

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

**Weaverville Elementary School Library .....Wednesday, April 16, 2014**  
**31020 State Hwy 3 ..... Business Meeting 6:00 p.m.**  
**Weaverville, California .....**

Trinity Alps Unified School District Governing Board:

- George Tkach, President, Present **6:04 PM**
- Keith Groves, Vice President/Clerk, Present
- Wendy Cloud, Present
- Sadie Fagan, Present
- Daniel Beans, Present

**1.0 Formal Opening**

- 1.1 Call to Order – **6:00 PM**
- 1.2 Flag Salute – Led by Trustee Groves
- 1.3 Additions or Changes in Agenda – Mr. Barnett noted the handouts for updates to Items 4.4 and 13.2.

**2.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON OPEN SESSION AGENDA** – Mr. Lance Floerke introduced himself and said he would comment on Items 8.2 and 8.3 when the Board gets to those items.

**3.0 ACCEPT OPEN SESSION AGENDA**

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

**4.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

On motion by Trustee Fagan, Second by Trustee Beans, the Trinity Alps Unified School District Governing Board approves consent ACTION items 4.1 through 4.4; RCV: Trustees Cloud, Groves, Beans and Fagan Aye; Trustee Tkach Absent.

- 4.1 Approval of the Governing Board Regular Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2014
- 4.2 Approval of Resolution 1314-31 Payroll and General Fund Warrants
- 4.3 Approval of Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints – Quarter 1, 2014
- 4.4 Approval of April Fundraising Calendar

**5.0 PRESENTATION**

5.1 Fire Explorer Post – Scott Alvord, Fire Chief and Students  
Chief Alvord introduced 3 Explorers who attended the academy recently while also completing their school work through Independent Study. Explorer Squadron President John Geier, Samuel Short and Jacob Kelly presented a PowerPoint explaining what they have learned at the academy.

**6.0 BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE**

6.1 THS Student Representative Report – Michael Jones  
Michael reported on the following: 2 play productions this past month (WES-Fiddler on the Roof Jr., THS-Life is a Poem); Spirit Week events; FBLA & FFA competition during spring break; upcoming events-a blood drive and elections of officers for next year.

6.2 PUBLIC HEARING on the Contract Opener Proposal from CSEA Chapter 578 to TAUSD  
Hearing Opened: **6:20 PM**

CSEA negotiation team representative, Ms. Steele expressed her opinion that the unit is working well with the administration and that this was the best negotiations she's been involved in.

Hearing Closed: **6:22 PM**

6.3 PUBLIC HEARING on the Contract Opener Proposal from TAUSD to CSEA Chapter 578

Hearing Opened: **6:22 PM**

No Comments

Hearing Closed: **6:23 PM**

6.4 PUBLIC HEARING on the Contract Opener Proposal from Trinity Alps Unified Teachers Association CTA/NEA to TAUSD

Hearing Opened: **6:23 PM**

Ms. Steele commented about a line in CTA's proposal stating there will be extra money coming to the district and she wants to go on record as saying that she does not feel the school is hiding any money and she does not know where this rumor is coming from.

Hearing Closed: **6:24 PM**

6.5 PUBLIC HEARING on the Contract Opener Proposal from TAUSD to Trinity Alps Unified Teachers Association CTA/NEA

Hearing Opened: **6:24 PM**

No Comments

Hearing Closed: **6:25 PM**

Mr. Barnett explained the procedure from here, with formal negotiations with CTA starting this Friday. The CSEA formal negotiations will be scheduled soon.

6.6 Consider/Approve Resolution 1314-32 Reducing Classified Employee Services Due to Lack of Work/Lack of Funds

Mr. Barnett explained this is the classified portion of our layoffs due to declining enrollment and is in line with what we have gone over at Board meetings since last November. He noted student population will decline about 10% next year. He thanked Ms. Steele for her comments and noted there has been some good work done. Motion to approve by Trustee Beans, Second by Trustee Cloud, question by Trustee Groves to clarify that we may be able to bring staff back if funding or enrollment increases, which Mr. Barnett verified; RCV: Trustees Beans, Cloud, Fagan, Groves and Tkach Aye.

