

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

**Weaverville Elementary School Library ..... Wednesday, December 12, 2012**  
**31020 State Hwy 3..... Business Meeting 6:00 p.m.**  
**Weaverville, California .....**

Trinity Alps Unified School District Governing Board:

- George Tkach, President - Present
- Keith Groves, Vice President/Clerk – Present..... \_\_\_\_\_
- Wendy Cloud - Present Signature Date
- Sadie Fagan - Absent
- Robert Simmons - Present

**1.0 Formal Opening**

- 1.1 Call to Order – **6:00 PM**
- 1.2 Flag Salute – Led by Superintendent Traverso

**2.0 BOARD ORGANIZATION**

- 2.2 Terms of Office for Trinity Alps Unified School District Board of Trustees
  - Area 1 George Tkach December 2011-November 2015
  - Area 1 Robert Simmons December 2009-November 2013
  - Area 2 Sadie Fagan December 2011-November 2013
  - Area 3 Wendy Cloud December 2011-November 2015
  - Area 4 Keith Groves December 2009-November 2013

- 2.3 Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board of Trustees Required by the Education Code 35022, 35143 and Board Bylaw 9100, for the Purpose of Electing Officers to Serve for the Term December 2012 through November 2013:
  - A. Election of Board President: Trustee Simmons nominated Trustee Groves; Trustee Groves nominated Trustee Tkach, Second by Trustee Simmons: Motion to close nomination by Trustee Simmons, Second by Trustee Cloud: Vote; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Mr. Traverso declared Trustee Tkach as President.
  - B. Election of Board Vice President/Clerk: Trustee Tkach nominated Trustee Groves, Second by Trustee Cloud. Motion to close nominations by Trustee Simmons, Second by Trustee Tkach: Vote; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstain. Mr. Traverso declared Trustee Groves as Vice President/Clerk.
  - C. Designate Board Representative for ROP: Trustee Groves nominated Trustee Simmons, Second by Trustee Tkach. Motion to close nominations by Trustee Cloud, Second by Trustee Groves: Vote; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays 1 Absent, 0 Abstain. Mr. Traverso declared Trustee Simmons as ROP Representative.

- 2.4 Adoption of Resolution 1213-16 Determination of the Time, Date and Location of the Regular Meetings of the Board of Trustees for the 2013 Calendar Year  
Motion to approve by Trustee Cloud, Second by Trustee Groves: Roll Call Vote; Trustees Cloud, Simmons, Groves and Tkach Aye, Trustee Fagan Absent.

**3.0 Additions or Changes in Agenda – Mr. Traverso handed out revised documents for Items 6.6 & 6.7 and reported that FBLA asked to postpone their presentation until the January meeting (Item 7.1).**

**4.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON OPEN SESSION AGENDA - None**

**5.0 ACCEPT OPEN SESSION AGENDA**

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

**6.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

Trustee Groves motioned to remove 6.1 for roll call vote, Second by Trustee Simmons.

The Trinity Alps Unified School District Governing Board approves consent ACTION items: 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5, 6.6 and 6.7.

6.1 Approval of the Governing Board Regular Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2012

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

6.2 Approval of the Governing Board Special Meeting Minutes of November 28, 2012

6.3 Approval of Resolution 1213-17 Payroll and General Fund Warrants

6.4 Approval of Letter of Agreement between TAUSD and Compliance Associates, Inc. Jan. 1, 2013 through Dec. 31, 2013  
(Random Drug & Alcohol Testing of Transportation Dept. Staff)

6.5 December Fundraising Calendar

6.6 Approval of Revised Bell Schedule at THS – Additional 3 Minutes

6.7 Approval of THS Second Semester Class Schedule

**7.0 PRESENTATION**

7.1 FBLA Students – Postponed until the January meeting.

**8.0 BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE**

8.1 ASB Students Request to Update BP 6145 Effective Second Semester

Stephen Harwood brought this issue to the student body representatives who are requesting the school board to update the BP starting second semester rather than wait until the end of the school year. They feel sports are an incentive to keep kids grades up and students are all at school for academics.

