

Regular Board Meeting 02/07/2023 - 06:00 PM

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MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order at 4:45 p.m.; Closed Session 4:50 p.m.; Regular Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. Webinar ID: 948 6153 9172 Passcode: 978513

Board of Trustees

Karen Loebbaka, President Leslie Harlander, Clerk Cynthia Roenisch Kevin Saavedra Emily Uhlhorn

Tara Taupier, Ed. D, Superintendent

Attendees

Voting Members

Karen Loebbaka, Board President Leslie Harlander, Board Member Cynthia Roenisch, Board Member Emily Uhlhorn, Board Member

1. Call Meeting to Order (4:45 p.m.)

A regular board meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Tamalpais Union School District (District) was called to order in the Kreps Conference Room at 4:45 p.m. A quorum was declared present.

2. Approval of Closed Session Agenda

M/S/C (Harlander/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 §35146

1. Approve Waiver of Graduation Requirements for Student A

5. Reconvene Into Open Session

The board reconvened into open session at 6:05 p.m.

6. Announcement of Reportable Action Taken in Closed Session

There was no reportable action taken in Closed Session.

7. Approve Agenda and Review Norms

Ms. Harlander read the Board norms. M/S/C (Roenisch/Uhlhorn), unanimously.

8. Public Comment on the Consent Agenda

There was no public comment on the Consent Agenda.

9. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

10. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Sam Kimball, student and ASB President at Redwood High School, expressed concern about district requirements, policies and communication that impacted the upcoming Redfest event at Redwood.

Clayton Smith discussed Covid-19 immunizations. Dr. Tara Taupier clarified that there is currently no mandate for Covid-19 vaccinations in the state of CA, and that such a mandate is not the purview of the School Board but rather, public health.

11. Student Trustee Reports

Sienna Lopez, Tamiscal High School, reported on COM Pathway classes, a gender fluidity and sexuality workshop, efforts by Dr. Laurie Watson, students and members of the STAAR Club (Students Taking Action Against Racism) to spread Anti-racism awareness and promote everyday behaviors, the STAAR Club ordered posters to celebrate Pacific Heritage Month and racial diversity on campus, the Site Council's update to the Site Safety Plan, an upcoming Valentine's Day activity to promote campus community and the adoption of a new school logo that was created by a student.

Lily Pashman, Tamalpais High School, reported on the start of spring sports, congratulated the Tam High Mock Trial team for winning County and moving onto the State competition, special events planned by BSU and Leadership to celebrate Black History Month, including an upcoming BSU black-owned business event and cookout, and a blood drive and Valentine's Day spirit event put on by Leadership. She also reported that the school is mourning the sudden loss of a Class of 2022 graduate, and that counseling and wellness are providing student support to process the loss.

Elizabeth Young, Archie Williams High School, reported on Spirit Week, the school's first indoor rally since Covid started, the upcoming "Snow Ball", upper classmen Academy field trips, a new wellness group called "Monday Moods Group" and a Summer Opportunity Fair.

Jack Haubold, Redwood High School, reported on a successful open house for incoming 8th graders, including campus tours and outreach events at the 8th grade feeder schools, recognition for members of the Redwood Mock Trial team, the Senior assembly, where students were recognized for athletics,

performing arts and for becoming the first female Eagle Scout, the Red Fest event on Valentine's Day, and a request for district support for future leadership events.

12. Trustee Considerations

A. Take Action on the Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Contract (6:22 p.m.)

Dr. Tara Taupier, Superintendent, announced the selection of Kelly Lara for Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services.

Public Comment: Kathy Flores, Principal of San Andreas High School, offered her congratulations to Ms. Lara.

Several members of the Board, Wesley Cedros and Corbett Elsen offered their congratulations to Ms. Lara and commented on her achievements to date.

The Board approved the Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Contract. M/S/C (Roenisch/Harlander), unanimously.

B. Take Action on updated Job Description for Sr. Director of Curriculum & Instruction (6:31 p.m.)

Wesley Cedros, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, presented the new job description for the Sr. Director of Curriculum & Instruction, who will report to the Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, effective immediately.

There was no public comment.

The Board approved the updated job description for Sr. Director of Curriculum and Instruction. M/S/C (Harlander/Roenisch), unanimously.

