

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

Weaverville Elementary School LibraryWednesday, May 9, 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..... Board Approved _____, June 27, 2012

Sadie Fagan, Present

Signature

Date

Wendy Cloud, Present 6:03 PM

Area 1 – Vacant

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 – **6:00 PM**
- 1.2 Flag Salute – Led by President 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 Trustee Fagan: Vote; 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstain.

4.0 BOARD INTERVIEWS

4.1 Interview Board Member Candidates for the Area 1 Vacancy (WES Boundary)
Mr. Traverso introduced the following candidates: Melanie Miller, Serena Brown, Bob Simmons, Bear Aikins.
The Board members asked each candidate questions from CSBA Sample Questionnaire.
After the interview the board took a break at 6:35 PM to commiserate returning at 6:52 PM.

4.2 Consider/Appoint Board Member to the Area 1 Board Vacancy (WES Boundary)
President Groves thanked all of the applicants and then announced the Board’s appointment of Bob Simmons.

4.3 Swearing-In of Newly Appointed Area 1 Board Member (to fill the term through November, 2013)
Associate Superintendent Barnett swore in Trustee Simmons.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 5.1 Approval of the Governing Board Regular Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2012
- 5.2 Approval of Resolution 1112-32 Payroll and General Fund Warrants
- 5.3 May Fundraising Calendar
- 5.4 Ratify 2012-13 Designation of CIF Representatives to League
- 5.5 Approval of Student Waivers Regarding the CAHSEE – THS 9, Alps View 1
- 5.6 Ratify Carl Perkins Program Waiver – July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2016

CONSENT AGENDA CONTINUED

- 5.7 Approval to Surplus the RT 910 Fuller 10 Speed Bus Transmission and Put to Bid (Suggested \$200.00 Minimum)

6.0 PRESENTATIONS**6.1 Special Awards Presentation**

Mr. Barnett introduced Mr. Rourke who gave a presentation to the Board regarding the Star Counselor Award. Mr. Rourke's FFA students nominated Mr. Jaime Green for the Superior Region and the State Awards. Mr. Green surpassed the required 20 points needed to meet the Gold level with a 24 point rating from the students and has been awarded the #1 Star Counselor in our Region. Mr. Rourke presented Mr. Green with a plaque honoring his commitment.

Mr. Barnett then explained he and Mr. Traverso nominated Kathleen Lynch to CIF Model Coach Award for serving as a positive role model in our school. He presented Ms. Lynch with a certificate and explained a plaque is on its way.

6.2 WES Girl Talk Student Mentoring "Pilot" Program (THS Students Mentoring WES Students)

Mr. Sprague explained the program. He was approached by THS student Kelsey Briggs who found this mentoring program and wished to start it at WES with THS student mentors. Mr. Sprague investigated the program, was very impressed and feels it will benefit our Trinity Preparatory School students transition into high school. Kelsey then gave each Board member a sample lesson from the program targeting 6th through 8th graders and explained it further. Kelsey would be the lead mentor in a group setting; her mother, Deanna, has volunteered to be the advisor; training for mentors and advisors is included in the program.

MSC Trustees Cloud/Fagan: Vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain.

7.0 BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE**7.1 Ratification of Tentative Agreement between the Trinity Alps Unified School District and the California School Employees Association and its Chapter #578 for 2012-13 through 2014-15 (3 Years) with Openers for 2013-14 & 2014-15**

Mr. Traverso explained the Association has ratified the agreement, which includes: Furlough days; equalizing retiree benefits between both schools; openers of 2 items each year plus compensation; agreement to bring back 2 cafeteria employees and hire a bus driver to also serve as a custodian at WES. He recommends approval.

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

7.2 Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreement

Ms. Blanchard explained this is a summery and that there is a fund savings with this agreement.

Trustee Groves requested to bring this item back as an action item since it requires a signature.

7.3 Review Revisions to the Parent-Student Handbook and Athletic Policies (THS & TPA)

Ms. Lynch went over the items addressed in the revision. There were a couple of recommendations for additions/changes and these will be included in the final version to come back next month for approval.

