

TRINITY ALPS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES

Weaverville Elementary School Library Wednesday, June 27, 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 _____, August 8, 2012

Sadie Fagan – Present

Signature

Date

Wendy Cloud - Absent

Robert Simmons - Present

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 gave the Board members an updated Personnel Report; Item 4.2: Correction to the wording of Item 11.1 early release for finals should read “THS & WES”.

2.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA - None

3.0 ACCEPT CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Tkach, Second by Trustee Simmons: Vote; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstain.

4.0 CLOSED SESSION – 6:01 PM

4.1 Education Code 48900 (c) (s1) - Student Expulsion Hearing Student # 5 (11-12)

4.2 Government Code Section 54957

Public Employment - Resolution 1112-36 Personnel Report

5.0 RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – 7:05 PM

6.0 REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Board President Groves reported the following:

Item 4.1 There was no expulsion for student #5: Vote; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstain.

Item 4.2 The Board approved Resolution 1112-36: Vote; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstain.

7.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON OPEN SESSION AGENDA - None

8.0 ACCEPT OPEN SESSION AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Tkach, Second by Trustee Fagan: Vote; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstain.

9.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Superintendent Traverso noted Item 9.1 Board Minutes has two corrections: A typo on Item 1.1 (should be President, not present) and on Item 3.0 the vote should show 1 absent as Trustee Cloud came in late and missed the vote. Pull 9.1 for a vote.

On motion by Trustee Tkach, Second by Trustee Simmons, the Trinity Alps Unified School District Governing Board approves consent ACTION items: 9.2 and 9.3

9.1 Approval of the Governing Board Regular Meeting Minutes of May 9, 2012

ITEM 9.1 CONTINUED

Motion to approve with corrections by Trustee Tkach, Second by Trustee Fagan: Vote 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstain.

9.2 Approval of Resolution 1112-37 Payroll and General Fund Warrants

9.3 Approval of Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints – Quarter 2, 2012

10.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL

10.1 Director of Business Services Report – Cindy Blanchard

Ms. Blanchard reported that as of today we are at 80% of revenues and 100% of expenditures.

10.2 Presentation of the TAUSD Proposed 2012-2013 School Year Budget

Ms. Blanchard gave a power point presentation she got at the School Services May Revise meeting and she is amazed that things have changed so dramatically since then! She discussed job growth being down as well as unemployment being up. There is currently a 16.3 million dollar shortfall at the State level. The concept of the Governor's tax initiative is to give us flat funding. It is not going to give us more funding (no new funding). What it will do is give us back some funds that have been deferred if the initiative passes. The weighted student formula is a new way the State is looking at to fund schools. Using this formula Ms. Blanchard calculated we will lose over \$881,000 per year off of our already bad budget. If the initiative passes the weighted student formula will not be used; she elaborated on how the formula works. Both measures (Governor's and Molly Munger) have made it to the ballot. Triggers have been pulled for this fiscal year, although not as dramatic as we thought. Triggers will be restored again in the 2012-13 fiscal year as they were a one time cut. The 12-13 budget shows a COLA of 3.25%. We will see a \$321,000 cut to our district in ADA funding if the Governor's initiative does not pass. In the May Revision it is proposed districts gear down to 160 days during the next two years if the initiative fails (less 15 days per year on top of the 175 days allowed at present). This is a collective bargaining issue. Cash is an on-going concern and will be worse 2 years out. She showed a graph regarding reductions since 06/07 to present indicating we have lost over 3.8 million dollars in revenues. If the Governor's initiative passes we will receive the \$321,000 mentioned earlier and we would only have 3 furlough days rather than 6. Funded Revenue Limit is \$5,503.42 per ADA (around 2007 figures).

10.3 **Public Hearing** Regarding the TAUSD Proposed Budget for the 2012-2013 School Year

OPEN: 7:50 PM

No comments

CLOSED: 7:51 PM

10.4 Approval of Resolution 1112-38 Adopting the TAUSD 2012-2013 School Year Budget

Motion to approve by Trustee Tkach, Second by Trustee Simmons: Vote; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstain.

