



TRINITY ALPS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
APRIL 14, 2020

Trinity Alps Unified School District Governing Board:

- Area I Daniel Beans, President – Attended via ZOOM
- Area I Lynne Gervasi – Attended via phone
- Area II Jim Morey, Clerk/Vice President – Attended in person
- Area III Krista Gogan – Attended in person
- Area IV Stephanie Storer - Absent

1.0 FORMAL OPENING

- 1.1 Call to Order – 5:30 PM
- 1.2 Flag Salute
- 1.3 Additions or Updates in Agenda – Item #13.7 Removed from Agenda, Additions made to Item #4.2
- 1.4 Identify Closed Session Topics of Discussion
- 1.5 Correspondence Received – Letter from TCOE

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

3.0 ACCEPT CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

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

4.0 CLOSED SESSION

- 4.1 Government Code Section 54957
Public Employee – Discipline/Dismissal/Release

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Cindy Blanchard - Director of Business Services

4.2 Government Code Section 54957
Public – Employment – Personnel Services

5.0 **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION** – 6:01 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 Approve Open Session Agenda: Trustee Gogan

Second: Trustee Gervasi

Trustees: Beans, Morey, Gervasi and Gogan: All Aye

Absent: Trustee Storer

9.0 **RECOGNITION**

9.1 Recognition of Staff that has Volunteered Time to Help Prepare and Package Meals For Students During the School Sites Closures due to COVID-19 by Katie Poburko
Katie Poburko praised all the volunteers that helped organize and staff the meal program. She stressed that the program was imperative, not just to get food to the students, but to also let the students have contact with staff members. She had high praise for Maria Brown who helped spearhead the program saying, “Maria was phenomenal, her heart was in it, she even colored Easter eggs for all the students!” She said during spring break 3,500 meals were served. She also had praise for Tori Hansen, Anne Marie Scribner and Shannon Thompson for their friendly interaction with the families. She thanked Lori Cooley for ordering the food and for the variety she provided.

9.2 Recognition of the Bus Drivers That Delivered the Meals to Students During the School Sites Closures Due to COVID-19 by Sandy Coatney
Sandy Coatney said the bus drivers are delivering meals to the students on their bus routes during the school closure. He said they are going above and beyond what is required, they are even delivering and picking up homework from students. He also praised Katie Poburko saying she “was the driving force in putting everything together.”

10.0 **PRESENTATION**

10.1 Presentation by Jeff Potter, Fiscal Crisis & Management Assistance Team (FCMAT) Intervention Specialist, on TAUSD’s Fiscal Health Risk Analysis Report
Jeff Potter presented the FCMAT report his team put together on TAUSD. He said the report was a result of TCOE declaring TAUSD “a lack of going concern.” He said the report was done at no expense to the District. The report looked at 20 different vectors that identify only problem areas, those areas that may be risks to the District. TAUSD’s score was a 26.9, considered a moderate risk. He stressed that the report should be used as a

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tool to find the areas that need improvement and implement change. He said the underlying theme in the report was the need to have reserves and a balanced budget. He told the Board the District needs to improve on their staffing ratios. The District should work incrementally on the findings of the report, targeting one area at a time. He suggested the District use the auditors as a resource to get guidance on how to improve in certain areas. Jaime Green told Potter that the District intends to “use your (FCMAT’s) hard work to better our school.” Green said he intends to have a FCMAT report finding on the Board agenda every month to show how the District is working to improve those areas.

10.2 Presentation by Trinity County Office of Education on Trinity Alps Unified School District’s Current Status by Sarah Supahan

Gretchen Deichler filled in for Sarah Supahan to present for TCOE. Deichler said Cindy Blanchard “is a rock star! She is doing an amazing job.” She also had praise for Jeff Morris for all the work he has done helping the District.

Jaime Green thanked Sarah Supahan for the time she has put into daily updates for the districts on the current status of the effects of the virus on schools. He said, “It has helped keep all the administrators on the same page.” Green said because of the quarantine, reconstruction may start early, as there are no students in classrooms. He reported that April 22nd is a big day for the District, it is the day the OPSC board will decide whether or not to give the District the money it has requested. Green also thanked the Board for approving the contract with Interstate Restoration Company. He said the company will be using as many local contractors as possible, which will benefit our local economy.

10.3 Facility Reconstruction Update by Jeff Morris, of TCOE

Jeff Morris reported on the costs projected for reconstruction on WES. He said that if at the April 22nd State Allocation Board (SAB) meeting, the Board chooses to grant the District with the money requested, the amount will be very close to what’s needed to complete the reconstruction project.

11.0 CONSENT AGENDA -

- 11.1 Approval of Closed Session Item Public Employment – Personnel Services
- 11.2 Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2020
- 11.3 Approval of the Emergency Board Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2020
- 11.4 Approval of the Special Board Meeting Minutes of March 31, 2020
- 11.5 Approval of Warrants – March 2020
- 11.6 Approval of Payroll – March 2020
- 11.7 Approval of Williams Uniform Complaint 3rd Quarter Report

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Motion to Approve Consent Agenda: Trustee Gogan
Second: Trustee Gervasi
Trustees: Beans, Gogan, Gervasi and Storer: All Aye
Absent: Trustee Storer