6.7 Second Reading

BP and AR 0460 – Local Control Accountability Plan

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

6.8 Draft Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Goals

Mr. Barnett handed out his draft that evolved from parent night and official advisory committee participation. He went over the process and how the goals were reached. It will come back in May for the Board to refine. Low income students are our main priority population. He pointed out that after Board approval this plan also requires approval by the County Superintendent so he and Cindy are currently working with Ms. Blackwell.

6.9 Set Time and Date for a Special Board Meeting Regarding the Public Hearing on the LCAP and Budget (Suggested Date: June 17, 2014)

Legislature requires that LCAP public hearing has to be held at the same meeting as the budget public hearing. Then the LCAP is required to be adopted just prior to adopting the budget. Unfortunately, the budget cannot be completed in time for our May meeting as the State May Revise isn't scheduled until May 20<sup>th</sup>, so we are asking

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for a special meeting the day before the regular June meeting to have the two public hearings and then the adoption of both of them at the regular June meeting the next day.

Motion to hold the special meeting on June 17<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM in the WES Library by Trustee Groves, Second by Trustee Cloud; RCV: Trustees Beans, Fagan, Cloud, Groves and Tkach Aye.

### 6.10 Superintendent's Report – Tom Barnett

Mr. Barnett announced that he is saddened to report that Mr. Craig Holt, who formerly had worked for NASA and has been instrumental at THS helping with AP physics and calculus as well as being a huge part of our science bowl success over the past 4-5 years, has passed away unexpectedly. Ms. Camara reported there will be a memorial on June 7<sup>th</sup> and a trust is being set up in his name for a \$30,000 scholarship to go to top math and science students. More information can be found at the [www.caringbridge.org](http://www.caringbridge.org) website. We would like to bring a resolution in his honor to next month's Board meeting and then place it in the high school library; Mr. Morris is continuing to pull together information for each site regarding modernization; SBE approved the Cox Bar waiver to Lapsation. TCOE will approve it at their May Board meeting; congratulation to Marilyn Cox for getting a \$250 mini-grant from the CA Retired Teachers Association; we have received updates on employer contributions to CalPers and CalSTRS. Calper's projection to go from 11.7% to 20.4% over the next 8 years. CalSTRS projection is to expect similar increases in the employer portion; next month he will present the employee survey results; Mr. Barnett complimented the principals on their efforts regarding staffing reductions. We are reducing some sections but we are not eliminating any offerings/programs.

### 6.11 THS Principal's Report – Christine Camara

Ms. Camara reported the following: She went over highlights of the FFA State competition and reported on former THS FFA students that were presenters at the competition; REACH for the Future was the best conference yet and our 27 students "led it". Some of the attendees have instituted a project to help the homeless and were recently featured on KRCC news; last month she attended a training in Chicago regarding strengthening school & community relationships and she looks forward to working with the McConnell Foundation to implement it county-wide; WASC 3 year review report is in the packet and it went very well.

### 6.12 WES Principal's Report – Keith Sprague

Mr. Sprague reported the following: The security camera system had snags. As a result he has gotten newer top quality cameras and the project is now about 90% complete; a safety meeting regarding lock down procedures took place a couple of weeks ago; the Sheriff's Dept. used WES grounds for an active shooter event training during spring break; common core testing begins next week and they have had a dry run; there will be a movie night this Friday; he commented on the performances of Peter and the Wolf at TPAC and our production of Fiddler on the Roof Jr., which were fantastic. He gave Kudos to Mr. Jay Underwood and he acknowledged Michael for his work and mentoring in the play; there was discussion on the new assessments. We will need to communicate with the public/parents regarding test scores and how the common core teaching and assessment is beneficial for the students.

6.13 Reports: Dean of Students—Mandy Leahy reported on the Golf team, who are leading in SCL at present; she read the stats for the top 20 track team members; reported on the baseball and JV softball teams; the varsity softball team tied for first in SCL and 3<sup>rd</sup> in division: The Casino Night made over \$11,000 to go toward THS sober grad event: She recently participated as an administrator on a MOC interview panel at Chico State. Director of Facilities and Operations-Jeff Morris mentioned the Bright Schools Program resolution, which is farther down on the agenda: He participated in a FIT Report webinar which explained how it will line up with LCAP: He will attend a CalTrans Safe Route to School grant program that he believes could help fund upgrading "head rush" at THS: He reported on general maintenance at the elementary and high school sites. Director of Food Services-Ellen Eggers reported on how the \$1,000 from Trinity Homegrown Foods is being spent on gardens at both sites: She thanked Mr. Rourke for all he contributes to the garden.

