

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

July 14, 2020

Via Zoom

Attendance

Trustees

Leslie Harlander

Karen Loebbaka

Dan Oppenheim

Cynthia Roenisch

Kevin Saavedra

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 4:32 pm. A quorum was declared present.

2. Approval of Closed Session Agenda

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

3. Public Comments on Closed Session Agenda

There were no public comments.

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 Ed Code 54957(b)(1):

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

D. With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Ed Code 54956.9(a):

E. With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Gov Code 54956.9(c):

1. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation

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5. Reconvene into Open Session

The Board reconvened into open session on Zoom at 6:18 p.m.

6. Announcement of Reportable Action Taken in Closed Session

Ms. Harlander reported there was no action taken in Closed Session.

7. Approve Agenda and Review Norms

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

8. Public Comment on the Consent Agenda

There were no public comments 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

Due to time constraints and the number of participants, Ms. Harlander reduced the time allotted to each public speaker to two minutes.

Curt Gebhard, Tamiscal teacher, spoke in support of distance learning and noted the improvements made since the spring conversion.

Melanie H. Russell requested that the board discuss the removal of police officers from school grounds.

Laura Effel suggested there were funds sent to the County that should be allocated to the District.

Lauren Brown spoke in favor of re-naming Sir Francis Drake Boulevard.

Veronica Wilson spoke in favor of removing police officers from schools and renaming Sir Francis Drake Boulevard.

Dwayne Van Diem spoke about his website that provides history of Sir Francis Drake.

11. Trustee Considerations

Ms. Harlander welcomed our new Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, Dr. Kimberlee Armstrong. Dr. Armstrong brings with her a wealth of knowledge in Curriculum and Instruction, and she will also oversee Wellness and Student Services in the District.

A. Take Action on Anti-Racist Education Resolution #20-1

Dr. Taupier introduced a Resolution to establish a District-wide commitment to support students of color and promote equity work in the District.

Public Comment:

Ace Thelin, Lisa Jimenez, Serena Campbell, Stephanie Hellman, Lorayne Ortega, Jonathan Edward, Willow Thorson, Jackson Mason, Stephanie Grader, Danielle Hone, Natalie Pellolio, Steve Dodge, Becky Hausamann, Noah Block, Lyzy Lusterman, Tiffany McElroy, Robert Ovetz, Mia Eisenberg, Chris Campbell, Cole Williams, Sophia Martin, Simon Darrow, T. Silva, Lee Dynes, Iona Normandi, Simone, Sean Williams, Robbie Pelson, Teri B., Amanda W., Veronica Wilson, and Lisa spoke individually to voice their support for an amended version of the Resolution that includes specific action steps, accountability, more inclusion for other marginalized groups, and more input from students and community.

Tim Mullery commented that the name change and parcel tax passage are separate issues.

The Board clarified that this is an aspirational resolution of commitment. No action was taken on the Resolution, which will be revised and brought back to the Board for consideration at a future meeting.

B. Discuss the scheduling of a Board workshop on anti-racist education

Dr. Taupier suggested professional development opportunities and training for continuous learning. The Board agreed that this was needed and directed Dr. Taupier to make arrangements.

Public Comment:

Lisa Jimenez, Yavar Amidi, Mireya, Vero Perry, Mia Eisenberg, Noah Block and Tiffany McElroy made comments on what the Board could do to dig deeper and integrate the work on anti-racism.

C. Discuss Process for changing the name of Sir Francis Drake High School

Dr. Taupier and Drake High School Principal Liz Seabury provided slides to outline the process and timeline required to change the name of the school. The site committee will follow Board Policy 7310 and engage students, staff and the community in the process to select a new name for the school. In order for the name change process to be complete by August 2021, the Drake Leadership Council will need to provide the superintendent with a recommendation for a new name in time for the Board to vote on it at the October 27, 2020 meeting.

