

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

Weaverville Elementary School Library Wednesday, February 13, 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
- Wendy Cloud - Present
- Sadie Fagan - Present
- Robert Simmons - Present

1.0 Formal Opening

- 1.1 Call to Order – **6:01 Pm**
- 1.2 Flag Salute – Led by Trustee Tkach
- 1.3 Additions or Changes in Agenda – Per Superintendent Traverso: Hold Item 6.2 until March meeting; drop Item 7.6 as it will be covered under Item 4.6.

2.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON OPEN SESSION AGENDA - None

3.0 ACCEPT OPEN SESSION AGENDA

Motion to approve as amended by Trustee Simmons, Second by Trustee Fagan: Vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain.

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 4.1 Approval of the Governing Board Special Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2013
- 4.2 Approval of the Governing Board Regular Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2013
- 4.3 Approval of Resolution 1213-24 Payroll and General Fund Warrants
- 4.4 Approval of February Fundraising Calendar
- 4.5 Ratify Contract with CHP for Every 15 Minute Program at THS – Spring 2013
- 4.6 Approval to Sign-Off on TCOE Certification of Corrective Action Audit Findings and Recommendations FY 2011-12

5.0 PRESENTATION

5.1 Girl Talk Students

Kelsey Briggs and Stefanie Glenn (leaders of Girl Talk), Juel, Asha and Emily (Girl Talk participants) presented a video (Be The Change) on anti-bullying/harassment produced by the group. They gave a report on the community services they have, and plan to participate in and the girls discussed what they like about the Girl Talk program.

6.0 INSTRUCTION

6.1 Sunshine TAUSD Calendar Proposal for the 2013-2014 School Year

Mr. Traverso explained the process to set the calendar for Public Hearing at the March meeting. Minimum days are usually added later as well as collaboration days. We have had input from CTA but not from CSEA yet. Trustee Groves moved to receive the calendar and set it for Public Hearing on March 13, 2013, Second by Trustee Fagan: Vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain.

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6.2 Counselor's Report – Jaime Green

Course Articulation with Shasta College; Percentage of UC/CSU Ready Graduates
Tabled to the March 13th meeting (see Item 1.3).

6.3 Notice of Improvement Status under Title II Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act
Level A

Mr. Barnett has responded to the request regarding highly qualified teachers.

6.4 Approval of WES Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA)

Mr. Sprague reported his site council approved it last week and the only change will be the site council's Board members.

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

6.5 Approval of THS Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA)

Mr. Barnett has brought in a facilitator on staff development days regarding program improvement and updated the budget page. His site council membership has been updated and they have approved the plan.

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

6.6 Approval of THS AVID Class Overnight Field Trip

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

6.7 Review and Approve Correction to WES Primary Class Bell Schedule

Mr. Traverso explained the minimum day part of the schedule had too many minutes and is now corrected.

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

7.0 BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE

7.1 THS Student Representative Report – Stephen Harwood

Stephen polled the students regarding no F policy, (no sports participation of students who received an F during that 9 week period). He explained it and read some comments from teachers, students, and AP English students. ASB is in favor of a policy requiring a 2.0 GPA, no F, with a one-time probationary period that would follow them until/if they use it. Other ASB items: amending part of their constitution to not allow students under 9th grade to attend a high school dance; working on the "pennies for patients" fundraiser for leukemia patients.

7.2 Review School Accountability Report Cards (SARC) for Trinity High School, Alps View Continuation High School, Trinity River CDS, Weaverville Elementary School and Trinity River Elementary CDS

Mr. Traverso explained the updates and that this requirement may disappear in the future.

7.3 Review Contract Provisions for Re-Openers - District, Trinity Alps Unified Teachers

Association/CTA/NEA, California Employees Association Chapter #578 and Set for Presentation at Regular Board Meeting March 13, 2013

Mr. Traverso states this is a reminder to the Board and each Unit that 2 contract items may be opened.

Trustee Groves moved to set the contract openers for the March 13, 2013 meeting, Second by Trustee Simmons: Vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain.

7.4 Approval to Participate in the California Healthy Kids Survey at WES and THS

Active Consent is currently used at WES and Mr. Sprague would like to go with the Passive Consent as they almost did not reach the required 70% consent rate. He explained how the surveys are used and noted there is some funding for conducting the survey. The survey is completed by 7th, 9th and 11th graders.

After much discussion, Trustee Fagan motioned to change the 7th grade survey consent to Passive with an all-call to parents informing them the form is being mailed home, Second by Trustee Cloud: Vote; 4 Ayes, 1 Nay, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain.

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7.5 Report on School Safety Meeting – Superintendent Traverso

Mr. Traverso discussed the meeting and that we will have another meeting in the next few weeks. There was good participation. We are tallying the results of the survey that has gone out to staff regarding how well they know the procedures. He also discussed communication ideas that came up, such as an all-call to parents and cell phone message to teachers and staff if an emergency occurred. Mr. Sprague had his staff do a “quick look” drill to see where a missing student may be to bring them back to the room if there is a lock-down. Another drill will be scheduled before the end of the year using staff cell phones. Mr. Barnett reported THS had 3 staff meetings and 2 site council meetings to look at our procedures and do a needs-assessment and lock-down drill. He will look at trying a drill during lunch hour. There was also discussion about “soft lockdown” for situations that may be happening elsewhere in the community (bee swarm, etc.). First aide evacuation kits are in certain rooms and that has also been discussed. Mr. Sprague reported WES has had 3 staff meetings, surveyed staff, conducted safety inspections of the entire campus and they are working on a lot of details. He met with the Sherriff last week and they will work with all of the agencies to coordinate efforts. He discussed new philosophies on being proactive (teachers and/or students) and reported having a teacher training on this today. There was discussion about staff and/or visitors having identification tags.

