

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

Weaverville Elementary School Library Wednesday, December 10, 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

Signature

Date

Also Present: Tom Barnett, Superintendent
Christine Camara, Principal THS
Keith Sprague, Principal WES
Cindy Blanchard, Director of Business Services

1.0 Formal Opening

- 1.1 Call to Order – **6:00 PM**
- 1.2 Flag Salute – Led by Trustee Tkach

Moved Item 4.0 **ADDITIONS OR CHANGES IN AGENDA** - Board President Tkach requested the following changes: Move Items 4.0, 5.0 and 6.0 up the agenda to right after Item 1.2; Correction to typo on Item 2.1, should read “Area 4 Board Member/Clerk Keith Groves”.

Moved Item 5.0 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON OPEN SESSION AGENDA** - Joanne Harper commended the current administration at THS and the D.O. She expressed her dismay at not having music in the classrooms this year and encouraged the Board to apprise themselves on the importance of music in the schools. She also discussed the Track and Field events (pole vault and high jump) which need more upkeep. She feels a couple of students were hindered from their potential in these events due to the lack of equipment. Mr. John Tollman spoke to the Board about a student he has living with him who is a 5th year student at THS. He is unhappy with the CIF Commissioner’s decision to not allow him to play basketball. He passed out copies of Ed Codes, which he believes will supersede the Commissioner’s decision. Mr. Alan Sanger, education liaison at TCOE with homeless youth spoke in support of the student being allowed to play basketball. On November 25th he e-mailed the Commissioner the Ed Codes and suggested the student should be allowed to play. He read the Homeless Youth Success Act implemented October of 2013 giving homeless youth protections that they didn’t otherwise have, eliminating barriers to homeless youth attending school and from barriers to playing sports. Mr. Bill Fischer also spoke to the Board about this student who lived with them in the summer. He asked the Board to resubmit the application with the correct dates to CIF. Ms. Patty Hymas asked that the Northern Section Commissioner give her response in writing.

Dave Newton read a letter from the staff at WES/TPA giving in-put regarding the appointment of the Area 4 Board member seat. Ms. Annie Steele noted that Ms. Storer is active in Boosters and is an owner of a local business and has sons at both WES and THS.

Moved Item 6.0 **ACCEPT OPEN SESSION AGENDA** - Motion to accept by Trustee Groves, Second by Trustee Beans. RCV: Trustees Gogan, Fagan, Tkach, Groves and Beans Aye.

2.0 BOARD ORGANIZATION

2.1 Recognize Prior Area 3 Board Member Wendy Cloud and Outgoing Area 4 Board Member/Clerk Keith Groves

Mr. Barnett and Mr. Tkach presented Ms. Cloud and Mr. Groves with a cutting Board made by our students.

2.2 Terms of Office for Trinity Alps Unified School District Board of Trustees

Area 1	George Tkach	December 2011-November 2015
Area 1	Daniel Beans	December 2013-November 2017
Area 2	Sadie Fagan	December 2013-November 2017
Area 3	Krista Gogan	December 2011-November 2015
Area 4	Keith Groves	December 2013-November 2017

2.3 Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board of Trustees Required by the Education Code 35022, 35143 and Board Bylaw 9100, for the Purpose of Electing Officers to Serve for the Term December 2014 through November 2015:

- A. Election of Board President
Motion to nominate George Tkach by Trustee Groves, Second by Trustee Beans. No further nominations were made. Roll Call Vote (RCV): Trustees Fagan, Gogan, Beans and Groves Aye; Mr. Tkach accepted.
- B. Election of Board Vice President/Clerk
Motion to nominate Dan Beans by Trustee Fagan, Second by Trustee Groves. No further nominations were made. RCV: Trustees Fagan, Gogan, Groves and Beans Aye; Mr. Beans accepted.
- C. Designate Board Representative for ROP
Motion to nominate Dan Beans by Trustee Gogan, Second by Trustee Fagan. RCV: Trustees Tkach, Groves, Fagan and Beans Aye; Mr. Beans accepted.

