

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

Weaverville Elementary School Library Wednesday, November 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

Sadie Fagan – Present

Signature

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

Bear Aikens, who ran for the open Area 1 Board seat, thanked everyone for letting him come to the meetings and said he will still be available to volunteer for the school.

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

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

4.1 Approval of the Governing Board Regular Meeting Minutes of October 9, 2013

4.2 Approval of the Governing Board Special Meeting Minutes of October 29, 2013

4.3 Approval of Resolution 1314-12 Payroll and General Fund Warrants

4.4 Approval of November Fundraising Calendar

4.5 Ratify MOU between Trinity County Behavioral Health Services and TAUSD for Friday Night Live and Club Live Activities and Coordinator for the 2013-14 School Year (\$700 and \$657)

4.6 Ratify School Bus Driver Training Contract between TAUSD and LES

5.0 PRESENTATION

5.1 Student Representative – Michael Jones

Michael reported on the homecoming week activities. ASB is working on Tourney Week, which he gave details on, and they are planning a canned food drive for the community.

6.0 BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE

6.1 * Reports:

TAUSD Dean of Students–Mandy Leahy reported the following on athletics: Volleyball playing Mt. Shasta for playoff; football in playoffs; Cross Country-Ben Harper going to Northern Championship where he could qualify for state championship. She and Maddy went to a CIF meeting in Chico.

ROP–Bob Simmons reported that next month they meet the day before our board meeting. He offered to let

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someone ride down with him if they are interested.

Director of Facilities and Operations–Jeff Morris reported the following: The district is working with CalTrans on the sidewalk project; staff is gearing up for putting cameras up at WES; staff is moving along on the THS cafeteria/student lounge; he and students poured concrete in front of Ag shop; reroofed announcers booth at football field; the District is working on modernization figures which will be reported on later in the meeting. Director of Transportation–Glen Brown reported that we received the \$17,500 grant to retrofit bus 5.

6.2 Facilities/Modernization Update – Jeff Morris & Tom Barnett

Mr. Barnett thanked those that showed up for the meeting on the 29th and he gave a brief report on funding sources, getting in line with the state requirements, beginning work on a 5 year plan (see handout in the packet). He noted that he will get more proposals and he passed out another handout listing items by importance with estimated costs for all. The second page has suggestions on how we can afford these projects; developer fees are not assessed the maximum amount at this time and it is estimated to go up to \$3.40 - \$3.50 a s.f. for residential and we will need this full fee to receive hardship money. There could be more funds available due to our need of ADA compliant ramps, etc. Next month he will ask for direction from the board regarding hiring a firm for the study or not. The Board requested to have 3 estimates for completing a developer fee study to be presented at the next meeting. Tom will clarify questions about Cox Bar developer fees if they lapse into us.

6.3 Approval to Allow CalTrans to Move the WES Crosswalk

Mr. Barnett explained who attended the “sidewalk” meeting where the primary goal was to decide if we would move the crosswalk down to a level spot at the WES site. The group’s unanimous recommendation was to move the crosswalk for student safety. The second item was CalTrans’ suggestion of purchasing the property below WES, which they would partner with us and deed the property over to us if we found it necessary to try and purchase the property. We will be testing to see if that is where the large drainage from the road ends up or not. Administration will negotiate with CalTrans and come back with a financial scenario at another meeting. Motion to approve by Trustee Groves, Second by Trustee Fagan: Vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain.

6.4 Set Time, Date and Location of Annual Organizational Meeting per Ed Code 35143 (December 11, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees)

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

6.5 Approval of Resolution 1314-13 In Support of a Waiver for Lapsation and Annexation of the Territory of Cox Bar School District Into the Trinity Alps Unified School District

Mr. Barnett explained the resolution shows support of a waiver to the state for lapsation of Cox Bar. Cox Bar has their meeting tomorrow and they are bringing a resolution also asking the state for a waiver so they may lapse into our school district.