Public Comment:

Dan Freeman, Alison Leist, Kendall Galli, David Finnane, Yavar Amidi, Jack Parnow-Wolfe, Sophia Martin, Stephanie Graeter, Stephanie Hellman, Steve Dodge, Lisa Jimenez, Serena Campbell, Erik, Veronica Wilson, Noah Block, Marnie Glickman,

Robert O, Amal A. E. J., Anya Bodine, Lee Dynes, Robbie Pelson, Izzy Parnow-Wolfe, Willow Thorsen, Cole Williams, Megan McAfra, Zianah Griffin, Lauren, Gabriella Acker, Brandon Johnson, Liana, Amanda Addleman, Nisa Kielman, and Keith Jackson spoke in favor of changing the name of Sir Francis Drake High School.

Jessica Linscott, Isabella Spillane, Gerald and Geraldine Fleming wrote emails supporting changing the name of Sir Francis Drake High School.

*Colette Scafani, Paraeducator, is opposed to the Drake name change.

Duane Van Diem spoke in support of keeping the Drake name.

James Holmes spoke about name change costs and impact on parcel tax measures.

Michael Abel and Hobart Bartshire wrote emails opposing changing the name of Sir Francis Drake High School.

The Board asked clarifying questions about the Drake Leadership Council, and discussed the steps taken and the timeline needed to complete the process.

D. Fall Reopening Planning Update

Dr. Taupier presented updated information on the latest plans for opening school in August, including Senate Bill 98 which requires in-person instruction to the greatest extent possible. Given that COVID-19 cases in Marin have increased recently, the situation continues to be fluid and unpredictable. Multiple scenarios have been created to adjust instruction as allowable in a safe manner, and a detailed plan will be sent to parents on July 27. The Board asked questions and thanked the staff for the continuous work on a very difficult challenge to safely deliver instruction.

Public Comment:

Robyn Berry commented on extra-curricular activities and sports, and asked for support of the CIF decisions crafted to safely re-opening individual sports.

Kimberly Gomoll and Yana Harootunian-Cox wrote emails opposing re-opening schools in August with in-person classes and in support of distance learning.

The Board discussed their views on safe school openings, favoring a cautious approach using distance learning and a hybrid schedule if possible.

E. Public Hearing on Parcel Tax Resolutions

The meeting was recessed for a Public Hearing at 10:46 pm.

Laura Effel spoke regarding possible funds for schools if Prop. 13 is amended to exclude commercial properties.

Stephen DeLapp spoke regarding the cost of living increase and effective date of approval on the proposed parcel tax measures.

Mandy Downing spoke regarding a recent mailer and the confusion possible with two measures proposed for the parcel tax renewal and increase.

Brian Tada sent an email regarding reconsidering parcel taxation measures.

F. Take Action on Parcel Tax Resolutions

Dr. Taupier presented slides to review the options available for proposed parcel tax measures and the assumptions used in the budget that drive the need for a renewal and increase. The Board discussed the options and considered the uncertainties in the economy and the thin margin of support from taxpayers given this unprecedented pandemic. With a general election in November 2020 being the most favorable time for voter turnout, and the greatest concern being a straight renewal, the Board decided to put only the straight renewal measure on the ballot, and therefore adopted only Resolution 20-2 with amendments to remove all references to the companion measure.

Motion Passed: Staff recommends that the Board adopt the amended Resolution 20-2 only. Passed with a motion by Dan Oppenheim and a second by Kevin Saavedra.

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

G. Discuss Board Self-Evaluation Workshop

The board agreed to add a meeting on August 3 to discuss the results of their self-evaluation.

12. Consent Agenda

A. Approve Minutes of the June 23, 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 July 14, 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. Approval of the 2020-21 Certificated Salary Schedule Agreement between TUHSD and Tamalpais Federation of Teachers (TFT)

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. Accept Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints - No complaints filed (July 2020 Quarter)

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 Purchase Orders over \$40,000

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 June 2020 Warrants

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. Ratify Warrant Batch Detail June 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

H. Ratify July Contracts under \$40,000

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

I. Ratify July Contracts over \$40,000

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

13. Superintendent's Report

There was no additional report.

14. Trustee Reports

There were no trustee reports.

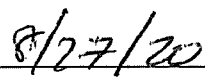
15. Conclusion

Ms. Roenisch reviewed the board norms, noting the attention to community input, and the board's work on informed deliberations to make decisions.

16. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 p.m.


Clerk


Date

*Amended on 8/25/2020 to correct the prior minutes, which listed Colette Scafani in favor of the Drake name change. She is not in favor of a name change.