

# **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

## **Tamalpais Union High School District**

**December 11, 2018**

Kreps Conference Room  
395 Doherty Drive, Larkspur, California  
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### **Attendance**

#### **Trustees**

Laura Anderson  
Michael Futterman  
Chuck Ford  
Leslie Lundgren Harlander  
Barbara Owens

#### **Student Trustees**

Matty Darragh-Ford, Sir Francis Drake HS  
Dolan Clahan, Alternate, Tamalpais High School  
Lauren Steele, Redwood High School  
**Absent:** Luke Williams, San Andreas HS  
Charlotte Pearson, Tamiscal High School

### **Seated After Oath of Office**

Dan Oppenheim  
Cynthia Roenisch  
Kevin Saavedra

### **1. Call Meeting to Order**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Tamalpais Union High School District (District) was called to order at 5:03 p.m. in Kreps Conference Room, Redwood High School, Larkspur. A quorum was declared present.

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

M/S/C (Futterman/Owens), unanimously, to approve the Closed Session agenda.

### **3. Public Comments on Closed Session Agenda**

There was no public comment on the closed session agenda.

### **4. Hear Appeal of a Denial of an Interdistrict Transfer Request for Student A**

A confidential hearing to appeal the denial of an Interdistrict transfer for Student A was presented to the Board by the parent, student, and superintendent.

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

The Board recessed to closed session at 5:14 p.m.

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

**1. Consideration of student matter - confidential information involving Student A.**

**B. 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 # 2018 08 0562**

**2. Settlement of Existing Litigation in OAH Case # 2018 09 0432**

**6. Reconvene into Open Session**

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

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

Ms. Harlander reported that in regards to Item 5.A.1., the Board met in closed session to discuss the appeal of the denial of an interdistrict transfer for Student A. A motion was made by Trustee Futterman and seconded by Trustee Anderson to uphold the denial of the interdistrict transfer. The vote was unanimous, 5 Ayes.

In regards to Item 5.B.1., Ms. Harlander reported that the board voted unanimously to approve the confidential settlement agreement # 2018-08-0562 for \$110,000.

In regards to Item 5.B.2., Ms. Harlander reported that the board voted unanimously to approve the confidential settlement agreement # 2018-08-0432 for \$52,616.

**8. Approval of Agenda, Including Time Limits**

M/S/C (Anderson/Ford), unanimously.

**9. Public Comment on the Consent Agenda**

There was no public comment on the consent agenda.

**10. Approval of Consent Agenda**

M/S/C (Ford/Anderson), unanimously, to approve all the items on the consent agenda.

**11. Honor Trustees Anderson, Ford, and Futterman for their years of service to the Tamalpais Union High School District**

Superintendent Taupier spoke to Trustees Anderson, Ford, and Futterman to express her appreciation for the work and collaboration they have performed over the past five years. Trustees Harlander and Owens, along with student trustee Darragh-Ford, thanked the outgoing board members for their service and dedication

Public Comment:

Monica Bonny, former board member, commended the trustees for performing their duties so well for the past five years.

Trustees Anderson, Ford and Futterman thanked the District, congratulated the new Trustees, and reflected on their tenure.

## **12. Reception**

Ms. Harlander recessed the meeting at 6:37 p.m. for a reception.

## **13. Administer Oaths of Office for New Trustees**

Ms. Harlander reconvened the meeting to Open Session at 6:56 p.m. She administered the following oath, which the three board members repeated, inserting their names: Dan Oppenheim, Cynthia Roenisch, and Kevin Saavedra.

"I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties upon which I am about to enter."

## **14. Student Trustee Reports**

Matty Darragh-Ford, Drake High School, welcomed the new trustees to the board, reported that Drake Cross Country won 2nd place in State competition, and reported on the Wellness Center programs for healthy relationships and stress reduction.

Lauren Steele, Redwood High School, reported on the implementation of the new parking policy, and reported that leadership has collected \$2,000 for "Deck My Room," a project to decorate the hospital rooms of young patients. She also announced that Liam Anderson won first place in the National Cross Country championship.

Dolan Clahan, Tamalpais High School alternate student trustee, reported on Tam Unity Day, the postponed student rally, and freshman student council elections.

## **15. Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Taupier reported that her monthly newsletter would be sent out on December 12, and it includes information about the new State Dashboard. The public can access this District performance information online. She noted that this "Quiet Week" is in preparation for next week's exams, and she thanked the counselors and Wellness staff for providing support to students during this stressful season.

## **16. Trustee Considerations**

**A. Discuss Process for Election of Board Officers 2019**

Dr. Taupier discussed the process for selecting board officers for the 2019 calendar year, and she read out the related board bylaws 9000, 9100, 9110, 9121, 9122, and 9123.

**B. Nominate and Vote for Incoming President of the Board of Trustees**

Ms. Harlander expressed interest in continuing as the Board President. No other trustees indicated interest in that role. M/S/C (Owens/Saavedra), unanimously, to elect Ms. Harlander as the 2019 Board President.

**C. Nominate and Vote for Incoming Clerk of the Board of Trustees**

Ms. Owens and Ms. Roenisch indicated interest in the role of Clerk. Ms. Roenisch deferred to Ms. Owens. M/S/C (Saavedra/Roenisch), unanimously, to elect Ms. Owens as the Board Clerk.

