

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

Weaverville Elementary School Library Wednesday, June 18, 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 - Present

Signature

Date

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 Tkach

1.3 Additions or Changes in Agenda – President Tkach added Item 5.2 Presentation by Jack Schreder on Modernization Eligibility, which was tabled from yesterday’s meeting; add action Item 8.4 Salary Schedules; and an update to Item 14.3 Personnel Services.

2.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC CONCERNING OPEN SESSION AGENDA – None

3.0 ACCEPT OPEN SESSION AGENDA

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

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

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

4.1 Approval of the Governing Board Regular Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2014

4.2 Approval of Resolution 1314-39 Payroll and General Fund Warrants

4.3 Approval of June and July Fundraising Calendar

4.4 Approval of Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints – Quarter 2, 2014

4.5 Approval of ESCAPE Online User Fee Agreement for 2014-15 (\$1,950)

5.0 PRESENTATION

5.1 Presentation in Honor of Retiring Teacher Scott Lane

Mr. Barnett honored Mr. Lane’s 23 years of teaching and the Board presented Mr. Lane with a red apple award.

Added Item 5.2 Presentation by Jack Schreder on Modernization Eligibility

Mr. Barnett introduced Mr. Schreder who presented a handout on state modernization funding estimates and he explained how they have come up with the projections. We have eligibility in the modernization program based on the age of our buildings. This program grant ratio is a 60/40 match: 60% from State, 40% from District. The total project estimate is \$3.3 Million=State \$2 million and district \$1.3 million. This is for the high school only as WES has undergone a modernization project. The next move would be going through the application process. A school facilities bill has passed the Assembly and if it passes the Senate it will go to the Governor to be placed as a ballot measure for \$9 billion, of which \$3.2 billion would be available for modernization. We

ADDED ITEM 5.2 CONTINUED

could be in line to “capture” some of those funds. We can always withdraw if we choose. There are three parts to the process: 1) application 2) architect for design 3) approval from state board of architecture; then we would be in line for funds. Studies and application fees can come out of developer fees, forest reserves, general funds and/or out of the 60/40 allocation. Architect fees would eventually come out of the grant. Ms. Blanchard asked if we can also use the Prop 39 dollars in this process and Mr. Schreder answered that we can leverage the Prop 39 funds. Mr. Barnett asked the Board to approve putting out an RFQ for an architect firm. He feels we could review them in July and make a decision in August should we decide to proceed. The Board gave Mr. Barnett direction to begin the RFQ process for architects.

6.0 PERSONNEL

6.1 Rescind 1 Certificated Layoff Notice of 1 FTE Due to Retirement

Mr. Barnett explained that with Mr. Lane’s retirement we need a teacher who is qualified for this position. Mr. Groves asked to move this to after the budget discussion (Item 8.4), which the Board approved.

6.2 Consider/Approve Resolution 1314-40 Reducing Classified Employee Services Due to Lack of Work/Reorganization of Cox Bar Elementary School District

Mr. Barnett explained this represents three Cox Bar employees who currently have different position titles than we do. We will reclassify to the appropriate title and rehire them in closed session.

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

7.0 BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE

7.1 Approval of Resolution 1314-41 Education Code Section 17556, Consideration of Intention to Convey Public Utility Easement and Right of Way Easements to the State of California, Department of Transportation for the Weaverville Sidewalks Project

Mr. Barnett explained that this is in regard to phase one, taking the sidewalk to the driveway of the school.

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

7.2 Set Time, Date, Location for a Public Hearing on the Intention to Convey Public Utility Easement and Right of Way Easements for the Weaverville Sidewalks Project

Motion by Trustee Groves to hold the public hearing at our Regular Board meeting on August 13 at 6:00 PM, Second by Trustee Beans: RCV; Trustees Fagan, Cloud, Groves, Beans and Tkach Aye.

