

TRINITY ALPS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

Weaverville Elementary School Library Wednesday, September 10, 2014
31020 State Hwy 3 **Business Meeting 5:00 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

Also Present: Tom Barnett, Superintendent
Keith Sprague, Principal WES/TPA
Christine Camara, Principal THS
Cindy Blanchard, Director of Business Services
Jeff Morris, Director of Facilities & Operations

1.0 Formal Opening

- 1.1 Call to Order – **5:00 PM**
- 1.2 Flag Salute – Led by Trustee Tkach
- 1.3 Additions or Changes in Agenda – Per parent request move Closed Session Item 14.1 directly after 6.1; an update to Closed Session Item 14.2 Personnel Report, which was handed out to the Board and administrators.

2.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON OPEN SESSION AGENDA - None

3.0 ACCEPT OPEN SESSION AGENDA

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

4.0 BOARD INTERVIEWS

4.1 Interview Board Member Candidates for the Area 3 Vacancy (Douglas City Boundary)
Mr. Barnett introduced the two candidates from the audience; Ms. Trisha Wardrip and Ms. Krista Gogan. He presented an interview format and gave it to President Tkach. The process was explained to the candidates, who gave a brief background about why they are interested in being on the Board. The Board introduced themselves to the candidates and then interviewed them asking each the same questions and alternating the questions between the candidates so each had a chance to respond first.

4.2 Consider/Appoint Board Member to the Area 3 Board Vacancy (Douglas City Boundary)
Motion to appoint Krista Gogan to the TAUSD Board of Trustees made by Trustee Beans, Second by Trustee Groves. There were no other nominations. The RCV to seat Krista Gogan as the Area 3 Representative to the Board was: Trustees Fagan, Tkach, Groves and Beans Aye.
The Board thanked both candidates.

4.3 Swearing-In of Newly Appointed Area 3 Board Member (to fill the term through November, 2015)
Superintendent Barnett proceeded to swear-in Krista Gogan as the Area 3 Representative on the TAUSD Board of Trustees. Mr. Barnett also explained what the process would have been if we had a tie vote.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

On motion by Trustee Groves, Second by Trustee Fagan, the Trinity Alps Unified School District Governing Board approves consent ACTION items 5.1 through 5.6: RCV; Trustees Beans, Tkach, Fagan and Groves Aye; Trustee Gogan Abstain.

- 5.1 Approval of the Governing Board Special Goal Setting Workshop Minutes of August 6, 2014
- 5.2 Approval of the Governing Board Regular Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2014
- 5.3 Approval of Resolution 1415-06 Payroll and General Fund Warrants
- 5.4 Approval of September Fundraising Calendar
- 5.5 Ratify Agricultural Career Technical Ed. Incentive Grant Application for the 2014-15 S.Y.
- 5.6 Approval of Consulting Services Agreement between Total Compensation Systems, Inc. and TAUSD for Actuarial Services (Required Every Three Years)

6.0 PRESENTATION

- 6.1 Mike Rourke – FFA/Trinity County Fair Report

Mr. Rourke introduced the President and Treasurer of our FFA Chapter, Tess Johnson and Ethan Fagan respectively. He gave a brief presentation and noted that the Jr. Auction committee meeting reported \$244,000. We had large and small animals this year. Tess gave a brief presentation on the fair and Ethan gave a forestry report noting that 4 students will be attending the competition in Louisville, Kentucky.

MOVED CLOSED SESSION ITEM 14.1 – 5:50 PM

- 14.1 Promotion/Acceleration/Retention - Appeal
Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5123

Board returned to Open Session at **6:55 PM** and will report out at Item 16.0.

7.0 BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE

- 7.1 Reports:

ROP – Dan Beans has asked Charlie Hoffman to make an ROP presentation to the Board in October.

Director of Facilities and Operations – Jeff Morris reported on the flood in the bus barn over the weekend and air conditioning units needing repair at WES.

THS Boosters Club – Sadie Fagan reported that they made \$12,000 from banner sponsorships. They recently lost their V.P. but they have 2 new members and a Board of 5.

CTA Representative – Dave Newton reported there are a lot of changes regarding Common Core and he is working on those changes for the technology piece of testing.

- 7.2 Approval of THS Boosters Club Authorization to Operate – 2014-15 School Year
Tabled to the October meeting.