C. Take Action on Revision to E5116.1 Open Enrollment Form (6:32 p.m.)

Dr. Taupier presented proposed revisions to E5116.1 Open Enrollment Form.

There was no public comment.

The Board approved the revision to E5116.1. M/S/C (Uhlhorn/Roenisch), unanimously.

D. Review of Potential Bond Funding and Update on Current Market Conditions using Various Funding Scenarios (6:35 p.m.)

Mr. Chet Wang and Ms. Jenny Bruner from the District's Financial Advisory firm, Keygent, presented bond funding scenarios for the proposed FMP projects and answered questions from Board members. The presentation focused on the District assessed home value history, bond interest rates, credit ratings and tax rates that would impact a bond. Mr. Wang presented three bond scenarios for the board's consideration.

There was no public comment.

E. Update on Facilities Master Plan Projects Cost Estimates and Discuss Planning Options (7:01 p.m.)

Corbett Elsen, Assistant Superintendent of Business Operations, Mike Woolard, Sr. Director of Facilities Planning, and Todd Lee of Greystone West Construction Management Firm, presented an update on the FMP project cost estimates. The presentation focused on the FMP process, and identified five major drivers that explain the increase in cost estimates between the initial assessment in April 2022 to January 2023. Charles Heath of TBWBH Props and Measures, and Bryan Godbe of Godbe Research, presented three proposed funding amounts to assess the feasibility of the bond measure through community polling.

All board members agreed to move forward with community polling, without option #1 (\$457M).

F. Update on Solar FMP Projects Contractor Competitive Bid Process Results, Timelines and Next Steps (8:01 p.m.)

Corbett Elsen, Assistant Superintendent of Business Operations, Tom Williard and Gavi Emunah of NV5 Technical Engineering and Consulting Solutions, and Todd Lee of Greystone West Construction Management firm, presented updates to the TUHSD Solar PV, BESS and EVSE Projects. The presentation provided a summary ranking of the vendor proposals, updated financials, a contracting timeline and next steps. Mr. Elsen anticipates bringing an agreement for solar construction for the selected vendor for Board consideration and a Board resolution to the February 28, 2023 Board meeting.

There was no public comment.

G. Discuss Arborist Report Recommendation to Remove Four Trees at Archie Williams High School (8:35 p.m.)

David O'Connor, Senior Director of Maintenance and Operations, presented the arborist report and recommendation to remove four trees at Archie Williams High School, the timeline to remove and replace the trees, and the communication plan for students, staff and community members.

There was no public comment.

13. Consent Agenda

- A. Approve Draft Minutes of the January 24, 2023 BOT Meeting & February 1, 2023 BOT Workshop
- B. Approve Personnel Summary for February 7, 2023
- C. Approve Request for Waiver of Graduation Requirement for Student A
- D. Second Reading to Approve Revision of AR 5125.3 Challenge to Student Records
- E. Approval of the 2023-24 School Site Safety Plans
- F. Ratify Contracts under \$40,000 February 2023
- G. Ratify Contracts over \$40,000 February 2023
- H. Approve Purchase Orders over \$40,000 List #11

- I. Approve Purchase Orders over \$40,000 List #12
- J. Ratify Batch and Warrant Detail January 2023
- K. Approve High Risk Field Trip Mountain Bike Club Archie Williams High School
- L. Approve High Risk Field Trip- Mountain Bike Club Redwood High School
- M. Approve High Risk Field Trip Mountain Bike Club Tamalpais High School
- N. Approve Tamalpais High School Model U.N. Out of State Field Trip to New York

14. Board Communications

The Board gave their Trustee Reports, noted in item #16.

15. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Tara Taupier, Superintendent, discussed the conclusion of School Board Recognition Month, the start of School Counselors Week (first week of February) and Black History Month, whose theme is "Black Resistance". She announced that the Tamalpais High School Mock Trial Team won the county competition and will move onto the state competition. This information will be included in the Superintendent's newsletter, that will be distributed on February 8, 2023.

16. Trustee Reports

Ms. Uhlhorn reported on student involvement at the Racial Justice Task Force meeting, the Racial Justice Task Force Community Partnership Committee, the MCSBA dinner and the Heart of the Village Job Fair.

Ms. Roenisch also reported on student involvement at the Racial Justice Task Force Meeting.

17. Conclusion

Ms. Harlander reflected on the board norms.

18. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

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