TRINITY ALPS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES

Weaverville Elementary School Library ........................................... Wednesday, January 9, 2013
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................................................ Signature Date
Wendy Cloud - Present
Sadie Fagan - Present
Robert Simmons - Present

1.0 Forma}
Motion to approve by Trustee Groves, Second by Trustee Simmons: Vote; Trustees Groves, Simmons, Fagan, Cloud and Tkach Aye, 0 Nays, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain.

7.0 BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE

7.1 THS Student Representative Report – Stephen Harwood
Mr. Harwood reported they formed a subcommittee to review board policy. They will report back with their findings/suggestions.

7.2 Employee of the Quarter Semester: District, THS & WES
Mr. Traverso reported the District employees of the semester are Kim Bigham from the Cafeteria and Dave Ottem from Facilities and Operations.
Mr. Barnett reported for Trinity High School: Certificated employee of the semester is Mr. York; Classified employee of the semester is Tiffany Wong, Librarian.

7.3 Second Reading
AR 5131 – Conduct
Revision to Student Use of Cell Phones
MSC Trustees Groves/Fagan: Vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain.

7.4 Approval of Webmaster Job Description
MSC Trustees Groves/Simmons: Vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain.

7.5 Review School Safety Plan
Mr. Traverso explained it is time to put together our Safety Plan Committee and include Site Council in it’s development. Mr. Traverso also passed out a handout from “Intruderology”. The committee will report back to the Board as the plan develops. He is working on getting a meeting together late next week. Trustee Tkach requests that we invite the public for input in the development of the plan. Trustee Groves would like the principals to report what steps are being taken at the February meeting.

7.6 Annual Review of Governance Calendar
Mr. Traverso asked the Board to contact Susan Hazard with any additions or changes requested and we will bring the change(s) to the following meeting.

7.7 Superintendent’s Report – Ed Traverso
Mr. Traverso handed out the fiscal report from School Services noting all the new legislation that will affect schools (facilities, pupils and personnel).

7.8 THS Principal’s Report/Associate Superintendent’s Report – Tom Barnett
Mr. Barnett reported: The Department Head meeting was very productive; he thanked Lynne Gervasi regarding master schedule revisions, which he will bring to the Board in February; Mr. Ferguson is taking students (juniors and seniors) to see the movie “Lincoln” as part of the American History and Government classes; he welcomed two new teachers ~ Josh Kraemer, our new math teacher, and Maribel Lootens, temporary Spanish teacher filling in while Ms. Geierman is on maternity leave.

7.9 WES Principal’s Report – Keith Sprague
Mr. Sprague reported: The second and third grade play was a big hit; GEAR-Up held a meeting last month and they are working on field trips to Butte College, Chico State and Humboldt State Universities. Gear-Up funds were used to purchase a flat screen TV for students to generate power point presentations about colleges; all electives are being maintained with additions of a second IPass math intervention class and a second art class; the “warmth tree” collection was taken to the Trinity Congregational Church; there will be an open dance this Friday for TPA students; boys basketball tournament next week with a tri-tip dinner fundraiser Friday the 18th.
7.10 Plan Regarding Vandalism and Student Safety Concerns – Dave Ottem, Director of Facilities and Operations

Mr. Ottem reported they are moving ahead with the purchase and installation of surveillance cameras.

7.11 Reports:

WES Boosters Club: Annie Steele reported there will be a family dance this Saturday for grades K-5 with the admission being a can of food, which will be donated to the local food bank.

THS Booster Club: Sadie Fagan reported they just received $2,000 from the Rotary Fun Run event; they just approved helping the wrestling team with their fundraising dollars to purchase warm up uniforms; they are also helping with housing and transportation money for basketball.

8.0 INSTRUCTION


Mr. Barnett presented a handout with background information on the discrepancies between our Board Policy and the Athletic Handbook as well as CIF bylaws. He would like Board guidance on the probationary period and grade point average. He recommends a one time probationary period and also a no F policy. ASB would like time to present to Board once they have canvassed the student body. The no F policy in our athletic handbook was student driven.

8.2 WES IPASS Presentation – Keith Sprague

Mr. Sprague gave a power point presentation of the IPASS math intervention program that was implemented mid-year of 2011-12 and targets students that are at or below basic in math skills. There are 3 components: Initial assessment; skill mastery; math fluency. It is computer based making it timely and easy for students to use. Teachers have noticed the improvements of students using the program. It is currently used in grades 6-8 but he would like to bump it down to the 4th grade level and begin this process in the after school program.

9.0 ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING

1) Report on safety committee
2) ASB plan

10.0 BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Groves reminded the Board and administration of last month’s meeting with Secretary of State regarding Rural Schools monies which will not be reauthorized. It would continue to be put in as a budget item through the Dept. of Ag but he anticipates those funds not being there for rural communities. They are setting up meetings with the head of the Forest Service around the end of January to work on other strategies for rural communities. Mr. Groves feels this is a good time to work with other counties to come up with a pilot program.

He also thanked Mr. Ottem for his time with us and is sorry to see him leave.

Trustee Fagan told a story about why she’s involved in Boosters, and how students appreciate their help.

Trustee Cloud thanked everyone for looking at the safety plan and moving forward with it.

Trustee Tkach thanked the audience for showing up and the staff for their hard work.

11.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC CONCERNING CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

Ms. Steel asked for clarification on Item13.2. The Board states more will come out after the closed session.

Ms. Knight asked permission to take a picture of the Board for the yearbook.

12.0 ACCEPT CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

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

13.0 CLOSED SESSION – 7:33 PM

13.1 Government Code Section 54957.6

Conference with Labor Negotiator-Ed Traverso
13.2 Government Code Section 54957
   Public Employment - Trinity High School Principal
13.3 Public Employment - Approval of Resolution 1213-23 Personnel Services

16.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – 8:15 PM

17.0 REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Board Chair, Mr. Tkach reported:

Item 13.1 – No reportable action.

Item 13.2 – The Board made an offer of employment to Christine Camara to be the THS Principal effective July 1, 2013. Motion by Trustee Simmons, Second by Trustee Groves: Vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain.

Item 13.3 - The Board approved Resolution 1213-23 Personnel Services. Motion by Trustee Groves, Second by Trustee Fagan: Vote; Trustees Cloud, Simmons, Tkach, Groves and Fagan Aye, 0 Nays, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain.

18.0 ADJOURNMENT – 8:17 PM