

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

Weaverville Elementary School Library Wednesday, January 11, 2012
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
- Sadie Fagan - Present
- Wendy Cloud - Present
- Steve Hagen – Present

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

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 ON OPEN SESSION AGENDA - None

3.0 ACCEPT OPEN SESSION AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Tkach, Second by Trustee Fagan: Vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent 0 Abstain
Mr. Traverso reported for County Superintendent Jim French on Forest Reserves: There has been no action on Forest Reserve funding and we have to hope it goes as part of the tax extender Bill that will be heard in March. He will have more information next Monday. Also, due to the State budget TCOE will furlough workers 5 days per year for the next 3 years starting this year.

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

On motion by Trustee Hagen, 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 December 14, 2011
- 4.2 Approval of Resolution 1112-19 Payroll and General Fund Warrants
- 4.3 Approval of Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints – Quarter 4, 2011
- 4.4 January Fundraising Calendar

5.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL

5.1 Director of Business Services Report – Cindy Blanchard

Ms. Blanchard reviewed her board packet reported: We are now deficit spending \$2.2 million; no money from the State since Sept. 29th, at that time we received \$497,000 leaving \$1.6 million unpaid; we did receive \$1.1 million in property taxes recently but we are still behind over \$1 million; this week the P1 attendance report was due and our average enrollment is 771.75 students (we are running off last year’s ADA so we are in line with her projections for next year. ADA will fall off in the near future); there was discussion about how much of a “cushion” is needed for next school year in operating capital.

5.2 Setting Budget Priorities – We Can Do Anything You Want; We Can't Do Everything

Mr. Traverso reported on the Governor's budget, which relies on the voters passing a tax initiative next November. There are about 4 other initiatives that may end up on the ballot. He reported on the world finance crisis, the unemployment rates and discussed the initiatives further. If tax does not pass we will see a continued backwards slide in funding. Schools would see an immediate \$4.8 billion reduction next January if tax initiative does not pass and there is suggestion by the State to reduce the school year by 3 weeks! The State budget entirely eliminated home to school transportation as of January 1st even if the initiative passes! That's over \$300,000 a year to us. Pension reform plan cites when fully implemented state employee retirement could be cut. If school year is cut by 3 weeks teachers would not receive a full year credit toward their retirement. He would feel uncomfortable with anything less than a 20% reserve. Ms. Blanchard played a webcast from School Services of California. Mr. Traverso made a presentation of the priority setting ideas from the prior board meeting and new ideas received since then.

Trustee Groves suggests a special budget meeting to set the priorities. No action taken at this time.

5.3 Review and Accept Resolution 1112-20 Trinity Alps Unified School District Annual Audit Report for the 2010-2011 School Year – Full Report Posted at www.tausd.org.

Ms. Blanchard reported we had a good clean audit without any findings. We are looking into using another firm due to some district concerns (costs have gone up to \$22,000 to our district).

MSC Trustees Hagen/Tkach. Roll call vote: Trustees Hagen, Tkach, Cloud, Fagan and Groves Aye, 0 Nays.

6.0 INSTRUCTIONAL FUNCTION

6.1 Second Reading - Adult Education Graduation Requirements

Mr. Traverso reported we currently have 25 students; high school students cannot participate.

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

6.2 Sunshine TAUSD Calendar for the 2012-2013 School Year

Mr. Traverso explained the shortened school year calendar. He requests 1 proposal from CTA and 1 from CSEA this year (not several from both). This is the starting point to begin negotiations. Ms. Knight suggested coordinating our calendar with Shasta College.

The Board approved moving forward with this calendar as the district's proposal.

6.3 First Reading - Revise Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6146.1

High School Graduation Requirements-Starting with Class of 2013 to Give CTE Option for Foreign Language or VAPA Requirement

Mr. Barnett explained AB1330 that offers more flexibility.

7.0 BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE

7.1 Sunshine Contract Opener Proposal from TAUSD to CSEA Chapter 578 and set for Public Hearing at the February 8, 2012 Board Meeting

The Board will move 7.1 and 7.2 to Closed Session.

7.2 Sunshine Contract Opener Proposal from TAUSD to Trinity Alps Unified Teachers

Association/CTA/NEA and set for Public Hearing at the February 8, 2012 Board Meeting

Moved to Closed Session.

