

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

**Weaverville Elementary School Library ..... Wednesday, February 18, 2015**  
**31020 State Hwy 3 ..... **Closed Session 5:00 p.m., 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

Signature

Date

Stephanie Storer - Present

Vacant – Area 2

Also Present: Tom Barnett, Superintendent

Christine Camara, Principal THS

Keith Sprague, Principal WES/TPA

Cindy Blanchard, Director of Business Services

**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 – Mr. Barnett would like to table Item 11.2 and add Director of Facilities Report under 12.16.

**2.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC CONCERNING CLOSED SESSION AGENDA – None**

**3.0 ACCEPT CLOSED SESSION AGENDA**

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

**4.0 CLOSED SESSION**

4.1 Government Code Section 54957.6

Conference with Labor Negotiator-Tom Barnett

4.2 Government Code Section 54957 - Public Employment

Approval of Resolution 1415-26 Personnel Services

4.3 Government Code Section 54957 – Public Employment

Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

4.4 Government Code 54957 – Public Employee Performance Evaluation

Superintendent

If needed, the Board will resume the Closed Session Agenda at the end of the meeting as Item 16.1.

**5.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – 6:02 PM**

**6.0 REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

Trustee Tkach reported the following:

Item 4.1 No reportable action taken

Item 4.2 Motion to approve Resolution 1415-26 by Trustee Gogan, Second by Trustee Storer. RCV: Trustees Beans, Tkach, Storer and Gogan Aye.

Item 4.3 No reportable action taken

Item 4.4 The Board renewed the Superintendent’s contract. Motion to approve by Trustee Beans, Second by Trustee Gogan. RCV: Trustees Storer, Tkach, Gogan and Beans Aye.

## **7.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON OPEN SESSION AGENDA - None**

## **8.0 ACCEPT OPEN SESSION AGENDA**

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

## **9.0 BOARD CANDIDATE INTERVIEW**

9.1 Interview Board Member Candidate(s) for the Area 2 Vacancy (Junction City, Cox Bar, & Burnt Ranch) Mr. Barnett introduced Jim Morey and explained the area that is represented and the process.

The Board asked Mr. Morey if he had a statement before the interview. He was previously in the Coast Guard and has gotten involved in all the communities they lived in. He enjoys getting involved and participating with kids. Ms. Storer began the interview and each Board member took a turn asking questions.

Trustee Beans made motion to appoint Mr. Morey, Second by Trustee Storer. RCV: Trustees Gogan, Tkach, Storer & Beans Aye.

9.2 Consider/Appoint/Swearing-In of Board Member to the Area 2 Board Seat (To Fill the Board Seat through November, 2015, Whereupon an Election Shall be Held to Fill the Vacancy for the Remainder of the Unexpired Term – November 2017)

Mr. Barnett swore in Mr. Jim Morey to the Area 2 Board seat.

## **10.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

On motion by Trustee Gogan, Second by Trustee Storer, the Trinity Alps Unified School District Governing Board approves consent ACTION items 10.1, 10.2, 10.3 and 10.4. RCV: Trustees Beans, Tkach, Storer & Gogan Aye; Trustee Morey Abstain.

10.1 Approval of the Governing Board Regular Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2015

10.2 Approval of Resolution 1415-27 Payroll and General Fund Warrants

10.3 Approval of February Fundraising Calendar

10.4 Approval of \$1,143.00 Donation to the ASB Factory Fund from Joe Price

## **11.0 PRESENTATIONS**

11.1 UCSF Tobacco Study – Elizabeth Couch, UCSF Department of Preventive and Restorative Dental Services School of Dentistry

Mr. Barnett introduced Ms. Essex, Ms. Murray & Ms. Kavanagh. Ms. Essex explained this research is needed to back up policy decisions regarding tobacco. This project focuses on baseball athletes in Northern CA. The university has over 40 years of experience with tobacco studies. They are also interested in non-tobacco users to understand protective factors. Consent to participate is an active consent from parents and students both. They are asking to recruit at this time. They will meet with parents at sports meetings. Also collecting bio-specimens (this is year 2 in their data collection) via saliva sample, which validates the self-report in the survey. The study will also collect urine samples to determine if nicotine in the system is connected to pancreatic cancer, which was found in a 2009 study of adult male tobacco users that was published in the New England Journal of Medicine. For the opportunity to recruit they offer several incentives; a contribution to the high school; if they receive 75% or more consent forms they donate to the baseball team; and students who participate receive an Amazon gift card as well as a letter of recommendation. There will be 40 schools surveyed at the end of the longitudinal study (2 years out). Confidentiality was discussed at length.

Trustee Beans invited Ms. Essex and her colleagues to come to the career fair in the fall.

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

11.2 K-12 Counseling – Tabled

## **12.0 BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE**

12.1 THS Student Representative Report – Student Floerke is absent this evening.

12.2 Consider Approve Resolution 1415-28 Reducing/Discontinuing Particular Kinds of Certificated Employee Services for the 2015-2016 School Year

Mr. Barnett explained the recommendation is a reduction in 4 positions due to declining enrollment and to keep within our budget.

