

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

Weaverville Elementary School Library Wednesday, January 14, 2015
31020 State Hwy 3 Business Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Weaverville, California

Trinity Alps Unified School District Governing Board:

George Tkach, President - Present

Daniel Beans, Vice President/Clerk – Present

Krista Gogan - Present

Stephanie Storer - Present

Vacant – Area 2

Signature

Date

Also Present: Tom Barnett, Superintendent

Christine Camara, THS Principal

Keith Sprague, WES/TPA Principal

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

1.3 Additions or Changes in Agenda – None

2.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON OPEN SESSION AGENDA - None

3.0 ACCEPT OPEN SESSION AGENDA

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

4.0 SWEARING-IN OF APPOINTED BOARD MEMBER

4.1 Swearing-In of Appointed Area 4 Board Member Stephanie Storer (to fill the Board seat through November, 2015)

Mr. Barnett swore –in Stephanie Storer to the Area 4 Board Seat. Ms. Storer took the oath of office.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

On motion by Trustee Gogan, Second by Trustee Beans, the Trinity Alps Unified School District Governing Board approves consent ACTION items 5.1 through 5.8. RCV: Trustees Tkach, Storer, Beans and Gogan Aye.

5.1 Approval of the Governing Board Regular Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2014

5.2 Approval of Resolution 1415-22 Payroll and General Fund Warrants

5.3 Approval of Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints – Quarter 4, 2014

5.4 Approval of January Fundraising Calendar

5.5 Ratify MOU Between TCOE and TAUSD to Provide Epinephrine Auto-Injectors to Schools

5.6 Accept STSIG’s Annual Certification Regarding Workers’ Compensation

5.7 Approval of \$618.49 Donation to ASB Trinity Pride Fund from Tops Industries/Starbucks

5.8 Funds Transfer – From General to Adult Education

6.0 PRESENTATIONS

6.1 2013-14 District Testing Results: AP/SAT/ACT/CAHSEE; Smarter Balance Assessment Consortium Update

Mr. Barnett noted we usually review our various testing results from the prior year in September or October. As there was no STAR testing last year he invited Mr. Ferguson to also report on last year’s AP test results.

ITEM 6.1 CONTINUED

Mr. Green handed out test results from CAHSEE, ACT, SAT, CAASPP, CELDT and AP. Mr. Ferguson also handed out a copy of his presentation which he read. He then introduced his students who spoke to the Board about their experiences taking AP classes: Ben Harper, Junior; Adrien Smith, Senior; Marko Ritachka, Senior; Jack Underwood, Senior; Jordan Huber, Junior; Sierra Jackson, Senior; Ruqayya Al-Attiyeh, Senior; Dharby Dillon, Junior; Natasha Floerke, Senior.

Mr. Green discussed dual enrollment and AP credits and how these class offerings may give them extra credits for college enrollment. Seniors in the CTE programs can also receive college credits with a grade C or better. He commended staff for providing dual enrollment with CTE classes. He went over the handout. Sophomores take CAHSEE in the spring. If they pass they will not have to retake the test. Students have 9 times to take and pass the exit exam during grades 10, 11 and 12. SAT and ACT tests are offered 2 times a year.

7.0 BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE

7.1 THS Student Representative Report

Natasha Floerke reported on the following: ASB planning a bonfire February 11th, Spring week dress up days.

7.2 Set Date, Time, Location for Special Board Meeting to Interview and Appoint Area 2 Board Member Candidate(s) – Recommended Date of Wednesday, February 4, 2015

Trustee Tkach suggests moving the regular meeting to February 18th to hold both meetings on that date as two Board members are not available for the regularly scheduled meeting of the 11th.

Motion to cancel the February 11th meeting, set a Special Board meeting at 5:00 on the 18th to hold candidate interviews and proceed later that evening with the Regular meeting agenda by Trustee Beans, Second by Trustee Gogan. RCV: Trustees Storer, Tkach, Gogan and Beans Aye.

