

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

Weaverville Elementary School Library Wednesday, February 12, 2014
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 - Absent

Sadie Fagan - Present

Daniel Beans – Present

Signature

Date

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 - None

2.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON OPEN SESSION AGENDA – Dusty Knight read an open letter to the Board stating the staff’s appreciation for hiring Christine Camara as Principal at THS.

3.0 ACCEPT OPEN SESSION AGENDA

Motion to accept open session agenda by Trustee Fagan, Second by Trustee Groves. Roll Call Vote (RCV): Trustees Beans, Tkach Fagan and Groves Aye; Trustee Cloud Absent.

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

On motion by Trustee Groves, Second by Trustee Fagan, the Trinity Alps Unified School District Governing Board approves consent ACTION items 4.1 through 4.5. RCR: Trustees Beans, Tkach, Fagan and Groves Aye; Trustee Cloud Absent.

4.1 Approval of the Governing Board Regular Meeting Minutes of January 15, 2014

4.2. Approval of the Governing Board Special Board Policy Workshop Minutes of January 27, 2014

4.3 Approval of Resolution 1314-25 Payroll and General Fund Warrants

4.4 Approval of Donation from Coast Central Credit Union to TAUSD Student Body Accounts

4.5 Approval of February Fundraising Calendar

5.0 BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE

5.1 THS Student Representative Report

No report as Michael was absent.

5.2 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)

Mr. Barnett reported on the Governor’s Workshop he recently attended. Administration is cautiously optimistic regarding funding over the next 8 years. The new plan is good when the economy is good but will be substantially cut during any economic downturn. The state is suggesting schools budget for at least 2 economic downturns. The focus is on student achievement by setting our policy based on our LCAP. He discussed how and who to engage to create the plan. CA is 49th in U.S. for funding of public schools but ranks 2nd in teacher

ITEM 5.2 CONTINUED

salaries. Our average annual teacher salary is \$67,000 without benefits, which is aligned with the rest of the State. There are 8 state priorities which will fit into 3 categories. He referred to the timeline in the packet.

5.3 Second Reading - Personnel

BP 4119.41 through 4331, AR 4119.42 through 4314, Exhibits 4219.21 and 4222

Motion to approve by Trustee Beans, Second by Trustee Fagan. RCV: Trustees Groves, Tkach, Fagan and Beans Aye; Trustee Cloud Absent.

5.4 Approval of Resolution 1314-26 Reducing Certain Certificated Services for the 2014-2015 School Year (Reduction in Employment of Certificated Employees)

Mr. Barnett noted that based on reduction of students this is our response in regard to teaching staff.

Motion to approve by Trustee Groves, Second by Trustee Beans. RCV; Trustees Beans, Groves, Fagan and Tkach Aye; Trustee Cloud Absent.

5.5 Superintendent's Report – Tom Barnett

Mr. Barnett asked the Board to fill out the Form 700 and return to Susan by the next meeting. He then reported the following: CalTrans came to assess the property but he has not heard back from Mr. Rogers. Phase 1 will encroach on our property; Modernization has Mr. Morris very busy getting facilities information to Schreder and Associates; the District Office staff will go to Cox Bar on the 21st to discuss how lapsation will look and work for the employees. He has discussed the process with the County Office Board of Trustees; we held an active shooter safety meeting with county disaster/emergency personnel and plans to meet again in March. We plan to have a real drill before the end of the year with upper graders; two students from Alps View will petition the Board next month regarding their credits and graduating early; next month we will sunshine our opener proposals with both unions; he and Jeff Morris are working on how to conserve water during this drought year; Mr. Barnett passed out survey samples to the Board asking them to choose questions they would like to use in developing our own staff survey about culture at the schools and in the district and asked them to return it to Susan by the end of the week. He will collate their responses and bring it back to the next meeting.

5.6 THS Principal's Report

Ms. Camara reported the following: The WASC review is happening at the high school, which includes a survey that went to staff, students and parents. She will report back survey results with a comparison to the 2011 WASC survey; the McConnell Foundation has offered additional support and asked her to attend a STRIVE Training in Chicago next month with the goal of creating a countywide coalition to bring more college and career readiness to students county-wide. McConnell will fund her trip for the training; a sober grad committee meeting was held and they would like the senior class to attend Disneyland for a day, leaving late night after graduation. They would also like an event for the rest of the student body to include the upcoming 9th graders. So a dance is being planned for the new freshmen, as well as the sophomores and juniors; she then asked Dusty to report on the upcoming FBLA class competitions.

5.7 WES Principal's Report

Mr. Sprague reported the following: He is delighted watching one of the math classes use their chrome books. Google Docs, a free internet service, is being used in the computer lab, where chrome books are not needed; two security cameras still to be installed at WES once the rain stops; due to lack of interest he will not be taking students to Butte College for the female focused career trek field trip; Ms. Fagan will come by each school next week and would like to spend a day in and out of classrooms (Tuesday at WES, Wednesday at THS); Mr. Barnett thanked Ms. Fagan and also complimented the Principals on all they are doing to keep on top of the Common Core Standards.

5.8 Reports:

TAUSD Dean of Students, Mandy Leahy reported on athletics noting the varsity boys and girls may make it to playoffs; athletic awards banquet March 4 at 4 PM in the café; two of our wrestling team members won

ITEM 5.8 CONTINUED

with division championships next week. Feb 28 and March 8 we are hosting the North State wrestling Tourney at the Redding Convention Center; four students will compete in the Lions Speech Contest; March 6-8 she will take middle school and high school students to the REACH for the STARS Leadership conference; she reported on working with students that are at risk.