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

12.3 PUBLIC HEARING on the TAUSD Calendar Proposal for the 2015-2016 School Year

**Open at 6:50 PM**

Ms. Steele feels this is a great calendar. Ms. Fagan also expressed her approval. Ms. Knight does not like how it affects the AP teaching and so she does not like the week off in the spring and at Thanksgiving.

**Closed at 6:53 PM**

12.4 Approval of TAUSD School Calendar Proposal for the 2015-16 School Year (Minimum Days to be Determined and Brought Back for Information)

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

12.5 Approval of Resolution 1415-29 Change the Day of Observance for “Lincoln Day” from Friday, February 12, 2016 to Tuesday, February 16, 2016

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

12.6 Approval of School Accountability Report Cards (SARC) for Trinity High School, Alps View Continuation High School, Trinity River CDS, Weaverville Elementary School and Trinity River Elementary CDS

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

12.7 Approval of Resolution 1415-30 Authorization to Sign Orders Drawn On the Funds of TAUSD

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

12.8 Approval of Senior Class Trip to Magic Mountain Thursday, May 21, 2015

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

12.9 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Progress Report & Schedule

Mr. Barnett passed around handouts. He explained this is a similar timeline to last year and he discussed it in detail. He will give month to month reports.

12.10 Election of Officer to the 2015-2017 CSBA Delegate Assembly – Subregion 2-A

Mr. Barnett recommended the candidate, who he actually knows.

Motion to vote for the Subregion 2-A candidate by Trustee Beans, Second by Trustee Morey. RCV: Trustees Storer, Tkach, Morey and Beans Aye; Trustee Gogan Abstain.

12.11 First Reading

BP 1240 Volunteer Assistance

AR 1240 Volunteer Assistance

Mr. Barnett explained that as the Board has been looking at issues regarding screening volunteers that this BP and AR came out at a very opportune time for our review. Mr. Barnett explained our current policy further. Trustee Gogan asked questions: Conflict in language regarding Ed Code requirements and language about Superintendent’s discretion. There was much discussion with examples for clarification. The Board agreed to delete language about sex offender registrant who is not a parent being allowed to volunteer.

Trustee Beans asked about the BP language regarding a “plan” that was referred to as well as a periodic report

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by the Superintendent. Mr. Barnett has done some research and has not yet come up with anything but will bring something to the next meeting.

### 12.12 Approval for THS and WES/TPA to Participate in the California Healthy Kids Survey (Passive Consent form for Student Participation)

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

### 12.13 Superintendent's Report – Tom Barnett

Mr. Barnett reported the following: He will submit a waiver to the state superintendent of schools prior to April 1 regarding keeping Cox Bar School (CBS) open. They still have 6 students but 3 have recently moved out of the footprint of CBS. Due to distance, rural nature, services to the community he and the county superintendent may submit a waiver to the state to request keeping the school open. Mr. Barnett explained last year's lapsation process to our new Board member; he attended the Governor's workshop recently and he does not foresee a state bond for facilities in 2016; there continues to be work on changing language regarding the new cap on reserves; there was discussion about new requirements from the state regarding parental choice to not vaccinate their children and school entry; Chief Alvord has donated funds to purchase a mobile unit to house firefighters overnight and they are asking for a waiver of the developer fees. He will bring more back next month; Mr. Barnett plans to attend the Board member workshop in Redding Training in April; we recently received a faxed Uniform Complaint (UCP) regarding whether we are providing the required number of P.E. minutes. This has been sent to schools throughout the state. He explained the process and how we gave them the requested back up showing we are in compliance. The complainant has not met the 5 day appeal process required for them to speak to the Board; we have a volunteer offering to provide STRENGTH Training this summer who will need to be fingerprinted, approved by the Board, etc.; He explained a letter the Pipefitters Association that went out to all Board members as well as the district regarding showing proof that we are paying prevailing wage to jobs that go out for \$1,000 or more. Annually local contractors have to pay a \$300 fee to be part of a group that the districts will be required to hire from.

### 12.14 THS Principal's Report – Christine Camara

Ms. Camara reviewed her written report: Academic Awards for fall semester; Autism Awareness Training and another training is scheduled; exit exams given and more scheduled; forestry team logging conference continued to Arbuckle for another competition; February 7<sup>th</sup> Winter Ball; LIONS club speech contest-Ben Harper moved on to next level; KIXE filmed and interviewed ROP/CTE Program and students, which will air in April; Vision Screening Day February 27<sup>th</sup>; Drama club performance at TPAC opening Friday February 27<sup>th</sup> through Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>.