7.3 Approval of Resolution 1415-23 Authorization to Sign Orders Drawn On the Funds of TAUSD

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

7.4 Draft 2015-16 School Year Calendar

Mr. Barnett thanked the two units for a smooth draft calendar experience. He explained the process and how we came up with 2 drafts, of these both units agreed on the same draft (#2). This has a full week off at Thanksgiving and also a week off in February. This sets graduation back about 1 week. The World Endurance Mountain Bike Association is holding their world championship here the weekend of October 3-4 which influenced taking October 2 off. The County Office will be hosting a countywide training, also on the 2nd, which cemented taking off October 2. The calendar we bring back next month for approval will include minimum days.

7.5 Second Reading

BP 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures

AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures

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

7.6 Second Reading

Board Bylaw 9270 – Conflict of Interest

Per language in the bylaw, the Board will review this each October.

Motion by accept by Trustee Beans, Second by Trustee Gogan. RCV: Trustees Storer, Tkach, Gogan and Beans Aye.

7.7 Approval of Request for Allowance of Attendance Because of Emergency Conditions Form J-13A Waiver

This will allow us to not have to use our snow days.

ITEM 7.7 CONTINUED

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

7.8 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Update

Mr. Barnett has consulted with both units, Site Council and Principals. We will have to hold stakeholder meetings and include surveys in the classroom. A schedule and progress report will be presented next month.

7.9 Superintendent's Report

Mr. Barnett reported the following: He explained that we received a UCP from an East San Francisco Bay Area attorney who is asking us to prove that we comply with the required number of PE minutes for grades 1-6. This UCP has been sent to most all districts in the north state. We are working through the process and responding in a timely fashion. We do have the minutes and the adopted program (200 minutes of instruction every 10 school days); he noted policies regarding volunteer assistants on our school sites as well as extracurricular activities and how we screen those people. Our policies encourage parental/volunteers, particularly at the elementary school. We do not finger print everyone. We do finger print coaches and encourage it for overnight trips. We cannot have a volunteer regularly in the classroom as they may be taking work away from paraeducators. We will bring this back next month for further review; we are watching Cox Bar attendance very carefully. There have been some changes in Ed. Code that may impact possible closure of the school; he will be attending the Governor's Budget Workshop tomorrow.

7.10 THS Principal's Report

Ms. Camara reported the following: Enrollment is currently 298; academic awards will be presented at noon on January 28th; the second semester began last week; we continue to offer student and adult led tutoring to AP Calculus and pre-AP calculus students; we are working on a tentative schedule for next year; counseling staff will visit feeder schools in the near future; the first peer court hearing was held at the courthouse last week and was "awesome"; Redding Subaru has offered one car to our student body, which will be raffled off through Boosters. They may donate to our Sober Graduation also.

7.11 WES Principal's Report – Keith Sprague

Mr. Sprague reported the following: We signed a contract with PD360, a web based company for professional development (including paraprofessionals). Microsoft vouchers can be used for software purchases; he attended the Office of Emergency Services meeting last week. CalFire reported the fire this fall cost about 3.5 million dollars. Shelter and transportation is our responsibility in these emergency instances; 150 students attended last week's dance; Rachael's Challenge club is running strong; a Village Meeting scheduled the end of this month.

7.12 Reports:

TAUSD Dean of Students—Mandy Leahy gave a report on the Holiday Classic Tourney; Basketball; Wrestling; Girls Basketball; CIF realignment-voting next week regarding including 1 more school; her class is raising funds for next year's 8th grade trip; 60% are reading at proficient to advanced, which is an improvement; STEM Lab is working on business/product development.

Director of Food Services—Ellen Eggers reported her culinary arts students will begin growing lettuce in the high school greenhouse, grilling hamburgers for lunch this spring and they harvested onions from the garden this week. She is working on 4 year cafeteria review.

CSEA Representative—Luke Case thanked CTA for their help with the calendar, as well as Tom and Susan.

Career Tech. Ed. Advisory Committee—Mr. Barnett stated this is a newly added report. Mr. Travis Finch was introduced and spoke as the chair of the committee. The committee is recommending amendments to BP 5127 to include Career Technical Education. They would also like to entertain the idea of selling CTE produced to self-fund the program. Mr. Barnett suggested they come to our office so we may bring changes to the Board for a first and second reading. Discussion on funds and our current flexibility through LCAP will require us putting things in writing through policy. Mr. Rourke gave a history of how and why this committee was formed as well as approved by the Board two years ago. Their next meeting is March 10th.

