

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

Weaverville Elementary School LibraryWednesday, May 8, 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
- Sadie Fagan - Present
- Wendy Cloud - Present
- Robert Simmons - Present

1.0 Formal Opening

- 1.1 Call to Order: **6:00 PM**
- 1.2 Flag Salute: Led by Trustee Tkach
- 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 Groves, 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 Groves, the Trinity Alps Unified School District Governing Board approves consent ACTION items:

- 4.1 Approval of the Governing Board Regular Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2013
- 4.2 Approval of Resolution 1213-31 Payroll and General Fund Warrants
- 4.3 May Fundraising Calendar
- 4.4 Ratify 2013-14 Designation of CIF Representatives to League
- 4.5 Ratify the Centralized Services Agreement for 2013-14 Between TCOE and TAUSD

6.0 PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Approval of Resolution 1213-32 Recognition of Years of Service – Robin Durkee
Robin couldn't make it to this meeting. We will present at the June 18th meeting.

6.2 AVID-Jennifer Sprague and Students

Mrs. Sprague and Junior AVID students Alexis, Bobbie, Katie, Shea, Tori, Stephanie, Paige and Bella gave a PowerPoint presented going over key points and why the class is vital. This year they have toured Sonoma State University, UC Santa Cruz, San Fran State University, CSU Monterey Bay and CSU East Bay.

6.3 Prevention Squad-Mesha McCarthy, HRN & Students

Students Tori, Stephanie and Bella presented a follow up on their trip to Boston meeting with the "Close to Home" program participants, whose program Prevention Squad is based on. They made a teen dating violence film. April was teen dating violence awareness month and they discussed community relationship building.

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6.4 Fire Explorer Post-Scott Alvord, Fire Marshall & Students

Three cadets, R.J., Jordan and John (current and former THS students), gave a PowerPoint presentation on the “Explorer Post” academy that they recently attended in Chula Vista. The cadets attended classes from 6AM to 10PM each day. Ernie Curran and Fire Marshall Alvord also presented.

6.5 ASB & Logo Branding-Tiffany Wong & Students

THS Librarian Tiffany Wong gave a presentation about the goals of ASB. She introduced the current ASB President, Kelsey Briggs who gave a brief presentation discussing ASB teamwork in providing new activities as well as old. Mr. Traverso acknowledged Kelsey as recently being named Outstanding Student in the North State (she was recently on TV). Tiffany also introduced Tyler Harris, ASB Rally Commissioner this year and President next year. Tyler noted that Tiffany passed out a B1 Self brochure, which is in regard to Branding for marketing school identity (logo and mascot). Tiffany will be taking 3-4 ASB students to UC Santa Barbara in July to a youth leadership conference. She then presented the Board with more B1 Self marketing information.

7.0 INSTRUCTIONAL FUNCTION

7.1 Approve Resolution 1213-33 Students to Attend College Connection During the 2013-14 School

Trustee Groves noted that the Resolution has last year’s board president name on it.

Motion to approve with correction of board president name by Trustee Simmons, Second by Trustee Fagan: Roll Call Vote; Trustees Cloud, Groves, Tkach, Fagan and Simmons Aye.

7.2 Second Reading - Instruction

BP 6145 – Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities

Mr. Barnett presented the revised BP. “This waiver does not constitute the use of the students’ one time probationary period” will be added for clarification.

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

7.3 Approval of the Trinity Alps LEA Plan

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

7.4 First Reading – Instruction

BP 6170.1 - Transitional Kindergarten

Mr. Traverso explained that this is law since last year and that is why he brought the first reading to the Board as an action item. He explained the transitional birthday dates in detail as well as curriculum.

MSC Trustees Cloud/Fagan: Vote; 4 Ayes, 1 Nay, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain.

8.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL

8.1 Director of Business Services Report – Cindy Blanchard

Ms. Blanchard briefly went over the written report and also reported the following: The May Revise report will come out on the 15th and she will be attending the May Revise meeting on the 21st; there was discussion about the Local Control Funding and how it will be put into place; our State Controller reported April revenue is close to what was anticipated.