**D. Discuss and Approve Trustee Committee Assignments and Responsibilities for 2019**

Dr. Taupier explained the committee positions, and asked the trustees to decide which one(s) they would like to participate in during the 2019 calendar year. The Golden Bell liaison will remain open, with Lars Christensen reporting to the board. JLAC will be filled by Dan Oppenheim, with Kevin Saavedra as an alternate. Barbara Owens will continue as the MCSBA Representative and Student Trustee Liaison. Kevin Saavedra and Cynthia Roenisch will serve as the Fiscal Advisory Observers.

**E. Fiscal Advisory Update**

Dr. Taupier presented a review and update of the recent activities of the Fiscal Advisory (FA) committee, which last met on November 26, and will again meet on December 17. The FA continues to work on cost reduction recommendations to be identified using feedback from stakeholders and stated priorities. The committee will prepare a recommendation. As reported in the December newsletter, the Superintendent will discuss the recommendations with staff and then with parents at the following meetings. The additional feedback on budget reductions will influence the final recommendation to be presented for board approval. Parents may attend at any location of these meetings:

January 16th: Redwood High School Library, 6:00-7:30 pm

January 17th: Drake High School Main Office, 6:00-7:30 pm

January 22nd: Tamalpais High School Classroom 2020, 6:00-7:30 pm

**F. Discuss and Approve the 2018-19 First Interim Budget Report and Positive Certification**

Corbett Elsen, Chief Financial Officer, presented a Powerpoint to give background

and to highlight the information in the 147 page First Interim report, which has been posted on our District website. There were significant changes to the budget since June 2018, because of the cost reductions implemented thus far, the passage of Measure J which increases the parcel tax revenue, and other planned reductions.

Public Comment:

Laura Effel, Larkspur resident, spoke regarding the new trustees and fiscal control.

Mimi Willard, Kentfield resident, spoke regarding the district deficit spending.

M/S/C (Roenisch/Oppenheim), unanimously, to accept the First Interim Report with a positive certification

**G. Hear Report on Developer Fee Accounting and Adopt Resolution 18-15 ROLL CALL VOTE**

Mr. Elsen presented a report on the collection of developer fees, which the District began receiving in 2017, and which are shared with elementary school districts in our community. The funds are deposited in Fund 25, and are spent on enrollment growth needs such as portable classrooms.

Public Comment:

Mimi Willard commented on developer fee collection and enrollment growth.

This was a ROLL CALL VOTE for the new trustees. M/S/C (Roenisch/Oppenheim). 5 Ayes: Harlander, Oppenheim, Owens, Roenisch, Saavedra. 0 Noes; 0 Absent

**17. Consent Agenda**

**A. Approve Draft Minutes of the November 13, 2018 BOT Meeting**

M/S/C (Ford/Anderson), unanimously.

**B. Approve Personnel Summary 12-11-18**

M/S/C (Ford/Anderson), unanimously.

**C. Approve Purchase Orders Over \$40,000 - Fiscal Year 2018/19 (List #10)**

M/S/C (Ford/Anderson), unanimously.

**D. Ratify October 2018 Vendor Warrants**

M/S/C (Ford/Anderson), unanimously.

**E. Ratify November 2018 Vendor Warrants**

M/S/C (Ford/Anderson), unanimously.

**F. Ratify Routine Contracts under \$40,000**

M/S/C (Ford/Anderson), unanimously.

**G. Approve Routine Contracts over \$40,000**

M/S/C (Ford/Anderson), unanimously.

**H. Approve Revised School Calendar for 2020-21 School Year**

M/S/C (Ford/Anderson), unanimously.

**I. Accept, With Thanks, Donation from Pritzker Foundation**

M/S/C (Ford/Anderson), unanimously.

**J. Accept, With Thanks, Donation from J. Loebbaka**

M/S/C (Ford/Anderson), unanimously.

**K. Accept, With Thanks, Donation from Hurtado-Hansel**

M/S/C (Ford/Anderson), unanimously.

**L. Approve Request to Alter School Property: Tamalpais High School - Tree of Life Memorial**

M/S/C (Ford/Anderson), unanimously.

**M. Notice of Disposal: RHS - Authorize the disposal of one master cut horizontal bandsaw**

M/S/C (Ford/Anderson), unanimously.

**N. Notice of Disposal: RHS - Authorize the disposal of one Enco lathe**

M/S/C (Ford/Anderson), unanimously.

**O. Notice of Disposal: RHS - Paint striper**

M/S/C (Ford/Anderson), unanimously.

**P. Notice of Disposal: Tamalpais Adult School - Authorize the disposal of obsolete ESL DVDs and CDs**

M/S/C (Ford/Anderson), unanimously.

**18. Board Communications**

There was one email in Board Communications.

**19. Trustee Reports**

Ms. Owens reported on the Educator Effectiveness meeting which preceded the monthly

JLAC meeting. She reminded the board that there is an all-day legislative meeting in Sacramento on January 23, 2019.

**20. Board President Report**

Ms. Harlander welcomed the new board members, and mentioned that a Governance workshop for the board would be scheduled in January.

**21. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda**

Mimi Willard, Kentfield resident, spoke to the board about budget reserves and a budget advisory committee.

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

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 8:54 p.m.

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

**23. Reconvene into Open Session**

**24. Announcement of Reportable Action in Closed Session**

There was no reportable action from the second closed session meeting.

**25. Conclusion**

**26. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:09 p.m.

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Clerk

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Date