ROP Representative, Trustee Beans attended his first meeting on February 4th where they discussed funding and evaluating the ROP Superintendent.

Director of Food Services, Ellen Eggers discussed the idea of a USDA program that provides a “super snack” which she feels would bring us more funding per meal and be beneficial to the students; She is working on the garden project with the culinary club, garden club, Trinity Homegrown Foods and Trinity Lumber (for garden hardware supplies) and she has the garden logistics for the summer covered.

THS Site Council, Ms. Camara reported the focus is on WASC and revising the site plan

THS Booster Club, Trustee Fagan reported they are getting ready for the wrestling competition in Redding; Farmers Insurance has a fundraiser at the game this weekend with proceeds to go to Boosters.

6.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL

6.1 Recommendations for Portable Buildings on the Alps View Campus

Mr. Barnett discussed the recommendations outlined in the packet.

Motion by Trustee Beans to approve the recommendations with direction to have our attorney work with Mr. Barnett on the letter to Ms. Neill-Wiseman regarding use of the building during school hours, Second by Trustee Fagan. RCV: Trustees Groves, Tkach, Fagan and Beans Aye; Trustee Cloud Absent.

6.2 Director of Business Services Report – Cindy Blanchard

Ms. Blanchard reported that we have received our property taxes so revenues look good at present. We won't get our Forest Reserves until March per TCOE.

6.3 Developer Fee Justification Study – In Regard to Modernization Needs

Mr. Barnett explained the State can raise rates biannually, which they did this calendar year; Residential is going up to \$3.36 per square foot and we currently receive \$2.97 per s.f. We don't qualify for level 1 justification but he believes we would qualify under level 2 which has to do with dilapidated buildings. Currently emergency needs projects are the only ones being funded. But we need to get on the list to be ready when the State bond initiative occurs. We haven't increased our fees since 2008. If we were looking for hardship funding we have to be collecting the current maximum fees. The Board would like to revisit this after hearing from Mr. Schreder about the modernization feasibility study.

6.4 Purchase of Van(s)

Mr. Barnett and Mr. Brown gave a presentation on reasons for needing more/new vans, the costs and replacement costs. We spend around \$45,000 per year on athletic transportation. He believes a fleet of 6 vans would give us more flexibility regarding student needs but we would also need to update our policy on athletic transportation. He proposes only charging for fuel for the vans. There was a cost analysis done and he believes we can get our costs at both sites down to about \$20,000. His recommendation has us breaking even by year 3, which would also allow us to use cost saving to fund a new van every 2 years.

Trustee Beans made a motion to approve the plan as presented, not to spend over \$82,000 and to revise our current board policy, Second by Trustee Fagan. RCV: Trustees Groves, Tkach, Beans and Fagan Aye; Trustee Cloud Absent.

6.5 Business Agreement between TAUSD and Coffee Creek School District

Mr. Barnett reported on the visit he and Ms. Blanchard made to talk with the Coffee Creek staff, per their request, as well as last month's Board meeting to discuss business service options, one of which included their eventual lapsing with us. The Board gave direction to Mr. Barnett and Ms. Blanchard.

6.6 Approval of Senior Sober Graduation Trip to Disneyland – June 6, 2014

Motion to approve by Trustee Fagan, Second by Trustee Beans. RCV: Trustees Groves, Tkach, Beans and Fagan Aye; Trustee Cloud Absent.

7.0 INSTRUCTION

7.1 Sunshine TAUSD School Calendar Proposal for the 2014-15 School Year

Mr. Barnett explained he has discussed the calendar with both units. He went over the differences between this year and last year's calendar.

7.2 WES Inter-District Transfer Steering Committee

Mr. Barnett reported that three parents with children 1-4 years of age attended the meeting along with Trustee Beans, Principal Sprague and himself. The meeting was open ended and he appreciates the feedback. He will continue to work on this and will interview some folks who have left the district, some who choose to be here and the local preschool teacher(s). Trustee Tkach suggests looking into funding to operate our own preschool.

7.3 Approval of Drama Class Overnight Field Trip to San Francisco (February 21-23)

Motion to approve by Trustee Fagan, Second by Trustee Groves. RCV: Trustees Beans, Tkach, Groves and Fagan Aye; Trustee Cloud Absent.

8.0 ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING

2014-15 Calendar; Alps View student petitions; survey questions.

9.0 BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Tkach congratulated Christine for her letter of appreciation.

10.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC CONCERNING CLOSED SESSION AGENDA - None

11.0 ACCEPT CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

Motion to accept closed session agenda by Trustee Groves, Second by Trustee Fagan. RCV: Trustees Beans, Tkach, Fagan and Groves Aye; Trustee Cloud Absent.

12.0 CLOSED SESSION – 9:05 PM

12.1 Education Code 48900.4

Alternative to Expulsion Hearing: Stipulated Expulsion

Student #1 (13-14)

12.2 Public Employment - Approval of Resolution 1314-27 Personnel Services

12.3 Government Code Section 54957.6

Conference with Labor Negotiator-Tom Barnett

13.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – 9:50 PM

14.0 REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Tkach reported the following:

Item 12.1- Trustee Fagan motioned to approve, Second by Trustee Groves. RCV: Trustees Beans, Tkach, Fagan and Groves Aye; Trustee Cloud Absent.

Item 12.2 – Motion to approve with amendment to deny certificated transfer request by Trustee Fagan, Second by Trustee Groves. RCV: Trustees Beans, Tkach, Fagan and Groves Aye; Trustee Cloud Absent.

Item 12.3 – No reportable action taken.

15.0 ADJOURNMENT – 9:51 PM