- 7.3 Approval of WES Boosters Club Authorization to Operate – 2014-15 School Year
Tabled to the October meeting.

- 7.4 Modernization Project at THS – Recommendations Regarding Architectural Services

Mr. Barnett explained that he, Jeff and Cindy interviewed all applicants and they recommend Nichols, Melburg and Rossetto (NM&R Architects). NM&R presented to us in March, 2012 and gave us an up-front cost of \$185,000 to get us DSA approval (phase 1). They will work with us to stay within that 2012 cost for DSA approval, which they hope to have by March or April should we contract with them so we may begin construction this coming summer. OPSC sets the construction fees, not the architectural firm. NM&R estimates 2-3 summers to complete modernization at THS with a price tag of \$3,452,488.00 and our match at \$1,385,995.00. Mr. Barnett would bring back a contract in October to go through the pay schedule. He recommends we proceed with NM&R to get us through DSA approval. Fund 25 can be used for this first phase. Motion to approve phase 1 (DSA approval) by Trustee Beans, Second by Trustee Fagan: RCV; Trustees Groves, Tkach, Fagan and Beans Aye; Trustee Gogan Abstain.

Trustee Gogan left to attend her son's football game.

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

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

7.6 Second Reading - Nondiscrimination/Harassment
BP & AR 5145.3 Students

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

7.7 Approval of Request for Allowance of Attendance Because of Emergency Conditions to the California Department of Education Regarding School Closure Due to Fire

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

7.8 Update on Board Workshop & Approval of District Vision/Mission/Core Beliefs/Goals

Mr. Barnett passed out his summary from the workshop and if it is approved he will come back with benchmarks and a timeline.

After discussion the board request including the language "communication with all stakeholders".

Motion to approve with the additional language by Trustee Fagan, Second by Trustee Groves: RCV; Trustees Beans, Tkach, Groves and Fagan Aye; Trustee Gogan Absent.

7.9 Superintendent Report

Mr. Barnett reported the following: Summer projects @ THS campus and bleachers make ADA accessible; he went over the projects already completed by staff this past summer at both campuses (announcer booth, roof on gym, façade at WES, etc.). There was concern that district is spending a lot of money on our facilities. But upon looking at deferred maintenance over the past 7 years we have spent less than the average; he reported on the fire near the high school; he attended and took pictures back at the back-to-school night at Cox Bar School. He noted that the water in-take area needs to be secured, which is in the works; enrollment first school day of the month at WES 342, CBS 6, THS 307, Alps View 8, TRECDS 1-664 total; LCAP approved by the county office; he passed out sports passes (good for playoffs too).

7.10 THS Principal's Report – Christine Camara

Ms. Camara reported the following: enrollment per grade level is 76 freshmen, 77 sophomores, 77 juniors, 77 seniors and the ratio of male to female in each class is almost even; we are offering 9 ROP and 13 AP articulated courses for a total of 22 articulated classes; a TCOE counselor will be on our campus two days per week along with Behavioral Health program several times a week to work with a core group of at risk students; GEAR Up coordinator will be on campus 2 full days per week and will host a career day on November 7th. They invited Mt. Valley students. Mt. Valley will transport our students to a career day they are attending in Shasta County; TCOE providing workability services to students; back to school night on 17th. The counseling center will be hosting a parent informational night for college and career readiness later in the evening for freshmen and sophomores, juniors on the 29th and seniors 24th; she reported on volleyball, football, soccer, cross country and she passed out athletic schedules.

7.11 WES Principal's Report

Mr. Sprague reported the following: 4th & 5th grade have a half day of departmentalized classes and the feedback from students and teaching staff has been very positive; every 4th and 5th grade child gets hands on technology everyday with their chrome books; STEM elective class has 25 students with around 9 girls, which he feels is a good trend; back to school night last week; open dance with 165 students last Friday and it was great; environmental classes at Bar 717 is next week; 150 students enrolled in the after school program with average attendance at around 110; next month he will bring "Rachel's Challenge" program to the school. Rachel was

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the first student killed in the Columbine shooting. They have assemblies and they also break into smaller groups. They will go to the high school October 6th, WES October 7th and then an evening at the performing arts center for the public; he discussed the evacuation response and set up at the school during the recent fire. Ms. Blanchard reported that the emergency responders had kudos for Keith as he did a great job and was very proactive; Mr. Barnett refused any payment from CDF for using our facilities for their crews.