7.3 Second Reading

Philosophy, Goals, Objectives & Comprehensive Plans
BP 0500 Accountability

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

7.4 Set Time, Date Location for a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees - Setting District Priorities (Recommend Thursday, July 31 at Cox Bar School, Time TBD)

Mr. Barnett explained the last time this was done was in 2008. He would like to set goals for the district once again and we could combine it with seeing our new site at Cox Bar; the district will provide food.

Motion to hold the meeting from 3 PM-7 PM on Thursday, July 31st, at Wendy Cloud’s house by Trustee Fagan, Second by Trustee Cloud: RCV; Trustees Groves, Beans, Fagan, Cloud and Tkach Aye.

7.5 Approval of Resolution 1314-42 Adoption of the TAUSD Local Control and Accountability Plan (Presentation & Public Hearing Held June 17, 2014)

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

7.6 Approval of THS Cross Country Camp July 24, 25 & 26, 2014 – Tom Barnett

Mr. Barnett would like approval as it is an overnight trip with the base camp at Big Flat campground at the North end of Coffee Creek. There is a myriad of running trails and he plans to have 1 on 1 chaperones.

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

7.7 Superintendent's Report – Tom Barnett

Mr. Barnett read the language of a trailer bill regarding minimum reserve level for financial uncertainties. He has also handed out data that he compiled on teacher compensation from 20 districts in surrounding counties. Some of the findings: Our district pays the 4th highest in benefit contributions; our teachers are the highest paid on certain years of the salary schedule; our maximum OPEB exposure is \$97,000; we tied for giving the best raise in 2013-14. This has been given to the bargaining unit to distribute to members.

He thanked the principals for their work wrapping up the school year.

7.8 THS Principal's Report – Christine Camara

Ms. Camara read from her written report: Prom was beautiful and classy; over \$200,000 in scholarships were awarded to our graduates this year; the Disneyland trip was wonderful & students were extremely well behaved.

7.9 WES Principal's Report – Keith Sprague

Mr. Sprague reported: The school maintained 95% attendance rate and the out of school suspension rate dropped 45%; he thanked Mandy for her help with this; our API is 837, the highest it has ever been; he will give a presentation of the new camera systems at the August meeting.

7.10 Reports: Dean of Students–Mandy Leahy reported on: Open house, softball/baseball & track; she invited coaches to walk onto the field with staff at graduation; had golf and track banquet; summer camps happening now; she has met with all of our coaches; Dr. Meredith donated 3 mornings for free physicals; she's working on organizing for sports fundraisers; Round Table Pizza will be displaying team sport pictures thanks to Boosters. ROP Report, Daniel Beans no meeting but he went to a CTE advisory meeting and got a tour by Mr. Rourke. Director of Facilities and Operations, Jeff Morris reported on summer projects: He has a bid for the roof on the high school gym; CUPA hazardous waste person is coming tomorrow.

THS Site Council Ms. Camara reported they met and revised their site plan, reviewed the Con-App and LCAP.

THS Booster Club Trustee Fagan reported: She has been voted in as the President again for the next 2 years; they gave away \$25,000 last year and no request has been turned down.

WES Boosters Club Annie Steele reported: they met in June and it is a great group; they are not only athletics.

8.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL

8.1 Director of Business Services Report

Cindy Blanchard referred to her report in the packet and gave a brief overview.

8.2 Approval of Resolution 1314-43 Adoption of the TAUSD Budget for the 2014-15 S.Y. (Presentation & Public Hearing Held June 17, 2014)

Ms. Blanchard passed out a handout containing revisions that were made today after she talked to the County Office of Ed questioning the \$250,000 cut in Special Ed. County Office made a large adjustment to \$98,548 (\$151,452 less!) and she went over the adjustments with the Board. We will still be deficit spending 3 years out but not at the level she projected at yesterday's meeting. There was discussion about cutting another \$100,000 for the 2014-15 F.Y. Mr. Barnett said the administration will come back at the July 31 meeting with their plan.