ITEM 7.12 CONTINUED

WES Site Council-Mr. Sprague reported they met yesterday and are finalizing the single plan.

THS Site Council-Ms. Camara reported they will be meeting on January 26th focusing on the school safety plan. Mr. Sprague will give an ALICE presentation.

WES Boosters Club-Trustee Storer reported they will host a family dance/canned food drive on the 23rd; carnation sales to begin on the 26th.

8.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL

8.1 Director of Business Services Report – Cindy Blanchard

Ms. Blanchard referred to the monthly statement and noted we will have to go out to bid for an auditor again. Period 1 Attendance is complete and she is only 8 students short of her budgeted projection.

8.2 Funds Transfer – From Special Reserves to General Fund to Cover Cash Flow

Ms. Blanchard noted this is the first time we have had to do this. This was not anticipated and we had to transfer \$100,000 to cover cash flow as December has an early pay date, set by the County Office, and we still do not have all of our property taxes posted. She has not had a response from County Office yet on where those funds are or when it will be posted. If we don't get it in time for our January payroll we will have to do this again next month. Fund 17 is our special reserves fund. Mr. Barnett noted that we have been putting our forest reserves into our Fund 17 so we have the funds to cover the transfer.

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

8.3 Review and Accept Resolution 1415-24 Cox Bar School Annual Audit Report for the 2013-2014 S. Y.

Ms. Blanchard explained how the timing of lapsation affected the audit not being included with our district audit. She reviewed the report. The ADA is declining which is equivalent to 50% of the students. She went over audit findings. Currently they are complying with our procedures and using our forms so that these findings have been rectified.

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

8.4 Budget Planning for the 2015-16 School Year

Mr. Barnett explained that we have a goal to reduce our deficit spending to zero in the next 3 years. As our district enrollment has declined over 100 students over the past few years we will need to continue to align our staff accordingly. Recommendations will be brought to next month's meeting. The administration is looking at a layoff the equivalent of 4 certificated positions; one would be if we have to absorb certificated staff from Cox Bar next year should the school have to close. We have known this was coming and he is confident we can continue to offer a very good course of study for our students. The departmentalized classes will be the most difficult. He will get input from staff regarding class needs.

9.0 INSTRUCTION

9.1 Approval of Request to Graduate Early – Alps View Continuation High School Student

Mr. Barnett noted that we did this with two students last year and we have one student who has been going through the course of study very well and fast. He recommends approval.

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

9.2 Course and Class Offerings at THS, TPA and WES

Ms. Camara and Mr. Barnett explained the various offerings and the reasoning behind these draft offerings.

10.0 ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING

BP 5127 Career Tech; BP 1240 Volunteer; UCSF Researchers Chewing Tobacco Survey Presentation

11.0 BOARD COMMENTS

The Board welcomed Stephanie Storer.

12.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC CONCERNING CLOSED SESSION AGENDA – None

13.0 ACCEPT CLOSED SESSION AGENDA - None

Motion by Trustee Gogan, Second by Trustee Storer. RCV: Trustees Beans, Tkach, Storer and Gogan Aye.

14.0 CLOSED SESSION – 8:30 PM

- 14.1 Government Code Section 54957.6
Conference with Labor Negotiator-Tom Barnett
- 14.2 Government Code Section 54957 - Public Employment
Approval of Resolution 1415-25 Personnel Services
- 14.3 Government Code Section 54957 – Public Employment
Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release
- 14.4 Education Code Section 35146, 48900 et seq. and 48912(b)
Student Discipline and Other Confidential Student Matters

15.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – 10:20 PM

16.0 REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Tkach reported the following:

Item 14.1 – No reportable action taken.

Item 14.2 – Motion to approve Resolution 1415-25 Personnel Services by Trustee Gogan, Second by Trustee Storer. RCV: Trustees Beans, Tkach, Storer and Gogan Aye.

Item 14.3 – No reportable action taken.

Item 14.4 – No reportable action taken.

17.0 ADJOURNMENT – 10:21 PM