TRINITY ALPS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES

Weaverville Elementary School Library .............................. Wednesday, November 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
   Sadie Fagan – Present
   Daniel Beans - Present
   Krista Gogan - Present

Also Present: Tom Barnett, Superintendent
   Cindy Blanchard, Director of Business Services
   Keith Sprague, WES/TPA Principal

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: Mr. Barnett noted an addition on the Consent Agenda for Item 4.5 G, one more donation to ASB; he also noted an updated drivers list for Item 13.1.

2.0  **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON OPEN SESSION AGENDA** - None

3.0  **ACCEPT OPEN SESSION AGENDA**

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

4.0  **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

   4.1  Approval of the Governing Board Special Meeting Minutes of October 6, 2014
   4.2  Approval of the Governing Board Regular Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2014
   4.3  Approval of Resolution 1415-16 Payroll and General Fund Warrants
   4.4  Approval of November Fundraising Calendar
   4.5  Approval of Donations to ASB Clubs

      A.  $700 to Athletic Account from Farmers Insurance (Salvador Azevedo) for
      B.  $500 to FFA Forestry National Competition Account from ECV Car Show
      C.  $500 to The Factory Account from David & Carolyn Beans
      D.  $1,300 to Football Cheer Account from THS Boosters
      E.  $1,365 to Basketball Cheer Account from THS Boosters
      F.  $1,500 to FFA Account from Sierra Pacific Foundation
      G.  Added at table: $1,531 to FFA from THS Boosters
5.0 PRESENTATION
5.1 Student Representative
Natasha Floerke reported on ASB: Wrapped up homecoming; October 30th Blood Drive, with another scheduled next spring; Tourney Week (December 11, 12 & 13) activities are being planned.

5.2 Review of How to Access Board Policies & Administrative Regulations through GAMUT Online
Susan Hazard gave a brief on-line presentation on how to access & utilize GAMUT Online policy services.

6.0 BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE
6.1 Approval of ASB Club; The Factory “Christian Club” Mission Trip to Nassau, Bahama
Mr. Barnett noted that we discussed this trip at our last meeting and per BP 6153 it requires Board approval, which he recommends.
Motion to approve by Trustee Groves, Second by Trustee Fagan: RCV; Trustees Gogan, Tkach, Fagan and Groves Aye; Trustee Beans Abstain.

6.2 Regional Occupational Programs (ROP) Update – Superintendent, Charlie Hoffman
Mr. Barnett introduced Mr. Hoffman and explained that Mr. Hoffman has been attending meetings with our 5 member JPA regarding the future of STROP. Next month we will vote on our participation in STROP. Mr. Hoffman gave a brief background on the State funding of ROPs over the past 40 years. Districts did not have direct access to the funding and/or resources. The STROP JPA was formed 30 years ago. Five years ago during State budget crisis the State offered the districts the choice of receiving funds directly or continue through the ROP. At that time our district decided to stay with the JPA. 50% of funding goes to the Redding campus and the other 50% funds career tech classes on district sites, mainly funding career tech salaries. In our district 100% of those funds derived from career tech ADA have been coming back to our district to fund 10 ROP classes and our Career Tech person. With LCFF the funds will be part of our general funds. If we choose to continue a partnership with the JPA we would be able to send up to 4 students to the classes in Redding. Currently the other 4 districts are planning to continue partnering with the JPA. The Shasta County Office of Ed may join the JPA which would provide enough funding to cover the Redding ROP Center. STROP requires notification by January 1 of 2015 if we wish to terminate our contract for the 2015-16 school year. He handed out ROP campus class offerings to the Board. Mr. Green explained that after talking with Trinity Transit they may be able to accommodate the ROP schedule for our students. STROP will review the JPA language after January 1 when they know which districts are staying in.

6.3 Facilities/Modernization Update – Wil Tyra, Project Architect, NM&R
Mr. Barnett introduced Wil Tyra and Mr. Rossetto regarding their findings upon looking at our campuses. Mr. Rossetto thanked the Board for using their firm. The first part of our program was to discuss how to use the initial amount of funding available. Accessibility for the handicapped/disabled will be first priority. Mr. Tyra handed out a preliminary summary of what he has found so far. He states that DSA no longer allows ramps through doorways, which means we may need 5’ x 5’ entrances or replace all of the sidewalks. He feels replacing the sidewalks will enable us to continue modernizing here on out. DSA is being more comprehensive in their approach but more restrictive in their approvals. He referred to the summary and noted energy upgrades for ceilings, lighting, etc., which Prop 39 funds can go towards. Portables and outbuildings will not be included at this time. The summary sheet estimate is the correct/current costs. The breakdown pages were not updated and show a lower amount. Mr. Barnett went over our match and the funds we expect to use. Currently we do not get any funding from the State but what we will be doing with our 40% match will allow us to take care of some immediate ADA needs and then get us in line to apply for the State modernization funding. The Board thanked Mr. Tyra and Mr. Rossetto. We will come back in December with more finalized plans and ask for Board approval. The timeline was discussed as well as the Life Skills Center proposal.
6.4 Approval of THS Boosters Club Authorization to Operate - 2014-15 School Year
The packet was handed out at the meeting for Board review.
Motion to approve by Trustee Groves, Second by Trustee Beans: RCV; Trustees Gogan, Tkach, Beans and Groves Aye; Trustee Fagan Abstain.