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 2013-2014

Ms. Blanchard gave an explanation of the resolution to flex funds (not restricting categorical funds). This allows us to maintain our staffing.

Open: 7:26 PM - No comments.

Closed: 7:27 PM

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8.3 Approval of Resolution 1213-34 Accepting State Categorical Funds & Implementing Flexibility Authorized by SBX34, per Ed. Code Section 42605(a) to Close the Listed Programs Eligible for Flexibility for 2013-2014

Motion to approve by Trustee Groves, Second by Trustee Fagan: Roll call vote; Trustees Cloud, Tkach, Simmons, Groves and Fagan Aye.

8.4 Approval of Resolution 1213-35 the Education Protection Account

Ms. Blanchard handed out a report. Mr. Traverso explained this increase in state sales tax rates (Prop 30) and how it pertains to school funding. Ms. Blanchard explained that we still have the same revenue limit and these new tax funds allow the State to pay back some deferred funds (over \$250,000 deferred to TAUSD). We expect to see funds around the end of June and they will help us cover our certificated salaries and benefits.

Motion to approve by Trustee Simmons, Second by Trustee Groves: Roll call vote: Trustees Cloud, Fagan, Tkach, Groves and Simmons Aye.

8.5 Review Lease Agreement Between TAUSD and Therapy Station-Update on Status of Buildings

Mr. Traverso pointed out our agreement with Stacey Neil-Wiseman regarding her buildings which sit on our land. Stacey is only using the building for 2 clients per week at present and she would like to sell the buildings. Ms. Wiseman took them off the market for awhile as TCOE was interested but the building specs are prohibitive of public school use. The land is zoned "public facilities" and the buildings fall under building department permit specs. The buildings are for sale for \$18,000 for both or \$11,000 for one. After discussion the board would be open to the buildings remaining on the site as office space if the zoning were to be changed.

8.6 All Weather Track Update

Mr. Traverso explained the recycled tire derived grant had a finite date with a final report due April 1. We have now lost this grant. The track committee can reapply to the recycle grant if they get more grants in place and keep the project moving. Mr. Barnett states the administration is supportive of this endeavor.

8.7 Approval of Nurse Support Staff Agreement Between TCOE and TAUSD

Mr. Traverso explained this is over and above the nurse time for Special Education.
MSC Trustees Groves/Fagan: Vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain.

9.0 BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE

9.1 Approval of Tentative Agreement between the Trinity Alps Unified School District and the California School Employees Association and its Chapter #578 on Openers for the 2013-14 School Year

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

9.2 Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreement

Ms. Blanchard briefly went over the disclosure. This agreement takes effect July 1st.

9.3 Accept Two Donations from the Trinity Boosters Club to ASB for Baseball and Softball Golf Tournaments (\$850.00 Each)

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

9.4 Review Revisions to the THS Parent-Student Handbook and Athletic Policies

Mr. Barnett pointed out that board policies were references in the document. Number 7.1 in the Athletic Policy currently states that a student can only participate in one sport (per season). After much discussion this will be brought back with addition/clarifications in June.

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- 9.5 Approval of Early Release Dates for the 2013-14 School Year: Parent Conferences for WES Only - October 14, 15, 16, 17 and March 17, 18, 19, 20 Finals for THS Only - December 17, 18, 19 and June 3, 4, 5 Teacher Collaboration for THS and WES - October 9, November 13, December 6, January 15, February 12, March 12 and May 14

After discussion the Board requested the calendar be brought back in June. No action taken.

