

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

February 9, 2021

Open Session 6:00 pm on Zoom webinar

## **Attended on Zoom**

### **Trustees**

Leslie Harlander  
Karen Loebbaka  
Dan Oppenheim  
Cynthia Roenisch  
Kevin Saavedra

### **Student Trustees attending**

Charlie Boyden, Tamiscal High School  
Emily Fee, Redwood High School  
Anya Bodine-McCoy, HS 1327/Drake  
Lily Pashman, Tamalpais High School  
Natasha Stone, San Andreas High School

## **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 4:31 pm. A quorum was declared present.

## **2. Approval of Closed Session Agenda**

M/S/C (Loebbaka/Roenisch), 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(b):**

### **1. Confidential Settlement Agreement - Anticipated Litigation**

## **5. Reconvene into Open Session**

The Board reconvened into open session at 6:09 p.m.

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

Ms. Harlander announced that the Board approved a confidential settlement agreement in

case number 2021-01 in the amount of \$40,000.

### **7. Approve Agenda and Review Norms**

Student trustee Lily Pashman read the Board Norms. M/S/C (Roenisch/Saavedra), unanimously, to approve the agenda.

### **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 Karen Loebbaka and a second by Dan Oppenheim.

Yes Leslie Harlander

Yes Karen Loebbaka

Yes Dan Oppenheim

Yes Cynthia Roenisch

Yes Mr. Kevin Saavedra

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

Melanie Voorsanger, Bridge the Gap, spoke in support of changing the grading policy due to COVID-19 circumstances, and she read a statement from a Special Ed teacher about the impact of remote learning on student grades.

Lisa Canin emailed the board to express support for the Drake name change process and for recognizing diverse narratives, which add to, rather than expunge, history.

### **11. Student Trustee Reports**

Natasha Stone, San Andreas High School, reported on her campus visit and safety protocols that are in place.

Anya Bodine-McCoy, HS1327/Drake, reported on the school name change process, ASB activities, and STAR training.

Charlie Boyden, Tamiscal High School, reported on in-person learning hubs and student anti-racist training.

Lily Pashman, Tamalpais High School, reported on teachers getting ready for in-person learning, Link Crew applications, and practice ACT/SAT tests.

Emily Fee, Redwood High School, reported on school fundraisers, valentine's day activities, anti-racist training, and freshmen campus visits.

### **12. Trustee Considerations**

**A. Take Action on Cannabis Storefront Resolution and Letter**

The Board discussed the revised Resolution #20-14 and whether or not they supported adopting it.

Public Comment:

Laurie Dubin thanked the board for the Resolution. She said it sends a powerful message that lives are more important than profit.

The board also discussed sending a letter with the Resolution to the Sausalito City Council. M/S/C (Roenisch/Loebbaka), 4 Ayes (Harlander, Loebbaka, Oppenheim, Roenisch) to approve the letter and 1 Nay (Saavedra).

Resolution #20-14 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
- No Mr. Kevin Saavedra

**B. Hold Public Hearing: TFT Sunshine Articles for TUHSD Negotiations**

Ann Jaime, Tam Federation of Teachers (TFT) President, presented two Articles (II, VII) to be negotiated with Tamalpais Union High School District. There was no public comment.

**C. Hold Public Hearing: TUHSD Sunshine Articles for TFT Negotiations**

Mr. Christensen, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, presented three Articles (II, V, and VII) to be negotiated with TFT. There was no public comment.

**D. Take Action on TUHSD Financial Audit Report for 2019-20**

Mr. Corbett Elsen, Chief Financial Officer, introduced Sarah Palafox from Christy White accounting firm. She explained the auditing process, and rendered an unmodified opinion, which is the best opinion possible. There are no current year findings, and a prior finding has been resolved. M/S/C (Roenisch/Oppenheim), unanimously, to approve the Audit Report.

**E. Classroom Reopening Plan Update**

Dr. Taupier presented slides to give current COVID-19 data from Marin and the California Blueprint Data Chart, as well as updated vaccination and testing information, and preparations being made for on-site learning. Dr. Taupier also remarked on rumors and an email sent out by the board president and clerk to dispel those rumors.

Public Comment:

Richard Marshall, Drake/HS1327 teacher, thanked the board for the update and the California Data Chart.

Melissa Harms urged the board to fully open in the fall, and to prepare now to reduce the hybrid model to two cohorts and communicate plans.

Mandy Downing, Redwood parent, thanked the board and asked for a proactive, ongoing, collaborative effort to reopen school.