10.5 Approval of Resolution 1112-39 Authorization for Trinity County Office of Education to Make End of Year Budget Transfers at District Request Only

MSC Trustees Simmons/Tkach: Vote; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstain.

10.6 Approval of Agreement between Shasta Trinity Regional Occupation Program and TAUSD for the 2012-2013 School Year

MSC Trustees Simmons/Fagan: Vote, 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstain.

10.7 Approval of Resolution 1112-40 Total Full-Time Contract Days for the 2012-2013 School Year

MSC Trustees Fagan/Simmons: Vote; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstain.

10.8 Ratify Agricultural Career Technical Education Incentive Grant for the 2012-2013 School Year - \$12,080.00

MSC Trustees Fagan/Simmons: Vote; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstain.

10.9 Approval of Agreement for Legal Services between Lozano Smith and TAUSD for the 2012-2013 School Year

Motion to approve by Trustee Tkach, Second by Trustee Fagan, discussion requested by Trustee Groves regarding the rate and # of hours of service: Vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstain.

10.10 Consider/Approve Special Education Transportation Needs: Purchase of Van and/or Bus & Hire Driver/Custodian

Superintendent Traverso explained this was part of our agreement with CSEA. Due to our special education transportation needs next year (3 students in wheelchairs who live in varying areas of our district) we have a need for this purchase as well as a driver who will work at WES as a custodian when not transporting students. The CHP explained that we cannot legally use a van for our students; we would need a bus with wheelchair access. The bus we found is a 2002 Ford with a Thomas body, diesel engine, under the new emission standards and cost \$14,825.

MSC Trustees Tkach/Fagan: Vote; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstain.

10.11 Approval of Revised Lease Agreement between Velocity Communications, Inc. and TAUSD for the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year

MSC Trustees Tkach/Simmons: Vote; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstain.

11.0 BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE

11.1 Approval of Parent Conference Early Release Schedule for WES Only for the 2012-13 School Year (October 15, 16, 17 & 18 and March 18, 19, 20 & 21) and Finals Early Release Schedule for THS ~~Only~~ and WES for the 2012-13 School Year (December 18, 19 & 20 and June 4, 5 & 6)

MSC Trustees Fagan/Simmons: Vote; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstain.

11.2 Consider/Approve Cancelling the July 11, 2012 Board Meeting

MSC Trustees Tkach/Fagan: Vote; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 1 Abstain.

11.3 Review/Approve Revisions to the TAUSD Coaching Handbook

Mr. Barnett explained we had to change JV to Frosh/Soph as the definition of JV includes Juniors and CIF does not allow for Juniors to participate in our section. Also concussion information is added.

MSC Trustees Tkach/Fagan: Vote; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstain.

A five minute break was called at 8:07 PM. Meeting Resumed at 8:12 PM

11.4 Approval of Revised MOU between TAUSD and the Weaverville/Douglas City Parks and Recreation District Regarding Use of Facilities

The changes were discussed (to make use and/or fees more equitable between the two parties).

MSC Trustees Simmons/Fagan: Vote; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstain.

11.5 Approval of the Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreement

MSC Trustees Simmons/Tkach: Vote; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstain.

11.6 First Reading

BP 5131.2 – Bullying

Mr. Traverso explained this is a new mandate that has to be passed by July 1.

MSC Trustees Tkach/Simmons: Vote; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstain.

11.7 Approval of Revisions to the Parent-Student Handbook and Athletic Policies (THS & TPA)

Mr. Barnett went over important changes with the Board.

MSC Trustees Simmons/Fagan: Vote; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstain.

11.8 Approval of MOU between the UC Davis and Trinity Preparatory Academy for the College Options Gear Up Partnership Program (2011-2018)

Mr. Sprague anticipated this program to be up and going last January but it took until now for them to fill the position. The program goal is college entrance for our students where students are followed from 7th grade through high school and then their first year of college. It is a “soft match” grant so we have to provide a place for the staff to work out of.

MSC Trustees Tkach/Simmons: Vote; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstain.