2.4 Adoption of Resolution 1415-18 Determination of the Time, Date and Location of the Regular Meetings of the Board of Trustees for the 2015 Calendar Year

BE IT RESOLVED to set the time, date and location of the regular meetings of the Board of Trustees of the Trinity Alps Unified School District for the 2015 calendar year as follows:

6:00 p.m.	Wednesday	January 14, 2015	Weaverville Elementary School Library
6:00 p.m.	Wednesday	February 11, 2015	Weaverville Elementary School Library
6:00 p.m.	Wednesday	March 11, 2015	Weaverville Elementary School Library
* 6:00 p.m.	Wednesday	April 15, 2015	Weaverville Elementary School Library
6:00 p.m.	Wednesday	May 13, 2015	Weaverville Elementary School Library
* 6:00 p.m.	Wednesday	June 17, 2015	Weaverville Elementary School Library
6:00 p.m.	Wednesday	August 12, 2015	Weaverville Elementary School Library
6:00 p.m.	Wednesday	September 9, 2015	Weaverville Elementary School Library
6:00 p.m.	Wednesday	October 14, 2015	Weaverville Elementary School Library
6:00 p.m.	Wednesday	November 11, 2015	Weaverville Elementary School Library
6:00 p.m.	Wednesday	December 9, 2015	Weaverville Elementary School Library

Regular meetings to be held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month; Special meetings to be called as necessary.

* Third Wednesday of the month.

Mr. Barnett noted we will have to have two board meetings in June regarding the budget and LCAP.

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

3.0 BOARD CANDIDATE INTERVIEW

3.1 Interview Board Member Candidate(s) for the Area 4 Vacancy Effective January 5, 2015 (Lewiston, Trinity Center, Coffee Creek)

ITEM 3.1 CONTINUED

Trustee Gogan disclosed that she has a personal relationship with one of the candidates and therefore, she is recusing herself from 3.1 and 3.2. Trustee Groves also recused himself as he is not allowed to be on the selection committee that is replacing his position on the Board. Both Board members sat in the audience. Mr. Barnett reviewed appointing regulations. The three remaining Board members interviewed the candidates.

3.2 Consider/Appoint Board Member to the Area 4 Board Vacancy Effective January 5, 2015 (To be Sworn-In at the January 14, 2015 Board Meeting)

Trustee Beans motioned to appoint Stephanie Storer to the Area 4 Board seat, Seconded by Trustee Fagan. RCV: Trustees Tkach, Fagan and Beans Aye; Trustees Gogan and Groves Abstain. The Board thanked Mr. Catanese for his interest in serving on the Board.

4.0 ADDITIONS OR CHANGES IN AGENDA – Moved up agenda to after Item 1.2.

5.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON OPEN SESSION AGENDA – Moved up the agenda after Item 4.0.

6.0 ACCEPT OPEN SESSION AGENDA – Moved up the agenda after Item 5.0.

7.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Pull Items 7.2 and 7.5 per Trustee Fagan due to conflict of interest.

Trustee Groves moved to approve Items 7.1, 7.3, 7.4 and 7.6, Second by Trustee Beans. RCV: Trustees Fagan, Gogan, Tkach, Beans and Groves Aye. Trustee Groves moved to approve Items 7.2 and 7.5, Second by Trustee Gogan. RCV: Trustees Beans, Tkach, Gogan and Groves Aye; Trustee Fagan Abstain.

7.1 Approval of the Governing Board Regular Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2014

7.2 Approval of Resolution 1415-19 Payroll and General Fund Warrants – Fagan recused

7.3 Approval of Letter of Agreement between TAUSD and Compliance Associates, Inc. Jan. 1, 2015 through Dec. 31, 2015 (Random Drug & Alcohol Testing of Transportation Dept. Staff)

7.4 December Fundraising Calendar

7.5 Approval of Donations to ASB Clubs

A. \$1,000 to WES/TPA Cheerleading Account from the WES Boosters Club

B. \$1,500 to Girls Basketball Account from the THS Boosters Club - Sadie recused

7.6 Funds Transfer – From General to Cafeteria

8.0 BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE

8.1 THS Student Representative Report

Natasha Floerke reported the following: This is Tourney Week, King and Queen crowning will be on Thursday, Dance on Friday, and the bonfire on Thursday will have to be cancelled due to the weather.

8.2 Reports:

Cox Bar School – Tom Barnett, will report more during Item 8.3, his report.

ROP – Dan Beans discussed that the JPA will have some language changes that we will have to approve in January, which will allow us to stay in the JPA without financial obligations.

