

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

Weaverville Elementary School Library Wednesday, August 13, 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
- Sadie Fagan - Present
- Daniel Beans - Present
- Area III - Vacant

1.0 Formal Opening

- 1.1 Call to Order – **6:01 pm**
- 1.2 Flag Salute - Led by Trustee Tkach
- 1.3 Additions or Changes in Agenda – Trustee Tkach noted we will delete Item 6.9.

2.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC CONCERNING OPEN SESSION AGENDA – None

3.0 ACCEPT OPEN SESSION AGENDA

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

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 4.6: RCV; Trustees Beans, Tkach, Fagan and Groves Aye.

- 4.1 Approval of the Governing Board Special Meeting Minutes of June 17, 2014
- 4.2 Approval of the Governing Board Regular Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2014
- 4.3 Approval of Resolution 1415-01 Payroll and General Fund Warrants
- 4.4 Ratify Agreement Between Shasta-Trinity Regional Occupational Program and TAUSD for the 2014-15 School Year
- 4.5 Approval of August Fundraising Calendar
- 4.6 Approval of MOU Between Shasta-Tehama-Trinity Joint CCD and TAUSD for TRiO Talent Search Services

5.0 PRESENTATION

- 5.1 Update on the TAUSD Video Surveillance System

Mr. Sprague gave a PowerPoint presentation of the systems at both THS and WES/TPA. The cameras are high definition using a live-feed; 30 day storage until exported to another device; they have audio ability but not in use right now; dispatch and Sheriff’s office can tie into the system if necessary; Pan/tilt/zoom quality on certain strategically located cameras. Mr. Barnett noted that he, Jeff and Keith have discussed putting cameras at Cox Bar, Alps View and the Bus Barn in the future.

6.0 BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE

- 6.1 Discuss Board Vacancy – Area 3 Douglas City

Mr. Barnett explained we have extended the application period to the 29th; Sally Morris ran an article in the Trinity Journal; the Board decided to begin the September 10th meeting at 5 PM to allow time for interviews.

6.2 Public Hearing Regarding the Conveyance of Public Utility Easement and Right of Way Easements to the State of California, Department of Transportation for the Weaverville Sidewalks Project

Hearing Opened at 6:21 PM

The map was shared with the two audience members.

Hearing Closed at 6:24 PM

6.3 Approval of Resolution 1415-02 Authorize Conveyance of Public Utility Easement and Right of Way Easements to the State of California, Department of Transportation for the Weaverville Sidewalks Project

There was discussion.

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

6.4 Modernization Project at THS – Update on RFQ for Architectural Services

Mr. Barnett reported the following: We submitted the RFQ with August 1 deadline and we only received one applicant and a phone interview was conducted by Cindy, Jeff and Tom; they have kept the RFQ process open and solicited some architectural firms and have received some responses since then; there will be interviews again and the administrative team will bring their recommendation back to the September meeting.

6.5 Approval of Trustee Health Benefit Plan Offerings for 2014-15 (No Cost to District)

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

6.6 Review Governance Goal Setting Workshop – Next Steps

Mr. Barnett had a handout of the information he gleaned from the Special Workshop meeting last week. This is a draft of our Mission/Vision, Core Beliefs and Goals for our district. He asks for the Board's feed-back. The Board directed Tom to schedule a special meeting. Sue will e-mail dates and schedule a meeting to be held in the new conference room at THS preferably prior to September.

6.7 First Reading - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities
BP 0410 Philosophy, Goals, Objectives and Comprehensive Plans

Mr. Barnett explained both 6.7 and 6.8 are now the law and we cannot harass or discriminate in our programs and activities. These are specific to transgender in regard to the use of the facilities and in our programs. He read the description of gender identity from the policy. He has spoken to our legal dept as well as other district administrators and this should be put in place pro-actively. Tom would be listed as the coordinator.

6.8 First Reading - Nondiscrimination/Harassment
BP & AR 5145.3 Students

Please see above.

6.9 Approval of Revised Student/Parent Handbook – THS

This Item is deleted.

6.10 Approval of Revised Athletic Handbook – THS

Ms. Camara explained the changes in 6.10 and 6.11 (driving to and from games with parents and/or other than their parent) to formalize the process to be certain they are approved drivers through the district.

We will review the paperwork for approved drivers regarding vehicle being in operable and safe condition.

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

6.11 Approval of Revised Coach's Handbook – THS

See discussion above. Changes in 6.10 are reflected in this item. One other statement in handbook asking for students to pay a fee has been deleted. This has been discussed with all coaches last year.

ITEM 6.11 CONTINUED

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

6.12 Superintendent's Report – Tom Barnett

Mr. Barnett thanked Jeff and his crew, the transportation crew and the district office staff for their work all summer. He reported the following: FFA students represented our school well at the fair; Enrollment at THS is 300 and about 325 at WES; he will be emphasizing LCAP Goals with our staff at our all-staff meeting tomorrow; the district is seeing savings of about \$121,000 due to two retirements (one certificated and one classified); he is proud of our principals and their work on getting the school year going.