11.9 Superintendent Report – Ed Traverso

Superintendent Traverso states it’s been a rough year due to the State financial situation and we should be proud of our certificated and classified staffs who understand the situation. We are glad to have the media coverage and he wanted to point out that even with cuts we have kept all of our programs and we have added Trinity Preparatory Academy adding specialized credentialed teachers in science and math, art, PE and social studies (the equivalent of two full time teachers to that staff) and we now have a resource position funded and filled to keep students from slipping through the cracks. We have some very, very outstanding programs in our district and we need to let the public know about it (AP, athletic and ROP programs; Trinity Preparatory Academy; and great staff committed to fulfill these programs).

11.10 THS Principal’s Report/Associate Superintendent Report – Tom Barnett

Mr. Barnett referred to his report and also states he had an “exit interview” with all of his staff. Today he spent 2 hours with his office staff. He took 4 members from our Prevention Squad to a 2 day bullying training on bullying prevention. He looks forward to having students involved in this. He gave the board a heads-up that there is interest by some members of the public to allow students to participate in more than 1 sport per season. We offer 15 different sections of AP courses & tests and we are not dropping any of that next year. Attendance went up 1%, suspensions flat for the year.

11.11 WES Principal’s Report – Keith Sprague

Principal Sprague discussed “Girl Talk’ program that is being piloted the end of this year and into next year. He went over handouts in the packet. WES will be able to increase the minutes for band and choir next year. Mr. Traverso made note of the small class sizes in K-5; we are trying to avoid combination classes and offer intervention specialists and resource personnel with current staff members.

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.

11.12 * Reports: ROP, Director of Facilities and Operations – Dave Ottem, Director of Food Services – Ellen Eggers, Director of Transportation – Glen Brown, Agriculture Advisory Committee, WES Site Council, THS Site Council, WES Boosters Club, THS Boosters Club, CSEA Representative, CTA Representative.

Dave Ottem passed out pictures of projects taking place this summer.

12.0 INSTRUCTIONAL FUNCTION

12.1 First Reading – Instruction

Revision to BP 6163.4 Student Use of Technology

Revision to AR 6163.4 Student Use of Technology

Superintendent Traverso explained the changes, which mainly have to do with cyber-bullying and general student safety. We will bring this back next meeting for adoption.

12.2 Approval of Annual Statement of Need for 30-Day Substitute Teaching Permits and Designated Subjects Vocational Education 30-Day Substitute Teaching Permits

MSC Trustees Tkach/Fagan: Vote; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstain.

12.3 Approval of Annual Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators

MSC Trustees Simmons/Tkach: Vote; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstain.

12.4 Approval of Master Plan for English Learners – Trinity County Cooperative Plan
MSC Trustees Tkach/Simmons: Vote; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstain.

12.5 First Reading – Students

Revisions to AR 5123 Promotion/Acceleration/Retention

Superintendent Traverso explained that the number of credits it takes in high school to move from one grade level to another was not addressed in our AR and this will address issues around that.

12.6 Trinity County Arts Council Grant Proposal to Umpqua Bank to Provide an Art Docent Program at WES
(Includes the Docent/Artist)

Principal Sprague explained that the TCAC received a grant through Umpqua Bank for a docent program that they would like to provide to WES students. The grant will provide 5 local artists to teach the teachers the art lesson and then both teach the lesson to the students. There will be 8 lessons to be taught throughout the year. WES currently gives its teachers art supply funding resulting from a prior reduction in our art program and he hopes to use some of those funds to match the grant and double the amount of artists for the 8 lessons, which in turn would double the amount of teachers receiving docent help. TCAC is willing to do this. We will bring this back for action next meeting.

12.7 Participation in Team Up for Good Health through the Shasta-Trinity Counties Cooperative Extension
Nutrition Education Program at WES

This was brought to Mr. Sprague's attention by Karrie Kennedy who provides the nutrition program at WES through the Cooperative Extension. We will bring this back for approval at the August meeting.

13.0 ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING –No new items.

14.0 BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Tkach gave his thanks and best wishes for a great summer to everyone present.

Trustee Fagan thanked Ms. Blanchard and noted that she had a really good time at the golf tournament last weekend to benefit football.

15.0 ADJOURNMENT – 9:07 PM