Director of Facilities and Operations–Jeff Morris reported working on HVAC systems over Christmas vacation as well as acoustics for the WES multipurpose room. The high school energy audit should also occur over the holiday break. He noted we have a lot of surplus TVs, stands and VCRs and he would like to put these items on Craig’s List to sell. The Board directed him to get the surplus list together for the next meeting.

WES Site Council – Mr. Sprague noted there is a meeting scheduled next week

THS Site Council – Ms. Camara noted the next meeting is in January and will focus on the Safety Plan.

WES Boosters Club – Annie Steel reported they are working on a family dance scheduled in January for K-8th

ITEM 8.2 CONTINUED

grade and the cost will be to donate food, which they will give to the local food bank.

THS Boosters Club – Trustee Fagan reported they received a donation of \$1,200 from Rotary Club. Boosters have recently donated to cheerleading and girls basketball.

Agriculture Advisory Committee - Mr. Groves suggested a Board member take his place and participate in the committee, which only meets a couple of times a year.

8.3 Superintendent's Report

Mr. Barnett reported the following: Cox Bar has 6 students, 2 families of 3 children each. He is attending the school twice a month. Common Core State Standards are being taught very well and he is impressed; next Monday there is a meeting scheduled to work on the master schedule for school next year; he will attend the Governor's Workshop next month and hopes to get more clarification on Proposition 2; on the 17th there is an LCAP and Calendar meeting with CTA and CSEA; the poinsettias are gifts to the Board from the Ag Department; there was an accident last night which injured 5 students, Christine will give more information; he congratulated the football team for winning the first playoff game, which was a first in the last 4 years; we have a few things in place in case the weather forces us to cancel school tomorrow.

8.4 THS Principal's Report

Ms. Camara reported the following: Her trip to D.C. with a student was amazing and she would like to work toward making this the senior class trip in the future; we have been asked to participate in an UC San Francisco statewide study of baseball players and smokeless tobacco use. They would like to make a presentation at our January meeting. Participation is anonymous, would take about an hour and the team would receive \$300; our probationary, social science, science, art, CTE, ROP and P.E. teachers will be formally evaluated this year; there is an opportunity for students to participate in a peer court process. It will happen after school hours on a Tuesday and would allow students who have been cited for some violation to choose between a regular court hearing or a peer court hearing. This would allow our students to participate in the court process. We have 40 students signed up as of today.

8.5 WES Principal's Report

Mr. Sprague reported the following: Pentathlon, Sound of Music Play, Giving Tree, empty bowl pot luck and Rachel's Challenge; he held a village meeting in the evening but had no parents show up; girls basketball took second place at the tourney on the coast; night locks barricade has been approved by the local fire chief; he is working with a professional development company on use of a tech tool for teacher professional development.

8.6 First Reading

BP 1312.3 Uniform Complaint Procedures

AR 1312.3 Uniform Complaint Procedures

Mr. Barnett explained the changes are noted by an asterisk and he explained it further. J has an option of 1 or 2 and he feels #2 is what we currently do, which he recommends.

8.7 Approval of Recommendation on Athletic Policy Item 2.0 Use of Illegal Drugs, Alcohol or Tobacco

Mr. Barnett introduced ASB student representative, Nick Osborne. He read his letter to the Board, referring to the Healthy Kids Survey data, therefore ASB believes the policy should not be changed and the punishments should continue to be stringent. Trustee Beans asked what Administration's recommendation is. Mr. Barnett explained that after looking at this for the past two months with student and staff input that the recommendation is to not make any changes to the policy at this time. Mr. Barnett discussed areas in the policy that could be cleaned up, which could be implemented next school year.

The Board took no action and will expect to review again in the spring or summer.

8.8 Review Board Bylaw 9270 – Conflict of Interest

Mr. Barnett stated this is in response to the Board's request for more defined language in the first paragraph.

ITEM 8.8 CONTINUED

We did not find anything with specific incompatibility language. Mr. Barnett would like some direction from the Board. The consensus was to bring it back for a second reading with the language discussed at the meeting.

8.9 Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate (ALICE) Training Presentation

Mr. Barnett apologized to Trustee Tkach for forgetting to invite him to the safety meeting that was held on Monday. He reviewed what was discussed at the meeting. Law enforcement liked the ALICE Training Program. Mr. Sprague then played a video of ALICE for the Board and discussed his experience of going through the training. He would like to roll this out in our district and then to other districts where there is interest. District staff are being trained in this program. He will take this to Site Council and then possibly send a notice to parents informing them of these practices and staff training.