ITEM 8.2 CONTINUED

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

8.3 Approval of Resolution 1314-44 the Education Protection Account for the 2013-14 S.Y.
Motion to approve by Trustee Cloud, Second by Trustee Fagan: RCV; Trustees Groves, Beans, Cloud, Fagan and Tkach Aye.

Added Item 8.4 Annual Approval of the Salary Schedules

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

Continued Item 6.1 Rescind 1 Certificated Layoff Notice of 1 FTE Due to Retirement

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

9.0 INSTRUCTION

9.1 Approval of MOU between Shasta Charter Academy and TAUSD Regarding Dual Enrollment

Mr. Barnett explained a student's "primary enrollment" is at the school where they take 4 classes or more, and "secondary enrollment" at the district where less classes are taken. This is modeled after Shasta Union High School District MOU with Shasta Charter Academy. This allows a student enrolled at Shasta Charter that resides within our district to take up to 3 classes with us (providing there is room). Our students could take up to 1 class at Shasta Charter Academy only if their needs could not be met in our district. Extracurricular activities would only be available to students at their school of primary enrollment.

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

9.2 TAUSD Teacher Assignment for the 2014-2015 School Year – THS, AVHS, CDS, Adult Education & Independent Study

This is informational and it was noted that Principal Sprague will be teaching an elective, which will be 2 days per week (robotics with Legos, beginning programming, etc.).

9.3 Approval of Annual Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators

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

9.4 Annual Statement of Need for 30-Day Substitute Teaching Permits and Designated Subjects Vocational Education 30-Day Substitute Teaching Permits

Mr. Barnett explained this allows us to use 30 day emergency substitutes when needed. We are required to report it to the Board but it does not require Board approval.

9.5 Approval of WES Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA)

Mr. Sprague reported the plan was approved by their site council a couple of months ago and it is in alignment with the LCAP.

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

9.6 Approval of THS Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA)-To be handed out at meeting

Ms. Camara handed out the plan and reported that it was overhauled due to the WASC review.

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

10.0 BOARD COMMENTS

Ms. Fagan thanked the staff for their involvement at sober grad night.

Ms. Cloud commented that we have awesome staff.

Mr. Beans joked with Trustee Fagan about handing out diplomas next year.

Mr. Groves complimented our administration and he feels it is the best year he has had here in 6 years. He is disappointed that there were no stakeholders present at our public hearing meeting last night. He expressed his opinion that the state is not prioritizing education.

Mr. Tkach thanked the administration and the team effort. He is proud of our achievements and keeping at the top of the schools nationwide.

11.0 ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING

RFQ for architectural services.

Financial Review

Plan to save \$100,000

12.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA - None

13.0 ACCEPT CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

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

14.0 CLOSED SESSION – 8:19 PM

14.1 Government Code Section 54957.6

Conference with Labor Negotiator-Tom Barnett

14.2 Government Code Section 54957

Public Employee Performance Evaluation – District Principals

14.3 Government Code Section 54957

Public Employment - Approval of Resolution 1314-45 Personnel Services

Public Employment – Amend Resolution 1314-36 Personnel Services

15.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – 9:45 PM

16.0 REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Tkach reported:

Item 14.1 - No reportable action taken.

Item 14.2 – Motion by Trustee Groves to accept the evaluations of both principals, Second by Trustee Fagan: RCV; Trustees Cloud, Beans, Groves, Fagan and Tkach Aye.

Item 14.3 Resolution 1314-45 – Motion by Trustee Groves to approve by Trustee Groves, Second by Trustee Cloud: RCV; Trustees Beans, Fagan, Groves, Cloud and Tkach Aye.

Item 14.3 Resolution 1314-36 – Motion by Trustee Groves, Second by Trustee Fagan: RCV; Trustees Beans, Cloud, Groves, Fagan and Tkach Aye.

17.0 ADJOURNMENT – 9:47 PM