- 9.6 Approval of MOU Between TAUSD and the Weaverville Chamber of Commerce Regarding the Fourth of July Fireworks Display

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

- 9.7 Consider/Approve Cancelling the July 10, 2013 Board Meeting

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

- 9.8 Superintendent Report – Ed Traverso

Board Member Graduation Ceremony Participation – TPA & Kindergarten June 6, THS, Alps View & Adult Education June 7

Mr. Traverso reported the following: Enrollment at Alps, CDS and Adult Ed.; AB 484 requires limiting STAR testing and begin using the new smarter balance testing that is aligned to the common core standards in 2014-15. There is controversy about all of this and there will be pilot testing beginning May 29th. He passed out some samples of the questions; the Attorney General put out a report on truancy issues in the state. Our SARB Board is looking at when truancy habits begin and working on various strategies with our feeder schools. Ms. Blanchard gave a report on unexcused absences; Newsweek has ranked THS as 398 out of 1900 schools nationwide, statewide we are 44 and our graduation rate is 99%, our average SAT score is 1,507, 42% of our students attend a 4 year college. He reported on benchmarks for various subjects and the results for our schools as well as the feeder schools; Shasta College summer school begins June 10th; transportation safety compliance inspection was satisfactory and our new special ed. bus got cleared; LCFE provisions are being questioned at the State level. He believes the formula will not go into effect next school year as originally planned; Graduation Ceremony Participation-All Board members will be attending THS, Trustees Tkach, Simmons and Groves will attend TPA (Cloud is a maybe) and Trustees Cloud and Simmons will attend kindergarten.

- 9.9 THS Principal's Report/Associate Superintendent Report – Tom Barnett

Mr. Barnett thanked Sally Morris for her reports in the local paper, and he reported on the following: We offer tests for 16 AP classes this week and next; he thanked Tiffany Wong for her work with ASB this year; Forestry finished 6th in the State; he reported on golf and track; he and Ms. Camara have met with a painting company who will come back with a bid on painting the high school; met with 6th – 12th grade math dept.; looking at integrated math approach for next year instead of algebra 1.

- 9.10 WES Principal's Report – Keith Sprague to Present at Meeting

Mr. Sprague reported on the following: Track meet at THS last week and he thanked Joanne Harper for her volunteer work; held another village meeting last week; outdoor open dance was held last week; Boosters provided a staff appreciation luncheon; GEAR UP will be going to Butte College, Chico and Humboldt State colleges; Love and Logic at WES this weekend; Open House Thursday; wrapping up STAR Testing; he passed out the 2013-14 tentative class schedule for TPA and WES.

- 9.11 Reports: ROP Report, Bob Simmons reported things are status quo;

THS Booster Club, Trustee Fagan reported they are going to elect officers at the next meeting;

WES Boosters Club, Annie Steel reported on the basket sale.

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10.0 ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING

Calendar dates for collaboration and minimum days
THS Parent/Student Handbook
Budget adoption

11.0 BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Cloud enjoyed the cadet presentation and hopes we can continue participation.
Trustee Fagan enjoyed the back to school night and thought this was a fantastic year.
Trustee Simmons noted baseball and softball both made playoffs with a great group of kids who have great grades.

12.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC CONCERNING CLOSED SESSION AGENDA - None

13.0 ACCEPT CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

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

Trustee Tkach called a 5 minute break at **9:13 PM**

14.0 CLOSED SESSION – 9:18 PM

- 14.1 Government Code Section 54957.6
Conference with Labor Negotiator-Ed Traverso
- 14.2 Approval of Resolution 1213-36 Personnel Services

15.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – 10:30 PM

16.0 REPORT OUT OF CLOSED

Board President Tkach reported the following:

Item 14.1 No reportable action taken

Item 14.2 Trustee Groves made a motion to approve Resolution 1213-36 Personnel Services as presented with exception of the half-time Dean of Students position and specifying that Jessica Geierman will teach Spanish three (3) periods per day, Second by Trusty Cloud: Vote; Trustees Fagan, Simmons, Tkach, Groves and Cloud Aye.

Board President George Tkach announced that there would be a special closed session meeting of the Board of Trustees on Monday, May 13, 2013 at 6:00 PM in the District Office to resolve the Dean of Students position.

17.0 ADJOURNMENT – 10:35 PM