

TRINITY ALPS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

Weaverville Elementary School Library Wednesday, August 14, 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

Also Present: Tom Barnett, Superintendent
Christine Camara, THS President
Keith Sprague, WES/TPA President
Cindy Blanchard, Director of Business Services

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 – President Tkach noted Items 7.6 and 7.7 have some updated transportation language; we will add Item 8.2 Resolution 1314-04 Approval of one more student to attend College Connection; Closed Session Item 13.1 is updated to include additions to the Personnel Report.

2.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON OPEN SESSION AGENDA - None

3.0 ACCEPT OPEN SESSION AGENDA

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

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Tkach pulled Item 4.1 for a vote as he was absent for that meeting.

On motion by Trustee Groves, Second by Trustee Fagan, the Trinity Alps Unified School District Governing Board approves consent ACTION Items 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5 and 4.6.

- 4.1 Approval of the Governing Board Regular Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2013
Trustee Simmons moved to approve, Second by Trustee Fagan: Vote; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstain
- 4.2 Approval of Resolution 1314-01 Payroll and General Fund Warrants
- 4.3 Approval of Resolution 1314-02 Instructions for Federal Child Nutrition Funds to First Pay All Classified Salaries Subject to PERS
- 4.4 Ratify Vehicle Servicing Agreements between TAUSD, Feeder Schools and Shasta Head Start
- 4.5 Ratify Mandate Block Grant Application for 2013-14
- 4.6 Approval of MOU between Shasta-Tehama-Trinity Joint CCD TAUSD for TRiO Talent Search Services

5.0 PRESENTATIONS

- 5.1 Advanced Placement (AP) Courses – Richard Ferguson and Students

Mr. Ferguson passed out results of this past year AP test scores and gave a brief presentation explaining the continual increase of student scores of 3 and above. He then introduced students: Lorena Ferguson, Brett Ferguson, Crystal Johnson, Francisco Ramos, who graduated last year and John Gier, current student. The students explained how the AP classes have been beneficial to them as well as how they enjoyed them.

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6.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL

6.1 Director of Business Services Report – Cindy Blanchard

Ms. Blanchard referred to the budget page in the packet and explained that schools are still waiting to know exactly what the LCFF will mean financially. LCFF: She and Tom went to a School Services meeting on the topic last month and they presented a PowerPoint created by School Services. Base Revenue Limit will now be referred to as Base Revenue Grant. The State shows a 12% increase over the next 8 years (minus the \$6,500 base ADA grant). LCFF intention is to benefit the more economically challenged and ethnically diverse school districts. There is a 1.565% COLA. Class Size Reduction (CSR) was explained. Base funding includes categorical funding (currently flexed funds) and they discussed how this plays into the funding formula. LCFF recommends schools have higher reserves. But as we have a decent reserve at present, we don't recommend increasing our reserves until we know what LCFF means. Ms. Blanchard also reported that our auditors were here last week, which went very well. They will return in October at which time they will meet with and interview the Board President and another Board member.

6.2 Rent Room at WES to Shasta Head Start (SHS)

Mr. Barnett explained that SHS approached us as they have lost a small part of their rental unit and they would like to rent a room at WES. They are currently paying \$322 in rent per month. Mr. Sprague explained the need, which is limited use, and how we have space in our older Special Ed unit. SHS has seen the space and is very interested. Mr. Barnett asked the Board for approval to allow him to pursue the contract and bring it back for ratification. The Board agreed to give Mr. Barnett authorization to create a lease for the 2013-14 school year.

6.3 Approval of Surplus Item List – Transportation Dept.

Glenn Brown gave more detail on the two items.

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

7.0 BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE

7.1 * Reports: Student Representative – Michael Jones was not present for this meeting. Mr. Barnett requested we move student reports up to 5.1 on future agendas and President Tkach agreed.