6.5 Review of Athletic Policy Item 2.0 Use of Illegal Drugs, Alcohol or Tobacco
Last month a parent requested the Board review this policy, particularly 2.1 first offence. Mr. Barnett has polled other districts and we seem to be in line with other district practices. He and the Board discussed this in detail. Ms. Leahy handed out samples from other school districts. Mr. Barnett would like to take this to our staff and coaches and will bring it back to the Board in December.

6.6 School Board Vacancy Procedures & Timeline (Area 4 Lewiston, Coffee Creek, Trinity Center)
Mr. Barnett referred to the Board Bylaw that outlines the process. Mr. Groves will be leaving us to sit on the Board of Supervisor and would like to tender his official resignation to be effective January 5, 2015. The vacancy is not recognized until we receive the resignation. The Board gave direction to advertise the opening and interview at the December meeting, should we have applicants after we receive the resignation.

6.7 Set Time, Date and Location of Annual Organizational Meeting per Ed Code 35143 (December 10, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees)
Trustee Groves moved to hold the Organizational Meeting on December 10, 2014 at 6:00 PM at the WES/TPA Library, Second by Trustee Gogan: RCV; Trustees Beans, Fagan, Tkach, Gogan and Groves Aye.

6.8 Second Reading
AR 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures
Exhibit 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures
Trustee Gogan requested in the future to delineate the changes.
Motion to approve by Trustee Groves, Second by Trustee Beans: RCV; Trustees Fagan, Gogan, Tkach, Beans and Groves Aye.

6.9 Review Board Bylaw 9270 – Conflict of Interest
Mr. Barnett explained that at the October meeting the Board requested we bring this back for review. This Bylaw is specific regarding financial conflicts and the Board may make any amendments should they choose to. There was much discussion and questions about our current bylaw regarding nepotism, etc. Mr. Groves noted there are on-line ethics trainings that may be helpful to the Board members. Mr. Groves suggested rewording the first paragraph giving it more definition. We will bring this back with some suggestions.

6.10 * Reports:
TAUSD Dean of Students–Mandy Leahy gave a report on current sports: Football going to Esparto Friday to first round of playoffs; volleyball had one honorable mention and one all league; soccer had one honorable mention and 4 all leagues; the cross country championship meet is tomorrow and if anyone qualifies they will go to the State meet on the 29th; she and Ms. Jeangerard are working on the holiday tourney; basketball cheerleading tryouts are next week; our fall sports award banquets are December 15th and 16th.
ROP- Dan Beans stated he thinks for now it will be good for us to continue with ROP during their transition. Director of Facilities and Operations Jeff Morris reported on the water damage at the bus barn; modernization at THS; he is putting a plan together to work on the acoustics at WES and THS gyms; getting ready for winter. THS Boosters Club-Ms. Fagan thanked Mr. Barnett for the recent meeting and thinks we should do it each year.

6.11 Superintendent Report
Mr. Barnett reported on the following: Ms. Camara is chaperoning a student to a leadership conference in Washington D.C.; he, Ms. Blanchard and the Principals met with Boosters officers last week; the THS evacuation on October 20th ended up being precautionary. We will do a follow up “safety meeting” to discuss
how to improve upon procedures if we ever had this type of scenario again; he recognized Mandy Leahy for petitioning the Shasta Cascade League for one of our students to gain a 5th year of eligibility, which the League has approved it but it still needs to go to the commissioners desk; our Monday in-town bus route will be changed as we only have 6 bus drivers even though we offer training, jobs, etc. This will allow us to accommodate our special needs bus route along with our regular buses; he thanked Roberta Jones, our staff and Mr. Beans for a great career day; he noted Board member training information that was previously passed out; we made the Washington Post top academic school list again; our forestry team placed 13th in the nation out of 42 teams. They missed being a Gold Medal School by 6/10ths of a percent!; the State approved our emergency waiver regarding the school closure due to the fire; he thanked the district staff and Mr. Blanchard for a great audit; a world championship 24 hour mountain bike event will be held in Weaverville next October and they requested using the high school facility. There will be a beer booth, which does not comply with our BP 1330 regarding alcohol on campus. Ironically Mr. Barnett received information today from School Services that as of January 1, 2015 AB 273 will take effect which allows exemptions through a special permit from the Dept. of Alcoholic Beverage.