7.3 Approval of School Accountability Report Cards (SARC) for Trinity High School, Alps View Continuation High School and Weaverville Elementary School

Mr. Barnett discussed and explained the SARC. It will be posted on our websites.

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

7.4 Superintendent's Report – Ed Traverso

Mr. Traverso reported for Mr. Green-Donna Harman is employee of the semester representing Alps View.

7.5 THS Principal's Report & First Semester Awards – Tom Barnett

Mr. Barnett reported the following: We may have 6 or 7 FFA State program award recipients; employees of the semester are Dan Rupp-certificated and Raelynn Santiago-classified; staff looking at how to utilize study hall time more efficiently - he proposed having it at lunch time and promoting it with a GPA bar of 2.5 charted every 3 weeks allowing eligible students to have study hall become optional during the next 3 weeks, giving them a longer lunch period. The Board approves of this idea.

7.6 WES Principal's Report & First Semester Awards – Keith Sprague

Mr. Sprague gave a verbal report: He explained how the transitional kindergarten program works; he pointed out the report on transfer in and out students for this school year; still on track to get Data Director System up and running; IPASS intervention software is working successfully; the spring musical (Into the Woods Jr.) will be held in April and directed by Jay Underwood; employee of the semester goes to Dawn Goodwin-certificated and Annie Steele-classified.

Tom Barnett gave a presentation on a proposal to create a new program at WES utilizing high school teachers one period a day in the upper grades as a sort of a junior high school, running academic core in the morning and electives in the afternoon bringing in specialist teachers (Trinity Preparatory Academy). He hopes this would transition students to THS with much more preparation, raising the rigor. He explained a typical class rotation and passed out a handout.

7.7 Director of Facilities and Operations Report – No Report

7.8 ROP Report – No Report

7.9 Agriculture Advisory Committee Report – No Report

7.10 WES Site Council Report – No Report

7.11 THS Site Council Report – No Report

7.12 WES Boosters Club Report

Ms. Steele reported that the book faire was successful and they will be selling flowers for Valentines Day.

7.13 THS Boosters Club Report – No Report

7.14 CSEA Representative Report – No Report

7.15 CTA Representative Report – No Report

7.16 Develop and Adopt a Board Governance Calendar for the 2012 Calendar Year
MSC Trustees Hagen/Tkach: Vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain.

7.17 Discuss and/or Revise “What Every Board Member Needs to Know” Form

Mr. Traverso asked the Board to let Susan know if there is anything to add.

8.0 ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING - None

9.0 BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Fagan - thanked the attendees for their input and please call her if they have more ideas.

Trustee Tkach thanked everyone for attending.

Trustee Groves – addressed staff in the audience stating the whole board REALLY appreciates all of the staff.

10.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC CONCERNING CLOSED SESSION AGENDA - None

Trustee Groves called a 5 minute break at 8:24 PM.

Return to meeting at 8:29 PM

11.0 ACCEPT CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

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

Trustee Hagen left the meeting prior to Closed Session.

12.0 CLOSED SESSION – 8:35 PM

- 12.1 Government Code Section 54957
Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Certificated Staff
- 12.2 Government Code Section 54957.6
Conference with Labor Negotiator-Ed Traverso
- 12.3 Approval of Resolution 1112-21 Personnel Services

13.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – 9:42 PM

14.0 REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

- Item 7.1 Motion to approve the district’s contract proposal to CSEA Chapter 578 and set the February 8, 2012 board meeting for public comment by Trustee Fagan, Second by Trustee Tkach: Vote; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstain.
- Item 7.2 Motion to approve the district’s contract proposal to Trinity Alps Unified Teachers Association/CTA/NEA and set the February 8, 2012 board meeting for public comment by Trustee Tkach, Second by Trustee Cloud: Vote; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstain.
- Item 12.1 No reportable action.
- Item 12.2 No reportable action.
- Item 12.3 Motion to approve Resolution 1112-21 by Trustee Tkach, Second by Trustee Fagan: Roll call vote; Trustees Cloud, Tkach, Fagan and Groves Aye, 0 Nays, Trustee Hagen Absent, 0 Abstain.

15.0 ADJOURNMENT – 9:50 PM