

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

Weaverville Elementary School Library Wednesday, January 25, 2012
31020 State Hwy 3 Business Meeting 5:00 p.m.
Weaverville, California

Trinity Alps Unified School District Governing Board:

Keith Groves, President – Present 5:15 PM
George Tkach, Vice President/Clerk - Present
Sadie Fagan - Present
Wendy Cloud - Absent
Steve Hagen - Present

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

1.0 Formal Opening

- 1.1 Call to Order – **5:06 PM** by Board Clerk Tkach
- 1.2 Flag Salute – Led by Trustee Tkach
- 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 Fagan, Second by Trustee Hagen: Vote; 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent, 0 Abstain.

4.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL

4.1 2012-2013 Budget: Setting Priorities - The Trinity Alps Unified Teachers Association/CTA/NEA, California School Employees Association Chapter #578 and the public were invited to give input. Superintendent Traverso explained to the audience how long it takes to get the unaudited actuals. He then discussed clearing up misunderstanding about cash flow-we do not have money in an account waiting to be used. The “reserves” are promissory notes from the state and federal government. Only about 15% of those reserves are with the County Treasurer. At the last meeting we discussed reserves and assumptions we had to make to prepare the first interim report. None of those assumptions have happened yet but they show how we can manage while we “project out”. Tonight Mr. Traverso would like to take the approach of “moving forward”. If we were to keep the same program next year it would cost \$8,270,000.00. Income shows \$7,158,000.00 for next year. This equals a 13.5% reduction <1,112,000.00>. There is no “new” money in the governor’s budget, which includes a tax increase proposal. If the initiative is approved most of those funds are to cover deferred payments the state has yet to pay schools. Now we receive \$0.78 per \$1.00 the state owes us. The cut in transportation funds amounts to \$370.00 per ADA. He believes forest reserves are gone, as it has yet to be reauthorized and we are only counting on \$92,000 in March. We are still spending our forest reserves a year in arrears. We are also affected by declining enrollment. Monthly cash flow = \$824,000 (salaries and benefits=\$620,000; utilities, etc=\$204,000). We are required to have 4% reserves, which at this year’s budget is \$332,000. We currently reserve 7% (\$581,000). He asked the Board what level of reserve/operating capital they feel we need to keep our current programs. Ms. Blanchard will show everyone how the current reserves

end up being <\$726,319> in the 2014-15 school year: Ms. Blanchard went over her handout and stated we have not gotten any funding from the State since last September. There was much discussion on how to proceed.

The Board directed Mr. Traverso to proceed with the following:

- Bring a 175 school year calendar to unions to negotiate
- Cut district's yearly contributions to sports transportation down to \$15,000
- Do not replace 1 custodial position we lost this year
- Drop extra service stipends across the board
- Layoff of 2 non-severe special education aides
- Layoff of 3 FTE teachers
- Layoff of 4 regular para-educators
- No longer pay teachers to teach during their period

Trustee Groves called a 5 minute break at **7:07 PM**

Meeting resumed at **7:13 PM**

Trustee Groves clarified that these cuts are being introduced for 3 years.

Income generating ideas:

- TCOE Contracts-we may switch auditors as a cost saving measure

Trustee Groves thanked the audience. He looks forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting.

Trustee Fagan thanked Kathleen Lynch and Jaime Green for attending and all of their work.

Trustee Tkach hopes the district will be able to more fully support the sports programs at some point in the future.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT – 7:26 PM