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

6.6 Change Starting Time of Special Board Meeting Policy Workshop on November 20th From 4:00 PM to 4:30 PM

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

6.7 Superintendent Report – Tom Barnett

Mr. Barnett thanked Bob Simmons for his 14 years on the TUHSD Board and 3.5 years of the TAUSD Board, and he congratulated him on being inducted into the alumni hall of fame. He then welcomed Daniel Beans to the Board and thanked everyone for running nice campaigns. Mr. Barnett reported on the following: Cross country; second meeting with Paul Joens Poulton; he referred to a letter in the packet regarding our policies on search and seizure and the use of K-9 dogs; he would like to agendize addressing reduction in staffing due to

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next years' declining enrollment on the December agenda; he thanked Glen for getting the bus retrofit grant; he discussed the LCFF requirement notifying the state on how we are improving and increasing services and how we document those achievements; Parcel tax funds can be used to pay staff as well as facilities and it takes a 2/3 vote and a bond requires 55% vote; state revenues increased over 10% for October; Shasta Head Start and the charter school at TCOE have approached us about providing food services to them. If we proceed we would use Coffee Creek food service and billing as a model.

6.8 THS Principal's Report – Christine Camara

Ms. Camara reported the following: Enrollment is 350; FFA active and will present at the next meeting regarding the recent trip to Louisville, Kentucky; Dusty Knight reported on the recent Northern section FFA leadership development skills conference. They spent a day going to 6 classes and they graduated with excellence; Ms. Camara commended ASB and homecoming week events as well as the new parade route; Ms. Camara attended the alumni diner and she was impressed and enjoyed watching Bob be honored; Common Core State Standards meetings continue and we are getting ready and prepared. (See written report for more).

6.9 WES Principal's Report – Keith Sprague

Mr. Sprague attended a meeting where a school teacher from Sandy Hook attended and gave a report on what happened with her class during their tragic incident; he has been working on camera equipment and monitors; WES held the first common core (CC) parent meeting for middle school. He briefly discussed the CC math strategies; State STAR testing is suspended for the next 2 years for all subject except for science. There will be a CC practice test this year and next for baseline data. There was much discussion regarding implementing CC and the need to beef up our technology to increase our learning tools. WES will implement roving sub time to allow teachers to observe each other as a learning/development tool; Mr. Sprague is starting teacher evaluations.

7.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL

7.1 Director of Business Services Report – Cindy Blanchard

Ms. Blanchard noted some adjustments to the spreadsheet in the packet. Two TCOE employees went to a two day training only available to COE employees on LCFF and they will hopefully be sharing the info with districts. She states the LCFF spreadsheets are very cumbersome and much more difficult than revenue limit funding formulas. First Interim report will be presented at the December meeting. \$637,000 calculated for Forest Reserves this year. She pointed out the new financial spreadsheet included in the packet per Trustee Groves' request, which the Board appreciated.

7.2 Accept Donation from Farmers Insurance to ASB Athletic Fund - \$700

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

7.3 Approval of Surplus Item Request – THS Pottery Wheels

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

8.0 INSTRUCTIONAL FUNCTION

8.1 Approval of Superintendent's Recommendation of the Number of Transfer Students that the District will Accept for the 2014-15 School Year (BP 5117-District of Choice)

Mr. Barnett referred to the recommendation in the packet.

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

8.2 Update to WES Overnight Field Trip for the 2013-14 School Year

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

9.0 ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING

Common Core Presentation/Implementation Plan Update

Safety meeting date

Cal Trans meeting update

Recommendations & Board direction on how to handle less students

Proposal for modernization

Cost and possible need for vans

10.0 BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Simmons feels the district needs more vans as some are in bad repair.

Mr. Groves thanked the audience for their attendance.

Ms. Cloud thanked Bob for his years of service and welcomed Mr. Beans

Ms. Fagan thanked Bob for his help on the Board and in sports. She appreciates the community support when her son broke his leg.

Mr. Tkach also thanked Bob for all of his service to the community and school.

11.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA - None

Dusty also thanked Bob.

12.0 ACCEPT CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

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

3.0 CLOSED SESSION – 8:10 PM

13.1 Government Code Section 54957

Public Employment - Resolution 1314-14 Personnel Report

13.2 Government Code Section 54957.6

Conference with Labor Negotiator-Tom Barnett

14.0 RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – 8:36 PM

15.0 REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Tkach reported the following:

Item 13.1 Trustee Groves moved to accept the Personnel Report, Second by Trustee Simmons: Roll Call Vote; Trustee Cloud Abstain, Trustees Simmons, Fagan, Tkach and Groves Aye.

Item 13.2 No reportable action taken.

16.0 ADJOURNMENT – 8:37 PM