Mr. Barnett reviewed our BP 6145, as well as the CIF rules which allow more than 1 F and is by semester, and that our athletic policy is a no F policy. Our BP was not revised when the athletic policy was put in place. The Board had decided at the November meeting to revise the policy at the end of this school year for the 2013-14 school year. After discussion the Board asked Mr. Barnett to bring information back for discussion to the January meeting. The Board consensus is to clean up the BP and athletic handbook for the 2013-14 school year.

8.2 THS Student Representative Report – Stephen Harwood

The ASB Budget balance is around \$8,000 with some outstanding bills to pay. The school body just finished Tourney Week and is planning for Spring Week (rally week for STAR testing).

8.3 First Reading

AR 5131 – Conduct

Revision to Student Use of Cell Phones

The Board reviewed and will bring this back for action at the January meeting.

8.4 Approval of THS Boosters Club Authorization to Operate - 2012-13 School Year

Motion to approve by Trustee Groves, Second by Trustee Cloud. Trustee Simmons asked for discussion on uniform responsibilities. Vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstain.

8.5 Superintendent's Report – Ed Traverso

Mr. Traverso reported the following: After talks with TCOE there is a need for an emotionally disturbed class. Special Education can fund part of it and the TCOE is moving forward with the option of the district taking it over in the future if there is an interest. There are currently 16 students in the county that fit the criteria in grades 7-12 with 6-8 of those students in our district. TCOE is also looking at running an opportunity class for grades 1-6, which would serve the same purpose for the younger students; we received a grant through AB 48 for Mr. Sprague's final administrative training; The Governor is endorsing the weighted funding formula. It would be phased in over several years paying back districts for lost COLAs and allowing maximum flexibility. There would be additional funds for districts with a high percentage of free and reduced students or English language learners; sequestration issue (financial cliff) may cut all federal programs by 8.2%. Title I, Special Ed. and Career/Technical Ed. may be cut; Humboldt University is offering an on-line program for advanced teaching degree; He handed out information on Common Core State Standards (English language, arts and math) and a document on Smarter Balanced Testing, which is a new testing model for students that is computer based to begin the 2014-15 S.Y.; Trustee Groves added information on Secure Rural Schools.

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

Mr. Barnett reported the following: THS is working with Mr. Fulton to help us transition to common core standards in our

English and math departments; Smarter Balanced Testing will be computer based making results faster and getting rid of multiple choice. We need to familiarize our students regarding the change in testing. The Exit exam in grade 10 will be gone as this testing will be done in 11<sup>th</sup> grade; He thanked all the volunteers at our Trinity Holiday Classic Tournament. The dance was great. Patty Hymas has done a great job for 25 years and she will be stepping down; We will participate in Every 15 Minutes program in late May.

8.7 WES Principal's Report – Keith Sprague

Mr. Sprague reported the following: WES basketball took second at the WES tournament; The school has currently collected \$800 for Hurricane Sandy relief; 40 students from feeder schools attended the dance; Polar Express Night was well attended for K-3 students and their families; In January he would like to give a presentation to the Board on the IPass Math Program; He recently purchased intervention materials for the lower grades and will bring more info to the January meeting; Staff development day last Friday included the Olweus intervention Program, which requires all staff members to be trained. He gave the Board a handout and discussed the program further; Girls basketball went to Crescent City Tourney and took first place. 2 girls got All Tourney and one got MVP.

8.8 Reports:

ROP Report, Bob Simmons: There was a meeting last week at the Shasta County Office of Ed cafeteria, which is run by students. The class caters and has had over 150 events in 2012. The program basically pays for itself.

Director of Facilities and Operations, Dave Ottem: Velocity Communications did move out of their office space and they left it in good condition. Currently no clear plans on what to do with that space; Mr. Groves asked about vandalism at WES. Mr. Ottem states kids are on the roof a lot even with their bicycles. There was discussion about cameras. The Board requests to bring a plan back in January regarding this problem.