6.12 THS Principal’s Report – Christine Camara
Ms. Camara is not present. See written report.

6.13 WES Principal’s Report
Keith Sprague reported the following: Love and Logic program is continuing at the school; Rachel’s challenge club has been meeting as well as subgroup meetings; the first morning village meeting was not successful. Another one is planned in the evening later in the month; 130 students attended the open dance the day before Halloween; ALICE training emphasizes the informational piece in an emergency or lock-down situation. He will give a presentation next month; teacher observations will wrap up next week; career day was impressive.

7.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL
7.1 Director of Business Services Report
Cindy Blanchard referred to the report in the packet. Next month she will bring us the First Interim and Audit Reports; she is working with the LCFF calculator; our audit went well and they did not have to spend as much time here as anticipated; we are currently certified through CalPads and she gave kudos to Lynne Gervasi; Mr. Groves asked to have a report on Cox Bar at each meeting. Mr. Barnett noted he visited C.B. last Friday and Mr. Morris has been there working on their septic tank. They currently have 6 students.

7.2 Developer Fee Disclosure/Report
Ms. Blanchard explained and referred to the material in the board packet. These funds will be used in our modernization project. She noted that more than half the fees have come from commercial building and we received $8,600 so far this fiscal year. We are not currently charging the maximum fees allowed by the State. To do so would require that we conduct another developer fee justification study.

7.3 Budget Planning for the 2015-16 School Year
Mr. Barnett noted that this is to address the goal that came from the Board workshops of a balanced budget by the 2017-18 school year. In relation to our declining enrollment and other factors such as STRS employer contribution increases, we may see a reduction to our service and staffing as well as our administrative ratio (possibly 3 certificated positions if the class schedule permits). Currently certificated staff comprises 17.1 FTE at WES and 15.83 at THS. Administration will bring recommendations to the Board in December.

7.4 Proposition 2, Implications for Public Schools; Discussion of Fund 40
Mr. Barnett referred to the School Services handout in the packet. We are preparing for the reading of this proposition to include all ending fund balances excluding Fund 25, Cafeteria Fund and OPEB retiree benefit funds as these are restricted funds. We are looking at putting reserves into Fund 40 for facilities (moving some funds from Fund 17 to Fund 40 for our modernization needs regardless of this proposition).
8.0 INSTRUCTIONAL FUNCTION
8.1 Approval of Superintendent’s Recommendation of the Number of Transfer Students that the District will Accept for the 2015-16 School Year (BP 5117-District of Choice)

Mr. Barnett explained grade level 8 may be impacted.
Motion to approve by Trustee Groves, Second by Trustee Gogan: RCV; Trustees Beans, Fagan, Tkach, Groves and Gogan Aye.

9.0 ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING
Recommendations regarding 2015-16 budget planning.
ALICE Presentation by Principal Sprague.
Board Bylaw 9270.
Recommendation on athletic policy.
Modernization plan update.
Participation in the STROP JPA.

10.0 BOARD COMMENTS
Trustee Beans-Friday he will be at Trinity Dam with THS and HHS students learning about the insides and workings of the turbines.
Trustee Fagan thanked Mr. Rourke for his FFA conference work.
Trustee Tkach thanked staff for their hard work.

11.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA - None

12.0 ACCEPT CLOSED SESSION AGENDA
Motion to accept by Trustee Groves, Second by Trustee Fagan: RCV; Trustees Beans, Gogan, Fagan, Groves and Tkach Aye.

Mr. Tkach called a 5 minute break at 9:03 PM

13.0 CLOSED SESSION
13.1 Government Code Section 54957
    Public Employment - Resolution 1415-17 Personnel Report
13.2 Government Code Section 54957.6
    Conference with Labor Negotiator-Tom Barnett
13.3 Education Code Section 35146, 48900 et seq. and 48912(b)
    Student Discipline and Other Confidential Student Matters

14.0 RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – 10:08 PM

15.0 REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION
Trustee Tkach reported the following:
13.1 Motion to approve Resolution 1415-17 by Trustee Groves, Second by Trustee Fagan: RCV; Trustees Gogan, Beans, Tkach, Fagan and Groves Aye.
13.2 No reportable action taken.
13.3 No reportable action taken.

16.0 ADJOURNMENT – 10:09 PM