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Ag Advisory Committee-Mr. Rourke reported there were a lot of Assembly Representatives at the State Convention regarding an Assembly Bill supporting the Ag Incentive Grant.  
THS Booster Club-Trustee Fagan stated the Casino Night was exceptional.

### **7.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL**

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

Ms. Blanchard referred to the report in her packet and noted we have yet to receive Forest Reserve funds. When we do receive these funds they will go into our “reserve” account: Trustee Groves reported he met with Representatives Huffman and LaMalfa while he was in D.C. and pitched for a permanent solution to this funding: Ms. Blanchard also reported that we purchase our workers comp insurance through STSIG, who contract the service to LWP, who she has not been happy with. STSIG will be dropping the contract with LWP as of June 30<sup>th</sup> and switching to InterWest, which she is excited about: She met with our auditors and discussed the new requirements of GASB 68 which requires us to book the unfunded liability from CalSTRS’ predicted increase in employer contributions: P2 attendance was due today and submitted at 650.45 ADA district-wide. She pointed out how this is about 150 down from 2010 ADA and it is affecting our funding.

#### 7.2 Second Reading

##### BP & AR 3100 – Budget

Mr. Barnett explained that this reflects the single adoption process. He pointed out the highlighted paragraph that discusses a 17% reserve and OPEB and opened discussion on this.

Motion was made by Trustee Beans to approve with the amendment of striking the paragraphs on 17% reserves, Second by Trustee Cloud; RCV: Trustees Fagan, Groves, Cloud, Beans and Tkach Aye.

#### 7.3 Second Reading

##### BP 3110 – Transfer of Funds

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

#### 7.4 Approval of Resolution 1314-33 Bright Schools Program Energy Audit – Jeff Morris

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

#### 7.5 Business Service Agreement between TAUSD and Coffee Creek School District

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

#### 7.6 Accept \$50 Donation to the WES Library in the Name of Bob Kelley

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

#### 7.7 Accept \$1,000 Donation to ASB Cooking Club from Trinity Home Grown Foods

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

### **8.0 INSTRUCTION**

#### 8.1 Approval of Resolution 1314-34 Ag Incentive Grant

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

8.2 Proposed THS Class Schedule for the 2014-15 School Year

Trustee Tkach asked Mr. Floerke to give his comments at this time. Mr. Floerke referred to the letter his wife wrote to the Board about their daughter's inability to fit Spanish into her schedule next year due to the proposed class schedule. He feels continuing Spanish at the elementary school diminishes the offerings at the high school, and he would like the schedule to go to parents earlier. Trustee Tkach suggests Mr. Floerke work with the administration and he reiterated this is a living document that can and will change. Mr. Floerke states he has had good cooperation with administration but wanted to bring it to the Board's attention. There was more discussion. Trustee Beans mentioned that he would also like to see an accounting class in the schedule. Ms. Camara states that next year we will get back on track by offering accounting every other year with Ms. Knight.

8.3 Proposed WES & TPA Class Schedules for the 2014-15 School Year

Mr. Sprague handed out schedules for WES and TPA. TPA includes Spanish I and art. He is working on having Mr. Newton available to provide 3-4 classes of technology throughout the day to various age groups.

**9.0 ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING**

Research Bond requirement questions from Trustee Beans; staff survey; follow up on on-line Spanish class.

**10.0 BOARD COMMENTS** - None

**11.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC CONCERNING CLOSED SESSION AGENDA** – None

**12.0 ACCEPT CLOSED SESSION AGENDA**

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

**13.0 CLOSED SESSION – 8:24 PM**

13.1 Government Code Section 54957

Discipline/Dismissal/Release

13.2 Government Code Section 54957

Public Employment - Approval of Resolution 1314-35 Personnel Services

13.3 Government Code Section 54957.6

Conference with Labor Negotiator-Tom Barnett

**14.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – 9:53 PM**

**15.0 REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

Trustee Tkach reported the following:

Item 13.1 no reportable action taken

Item 13.2 Motion to approve by Trustee Groves, Second by Trustee Cloud; RCV: Trustees Beans, Fagan, Tkach Groves and Cloud Aye

Item 13.3 No reportable action taken.

**16.0 ADJOURNMENT – 9:55 PM**