12.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL

- 12.1 Director of Business Services Report
Cindy Blanchard reported that the District needs to “move forward cautiously, we are staying very on top of the budget.” She also said the District is looking at various grant possibilities. She thanked FCMAT for the information they provided for the District, it will help the District improve in areas that need attention.
- 12.2 Approval of Perkins 2020-2021 Funding Waiver
Cindy Blanchard reported the District would receive around \$12,000.00 from this fund. It needs Board approval before it can be submitted.
Motion to Approve: Trustee Gogan
Second: Trustee Gervasi
Trustees: Beans, Gervasi, Gogan and Morey: All Aye
Absent: Trustee Storer

13.0 BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE

- 13.1 Receive Contract Opener Proposal from CSEA Chapter 578 to TAUSD and set for Public Hearing at the May 12, 2020 Board Meeting
- 13.2 Present Contract Opener Proposal from TAUSD to CSEA Chapter 578 and set for Public Hearing at the May 12, 2020 Board Meeting
Jaime Green reported that there had already been two meetings with CSEA and that both had gone well. He said that he, Cindy Blanchard, Dan Beans and both principals have represented the District during the negotiations.
- 13.3 Receive Contract Opener Proposal from Trinity Alps Unified Teachers Association CTA/NEA to TAUSD and set for Public Hearing at the May 12, 2020 Board Meeting
- 13.4 Present Contract Opener Proposal from TAUSD to Trinity Alps Unified Teachers Association CTA/NEA and set for Public Hearing at the May 12, 2020 Board Meeting
Jaime Green said that the CTA negotiations were going well also, and the same group was representing the District as in Item 13.2.
- 13.5 Second Reading BP 5117 Interdistrict Attendance (revised)
Jaime Green said the FCMAT report addressed the amount of interdistrict transfers our District receives as one of the problem areas in our District. He said the District has to have critical conversations with families that decide to transfer out to find out why. He stressed the need for the schools to sell themselves, a lot of good is happening in our schools and families need to know about it. He said the county superintendents are

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working together so all schools in the county are on the same page in handling transfers.

Motion to Approve BP 5117: Trustee Gogan

Second: Trustee Gervasi

Trustees: Beans, Gervasi, Gogan and Morey: All Aye

Absent: Trustee Storer

13.6 Second Reading AR 5117 Interdistrict Attendance (revised)

Motion to Approve AR 5117: Trustee Gogan

Second: Trustee Beans

Trustees: Beans, Gogan, Gervasi and Morey: All Aye

Absent: Trustee Storer

13.7 Approval of Resolution 1920-23 Declaring Property Surplus and Intent to Sell – Pulled From Agenda

13.8 Consider/Approve Resolution #1920-29 Reducing/Laying Off Classified

Employee Services for the 2020-21 School Year

Motion to Approve Resolution #1920-29: Trustee Gervasi

Second: Trustee Beans

Trustees: Beans, Morey, Gervasi and Gogan: All Aye

Absent: Trustee Storer

13.9 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Update

Jaime Green explained to the Board that the LCAP process might be put on hold this year because of the virus. District stakeholders need to be part of the process and they aren't available. The District is waiting to hear back from the State on how to proceed.

13.10 Superintendent's Report

Jaime Green praised the bus drivers for passing their Highway Patrol inspection with flying colors.

Green thanked Jeff Morris for his help with OPSC. He said if the money is given to the District from OPSC that WES would be renovated first, followed by the THS gym and then the THS classrooms. He explained the THS classrooms require more work as the WES classrooms had work done on them a few years ago.

He told the Board he was in the process of applying for a McConnell grant to help pay for scoreboards for the gyms.

He also reported that he was working with a local internet provider on a plan to provide internet access to students that don't have access to the internet, with distance learning it is important that all students have access.

Green said that the Community Garden is hoping to partnership with TCOE to help find grants.

A day care for first responders children is also something that is being looked into. It is in the initial stages but may be something the District can help with.

Green commended Cindy Blanchard and TCOE for working together keeping the District going financially.

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13.11 THS Principal's Report

Sandy Coatney said that distance learning has been a challenge but that the THS teachers are up to it. He said there has been significant requests for paper packets. Coatney said, "we are cutting a new path right now, not following a road map."

13.12 WES/TPA Principal's Report

Katie Poburko said distance learning has been "an adventure." She said she understands parent's frustrations as she also has two school age children at home. As a principal she said it's a fine line between having expectations of students, but not putting so much on them that is frustrates them. She said it is probably easier for WES to get out work to students, than THS, because WES students all have home room teachers, at the high school level students have many teachers. She reported that WES has significantly "upped our game on communication" with more updates on the web page than ever before and more communication with parents through phone calls and emails.

14.0 Reports: IT Director: Don Davie reported that he has been able to add more to the inventory System with help from the paras that have returned to work.

WES Site Council: Katie Poburko reported that her Site Council was working on updating their school handbook.

THS Site Council: Sandy Coatney reported that his Site Council had finished their school handbook prior to the school closure. He said the council had not been meeting because of the virus.

CTE Advisory Committee: Sandy Coatney reported that the CTE departments have been "very creative since the closure. They are being creative and budget conscience, with low cost but high effect" in their remote teaching.

15.0 BOARD COMMENTS: Lynne Gervasi gave a shout out to the district office for "showing incredible leadership in this time of crisis."

Jim Morey likened what the District was doing now to "building a ship from scratch."

16.0 ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING

17.0 ADJOURNMENT – 8:11 PM

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Alps View High School • Trinity River Community Day School • Trinity High School