

# TRINITY ALPS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

Weaverville Elementary School Library ..... Wednesday, September 11, 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 Principal  
Keith Sprague, WES/TPA Principal  
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 – Trustee Tkach announced that there is an updated handout for Items 4.3 and 13.1, Item 7.3 will be removed due to TCOE retracting their facility request and Items 6.2 and 6.3 will be tabled for lack of information.

### **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 Simmons, 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 August 14, 2013

4.2 Approval of Resolution 1314-05 Payroll and General Fund Warrants

4.3 Approval of September Fundraising Calendar

4.4 Ratify Lease Agreement between Shasta Head Start and TAUSD for the 2013-14 S.Y.

4.5 Ratify Agricultural Career Technical Ed. Incentive Grant Application for the 2013-14 S.Y.

### **5.0 PRESENTATION**

5.1 Student Representative – Michael Jones

Michael gave a report including information about various fundraisers including the Senior alley parking fundraiser with proceeds going to the Senior class account; participation in the Farmers Market and advertising at the event; club promotion days; back to school night activities; ASB is collaborating with other school clubs to help them put on events. ASB will give other clubs 10% of proceeds when they do things together.

5.2 FFA – Mike Rourke and Students

Mr. Rourke reported on the fair and FFA in general: 30 students participated in the fair this year. He referred to the handout in the board packet; students were well prepared and did a great job with showmanship; as a leadership activity they also host a barbeque; he, a couple of students, and former student Leah Grove are going

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to the National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky; he went over the FFA calendar of events; Ms. Camara thanked Mr. Rourke for his dedication to the program.

## **6.0 BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE**

### 6.1 \* Reports:

WES Boosters Club; Annie Steele reported that Rebecca Madden is the new President, they will host a Tri-Tip dinner on the 26<sup>th</sup> and they are currently hosting a book fair.

THS Boosters Club; Trustee Fagan reported they have fundraisers planned October 5<sup>th</sup> to benefit the track team and Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> a golf fundraiser to benefit all sport programs.

6.2 Approval of THS Boosters Club Authorization to Operate - 2013-14 School Year  
Tabled – will be brought to the October meeting.

6.3 Approval of WES Boosters Club Authorization to Operate - 2013-14 School Year  
Tabled – will be brought to the October meeting.

### 6.4 Unification Strategies & Updates

Mr. Barnett reported that the first meeting was held with representatives from our bargaining units, TAUSD administrative staff and Cherie Donahue from Cox Bar Elementary with the next meeting scheduled this coming Monday. He provided the Education Codes regarding the need to submit a waiver to the State. Cox Bar currently has 9 students with 5 students that fit the lapsation criteria in grades 1-8. The employees would come to us with their current seniority rights. Voluntary lapsation is the goal and if we submit a waiver we have to hold a public hearing, pass resolutions at both schools, get input from all stakeholders and then TAUSD would be the entity to submit the waiver. The State Board of Education would hear the waiver in March and once they approved it the County Commission has 30 days to lapse the school. The whole process would allow lapsation to begin July 1<sup>st</sup>. He will be attending the Cox Bar School Board meetings on the 17<sup>th</sup> and he invited Trustee Fagan to also attend. The administrative ratio won't change as it is based on the amount of teachers.

### 6.5 Superintendent Report

Mr. Barnett reported on the following: Enrollment at all schools is 711; ASB is doing a great job already; National Common Core Standards Reading Lexile handout was discussed; Program Improvement – both schools are in P.I. and we are looking at Class Size Reduction and enrollment; the financial group Zuch gave a presentation to administrators yesterday on financial security of employees (403 b). They will come up and go through a cost analysis and meet one-on-one with interested employees; he and Mr. Morris will be going to Redding tomorrow to talk with the Enterprise School District facilities director to discuss modernization. A Facilities Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> to set priorities within a 3-5 year plan; School Services report; the LCFF local control accountability plan will need to be completed (8 areas to implement common core); enrollment will drop 50 students next year (280-300 students projected next year at THS). We will need direction as it will impact classes greatly; BP 4000 series need to be worked on and may require board workshops to complete.

### 6.6 THS Principal's Report

Ms. Camara reported the following: Enrollment 350; She would like to purchase a spot in the D.O. parking lot to donate to the senior class; Mandy Leahy will give an athletics report later; working on modifications to comply with ADA; working with TCOE and TC Behavioral Health to offer social and emotional counseling services for students by way of a special needs class during 4<sup>th</sup> period; our GEAR UP coordinator is working on transforming our cafeteria into a student internet/media café and the program has funds to help; the counseling center is working with Shasta College to provide dual-enrollment to students during school hours. This allows some high school classes to provide college credits transferable to Junior Colleges. She will report more at the

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next meeting. This may impact the College Connection program; the Prevention Squad is meeting on THS campus Wednesdays at lunch; FNL also meeting and promoting the Committed Program and working with the Prevention Squad; the Factory is looking at being open during lunch hour and may provide tutoring; Back to School Night held on the 4<sup>th</sup>; the Counseling Center is hosting a parent information night; she is looking forward to staff collaboration, they are meeting today working on Common Core implementation; she introduced Mandy Leahy who gave an athletic report.