Director of Facilities and Operations – Jeff Morris reported on the projects completed over the summer and commended the staff and their work. The THS paint job is finishing up, which included quite a few repair as the job proceeded. Mr. Tkach welcomed Jeff aboard. There was discussion about the geothermal heating systems and modernization needs at the high school. Mr. Barnett briefly reported on Prop 39 grant funds to support energy efficiency in schools. He applied for this waiver which amounts to \$100,000 the first year at TAUSD and \$30,000 for Coffee Creek. Mr. Simmons commented on the high school paint job looking “great”. Christine Camara gave kudos to Jeff on his work and how he works with the staff.

Director of Transportation – Glen Brown just received a grant application for a retrofit on the little school bus. He hopes to bring it to the Board next month. Luke finished his school bus trainer program and is now certified.

Director of Food Services – Ellen Eggers reported the garden is going well and student Brad Brinkley is selling garden produce at the farmer's market tonight.

THS Boosters Club, Trustee Fagan reported on increasing their banner sponsors. She reported that the track team raised a good amount of funds over the summer and Boosters will match those funds.

7.2 Update on 3 Governing Board Seats Open for Elections: Area 1 Weaverville; Area 2 Burnt Ranch, Cox Bar, Junction City; Area 4 Lewiston, Trinity Center, Coffee Creek

Mr. Barnett explained the handout. Area 1 is the only one that will go to election as 3 people filed papers.

7.3 Approval of Trustee Health Benefit Plan Offerings for 2013-14 (No Cost to the District)

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

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7.4 Review Governance Leadership Calendar

The Board reviewed and discussed training for the new board member we may have after elections.

7.5 Report on Inter-District Transfers In and Out of District – Principal Sprague & Superintendent Barnett
Mr. Barnett thanked Deanna and Keith for their input. Review showed a net loss of 60-70 students at WES/TPA. At the high school we are plus 20 students so district-wide we are roughly 40 students down. About $\frac{3}{4}$ of the requests to transfer out are going to Douglas City School. Mr. Sprague noted taking the largest loss in kindergarten classes. There was discussion on creating and analyzing data to see how students from feeder schools fair when they get to THS compared to WES/TPA students.

7.6 Approval of Student/Parent Handbook – THS & TPA

Mr. Sprague and Ms. Camara explained the changes to the updates handed out at the meeting. Motion to approve with the changes handed out today by Trustee Groves, Second by Trustee Fagan: Vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain.

7.7 Approval of Athletic Handbook and Dual Sport Participation- THS & TPA

This also has changes that were explained. Mr. Barnett explained the dual sport participation student contract. Motion to approve with the changes handed out today by Trustee Simmons, Second by Trustee Fagan: Vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain.

7.8 Unification Strategies & Updates

Mr. Barnett attended the last Cox Bar Elementary School Board meeting. He introduced Cox Bar Principal Cherie Donahue and Business Manager Dawn Kreik. Ms. Donahue explained that County Schools Superintendent Bettina Blackwell will be acting as Superintendent this year as they are looking at lapsing this year due to enrollment. Mr. Barnett explained that the County Office of Education Board would be responsible for suggesting which school they believe Cox Bar should lapse into. And if all the parties involved were willing to agree on voluntary lapsation he feels our district would be the most beneficial for students. If the other schools are not interested then we would be obligated as they feed into our high school. Ms. Donahue stated her school board understands the school will lapse and at this time Junction City and Burnt Ranch are not interested. Less than 6 students will leave them in the necessary small schools funding formula. Community meetings are required to establish whether lapsation would be voluntary or not. The Board suggested forming an ad-hoc committee to work on this issue. Lapsation waivers, which allow districts to avoid going to election, require the school to have 5 students who are not interdistrict transfers, and the waiver must get to the State by March.