8.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL**8.1 Director of Business Services Report**

Ms. Blanchard referred to her report in the packet. The unaudited actuals are not on track as the County has just finished calculating property taxes and interest. Per State requirements our unaudited actuals should be approved by September 15th. We are the only county in Northern California so far behind. TCOE just notified us of an error they made in last fiscal year's revenues for Special Ed. amounting to a reduction of \$97,655! We should have been informed last May before budget adoption. This is occurring throughout the county school districts. TCOE may back-fill a portion of the reduction to districts and the information will be presented at the SELPA meeting. There was much discussion about this and another instance with TCOE notification regarding reductions in funding. Mr. Barnett and Cindy have scheduled a meeting with the County Office Superintendent and Business Director.

8.2 Second Reading – Fees and Charges

BP & AR 3260 Business and Noninstructional Operations

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

8.3 Approve and Accept Donation from WES Boosters to WES 4th & 5th Grade Classrooms for Student Binders - \$300

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

8.4 Approve and Accept Donation from Trinity I.O.O.F. Lodge # 299 to WES 4th & 5th Grade Classrooms for Student Binders - \$200.00

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

8.5 Approve and Accept Donation from Rotary Club of Weaverville to Trinity FFA for the Forestry National Finals Trip - \$300.00

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

8.6 Approval to Purchase Two Handicap Accessible School Buses from TCOE for \$1,000

Mr. Barnett explained this will allow us a bus in reserve and the second one could be made drivable and sold.

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

9.0 INSTRUCTIONAL FUNCTION**9.1 Public Hearing Regarding Compliance with Education Code Section 60119 Sufficiency of Textbooks, Instructional Materials or Both**

Public Hearing Opened: 8:12 PM

No comments

Public Hearing Closed: 8:13 PM

9.2 Approval of Resolution 1415-07 Determination of Sufficient Textbooks or Instructional Materials
Motion to approve by Trustee Groves, Second by Trustee Fagan: RCV; Trustees Beans, Tkach, Fagan and Groves Aye; Trustee Gogan Absent.

9.3 Approval of WES Overnight Field Trips for the 2014-2015 School Year
Motion to approve by Trustee Groves, Second by Trustee Fagan: RCV; Trustees Beans, Tkach, Fagan and Groves Aye; Trustee Gogan Absent.

9.4 Approval of Resolution 1415-08 Dual Enrollment Partnership with Shasta Tehama Trinity Joint
Community College District

Mr. Rourke explained dual enrollment gives students a grade and units that follow them to college.

Motion to approve Resolution 1415-08 by Trustee Beans, Second by Trustee Fagan: RCV; Trustees Groves, Tkach, Fagan and Beans Aye; Trustee Gogan Absent.

10.0 ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING

THS overnight field trips; Unaudited Actuals; GANN Limit; Modernization; Revenue issues with the County Office

11.0 BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Fagan thanked the staff.

Trustee Tkach thanked and welcomed Krista Gogan to the Board. There was discussion on how to communicate to the public and make them more aware of our meetings.

12.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA - None

13.0 ACCEPT CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

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

14.0 CLOSED SESSION – 8:30 PM

14.1 Promotion/Acceleration/Retention - Potential Appeal

Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5123

14.2 Government Code Section 54957

Public Employment - Resolution 1415-09 Personnel Report

14.3 Government Code Section 54957.6

Conference with Labor Negotiator-Tom Barnett

14.4 Government Code Section 54957

Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

15.0 RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – 9:10 PM

16.0 REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Tkach reported the following:

Item 14.1 – Motion to retain student by Trustee Groves, Second by Trustee Fagan: RCV; Trustees Beans, Gogan, Fagan and Groves Aye; Trustee Tkach Nay.

Item 14.2 – Motion to approve Resolution 1415-09 by Trustee Groves, Second by Trustee Beans: RCV; Trustees Fagan, Tkach, Beans and Groves Aye; Trustee Gogan Absent.

Item 14.3 – No reportable action taken.

Item 14.4 – No reportable action taken.

17.0 ADJOURNMENT – 9:12 PM