Michael G spoke about cohorts and safety protocols and asked what was different between plans to reopen in the fall and the prior plan to reopen in January 2021.

Carmella Cleary, Redwood parent, asked the board to re-open in more than a hybrid plan, and to start planning now for the fall.

Tom McKnew, Redwood parent, expressed frustration that private schools are open while the District schools are still in remote learning.

Jill Sellers, Redwood parent, asked the board to open with 2 cohorts or a full opening and to communicate more regarding the decision-making process.

Julie Templeton, Redwood parent, spoke about the restrictions on sport team practices and on paying coaches who have had their season postponed.

Ms. Harlander clarified that the Tam District is larger than private schools, and the reopening of schools is more complicated, with requirements for physical distancing in small classrooms and the need to maintain student schedules to prevent disruptions and meet graduation requirements.

**F. Discuss and Take Action on Resolution #20-13 to Authorize and Establish Fund 08: Student Activity Special Revenue Fund**

Mr. Elsen explained the need to establish a new fund for accounting purposes. The board discussed briefly, and there was no public comment.

**Motion Passed:** Staff recommends that the Board adopt Resolution 20-13 to authorize and establish Fund 08 (Student Activity Special Revenue Fund). Passed with a motion by Mr. Kevin Saavedra and a second by Dan Oppenheim.

- Yes Leslie Harlander
- Yes Karen Loebbaka
- Yes Dan Oppenheim
- Yes Cynthia Roenisch
- Yes Mr. Kevin Saavedra

**G. First Reading of Revision to Exhibit 1330: Use of School Facilities**

Mr. Elsen explained the need to increase rental fees to keep pace with inflation. There was no public comment.

**H. First Reading on Revision to Board Policy (BP) 1400: Community Relations**

Dr. Taupier showed the old versus the new policy which incorporates language from BP 1020, which is recommended by CSBA.

**I. First Reading of Removal List for Outdated Board Policy**

Dr. Taupier presented a list of policies to eliminate, as part of the "cleaning house" process as we move to a new Board Policy platform, Gamut Policy Plus.

**J. Discussion of Mission Statement and Graduate Profile Development**

The Board reviewed the profile and made suggestions on what needs revision to make the profile timely and accurate. Some of the language was discussed and there was agreement that scheduling a workshop may be the best process to complete the work.

**13. Consent Agenda**

**A. Approve Draft Minutes from the 1/26/2021 BOT Meeting**

**Motion Passed:** Passed with a motion by Karen Loebbaka and a second by Dan Oppenheim.

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

**B. Approve Personnel Summary for February 9, 2021**

**Motion Passed:** Passed with a motion by Karen Loebbaka and a second by Dan Oppenheim.

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

**C. Ratify Batch and Warrant Detail - January 2021**

**Motion Passed:** Passed with a motion by Karen Loebbaka and a second by Dan Oppenheim.

Yes Leslie Harlander  
Yes Karen Loebbaka  
Yes Dan Oppenheim

- Yes Cynthia Roenisch
- Yes Mr. Kevin Saavedra

**D. Ratify Purchase Orders over \$40,000**

**Motion Passed:** Passed with a motion by Karen Loebbaka and a second by Dan Oppenheim.

- Yes Leslie Harlander
- Yes Karen Loebbaka
- Yes Dan Oppenheim
- Yes Cynthia Roenisch
- Yes Mr. Kevin Saavedra

**E. Ratify Contracts over \$40,000 - February 2021**

**Motion Passed:** Passed with a motion by Karen Loebbaka and a second by Dan Oppenheim.

- Yes Leslie Harlander
- Yes Karen Loebbaka
- Yes Dan Oppenheim
- Yes Cynthia Roenisch
- Yes Mr. Kevin Saavedra

**F. Declare as Surplus Obsolete IT Equipment - District Office**

**Motion Passed:** Passed with a motion by Karen Loebbaka and a second by Dan Oppenheim.

- Yes Leslie Harlander
- Yes Karen Loebbaka
- Yes Dan Oppenheim
- Yes Cynthia Roenisch
- Yes Mr. Kevin Saavedra

**14. Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Taupier thanked the teachers who recently volunteered at the vaccination center. She also acknowledged the Lunar New Year which is celebrated around the world, especially in Korea, China, and Vietnam.

**15. Trustee Reports**

Mr. Saavedra reported on parents' concerns with providing a prom experience for seniors this year, given the public health considerations that must be adhered to.

Ms. Harlander reported on correspondence received from the community about the Drake name change and school re-openings.

**16. Conclusion**

Lily Pashman reflected on the Board Norms.

**17. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

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Clerk

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Date