### 12.15 WES Principal's Report – Keith Sprague

Mr. Sprague also reviewed his written report: Response to Intervention, which has 3 tiered training/effort; Collaborating to host a STEM expo/showcase for schools countywide (now it is STEAM as art is included); Common Core assessments-practice tests are recently available; phase 2 of cameras – beginning to prioritize needs, wants and budget; barricade tool and fire codes-State is looking at this issue too; trying to host an ALICE Training for the county and he is working on the age appropriate curriculum development; electronic sign-in sign-out information was included in the packet.

### 12.16 Reports:

Cox Bar School – Tom Barnett; He will visit the school tomorrow afternoon.

Director of Facilities – Jeff Morris; today entire staff was training on Blood Borne Pathogens. He recently finished the FIT report for next year. The energy auditor was here a couple of weeks ago took data for the Bright Schools, Prop 39 program. We will use this in the modernization plan. He is working with the architects and he, Tom and Cindy will attend a meeting with them next week. They replaced some heaters and changed out a lot of lighting.

TAUSD Dean of Students–Mandy Leahy reported on athletics and boys' varsity basketball are 6<sup>th</sup> in division

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and will be going to playoffs beginning the 26<sup>th</sup>. Girls are # 6 in league and on conditional opts for playoffs. February 5<sup>th</sup> our fifth year student was granted opportunity to play basketball. Wrestling is doing well and may go on to Masters. Winter Ball grossed \$1,021. A 7th grade student made it to finals in the countywide spelling bee.

CTA Representative - Dave Newton noted that we are coming upon a year of negotiations. He does not understand why school Boards do not put COLAS into budget projections. He asked the Board to consider the value in COLA increases. Another concern is safety issues and teachers are seeing more and more issues in the classroom. He feels budgeting small COLAS would offset a large one after many years of none. He feels he is speaking for all of the teachers.

Career Technical Education Advisory Committee – Dusty Knight noted their next meeting is March 10<sup>th</sup>.

THS Site Council – Christine Camara reported that Mr. Sprague gave a presentation on ALICE and the door classroom door barricade system he is working on.

THS Booster Club - Sadie Fagan reported the snack bar revenue tripled since 5<sup>th</sup> year student began playing. They will host the Calcutta dinner with funds going to sober grad. They may have a parent willing to run a small snack bar at the baseball field, and they are looking at funding another building for that.

WES Boosters Club - Annie Steele reported the valentine flower fundraiser was successful, selling over \$600. The next fundraiser is the parent/child dances for Mother's Day and then the book fair.

### **13.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL**

#### 13.1 Director of Business Services Report – Cindy Blanchard

Ms. Blanchard went over the current budget, and will bring the Second Interim report next month. We are deficit spending 1.1 million dollars. Currently we will lose 7.3% of our forest reserves as it has been sequestered. Cash flow is better as of January 1<sup>st</sup> since property taxes have finally been posted. Cash flow continues to be a major concern.

13.2 Review Approval Letter from TCOE of the TAUSD First Interim Report for the 2014-15 School Year  
Ms. Blanchard explained this is standard and the County Office has approved our report. If the high school falls into the Necessary Small School funding formula it would change our funding dramatically so we are all keeping an eye on it very closely.

#### 13.3 Approval of Agreement between TCOE and TAUSD for Special Education Services to be Provided for Cox Bar Elementary School for the 2014-15 School Year

Mr. Barnett explained we have a student with an IEP at that school and this is in response to those needs. Motion to approve by Trustee Gogan, Second by Trustee Beans. RCV: Trustees Storer, Tkach, Beans and Gogan Aye; Trustee Morey Abstain.

#### 13.4 Approval of Cooperative Centralized Services Agreement between TAUSD and TCOE for the 2015-16 School Year

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

#### 13.5 Approval of Three Year Financial Audit Contract between TAUSD and KCoe Isom, LLP

Ms. Blanchard explained that Matson and Isom has merged with KCoe and our current contract will end soon. Motion to approve by Trustee Beans, Second by Trustee Storer. RCV: Trustees Gogan, Tkach, Morey, Storer and Beans Aye.

#### 13.6 Approve Disposal and/or Sale of Surplus Property-Transportation Department

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

### **14.0 INSTRUCTION**

#### 14.1 Review Proposed CTE Revisions to BP 5127

## ITEM 14.1 CONTINUED

Mr. Barnett reviewed how the CTE Committee came to the Board last month requesting some changes which are reflected in these documents. He discussed wording regarding grade point bump. He would like the Board to consider future opportunities for dual enrollment for classes not necessarily CTE and whether they would like to include the grade point bump for them too. We will bring this back for a second reading next month.

### 14.2 Review Proposed THS Graduation Requirements Class of 2019 and Onward

This was also part of last month's CTE committee presentation. This is beginning with next year's freshmen class. He suggests changing language in second line down from "total vocational education requirement" to "total career technical education". We are not changing our overall credits needed (240).

## **15.0 ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING**

Volunteer Assistant BP and AR

CTE – revisions to BP 5127.

## **16.0 BOARD COMMENTS**

The Board welcomed Mr. Morey.

## **17.0 ADJOURNMENT – 8:47 PM**