

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tamalpais Union High School District

August 27, 2019

Kreps Conference Room
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Attendance

Trustees

Leslie Harlander
Karen Loebbaka
Dan Oppenheim
Cynthia Roenisch
Kevin Saavedra

1. Call Meeting to Order

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Tamalpais Union High School District (District) was called to order at 4:55 p.m. in Kreps Conference Room, Redwood High School, Larkspur. A quorum was declared present.

2. Approval of Closed Session Agenda

M/S/C (Roenisch/Saavedra), unanimously.

3. Public Comments on Closed Session Agenda

There were no public comments.

4. Recess to Closed Session in the Superintendent's Office

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 4:56 p.m.

A. With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Gov Code 54957

B. With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Gov Code 54957.6:

C. With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Gov Code 54956.9(a):

1. Settlement of Existing Litigation in OAH Case # 2019 06 0962

D. With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Ed Code 35146:

1. Consideration of Confidential Student Matters (2)

5. Reconvene into Open Session

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 6:02 p.m.

6. Announcement of Reportable Action Taken in Closed Session

Ms. Harlander reported that in regards to Item 4. C. 1., the Board voted unanimously in Closed Session to approve a settlement of Case #2019 06 0962 in the amount of \$25,000.

7. Review Board Norms and Approve Agenda

Mr. Oppenheim read the Board Norms. M/S/C (Saavedra/Oppenheim), unanimously, to approve the agenda.

8. Public Comment on the Consent Agenda

There was no public comment.

9. Approval of Consent Agenda

M/S/C (Roenisch/Saavedra), unanimously.

10. Public Hearing: TUHSD Sunshine Articles for TFT Negotiations

Ms. Harlander adjourned the meeting at 6:04 p.m. Mr. Christensen introduced the public hearing for TUHSD sunshine articles related to the 2019-20 negotiations. Tam Federation of Teachers (TFT) will present their items at the next meeting. There was no public comment, and the meeting resumed at 6:06 p.m.

11. Trustee Considerations

A. Discuss and Take Action to Change Date of October 8, 2019 BOT Meeting

Mr. Harlander asked the board to consider a new date for the first meeting in October, as there is a conflict on October 8. M/S/C (Roenisch/Saavedra), unanimously, to reschedule the meeting date to October 15.

B. Discuss Global Studies Tahiti and Belize Field Trips

Mr. Elsen gave background information on Global Studies field trips as it relates to swimming activities, District policy and practice, and insurance recommendations. Board members expressed concern for the adherence to swimming policy, student safety, and adequate insurance coverage. The Board discussed current practice and heard from Global Studies Director Brian Zailian, Belize teacher/chaperone Mike Levinson, and Tahitian field trip coordinator Tahia Rosenthal-Cox. Mr. Elsen will bring this item back to review next steps at a subsequent meeting.

C. Discuss Refunding of Existing Bonds

Mr. Elsen presented an update to refinancing possibilities for the District's existing bonds. He gave an overview to show interest rates, credit ratings, refinancing options, and next steps. A summary of findings shows taxpayer savings of between \$3-4 million depending on the type: taxable vs. tax-exempt refinancing. Staff will bring a recommendation and Resolution to the Board at the September 10 meeting.

D. Receive and Discuss Godbe Research Presentation on Parcel Tax Survey

Corbett Elsen, Chief Financial Officer, introduced Mr. Charles Hester from Godbe Research, who presented the results of a recent survey of public perception of the Tam District and possible support for a renewed parcel tax. The key findings showed a favorable opinion in approximately two thirds of the voters surveyed. The summary included a recommendation to prepare for a parcel tax renewal (the existing parcel tax will expire) in the March 2020 election. No action was taken at this meeting, but the Board will continue to explore the possibility of placing a parcel tax on the March 2020 ballot.

E. Adopt Resolution 19-2 to Allow Emergency Repairs at Caldwell Theatre - ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Christensen reported that a Resolution is needed to repair water damage in Caldwell Theater. Resolution 19-2 will allow the District to proceed without delay.

Motion Passed: Staff recommends adoption of Resolution No. 19-2. Passed with a motion by Dan Oppenheim and a second by Karen Loebbaka.

Yes Leslie Harlander
Yes Karen Loebbaka
Yes Dan Oppenheim
Yes Cynthia Roenisch
Yes Kevin Saavedra

F. Discuss Board Self-Evaluation

Ms. Harlander announced that the Board Self-Evaluation period is from August 26-September 9 on the CSBA portal.

12. Consent Agenda

A. Approve Minutes of the August 12, 2019 BOT Meeting

M/S/C (Roenisch/Saavedra), unanimously.

B. Approve Minutes of the August 13, 2019 BOT Meeting

M/S/C (Roenisch/Saavedra), unanimously.

C. Approval of Personnel Summary for August 27, 2019

M/S/C (Roenisch/Saavedra), unanimously.

D. Approve Purchase Orders Over \$40,000 - Fiscal Year 2019/20 (List #3)

M/S/C (Roenisch/Saavedra), unanimously.

E. Ratify Contracts Over \$40,000

M/S/C (Roenisch/Saavedra), unanimously.

F. Ratify Contracts Under \$40,000

M/S/C (Roenisch/Saavedra), unanimously.

G. Second Reading of Exhibit (E) 4300: Management, Supervisory, and Confidential Personnel

M/S/C (Roenisch/Saavedra), unanimously.

H. Approve Course of Study For International Academy of Science, Acellus Academy Course Review

M/S/C (Roenisch/Saavedra), unanimously.

I. Approve Course of Study for Trigonometry/Statistics

M/S/C (Roenisch/Saavedra), unanimously.

J. Approve High Risk Field Trip to Santa Barbara for Water Polo Tournament - Sir Francis Drake High School

M/S/C (Roenisch/Saavedra), unanimously.

K. Declare as Surplus and Authorize Glaze and Chemical Disposal, Redwood High School

M/S/C (Roenisch/Saavedra), unanimously.

L. Declare as Surplus and Authorize Book Disposal, Redwood High School

M/S/C (Roenisch/Saavedra), unanimously.

M. Declare as Surplus and Authorize Book Disposal, Tamiscal High School

M/S/C (Roenisch/Saavedra), unanimously.

N. Declare as Surplus and Authorize Book Disposal - Sir Francis Drake High School

M/S/C (Roenisch/Saavedra), unanimously.

13. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Taupier reported on the smooth start to the school year, and her appreciation to all teachers, staff, and administrators who are working together under the constraints of enrollment growth. She reviewed the core values of her role and the goal of relationship building for this school year.

14. Trustee Reports

Ms. Harlander reported on positive comments from a number of former students who are having favorable experiences at our local community college, College of Marin.

15. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

There were no public comments.

16. Conclusion

Mr. Oppenheim reviewed the adherence to Board Norms.

17. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Clerk

Date