

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Tamalpais Union High School District**

**May 12, 2020**

<https://zoom.us/j/96767797330?pwd=NmRIY1lwaWNHZEIEZGkrK0c0OUpsZz09>

**Attended on Zoom**

**Trustees**

Leslie Harlander  
Karen Loebbaka  
Dan Oppenheim  
Cynthia Roenisch  
Kevin Saavedra

**Student Trustees**

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

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

A meeting of the Tamalpais Union High School District Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:48 p.m. on Zoom. 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 was no public comment.

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

**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 Ed Code 54956.9(a):**

**1. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation**

**5. Reconvene into Open Session**

The Board reconvened into Open Session on Zoom at 6:10 p.m.

**6. Announcement of Reportable Action Taken in Closed Session**

There was no action to report from Closed Session.

## **7. Approve Agenda**

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

## **8. Public Comment on the Consent Agenda**

There was no public comment on the Consent Agenda.

## **9. Approval of Consent Agenda - ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Motion Passed:** Passed with a motion by Cynthia Roenisch and a second by Kevin Saavedra.

Yes Leslie Harlander

Yes Karen Loebbaka

Yes Dan Oppenheim

Yes Cynthia Roenisch

Yes Kevin Saavedra

## **10. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda**

Laura Effel, Larkspur resident, asked what the Board is expecting and planning for the fall.

Mimi Williard, Kentfield resident, asked how the Board will approach and report on the plans for the rest of the year.

## **11. Student Trustee Reports**

Lauren Steele, Redwood High School, reported that senior lawn signs were delivered, student government elections are postponed until the fall, and students thanked teachers in a staff meeting during teacher appreciation week.

Charlotte Pearson, Tamiscal High School, reported on plans for a drive-up graduation ceremony, a video for all students, and possible early August events for seniors.

Kara Kneafsey, Tamalpais High School, reported on a plan for drive-by graduation activities, Friday food pantry success, and teacher appreciation from students.

Matty Darragh-Ford, Drake High School, reported on senior activities and awards, drop-off and pick-up for senior books and gowns, and a livestream graduation video on June 12.

Devona Times, San Andreas High School, was absent.

## **12. Trustee Considerations**

### **A. Potential Parcel Tax Polling Discussion**

The Board discussed what range in the amount of increase to the current parcel tax should be surveyed when gauging support for a new measure. The budget drives what amounts are needed to reduce or eliminate possible cuts. The Board discussed how to identify community values to tie increases in the parcel tax to the ability to save programs and staffing.

Public Comment:

Mimi Williard expressed concerns and urged caution with another parcel tax measure.

This was not an action item. Dr. Taupier will provide additional information related to specific parcel tax increases and the Board will decide on the amounts at the May 26th meeting.

**B. Discuss and Take Action on Resolution 19-17 for National Day of the Teacher - ROLL CALL VOTE**

Mr. Christensen presented a Resolution to recognize the contribution of teachers and counselors of our District, stating that we appreciate them now more than ever. He thanked Tamalpais Federation of Teachers President Ann Jaime for her leadership and for representing faculty, especially now during this difficult time.

**Motion Passed:** Staff recommends that the board adopt Resolution 19-17 acknowledging May 5, 2019 as National Day of the Teacher. Passed with a motion by Karen Loebbaka and a second by Cynthia Roenisch.

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

**C. Discuss and Take Action on Resolution 19-18: Classified School Employees Week - ROLL CALL VOTE**

Mr. Christensen presented a Resolution in honor of Classified staff who keep the schools functioning behind the scenes. Clerical workers continue working from home, while others are cleaning and maintaining campuses, delivering food and mail, and keeping our IT system functioning at a time when we need it the most.

**Motion Passed:** Staff recommends that the Board adopt Resolution 19-18 to recognize Classified School Employees Week, May 17-23, 2020. Passed with a motion by Cynthia Roenisch and a second by Karen Loebbaka.

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

**D. Adopt Resolution 19-16 Suspending Acceptance of International Exchange Students for the 2020/21 School Year ROLL CALL VOTE**

Dr. Taupier presented a Resolution to suspend the International Exchange program for the coming school year. COVID presents many challenges and uncertainty for returning students safely to classrooms; therefore, the District will not allow any

exchange students for the 2020-21 school year.

**Motion Passed:** Staff recommends that the Board of Trustees adopt Resolution #19-16. Passed with a motion by Cynthia Roenisch and a second by Kevin Saavedra.

Yes Leslie Harlander

Yes Karen Loebbaka

Yes Dan Oppenheim

Yes Cynthia Roenisch

Yes Kevin Saavedra

**E. Discuss and Take Action on Resolution #19-13 for Certificated Staffing Reduction - ROLL CALL VOTE**

Mr. Christensen presented this final notice of lay-off which is required by May 15. The reductions in staff FTE are determined solely by financial considerations and are not based on merit. The FTE from the preliminary estimate on March 10 was reduced due to open positions being reassigned.

**Motion Passed:** Staff recommends that the Board adopt Resolution 19-13 for Non-Reemployment of Certificated Staffing. Passed with a motion by Cynthia Roenisch and a second by Karen Loebbaka.

Yes Leslie Harlander

Yes Karen Loebbaka

Yes Dan Oppenheim

Yes Cynthia Roenisch

Yes Kevin Saavedra

**F. Update on COVID-19 Response and Distance Learning**

Dr. Taupier reported that the current challenges are to finish the school year and provide a meaningful graduation for seniors. The Administration continues to plan scenarios based on public health expert advice and will adjust plans to meet contingency. After graduations in June, the District will formulate and announce re-opening plans for the fall when they are determined during the summer months.

**13. Consent Agenda**

**A. Approve Minutes of the April 28, 2020 BOT Meeting**

**Motion Passed:** Passed with a motion by Cynthia Roenisch and a second by Kevin Saavedra.

Yes Leslie Harlander

Yes Karen Loebbaka

Yes Dan Oppenheim

Yes Cynthia Roenisch

Yes Kevin Saavedra

**B. Approve Personnel Summary for May 12, 2020**

**Motion Passed:** Passed with a motion by Cynthia Roenisch and a second by Kevin Saavedra.

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

**C. Adopt Resolution #19-15: Specifications of the Election Order**

**Motion Passed:** Passed with a motion by Cynthia Roenisch and a second by Kevin Saavedra.

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

**D. Approval of Purchase Orders Over \$40,000 - Fiscal Year 2019/20 (List #15)**

**Motion Passed:** Passed with a motion by Cynthia Roenisch and a second by Kevin Saavedra.

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

**E. Ratify March 2020 Vendor Warrants and Batch Detail**

**Motion Passed:** Passed with a motion by Cynthia Roenisch and a second by Kevin Saavedra.

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

**F. Ratify April 2020 Vendor Warrants and Batch Detail**

**Motion Passed:** Passed with a motion by Cynthia Roenisch and a second by Kevin Saavedra.

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

**G. Approve CIF School Representatives for 2020-2021**

**Motion Passed:** Passed with a motion by Cynthia Roenisch and a second by Kevin Saavedra.

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

**14. Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Taupier gave a shout-out to teachers in appreciation for embracing the changes demanded by COVID and for everyone learning new ways of getting work done.

**15. Trustee Reports**

Ms. Loebbaka suggested a board message to all seniors at graduation, possibly in the form of a video.

Ms. Harlander shared a story from a teacher who is embracing Zoom as a teaching tool.

Ms. Roenisch asked the student trustees to report on things students are doing outwardly in the greater community during the shelter-in-place.

**16. Conclusion**

**17. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

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Clerk

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Date