Director of Food Services, Ellen Eggers: She has some of her culinary class student helping serve lunch and she would like to do this at WES also; she's applying for a grant to install a refrigerated salad bar at WES.

**9.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL**

9.1 Director of Business Services Report – Cindy Blanchard

Ms. Blanchard referred to her report in the packet, which is through November 30<sup>th</sup>. We will be receiving a deferral from the State this month, which is not reflected in the cash flow in this report. Next month she will have our audit to share with the Board.

9.2 Approval of First Interim Financial Report for the 2012-2013 School Year

Ms. Blanchard gave a power point presentation. Passage of Prop 30 is good but we will not be getting the COLA we were told we would get in the three years out. The 22.272% deficit factor continues. Staff will get back 3 of the 6 furlough days this year. Homeless & FNL funding will be staying at TCOE and TUPE funds have decreased. She discussed salary adjustments. Multi Year Projections: Deficit Spending \$1,451,691 in 2013-14 and \$1,453,596 in 2014-15. ARRA funds are now gone.

MSC Trustees Groves/Cloud: Vote; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstain.

9.3 Approval of Resolution 1213-18 Authorization to Sign Orders Drawn on TAUSD Funds

Motion to approve by Trustee Groves, Second by Trustee Cloud: Roll Call Vote; Trustees Simmons, Tkach, Groves and Cloud Aye, Trustee Fagan Absent.

Mr. Traverso requested that Mr. Barnett be added to the resolution. The Board brought this back for a vote on the resolution as amended to add Mr. Barnett. Motion to approve as amended by Trustee Groves, Second by Trustee Simmons: Roll Call Vote; Trustees Cloud, Tkach, Groves and Simmons Aye, Trustee Fagan Absent.

9.4 Approval of Funds Transfer – From General to Cafeteria

Our new auditors have requested we show board approval for this transfer of money. In the future we will move this to consent agenda. \$60,000 was moved in December.

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

**10.0 INSTRUCTION**

10.1 Site Administrators Report and Recommendations on Additional Classes, Teacher Hours and Paraprofessionals (Approved for the 1<sup>st</sup> Semester Only - September 12, 2012 Resolution 1213-06 Non-Budgeted Items Fund Transfer)

Mr. Traverso explained this was to be brought back after monitoring it through the first semester. Mr. Sprague and Mr. Barnett both recommend continuing through the end of the school year.

10.2 Approval of Resolution 1213-19 Non-Budgeted Items Fund Transfer (Continue Through June 6, 2013)  
Motion to approve by Trustee Simmons, Second by Trustee Groves: Roll Call Vote; Trustees Cloud, Tkach, Simmons and Groves Aye, Trustee Fagan Absent.

**11.0 ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING**

Vandalism/student safety concerns.  
AR 5131.

**12.0 BOARD COMMENTS**

Trustee Cloud thanked Ms. Blanchard for her first interim presentation.  
Trustee Simmons wished everyone a happy holiday.  
Trustee Tkach thanked everyone for attending as well as student representative, Stephen Harwood.

**13.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC CONCERNING CLOSED SESSION AGENDA - None**

**14.0 ACCEPT CLOSED SESSION AGENDA**

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

**15.0 CLOSED SESSION - 8:25 PM**

- 15.1 Government Code Section 54957  
Public Employment - Approval of Resolution 1213-20 Personnel Services
- 15.2 Government Code Section 54957.6  
Conference with Labor Negotiator-Ed Traverso

**16.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – 8:48 PM**

**17.0 REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

Trustee Tkach reported the following:  
Item 15.1 – Motion by Trustee Groves to approve Resolution 1213-20 Personnel Services as amended with the addition of Varsity Softball Coach, Bob Simmons, Second by Trustee Cloud: Roll Call Vote; Trustees Tkach, Groves and Cloud Aye, Trustee Fagan Absent, Trustee Simmons Abstain/Recues.  
Item 15.2 – The Board gave direction to Negotiator, Ed Traverso.

**18.0 ADJOURNMENT – 8:49 PM**