6.13 THS Principal's Report – Christine Camara

Ms. Camara reported: Back to staff meeting this morning; teachers are excited about the work on our facilities this summer, particularly changing Mrs. Sprague's prior room into a new staff room; she commented on the professionalism of students at the fair; tomorrow is a student orientation day from 9 a.m. to noon.

6.14 WES Principal's Report – Keith Sprague

Mr. Sprague reported the following: The 7 STEM films shown throughout the summer were well attended and appreciated. He explained STEM; he attended another Love and Logic training focusing on relationships between staff and student, and he also attended trainings on the brain and poverty and also cognitive development. He noted how all of them come back to relationships; he will bring Love and Logic strategies to his staff and hopes to bring it to our parents this year; he is working on a Twitter account and Facebook page where the school has control over the content; Ms. Leahy will be teaching 7th grade math and language arts this year. He also hopes to have her for discipline one period a day.

6.15 Reports:

ROP Report, Daniel Beans: The next meeting is August 26th.

Director of Facilities and Operations, Jeff Morris: He used the con crew for cleaning before 4th of July.

Director of Food Services, Ellen Eggers: picked tomatoes out of the garden for next week and sunflowers for teachers next week. The Community Eligibility Program (free meals for all students, which includes dinner) will take a little while to implement.

Ag Advisory Committee: Trustee Groves stated at the last Board of Supervisors meeting congressman Huffman discussed rural schools money, which he says is still being worked on and may temporarily be available soon.

THS Booster Club: Trustee Fagan says they are buying new gear for football; snack bar will be open on the 26th.

WES Boosters Club: Annie reported they spruced up the teacher's lounge and also fixed up the snack shack.

7.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL

7.1 Director of Business Services Report – Cindy Blanchard

Ms. Blanchard noted the packet includes June and July as we didn't have a regular meeting in June. The County Office has not closed the June books yet. We are still receiving payments for the 2013-14 fiscal year. The County Office just approved the budget a couple of hours ago so she hasn't been able to make final adjustments. Last week was the first of 2 weeks of audits. It went very well and she thanked the D.O. and school office staff for getting all the required information together for the audits. When we reach 286 ADA at the high school it will dip us down into Necessary Small School Funding, which will be less funds for us.

7.2 Approval of Resolution 1415-03 to Include Unsalariated School Volunteers Under STSIG Workers' Compensation Program

Ms. Blanchard and Mr. Barnett explained that this will allow us to run any injury on our property by a volunteer through workers comp rather than our liability insurance.

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

7.3 Approval of Resolution 1415-04 Call to Legislature and the Governor to Repeal or Substantially Change Language Contained in Sec 27 of SB 858

Mr. Barnett explained this has to do with the language in Senate Bill 858 that would severely restrict the reserves that we can maintain. The resolution pleads to repeal that particular language. ACSA and CSBA are against the language and support this resolution.

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

7.4 First Reading – Fees and Charges

BP & AR 3260 Business and Noninstructional Operations

Mr. Barnett states this is keeping up to date on what we can legally charge fees for. He agrees with the optional paragraphs as they reflect current practice. It explains the complaint procedure, it still allows for voluntary donations, etc.

8.0 INSTRUCTION

8.1 Approval of Revised School Bell Schedules – WES/TPA & THS

Ms. Camara explained they are now able to articulate 9 of their classes and in order to qualify the classes needed to be a minimum of 50 minutes. She explained how she managed this in the attached bell schedule. The staff is “thrilled” with this. She also would like to change the minimum day from 1:10 to 1:20, which the staff approves of. This does not require negotiations with the unions.

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

9.0 BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Fagan “had the best time ever at the fair and we have the best staff ever”.

Trustee Groves gave kudos to the community for their support and amount of money spent at the fair each year.

Trustee Beans was happy to host the Board workshop at his house.

Trustee Tkach thanked everyone for their work over the summer. He welcomed the Cox Bar staff and is looking forward to another great year.

10.0 ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING

Special board meeting

Architect recommendation

Possibly the Student/Parent Handbook

11.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA - None

12.0 ACCEPT CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

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

There was a 5 minute break called at 8:19 PM

13.0 CLOSED SESSION 8:25 PM

13.1 Government Code Section 54957.6

Conference with Labor Negotiator-Tom Barnett

13.2 Government Code Section 54957

Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

13.3 Government Code Section 54957

Public Employment - Approval of Resolution 1415-05 Personnel Services

14.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – 9:40 PM

15.0 REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Tkach reported the following:

Item 13.1 No reportable action taken.

Item 13.2 No reportable action taken.

Item 13.3 Motion to approve Resolution 1415-05 by Trustee Groves, Second by Trustee Fagan: RCV;
Trustees Beans, Tkach, Groves and Fagan Aye.

16.0 ADJOURNMENT – 9:45 PM