7.4 Appoint TAUSD Board Member as the ROP Board Representative

Motion by Trustee Fagan nominating Mr. Simmons, Second by Trustee Tkach; Mr. Simmons accepted the nomination: Vote; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstain, 0 Absent.

7.5 Approval of Parent Conference Early Release Schedule for WES Only for the 2012-13 School Year (October 16, 17 & 18 and March 19, 20 & 21) and Finals Early Release for THS Only for the 2012-13 School Year (December 18, 19 & 20 and May 31(?), June 3(?), 4 & 5)

Mr. Traverso explained that due to the bus runs the minimum days for WES parent conferences will be early release for WES ONLY but THS finals minimum days will require early release for both schools. Principal

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Sprague recommends 4 days for conferences. Dates discussed were as follows: WES conferences October 15, 16, 17, 18 and March 18, 19, 20 and 21; THS finals December 18, 19, 20 and June 4, 5 and 6.
Item tabled.

7.6 Superintendent Report – Ed Traverso

Board Member Graduation Ceremony Participation – WES June 7, THS June 8

Mr. Traverso reported the following: He and Ms. Blanchard will attend the Governor's May Revision meeting on May 22; School Services of CA reported there are now the highest number of school districts being "qualified" and unable to meet their financial obligations (170 schools); the State is down \$3.5 billion in receipts and it looks like our funding may be hit further; ADA ratio to enrollment determines ADA funding and we see that as of 2014-15 we may fall below 300 students at the high school, putting us into the Necessary Small High School status which will impact our funding negatively and also limit our number of staff; the May Revision will be released on Monday. There is talk that transportation may be left as a separately funded program which would benefit us; Forest Reserve receipts are expected to go down; he also discussed current enrollment at our alternative high school programs; kindergarten graduation (June 7th at 10 AM)–Trustee Simmons will attend; WES graduation June 7th at 7:00 PM–All Trustees will attend; THS and Alps View June 8th at 7:00 PM–All Trustees will attend; THS requests professional attire.

7.7 THS Principal's Report/Associate Superintendent Report – Tom Barnett

Mr. Barnett reported the following: After consideration between administration, staff and students he is inviting all staff to sit with the administrators at graduation and so the gowns have been abandoned; Mr. Rourke reported on the forestry team competition and referred to a handout he passed out tonight. We placed second in the State at last week's San Luis Obispo contest and he reported on other competitions; Dusty Knight reported she took 6 FBLA students to the State competition at Sutter High School where there were competitors from very large schools from the valley and Southern California; Mr. Barnett has visited our feeder schools to promote THS and transitioning into high school. He thanked Leah Groves for helping compile the presentation; Bob Cunningham had 2 students break 20 year records in track and individuals surpassed their personal best; Golf finished 3rd in division; baseball will be hosting a game against Esparto this Friday; softball finished season with a win; this year's valedictorian will be Francisco Ramos; salutatorians will be Sarah Cunningham and Lorena Ferguson.

7.8 WES Principal's Report – Keith Sprague

Mr. Sprague reported the following: Love and Logic parenting classes will be offered May 19th and June 2nd, classes are free through HRN and materials are paid for through a TCOE grant; he is working on a mock fire drill that will include the fire truck next year; the summer reading program will be implemented again. To help target struggling readers teachers have volunteered to each work 1 day a week; the middle school schedule is nearly complete; parent/student night this month; Open House on the 17th at 6PM (5PM-6PM pizza fundraiser).

Note: * Individuals and organizations with an asterisk have a spot on the agenda to make a report should they need to. These reports are not required.

* 7.9 Reports: ROP - None

Director of Facilities and Operations – Dave Ottem reported he put the roof project out to bid and it opens tomorrow.

Director of Food Services – Ellen Eggers reported that Fred from Food Service in Shasta has visited; a total of 17 students have passed the food handlers class and two more students have secured jobs.

Director of Transportation – Glen Brown reported he had his surprise CHP motor carrier inspection and passed. Agriculture Advisory Committee - Mr. Rourke reported that this committee is creating a high school wide CTE advisory committee and their first organizational meeting will be next Monday.