7.6 Letter from County Superintendent of Schools Regarding Public Hearing on Sufficiency of Instructional Materials 2011-12 School Year

This item was dropped (see Item 1.3).

7.7 Election of Officer to the 2013 CSBA Delegate Assembly – Subregion A

Motion to support the nomination from Siskiyou County by Trustee Groves, Second by Trustee Simmons: Vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain.

7.8 Superintendent Report

Mr. Traverso reported the following: He discussed modified math common core standards, which suggests algebra moves to 9th grade with an alternative course for 8th graders who may not be ready for algebra; There was a Special Education self review and our district pass with flying colors, thanks to Diana Frink; there are currently 25 students in Independent Study, 8 in Alps continuation school, 2 in high school CDS, 3 in Elementary CDS.

7.9 THS Principal & Associate Superintendent Report – Update on School Safety Plan

Mr. Barnett reported the following: He thanked Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Flint and the Trinity Theatre for taking our students to see the movie “Lincoln”; Mrs. Knight reported she has 25 students going to the regional competition where they will have to participate in 2 competitions. The top 5 qualifiers for this regional event will then qualify for the state event in Santa Clara mid-April; Mr. Barnett gave the Board members the THS course catalogue; he thanked the counselor and staff who have met with the entire junior class; 7 students are earning their state degree in FFA this year, kudos to Mr. Rourke; 49 students will be representing our school at the fair; the boys basketball team has a chance to make the playoffs if they win Friday against Burney. He congratulated the wrestling team as they had 2 students win championship in their weight divisions.

7.10 WES Principal Report – Update on School Safety Plan

Mr. Sprague reported the following: 4 out of 5 students placed in the spelling bee and some are heading down to State competition; empty bowl raised \$210 for the D.C. soup kitchen; IPASS Math intervention is proving successful so they have extended licenses from 25 to 50 and as student graduate we can reuse those licenses; the Girl Talk video and another bullying video were presented to the 4th-5th and 6th -8th grade assemblies and he had school psychologists on hand that day if need be; more “village meetings” are scheduled; he introduced Tanya who would like to do a middle school ASB fundraiser that will promote healthy physical activities.

7.11 Reports: ROP Report, Bob was out of state and missed the meeting; Director of Food Services, Ellen discussed a USDA meeting she attended; CSEA Representative, Luke Case reported they had a meeting last

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night with some things in the works.

8.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL

8.1 Director of Business Services Report - Budget Outlook Update

Ms. Blanchard handed out a revised report as forest reserve funds (\$795,000) and Special Education expenditures (\$254,000) were posted after the packet went out (this is the last year that we are paying into the 90/10 countywide breakout for Special Ed.). We have received 38% of our revenue limit (\$836,000). At the SI&A meeting they discussed Local Control Funding Formula, which is the wave of the future (last year called weighted formula). It is supposed to begin in 2013-2014 but Superintendent Traverso feels it will take longer. Districts start with a base fund (which may be lower than what we receive now) with extra funds available for English learners, foster children, low income students, etc. Necessary Small Schools funding will still exist but the State says there will be less of them so we don't know how this will impact us.

9.0 ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING

Update on second safety meeting
Second Interim report
Mr. Sprague's Common Core presentation
ASB recommendation(s) in writing

10.0 BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Groves, Fagan, Cloud and Tkach thanked the audience for attending.

11.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC CONCERNING CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

Annie Steele thanked Mr. Traverso for reporting to the staff on last month's closed session items. Mrs. Wardrip reported her son was accosted on the THS campus and she discussed her concerns regarding tonight's closed session alternate to expulsion hearing that pertains to the incident involving her son, how she feels things should have been handled differently and her dismay at the student being allowed back to school prior to the hearing.

12.0 ACCEPT CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Groves, Second by Trustee Fagan: Vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain.
Trustee Groves called for a 5 minute break.

13.0 CLOSED SESSION – 8:29 PM

- 13.1 Education Code 48900 (a-1), (a-2)
Alternative to Expulsion Hearing: Stipulated Expulsion
Student #1 (12-13)
- 13.2 Education Code 48900.2
Alternative to Expulsion Hearing: Stipulated Expulsion
Student #2 (12-13)
- 13.3 Government Code Section 54957.6
Conference with Labor Negotiator-Ed Traverso
- 13.4 Government Code Section 54957
Public Employee Appointment – District Superintendent
- 13.5 Government Code Section 54957
Public Employee Appointment – District Administrator, WES Principal
- 13.6 Government Code Section 54957
Public Employment - Approval of Resolution 1213-25 Personnel Services

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14.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – 10:05 PM

15.0 REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Tkach reported:

13.1 Motion by Trustee Groves to approve the stipulated expulsion for student #1 (12-13), Second by Trustee Cloud: Vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain.

13.2 Motion by Trustee Groves to approve the stipulated expulsion for student #2 (12-13), Second by Trustee Fagan: Vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain.

13.3 The Board gave Labor Negotiator, Ed Traverso direction. No reportable action taken.

13.4 Motion by Trustee Groves to appoint Tom Barnett as District Superintendent on a two year contract along with approving the attached job description and changing the heading to read “Trinity Alps Unified School District”, Second by Trustee Simmons: Vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain.

13.5 Motion by Trustee Groves to appoint Keith Sprague as District Administrator, WES Principal on a two year contract, Second by Trustee Fagan: Vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain.

13.6 Trustee Groves moved to approve Resolution 1213-25, Second by Trustee Cloud: Vote; Trustee Simmons recused himself from the vote, Trustees Tkach, Fagan, Groves and Cloud Aye.

16.0 ADJOURNMENT – 10:07 PM