#### 6.7 WES Principal's Report

Mr. Sprague reported the following: Back to School Night was held last week; Chromebooks are being used in the intervention class and will be installed in classrooms one class at a time. The alarm systems are being upgraded to protect and secure our chromebooks; Common Core framework is being worked on by all staff; working with World Telecom to install cameras and separate servers at each site; looking at a parent volunteer safety patrol program; environmental class is next week at Bar 717; first "village" parent meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM in the library and it will have an open forum; he is working with Ellen looking at more nutritional choices in the café; he appreciates working with Christine Camara and hopes to emulate what she's doing with the student café; WES is offering \$20 gas cards as incentive for parents to turn in free and reduced lunch forms.

### **7.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL**

#### 7.1 Director of Business Services Report – Cindy Blanchard

Ms. Blanchard reported the following: She is working on closing the books for the past year but the county is behind on getting tax numbers out so we won't have the unaudited actuals until next month; Susan Hazard is working on insurance open enrollment and getting health care reform information out to staff.

#### 7.2 Approval of Resolution 1314-06 Authorizing Participation in the North Coast Air Quality Management Low-Emission School Bus Program (Retrofit Grant)

Mr. Barnett explained that our newest handicapped bus requires retrofitting. Glen contacted NCAQM and they have funds left over from their prior grants and encouraged him to apply.

MSC Trustee Grove/Simmons: Roll call vote; Trustees Cloud, Fagan, Tkach, Simmons and Groves Aye.

#### 7.3 Request for Use of Facilities on Alps View Campus – TCOE California Heritage Youth Built Academy (CHYBA)

Mr. Barnett reported that after speaking with Ms. Blackwell, TCOE has decided to follow a different course.

#### 7.4 First Reading – Community Relations

BP 1330 Use of School Facilities

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Mr. Barnett explained that this modifies what a direct cost is, specifies YMCA and religious organizations and moves the AR into a BP. We chose option 3 as it is the closest to what our current practice is. After discussion Mr. Barnett will add language regarding reasonable reason to deny the use of facilities for the second reading.

#### 7.5 Approve and Accept Donation from Tops Super Foods to WES - \$1,000

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

### **8.0 INSTRUCTIONAL FUNCTION**

#### 8.1 **Public Hearing** Regarding Compliance with Education Code Section 60119 Sufficiency of Textbooks, Instructional Materials or Both

Opened at **7:30 PM** - No comments.

Closed at **7:31 PM**

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8.2 Approval of Resolution 1314-07 Determination of Sufficient Textbooks or Instructional Materials  
Motion by Trustee Groves, Second by Trustee Fagan: Roll Call Vote; Trustees Cloud, Tkach, Simmons, Fagan and Groves Aye.

8.3 Approval of WES Overnight Field Trips for the 2013-2014 School Year  
MSC Trustees Groves/Fagan: Vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain.

8.4 Approval of THS Overnight Field Trips for the 2013-14 School Year  
Ms. Camara reported that there are other clubs not listed that will make their submittals as their trips approach.  
MSC Trustees Groves/Fagan: Vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain.

8.5 Approval of Instructional Minutes  
Mr. Barnett explained the various class schedule and we are exceeding the state minimums in all classes.  
MSC Trustees Groves/Simmons: Vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain.

8.6 2012-13 Test Results – Presentation  
Mr. Barnett thanked Roz Morris and Sandra Murphy for putting together the power point presentation. California State Standards Test, California High School Exit Exam, SAT and ACT results were presented. The exit exam is the only testing that the State looks at for the high school. Our graduation rates continue to exceed the state percentage rates. We are hosting a training day and it is open to our feeder schools. Mr. Sprague went over WES' API scores (see handout) as well as AYP. He discussed action plans for the year. Ms. Camara also explained that THS is now providing math tutoring 5 days a week right after school for one hour. GEAR Up will be working with students who will be able to tutor peers after school at The Factory. The students interested in being tutors must apply and will be trained on interviewing for the positions.

8.7 First Reading: Common Core Implementation Grant Plan for 2013 through 2015  
Mr. Barnett explained we have to bring this to the board 2 times and he elaborated on the plan in the packet.

## **9.0 ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING**

Trustee Fagan will bring the THS Boosters Club info next month.

Unaudited Actuals

Start on the BP and AR 4000 series

## **10.0 BOARD COMMENTS**

Trustee Simmons had a parent mention there are a lot of dogs on our WES Soccer field on weekends. After discussion we will look at our board policy and coordinate with the Park and Rec. District. Also on the 28<sup>th</sup> there is 100 year anniversary party to celebrate the Mule Bridge over the river.

Mr. Barnett thanked the Clampers who provided barbeques over the past week.

Trustee Fagan thanked the Principals and staff for working together.

Trustee Cloud thanked the administration and district office staff.

## **11.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA** - None

## **12.0 ACCEPT CLOSED SESSION AGENDA**

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

Trustee Tkach called for a 5 minute break at 8:30 PM.

## **13.0 CLOSED SESSION 8:35 PM**

13.1 Government Code Section 54957

Public Employment - Resolution 1314-08 Personnel Report

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

**14.0 RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

**15.0 REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

Trustee Tkach reported:

Item 13.1 Motion to approve was made by Trustee Fagan, Second by Trustee Simmons: Vote; Trustees Tkach, Groves, Cloud, Simmons and Fagan Aye.

Item 13.2 No reportable action was taken.

**16.0 ADJOURNMENT – 9:15 PM**