

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

**January 28, 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  
Lauren Steele, Redwood High School  
Absent: Charlotte Pearson, Tamiscal HS  
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 4:49 p.m. in Kreps Conference Room, Redwood High School, Larkspur. A quorum was declared present.

**2. Approval of Closed Session Agenda**

M/S/C (Oppenheim/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 4:50 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. Approve Waiver of Graduation Requirement (Student A)**

**2. Approve Waiver of Graduation Requirement (Student B)**

### **3. Approve Waiver of Graduation Requirement (Student C)**

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

The meeting reconvened at 6:15 p.m. Ms. Harlander announced the death of a Drake student in an accident on Friday night, and held a moment of silence in condolence.

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

There was no reportable action taken in Closed Session.

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

M/S/C (Oppenheim/Saavedra), unanimously to approve the agenda. Kara Kneafsey read the Board Norms.

#### **8. Public Comment on the Consent Agenda**

There was no public comment.

#### **9. Approval of Consent Agenda**

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

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

There was no public comment.

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

Matty Darragh-Ford, Drake High School, reported on a tragic student death and expressed condolences to the family.

Kara Kneafsey, Tamalpais High School, reported on the Monday lock-down incident at Tam. She also reported on an electives fair, first Student Senate meeting, Tam News collaboration with 8th graders in Marin City, and the upcoming Poetry Out Loud competition.

Lauren Steele, Redwood High School, reported on an ASB President's donation to Family House, the Winter Formal, Club Day, and an event in February called "Everyone loves everyone."

Devona Times and Charlotte Pearson were absent.

#### **12. Trustee Considerations**

##### **A. Discuss and Take Action on Resolution No. 19-9 to Authorize and Establish Fund 01 (General Fund-Combined)**

Mr. Corbett Elsen, CFO, presented a Resolution for an accounting change which will align the District with best practices and prevent future problems.

**Motion Passed:** Staff recommends that the Board adopt Resolution 19-9 to authorize and establish Fund 01 (General Fund) and close Funds 03 (Unrestricted General Fund) and 06 (Restricted General Fund). Passed with a motion by Cynthia Roenisch and a second by Dan Oppenheim.

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

**B. Student Trustees' Roles and Responsibilities**

The Board discussed the expectations for student trustees, and asked for their feedback on what works or doesn't work for them to perform their role. They also discussed how student trustees are elected, and how to reach out to attract more interest in the position.

**C. Discussion of Mission and Vision Statement Development**

Dr. Taupier reviewed notes from the January 7 workshop, and asked for feedback on the draft for a new Mission Statement. They also reviewed non-negotiable items that Admin put together for an Equity Vision Statement, and then they discussed editing the new TUHSD Graduate Profile. Dr. Taupier will bring the revised Graduate Profile to a future meeting to continue the development of the Mission Statement.

**13. Consent Agenda**

**A. Approve the Minutes of the January 14, 2020 BOT Meeting**

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

**B. Approve the Personnel Summary for January 28, 2020**

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

**C. Ratify Purchase Orders Over \$40,000**

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

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

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

**E. Second Reading of Revised AR 5141.26-Tuberculosis Testing**

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

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

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

**G. Approve Course of Study for Photography 1-2**

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

**H. Approve Course of Study for Chemistry in the Earth System**

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

**I. Approve Waiver of Graduation Requirement (Student A)**

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

**J. Approve Waiver of Graduation Requirement (Student B)**

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

**K. Approve Waiver of Graduation Requirement (Student C)**

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

**L. Approve Field Trip to Washington, D.C.-Sir Francis Drake and Tamalpais High School**

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

**M. Disposal of I.T. Department Obsolete Items**

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

**N. Declare as surplus microwave - Redwood High School**

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

**14. Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Taupier expressed her heartfelt sympathy and respect for the Drake community in dealing with a recent student death. She also commended the Tam students and staff for their behavior in dealing with a school lock-down.

**15. Trustee Reports**

Karen Loebbaka reported on an LCAP meeting, and thanked Dr. Taupier and Mr. Cedros for showing leadership and compassion in the past weeks' difficult events.

Cynthia Roenisch reported that she liked the energy and changes to the format of the Drake Open House.

Leslie Harlander reported that the independent Parcel Tax Committee is moving forward, and has Jennifer Ginsburg as the Chairperson. She spoke of her feelings that Administration is underappreciated, and that we do indeed need educational leadership.

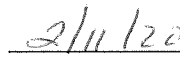
**16. Conclusion**

Student Trustee Kara Kneafsey reflected on the Board Norms.

**17. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

  
Clerk

  
Date