

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tamalpais Union High School District

October 15, 2019

Kreps Conference Room
395 Doherty Drive, Larkspur, California
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Attendance

Trustees

Leslie Harlander
Karen Loebbaka
Dan Oppenheim
Cynthia Roenisch
Kevin Saavedra

Student Trustees

Matty Darragh-Ford, Drake High School
Kara Kneafsey, Tamalpais High School
Charlotte Pearson, Tamiscal High School
Lauren Steele, Redwood High School
Absent: Devona Times, San Andreas HS

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 (Loebbaka/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 Ed Code 35146:

- 1. Graduation Requirement Waiver Request (Student A)**
- 2. Graduation Requirement Waiver Request (Student B)**
- 3. Graduation Requirement Waiver Request (Student C)**
- 4. Graduation Requirement Waiver Request (Student D)**

5. Graduation Requirement Waiver Request (Student E)

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. Confidential settlement OAH Case # - 2019. 02 Existing Litigation

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

In regards to Item 4. C. 1., the Board voted unanimously to approve a settlement in the amount of \$45,000 for OAH Case # 2019.02.

7. Approve Agenda and Review Norms

Ms. Loebbaka read the Board Norms. M/S/C (Roenisch/Oppenheim), unanimously, to approve the agenda.

8. Public Comment on the Consent Agenda

There were no public comments.

9. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

10. Student Trustee Reports

Lauren Steele, Redwood High School, reported on Homecoming activities, theater, sports, and a Site Council discussion to change the format of Open House.

Charlotte Pearson, Tamiscal, reported on the TEAM Sierra hike, and all school party planning.

Maddy Darragh-Ford, Drake High School, reported on Homecoming activities, field trip concerns, and SLC discussions.

Kara Kneafsey, Tamalpais High School, reported on Homecoming and other school activities. She also announced that 1967 Tam High School alumni Phil Rhodes finished digitally archiving the entire Tam News collection. It is the largest high school newspaper archive in the country, and will allow users to search Tam News on the web. This was a joint project with the Mill Valley Public Library History Room.

11. Trustee Considerations

A. Take Action on Revision to Administrative Regulation (AR) 6153 - District Sponsored Trips

Mr. Elsen reviewed the changes to the policy, including the third to the last paragraph which refers specifically to Global Studies field trips involving swimming.

Public Comment:

Douglas Mathieux, Drake parent, spoke in support of continuing the Tahiti field trip exchange.

Ryder LeVieux, Drake student, spoke in support of field trips and swimming.

Janine Shaw, Drake parent, spoke regarding swimming on the Tahiti field trip.

The board made note that the changes in Board Policy are intended to protect students and guard against liability. M/S/C (Saavedra/Roenisch), unanimously.

B. Approve Intradistrict Open Enrollment Capacity for 2020-2021

Dr. Taupier reviewed the annual process to approve the number of Open Enrollment transfers allowed for the upcoming school year. A maximum of 50 transfers per school to Redwood, Drake, and Tam are allowed during the Open Enrollment period for students who live within the District but prefer to attend a school other than their home school. The Board discussed the possibility of lowering the number of transfers, but agreed that there was not a need to restrict transfers at this time. Dr. Taupier will report back next year if transfers begin to affect staffing.

C. Second Reading of Revisions to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5117 Interdistrict Attendance

The BP/AR 5117 was reviewed to limit transfers, and new language will be added to the District website to specify deadlines. M/S/C (Roenisch/Loebbaka), unanimously, to accept the revisions.

D. TUHSD Mathematics Placement Presentation

Dr. Taupier reviewed the SB 359 requirements, and provided data to break out demographics of 9th grade student placement in math courses. She also pointed out improvements in the number of CSU/UC a-g math completion rates over the past five years. The goal is for all students to be able to attend college if they choose, and to complete college level coursework if they do. The Board discussed the ways the District is working toward success in that goal.

E. Discussion of Enrollment Projections and Potential Parcel Tax Renewal

Dr. Taupier reviewed enrollment growth numbers, which have increased by 35% in the past 11 years. The numbers are projected to continue to increase through 2020, before dropping down slightly. Projections are used to budget for staffing, and have

been accurate. There have been no changes to the budget projections for the next three years, based on this enrollment information.

F. Discuss and Review Board Self-Evaluation

The Board discussed areas of concern identified in the survey and how to improve as an effective governance team. The board would like to review board policy updates from CSBA as an agenda item, to become more involved and efficient in the process. Ms. Harlander would like the board to be even more involved in community partnerships to gather feedback and concerns.

G. Review of Governance Handbook

The Board looked at Topic 6 and discussed the protocols for responding to email. They also discussed Topic 4 regarding communications to a quorum of the board and corrected a typo. For Topic 7, the third protocol was changed to add the superintendent, as well as the principal, to be notified in advance of school visits.

H. Discussion of Procedures for Updating Board Policy

This item was covered in the Board Self-Evaluation discussion.

12. Consent Agenda

A. Approve Minutes from the September 24, 2019 BOT Meeting

M/S/C (Oppenheim/Saavedra), unanimously

B. Approve Personnel Summary for October 15, 2019

M/S/C (Oppenheim/Saavedra), unanimously

C. Ratify September 2019 Vendor Warrants

M/S/C (Oppenheim/Saavedra), unanimously

D. Ratify Contracts over \$40,000

M/S/C (Oppenheim/Saavedra), unanimously

E. Accept Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints - No complaints filed (October 2019 Quarter)

M/S/C (Oppenheim/Saavedra), unanimously

F. Accept, With Thanks, Donation for RHS Sustainable Agriculture Program

M/S/C (Oppenheim/Saavedra), unanimously

G. Approve Graduation Requirement Waiver Request (Student A)

M/S/C (Oppenheim/Saavedra), unanimously

H. Approve Graduation Requirement Waiver Request (Student B)

M/S/C (Oppenheim/Saavedra), unanimously

I. Approve Graduation Requirement Waiver Request (Student C)

M/S/C (Oppenheim/Saavedra), unanimously

J. Approve Graduation Requirement Waiver Request (Student D)

M/S/C (Oppenheim/Saavedra), unanimously

K. Approve Graduation Requirement Waiver Request (Student E)

M/S/C (Oppenheim/Saavedra), unanimously

L. Declare as Surplus and MEILINK Lateral File Safe Disposal, District Office

M/S/C (Oppenheim/Saavedra), unanimously

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

M/S/C (Oppenheim/Saavedra), unanimously

N. Approve Field Trip to the JEA Fall Conference in Washington - Redwood High School

M/S/C (Oppenheim/Saavedra), unanimously

O. Approve Global Studies trip to Italy - Tamalpais High School

M/S/C (Oppenheim/Saavedra), unanimously

13. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Taupier announced that the Tam District received the Ruby Bridges award at a National Summit. This award acknowledges student work and progress in addressing the challenging topic of racism on campus.

Dr. Taupier reported that the District has closed on bond refinancing which will save taxpayers over \$5.4 million.

She reported more good news will be shared in her newsletter -- The Tam District jumped up to #4 (from #9) in the Niche ratings for excellent Bay Area High School Districts.

14. Trustee Reports

Ms. Loebbaka reported being very impressed with her visit to the San Andreas High School campus.

Ms. Harlander also reported being impressed with the San Andreas visit and the array of programs offered to support student learning and well-being.

15. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

There were no public comments.

16. Conclusion

Ms. Loebbaka reviewed adherence to Board Norms.

17. Adjournment

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

Clerk

Date