Ed Traverso
Mr. Traverso passed out a budget report from State Superintendent of Public Instruction; legal opinion from Attorney General regarding prop 98 guarantee; Wally Herger report-his solution to the forest reserve receipts is

to open up logging and he will continue to push that approach; Some mandates are suspended until 2013, i.e. supplying extra help to lower grade children who may be at risk of failing, etc.; student fees are legal per Ed Code 35330; Spring Board presentation, which is a program for pre-advanced curriculum for grades 3-12, is being looked at and we will have staff view a training from both schools the end of the month. He will keep the board informed as this progresses; Retirement (senate bill 27) regarding public retiree pension funds could drastically affect future retirees; Dusty put the school accountability report card on line; Federal Secretary of Education and NCLB compliance report will be provided to our board in a few months; today we had our MAA training for staff regarding referrals to human or social services, which we are able to recoup thousands of dollars from (as much as 3 teacher's salaries).

6.2 THS Principal's Report – Tom Barnett

Principal Barnett will be assembling student academic data; he discussed the academic student achievement test data, AYP and what we will do with this data; he thanked maintenance staff for their work this summer; the WASC review is very good and it is one of the better reports he has read; Dept. Chair meeting yesterday to empower departments with decision making and communication with administration. Trustee Groves welcomed Mr. Barnett to our staff.

6.3 WES Principal's Report – Keith Sprague

Principal Sprague reported the following: STAR data is currently being looked at; he may also attend the Spring Board conference; staff meeting today; the marquee is partially up at present and should be operable tomorrow.

6.4 ROP Report – None

6.5 Director of Facilities and Operations Report – Dave Ottem

Dave Ottem reported the following: He thanked the administration for their support; he read off a list of things maintenance worked on this summer and passed out pictures of some of those projects; there was discussion about monies to be received through the Dept. of Transportation from Cal Trans to improve bike lanes, sidewalks, crosswalk, etc. on highway 3 in front of WES, which came about from our grant application for the "safe routes to schools grant" 2-3 years ago. Trustee Groves suggest Dave send a thank you letter to the County and Cal Trans for their help and work on this.

6.6 Director of Transportation Report - None

6.7 Director of Food Services – Ellen Eggers

Ellen reported that her staff provided breakfast for the staff meeting today and she feels both sites are ready to go. The ROP class is on schedule and the district office received a fax showing her certification for the class.

6.8 Agriculture Advisory Committee Report - None

6.9 WES Site Council Report - None

6.10 THS Site Council Report - None

6.11 WES Boosters Club Report - None

6.12 THS Boosters Club Report - None

6.13 Added report: CTA Report- Troy Geierman introduced himself to the Board.

6.14 Added report: CSEA Report - None

6.15 Set Time of Regular TAUSD Board of Trustee Meetings for September through November 2011? No action taken.

6.14 Approval of Resolution 1112-03 Reduction or Elimination of Classified Services (Layoff I.E. Reduction in Hours of Employment of Classified Employee)

Motion by Trustee Fagan to approve, Second by Trustee Hagen: Vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain.

7.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL

7.1 Director of Business Services Report – Cindy Blanchard

Ms. Blanchard thanked her district office staff for their hard work this summer.

7.2 Budget Concerns/Triggers

Superintendent Traverso discussed a School Services article he received today, “Waiting for a Miracle” outlining the following: In January the State will look at whether they received anticipated revenue and if they don’t there will be 3 steps or “triggers” taken. If transportation trigger happens we will lose transportation funding beginning January 1, affecting this year and every year thereafter; April promise of “deferred money” could also go away and State revenues look to be already falling behind; TAUSD will be alright for this year due to our budgeting, but the board may be faced with making very dire decisions for the near future; Forest Reserves are very “iffy”; Cindy said the legislature passed a law this year which disallows schools from budgeting for these falling revenues; the legislature will allow us to negotiate cutting school up to 12 days per year, which will impact employees service credit with STRS and PERS; these cuts amount to roughly \$120,000 in transportation and \$230,000 revenue limit.

7.3 Approval of Resolution 1112-04 Five Year Deferred Maintenance Plan (Revision)

Mr. Ottem explained this report in detail.

MSC Trustees Hagen, Second Trustee Tkach: Vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain.

8.0 INSTRUCTIONAL FUNCTIONS

8.1 Approval of Student Teaching, Observation or Field Work MOU between Humboldt State University and TAUSD for the 2011-12 School Year

MSC Trustees Tkach, Second Trustee Fagan: Vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain.

8.2 Report on Inter District Attendance Requests for the 2011-12 School Year

Mr. Traverso explained this is up to date as of August 4th and we have a few more not on the report.

9.0 ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING

Trustee Tkach would like to run budget scenarios around January.

Cindy Blanchard reported that the two new teachers at the high school are ecstatic to have their new jobs.

10.0 BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Hagen heard the football golf tournament raised roughly \$13,000.

Trustee Tkach thanked everyone for all their hard work.

Trustee Cloud thanked everyone and is happy to be here for the “kids”.

Trustee Fagan is honored to be on this board and enjoys it.

Trustee Groves thanked our two new board members for applying for the November election and reminded us that August 12 is the deadline to apply.

11.0 ACCEPT CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

MSC Trustees Tkach/Hagen: Vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain

12.0 CLOSED SESSION – 7:20 PM

12.1 Government Code Section 54957

Public Employment - Resolution 1112-05 Personnel Services

CLOSED SESSION CONTINUED

- 12.2 Government Code Section 54957.6
Conference with Labor Negotiator-Ed Traverso

13.0 REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION – 7:55 PM

Board President Groves announced approval of adjustment to the Lead Counselor salary schedule.

14.0 ADJOURNMENT – 7:56 PM