

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

**January 14, 2020**

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

**Trustees**

Leslie Harlander  
Karen Loebbaka  
Dan Oppenheim  
Cynthia Roenisch  
Kevin Saavedra

**Student Trustees**

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

**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 4:51 p.m. in Kreps Conference Room, Redwood High School, Larkspur. A quorum was declared present.

**2. Approval of Closed Session Agenda**

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

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

There were no public comments.

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

The meeting was recessed at 4:52 p.m.

**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. Graduation Requirement Waiver for Student A**

**2. Graduation Requirement Waiver for Student B**

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

The meeting reconvened into open session at 6:03 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 Board Norms**

Ms. Roenisch read the Board Norms. M/S/C (Roenisch/Oppenheim), unanimously to approve the agenda. Ms. Harlander made note that the Board Norms are meant for both the board and the public to promote constructive deliberation.

## **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/Oppenheim), unanimously.

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

Ms. Harlander read the summary and clarified Brown Act rules for not engaging in conversation related to public comments not on the agenda.

The following people spoke to the Board in support and praise of Bill Washauer, a Tam High School (THS) tennis coach who was recently released:

THS parents Ken Broad, Susan Durham, Wallace Tice, Katrin Kaukull, Jeff Marks, Susan Kaeuper, Chris Bulger and Katerina King; THS coach and parents Steve Burke, Paul Stiff, and Larry Smith; THS students Antoinette Holder, Katie Bulger, Tabitha Saunders, Gabrielle Janowski, Sophia Khetawat, Genevieve Durham, Alyssa Broad, Jamilah Karah, Sophia Kerner, Mason Marks, Michael Harwood, Reed Neulight, Zetana Demmerle, Larkin Petersen, Sammy Nichols, Gracie Cameron, Olivia VanDien, Paige Anderson and Annabelle Hallaran;

Laura Effel, Larkspur resident, spoke about the recent parcel tax mailing to seniors for exemptions.

Mimi Willard, Kentfield resident, spoke about a 10-year plan and district insolvency.

## **11. Student Trustee Reports**

Kara Kneafsey, Tamalpais High School, reported on student senate meetings, winter rally, One-Act plays, Unified sports, and a SOAR panel discussion.

Matty Darragh-Ford, Drake High School, reported on course workshops, changes to the Open House format, Unified games, and a Drake alumni concert.

Charlotte Pearson, Tamiscal High School, reported on the Tamiscal all school assembly at the Rafael Theatre.

Lauren Steele, Redwood High School, reported on Winter Formal planning, changes to the format for Open House on January 30, scheduling changes for Leadership class, and a Redwood Bark/SOAR docu-series collaboration.

## **12. Trustee Considerations**

### **A. Accept TUHSD Financial Audit Report for 2018-19**

Mr. Corbett Elsen, Chief Financial Officer, introduced Sarah Fiehler of Christy White Associates. Ms. Fiehler gave a synopsis of the full 85 page audit report, which gives an unmodified opinion. This is the best opinion available, reflecting that District financial statements are in order and in accordance with accounting principles. Ms. Fiehler thanked the staff for their assistance in facilitating the audit.

M/S/C (Roenisch/Loebbaka), unanimously, to accept the audit report.

### **B. Public Hearing: TUHSD Articles for "Sunshine" in TUHSD-CSEA Chapter 549 Negotiations**

Ms. Harlander recessed the meeting at 7:41 pm for a Public Hearing. Mr. Lars Christensen, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, provided the list of Articles that the Tam District would like to negotiate this year with the CSEA Chapter 549. There was no public comment.

### **C. Discuss and Take Action on MOA for the TFT Contract Related to School Calendar**

Mr. Christensen presented the MOA and the related calendar changes for the 2020-21 school year. M/S/C (Roenisch/Saavedra), unanimously to approve.

### **D. First Reading of New Board Policy 5131.8: Mobile Communication Devices**

Mr. Cedros presented a new policy to reflect the new laws related to cell phones and medical conditions, search/seizure issues, and the rights of teachers to limit use in class.

### **E. First Reading of Revised AR 5141.26-Tuberculosis Testing**

Mr. Cedros brought forth an update to the TB policy that clarifies State/County requirements.

### **F. First Reading of Revision to Exhibit 1330 (Use of School Facilities)**

Mr. Corbett Elsen, CFO, presented an annual review of policy and possible increases in rental charges for District facilities.

### **G. Approve New Member to Parcel Tax Citizens' Oversight Committee for Measure J**

Mr. Elsen asked the Board to approve the application received for a fifth and final seat on the Citizens' Oversight Committee. The first meeting of the Committee is scheduled for January 22, 2020. M/S/C (Roenisch/Loebbaka), unanimously, to

approve Robin Moses.

### **13. Consent Agenda**

**A. Approve Minutes of the December 17, 2019 BOT Meeting**

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

**B. Approve Minutes of the January 7, 2020 Board Workshop**

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

**C. Approve Personnel Summary for January 14, 2020**

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

**D. Ratify December 2019 Vendor Warrants**

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

**E. Ratify December 2019 Batch Detail**

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

**F. Approve Graduation Requirement Waiver for Student A**

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

**G. Approve Graduation Requirement Waiver for Student B**

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

**H. Approval of Certificated Seniority List for 2019-20**

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

**I. Approval of Classified Seniority List for 2019-20**

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

**J. Approval of School Facilities (Development) Fee Sharing Agreement Addendum with Mill Valley School District**

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

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

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

**L. Approve High-Risk Field Trip to Joshua Tree for Tamiscal High School (TEAM)**

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

**M. Approve Field Trip to Atlanta, Georgia: Tamalpais High School (February)**

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

**N. Approve Field Trip to Atlanta, Georgia: Tamalpais High School (April)**

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

**O. Request Alteration of School District Property, Drake High School - Replace Batting Cages**

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

**P. Request for Alteration of School Property, Drake High School - Mural**

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

**14. Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Taupier announced that Rohan Sanda, Tam High School, was selected as a top 300 Science Scholar in a national award. Dr. Taupier also congratulated Sonia Saltzman, Tam High School, who was named Marin Teen Girl of the Year for 2019 by the Marin Women's Commission.

Dr. Taupier spoke about building positive relationships, and how connections between students and staff can help decrease depression and feelings of isolation. Professional Development on this topic will be provided this semester.

**15. Trustee Reports**

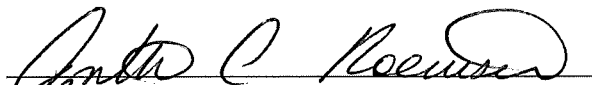
There were no trustee reports.

**16. Conclusion**

Ms. Harlander asked the Board to return to Closed Session at 8:02 p.m. to finish business from the earlier session.

**17. Adjournment**

There was no reportable action taken in the extended closed session. The Board adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

  
Clerk

1/28/20  
Date