TRINITY ALPS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

SPECIAL

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES

Trinity County Office of Education............................Thursday, November 14, 2019
201 Memorial Drive.............................................Closed Session 5 p.m., Open Session 6 p.m.
Weaverville, California...........................................

Trinity Alps Unified School District Governing Board:

Area I       Daniel Beans, President
Area I       Lynne Gervasi
Area II      Jim Morey
Area III     Krista Gogan, Clerk/Vice President - Absent
Area IV      Stephanie Storer - Absent

1.0  Formal Opening
1.1  Call to Order - 5:07 PM
1.2  Flag Salute
1.3  Additions or Updates in Agenda – Item 9.2 pulled from agenda
1.4  Identify Closed Session Topics of Discussion

2.0  COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA – No Comments

3.0  ACCEPT CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

Motion to Accept Closed Session Agenda: Trustee Gervasi
Second: Trustee Morey
Trustees: Beans, Morey and Gervasi: All Aye
Absent: Trustee Storer and Trustee Gogan

4.0  CLOSED SESSION

4.1  Anticipated Litigation, Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (2) or (3) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 – 1 Potential Case

Jaime Green – Superintendent       Cindy Blanchard - Director of Business Services
4.2 Government Code Section 54957
Public Employee Performance Evaluation
Title: Superintendent

5.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - 6:03 PM

6.0 REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION – Nothing to Report

7.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC CONCERNING OPEN SESSION AGENDA – No Comments

8.0 ACCEPT OPEN SESSION AGENDA

Motion to Accept Open Session Agenda: Trustee Gervasi
Second: Trustee Morey
Trustees: Beans, Morey and Gervasi: All Aye
Absent: Trustee Storer and Trustee Gogan

9.0 BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE

9.1 Approval of Proposed Music Booster’s Club:
Motion to Approve Proposed Music Booster’s Club: Trustee Gervasi
Second: Trustee Morey
Trustee(s) Beans, Morey and Gervasi: All Aye
Absent: Trustee Gogan & Trustee Storer

9.2 Approval of Turning December 20th Back Into a School Day to Compensate for a Day Missed Due to Mold Remediation (Pulled from Agenda)

9.3 Third Reading – BP/AR 5131.61 Drug Testing – Athletics (Revised):
The Board discussed with Sheree Beans, Trinity County Office of Education school nurse, the changes that they had requested in the policy at the Board meeting held November 12th. The changes included mandatory drug counseling for athletes that test positive and changes in the suspension time. The changes were made as requested.
Motion to Approve BP/AR 5131.61 Drug Testing – Athletics (Revised):
Trustee Morey
Second: Trustee Gervasi
Trustees Beans, Morey and Gervasi: All Aye
Absent: Trustees Gogan and Storer

9.4 Discussion Regarding Trinity Alps Unified School District’s Cash Flow:
Sarah Supahan, TCOE Superintendent, presented to the Board TCOE’s financial recommendations to TAUSD. She stressed the need to be cautious on making payments on facilities till funding has been secured. She said historically TAUSD runs in a deficit in the winter months. Jaime Green stated that normally we have reserves to fall back on, and school would not be open if we had not used

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the reserves. Supahan said a short term loan from TCOE is an answer to cover funding deficits as is a TRAN. She said that the operational budget is more critical than the facilities budget, you have to pay for staff and operational fees but repairing the facilities can wait until funding appears.

9.5 Discussion of Borrowing Money from Trinity County Office of Education as per Education Code Sections 42621 and 42622:
Sarah Supahan said that she would approach the TCOE Board about loaning the District money. It would be a short term loan and details such as interest would have to be agreed on.

9.6 Approval of Agreement Between ACACIA Financial Group and Trinity Alps Unified School District:
Jaime Green said it is important to contract with a financial group that are fiscal experts. This company has dealt with bonds and knows how to sell them, they can help with OPSC. Dan Beans stressed the importance of giving the agency specific tasks with time estimates.
Motion to Approve Agreement Between ACACIA Financial Group and Trinity Alps Unified School District: Trustee Morey
Second: Trustee Gervasi
Trustees Beans, Gervasi and Morey: All Aye
Absent: Trustees Gogan and Storer

9.7 Discussion of Agreement with Dixon SmartSchoolHouse and Trinity Alps Unified School District:
Jaime Green noted that Dixon has the ability to be an expert in helping in all phases of reconstruction. They may be an agency to consider in the future.

9.8 Approval of Fiscal Crisis & Management Assistance Team Study Agreement With Trinity Alps Unified School District:
Jaime Green said that the FCMAT study of our District is a good thing. The FCMAT team will look at our District and see how we operate, they will see if we are efficient, they will look for ways for the District to improve. There is no cost to the District for the study.
Motion toApprove the of Fiscal Crisis & Management Assistance Team Study Agreement with Trinity Alps Unified School District: Trustee Gervasi
Second: Trustee Morey
Trustees Beans, Gervasi and Morey: All Aye
Absent: Trustees Storer and Gogan

9.9 Discussion Addressing TUASD’s Operational Shortfall:
Sarah Supahan gave a presentation to the Board on TAUSD’s “cash flow issues,” she said cuts will have to be made. She outlined a new data program that will show how each financial program is doing, she said “you have to get good data to make good decisions.”

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Anthony Robelo of TCOE then gave a power point presentation called Special Education: Fiscal Fact Finding. He discussed the ways the special education programs are funded. He also discussed the details of district of residence vs. the district of attendance and the billback policies for transfer students.

9.10 Superintendent’s Report:
Jaime Green thanked the large turnout at the meeting for taking the time to go to the meeting, “time is the best thing you can give,” he said. He told the Board the eradication team is finding mold in the carpets of the schools, “I will never put students in a room that may be dangerous to them.” He said the District is doing everything possible to secure funding. He said the District is looking at what the priorities are and is looking for any area that cuts can be made. He ended his report by saying, “We will get through this together and come out even stronger than before.”

10.0 BOARD COMMENTS
11.0 ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING
12.0 ADJOURNMENT – 8:09 PM