9.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL

9.1 Director of Business Services Report

Ms. Blanchard referred to the monthly Board report. We are deficit spending a million dollars. We are now getting revenue in a timelier manner but it is still not keeping up with our expenditures. Per Trustee Fagan's request she gave data on the new breakfast/lunch program: Breakfasts have increased on average per day an additional 29 meals at WES and 22 at THS; lunches have increased on average an additional 30 at WES and 16 at THS per day.

9.2 Approval of First Interim Financial Report for the 2014-2015 School Year

Ms. Blanchard gave a power point presentation. Things she reviewed included changes from budget adoption to 1st Interim line by line. We will be left with an ending fund balance of \$303,602; she then went over the multi-year projections with the restricted and unrestricted together. We are deficit spending \$1,377,101.

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

9.3 Budget Planning for the 2015-16 School Year

Mr. Barnett reiterated the Board's request for a balanced budget by 2017-18. Our enrollment drives so much of the budget that we are looking at class size closely. We will have to start looking at offering some classes every other year. Last year we made a large reduction in our paraprofessionals and as we received a certificated retirement we absorbed that staff reduction. The high school has had the most dramatic class size reduction and the District is looking at staff reduction equivalent to 3 certificated positions, as well as administration. There will be an update at the January meeting.

9.4 Review and Accept Resolution 1415-20 Trinity Alps Unified School District Annual Audit Report for the 2013-2014 School Year

Ms. Blanchard referred to the audit in the package and also gave a power point presentation. She noted on the 3 findings we received; one in the ASB accounts, one in the After School Education Safety Program and one regarding teacher credentialing.

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

9.5 Modernization Plan Update

Mr. Barnett reported that he and Mr. Morris spoke with NM&R again. Phase 1 will entail ADA compliance and energy efficiency. We do not have anything more specific at this time.

10.0 INSTRUCTION

10.1 Determination of TAUSD Membership in the Shasta Trinity Regional Occupational Program JPA

Mr. Barnett asked for final recommendation from the Board. He recommends staying in the JPA.

The consensus by the Board is to take no action, meaning we will stay in the ROP JPA.

11.0 ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING

Ms. Fagan states that after her recent Board member training she realized she cannot stay on the Board as her husband's business is sometimes contracted by the district. She feels she must step down to allow her husband's business to do work for us in the future. She handed in a resignation to Susan to be effective tomorrow. Susan will forward it to the County Office of Education.

12.0 BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Beans thanked Ms. Fagan and Mr. Groves for their work on the Board.

Mr. Groves thinks the whole county has a good education system. He hopes we can keep helping the feeder schools as needs arise.

Ms. Fagan thanked the Board and encourages the existing Board members to attend trainings.

Ms. Gogan thanked Keith and Sadie for their service. She thought both of the trainings provided invaluable information.

Mr. Tkach thanked Trustees Groves and Fagan too. He also thanked the staff for all of their hard work and agrees with Mr. Groves that we have a great school system.

13.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC CONCERNING CLOSED SESSION AGENDA – Ms. Steele

commented that there are two classified positions at WES that are filled temporary but have not been hired on permanently. She is wondering about those positions. It was explained that the custodial position has been changed to be year round and it is being flown to the public right now.

14.0 ACCEPT CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

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

15.0 CLOSED SESSION – 9:42 PM

- 15.1 Government Code Section 54957
Public Employment - Approval of Resolution 1415-21 Personnel Services
- 15.2 Government Code Section 54957.6
Conference with Labor Negotiator-Tom Barnett
- 15.3 Education Code Section 35146, 48900 et seq. and 48912(b)
Student Discipline and Other Confidential Student Matters

16.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – 11:15 PM

17.0 REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Board President Tkach reported the following:

Item 15.1 Motion to approve Resolution 1415-21 by Trustee Groves, Second by Trustee Beans. RCV: Trustees Gogan, Fagan, Tkach, Beans and Groves Aye.

Item 15.2 No reportable action taken.

Item 15.3 No reportable action taken.

18.0 ADJOURNMENT – 11:16 PM