7.9 Superintendent Report – Tom Barnett

Mr. Barnett reported on the following: This year we will graduate 120 THS students and only take in 70 freshmen for a total of 50 less students next year. He asked the Board to keep in mind looking at staffing accordingly; he discussed class size reduction and strategies to keep to the CSR ratio; a copy of Common Core Standards (CCS) was passed out. Staff has put together a one year CCS implementation plan to be ready to go in 2014-15. We invited feeder schools to participate in this plan and he has gotten positive feedback; the State Dept. of Health has approved non health professionals to be able to administer medications; the County Office approved our 2013-14 budget; CASBO put out info on how County Offices are funded noting they receive \$109,000 per school district; he thanked Jeff Morris and his crew. He also thanked Glen for the sharing of his crew with maintenance over the summer; he invited the Board to our staff lunch/meeting tomorrow; he introduced Mandy Leahy new district Dean of Students; he read a thank you letter to the Board from former student Kelsey Briggs; he recognized Ms. Knight for updating the websites. Ms. Knight then gave a PowerPoint presentation.

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7.10 THS Principal's Report – Christine Camara

Ms. Camara reported on the following: Our new ASB public relations person, Yori Hook will be submitting articles to the Trinity Journal once or twice a month; ASB students and advisor attended a CATA Leadership conference; she gave an FFA faire report; STAR Test results have arrived and they are currently analyzing them; we are moving forward with integrated math programs; due to some extra funding this year, the GEAR Up Coordinator will be available at The Factory for tutoring; she reported on athletic camps this summer and that a lot of former students have volunteered; she and Mr. Rupp attended the Friday Night Live prevention program called Committed; student orientation is Friday; the first day of school is next Tuesday; Mr. Barnett thanked Christine for her work over the summer.

7.11 WES Principal's Report – Keith Sprague

Mr. Sprague reported the following: He will be spending 2 days a week in the classroom. The training he and his staff attended this summer has given them the skills to pull this off; TPA will be utilizing the new web based laptop Chrome Books. They have no license fees making it less expensive than Microsoft, are “cloud” based and do not require a server. We are currently looking at use and damage policies; we are working with World Telecom regarding security cameras, and we should begin putting them in this year. Mr. Barnett also submitted a grant application in the amount of \$10,000 to our liability insurance carrier for security cameras.

8.0 INSTRUCTIONAL FUNCTION

8.1 After School Program (ASES) – Keith Sprague

Mr. Sprague referred to the packet he handed out tonight. He has been working with County Office and his ASES Coordinator to develop an early release and exit form and a revised sign-in sheet to comply with program requirements; K-5 must stay until 6 PM.

Motion to approve the forms by Trustees Groves, Second by Trustee Simmons: Vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain.

Added Item 8.2 Resolution 1314-04 Approval of Student to Attend College Connection for the 2013-14 SY
Motion to approve by Trustees Groves, Second by Trustee Simmons: Vote; Trustees Cloud, Fagan, Tkach, Simmons and Groves Aye.

9.0 ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING

Unification committee update from Mr. Barnett.

STAR Test results.

10.0 BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Groves thanked the meeting attendees.

Trustee Fagan is excited to continue on the Board for the next 4 years.

Trustee Cloud welcomed new employees Mandy and Jeff, as well as Tom as our new Superintendent.

Trustee Tkach appreciates a new year with new personnel. He welcomed the new staff and appreciates the old staff. He reminded everyone that we are here for the children first and foremost.

11.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA - None

12.0 ACCEPT CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

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

13.0 CLOSED SESSION - 9:30 PM

13.1 Government Code Section 54957

Public Employment - Resolution 1314-03 Personnel Report

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CLOSED SESSION CONTINUED

13.2 Government Code Section 54957.6
Conference with Labor Negotiator-Tom Barnett

14.0 RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – 10:00 PM

15.0 REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Tkach reported:

Item 13.1 Motion by Trustee Groves to approve Resolution 1314-03 with the amendment to strike Buck Simmons from the report as he has since moved out of the area, Second by Trustee Cloud: Vote; Trustees Fagan, Simmons, Tkach, Groves and Cloud Aye.

Item 13.2 No reportable action was taken.

16.0 ADJOURNMENT – 10:01 PM