WES Site Council - None

THS Site Council Meeting next Monday,

WES Boosters Club – Heidi reported they sponsored a Book Fair last week and with those proceeds they bought

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\$1,000 in books for the library, \$300 to various classrooms and \$300 to the after school program; hosting a parent child dance this Friday (mother/son) and Saturday (father/daughter) 6:30-8:30 for grades K through 5; classroom "basket" raffles to fund projects in the respective classroom; provided lunch to teachers for Staff Appreciation Day.

THS Boosters Club - Kathleen Lynch reported recent purchases for the baseball team and weight room equipment; a casino night fundraiser is being planned.

CSEA Representative – None

CTA Representative - None

8.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL

8.1 Director of Business Services Report – Cindy Blanchard

Ms. Blanchard reported there isn't much change in the annual budget at this time. We will bring that to the June meeting.

8.2 Public Hearing Regarding State Categorical Funds Implementing Tier III Flexibility Authorized by SBX3 4, per Ed. Code Section 42605(a) Including Specific Programs Proposed to be Closed for 2012-2013

Opened: 8:31 PM

Ms. Blanchard explained that a few years ago the State began allowing schools to "flex" funds for categorical programs that previously had constraints on how those funds could be used. In order to continue flexing funds we are required to have the hearing and present a resolution to the Board for approval.

No Comments

Closed: 8:34 PM

8.3 Approval of Resolution 1112-33 Accepting State Categorical Funds & Implementing Flexibility Authorized by SBX34, per Ed. Code Section 42605(a) to Close the Listed Programs Eligible for Flexibility for 2012-2013

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

8.4 Consider/Approve Special Education Transportation Needs: Purchase of Van and/or Bus & Hire Driver
Mr. Traverso reported part of our agreement with CSEA is to hire a bus driver/custodian. Next year we will have 2 new special needs students from downriver who will need a wheelchair accessible bus. TCOE has a van available next year but we may be able to provide the services to all of our students more cost effectively on our own. A van that accommodates wheelchairs does not require the driver to have a bus driver license. We will bring this back for further consideration.

8.5 Consider/Approve a Two Year Shared Services Agreement between TAUSD and Coffee Creek Elementary School District (2012-13 & 2013-14)

MSC Trustees Cloud/Fagan: Vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain.

8.6 Set Date, Time and Location for the 2012-2013 Budget Adoption Board Meeting in Place of the Regular June 13th Meeting (Suggested Date Wednesday, June 27, 2012)

Mr. Traverso suggests moving our June meeting later in the month to accommodate budget adoption. At that meeting he will ask the board if they would like to cancel the regular meeting in July.

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

8.7 Approval of ASB Fundraiser – Participate in the S.H.A.R.E.S. Program

Ms. Blanchard explained our school would get 3% of the proceeds from purchases at various grocery stores throughout the state using the swipe cards upon checkout. Proceeds would go to ASB for awards. This is a fundraiser that won't compete with TOPS. We will promote TOPS Scripps while promoting this fundraiser.

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

9.0 INSTRUCTIONAL FUNCTION

9.1 Approve Resolution 1112-34 Students to Attend College Connection During the 2012-13 School Year
MSC Trustees Simmons/Tkach: Vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain.

9.2 Approval of Revised Budget: Trinity Alps Local Education Agency Plan, Single Plan for Student
Achievement for WES and THS

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

9.3 Approval of the 2012-2013 Consolidated Application

MSC Trustee Simmons/Tkach: Vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain.

10.0 ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING

Bring back minimum days; Budget; Copy of Girl Talk; Changes to parent student handbook/athletic handbook.

11.0 BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Cloud welcomed Mr. Simmons.

12.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC CONCERNING CLOSED SESSION AGENDA - None

13.0 ACCEPT CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

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

14.0 CLOSED SESSION – 9:05 PM

14.1 Government Code Section 54957.6

Conference with Labor Negotiator-Ed Traverso

14.2 Approval of Resolution 1112-35 Personnel Services

15.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – 9:52 PM

16.0 REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Groves reported:

Item 14.1 No reportable action taken.

Item 14.2 Motion to approve Resolution 1112-35 Personnel Services by Trustee Tkach, Second by Trustee
Simmons: Vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain.

17.0 ADJOURNMENT – 9:54 PM