

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

October 13, 2020

Closed Session 4:45 pm  
Open Session 6:00 pm on Zoom webinar

**Attended on Zoom**

**Trustees**

Leslie Harlander  
Karen Loebbaka  
Dan Oppenheim  
Cynthia Roenisch  
Kevin Saavedra

**Student Trustees**

Emily Fee, Redwood High School  
Natasha Stone, San Andreas High School  
Anya Bodine-McCoy, SFDHS/HS 1327  
Lily Pashman, Tamalpais High School  
Charlie Boyden, Tamiscal High School

**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 4:45 pm. A quorum was declared present.

**2. Approval of Closed Session Agenda**

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

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

There were no public comments.

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

The board recessed to closed session at 4:46 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**

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

## **1. Confidential Settlement Agreement - Existing Litigation**

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

The board reconvened into open session at 6:06 p.m.

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

Ms. Harlander reported there was no action in closed session.

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

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

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

There was no public comment.

### **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**

Sarah Mueller, Redwood parent, asked for regular updates at every board meeting on the classroom re-opening plans.

John Geluard spoke about the Drake High School name change and signage removal.

Colette Scafani, Drake paraeducator, spoke about the supplemental school name HS1327 and concerns about signage and usage of the official name.

Michael Green, Redwood parent, asked for timely and regular school classroom re-opening updates.

Brad Beedle, Drake class of 1972, spoke about vandalism and removal of the Drake school signs.

Denise Pepp, Redwood parent, asked for results of the classroom re-opening survey, student voice, and advance notice of spring semester plans.

Tanya Jaspering, Redwood secretary, thanked the district for continuing with distance learning, and mentioned her attachment to the Drake school name.

Jennifer Harrison, Redwood parent, asked for re-opening plans on every agenda.

Curt Gebhard, Tamiscal teacher, cited statistics on COVID infection rates and deaths in Marin County, and encouraged continuation of distance learning to stop the spread.

Nancy Abballo submitted an email regarding the removal of the Drake High School signs and vandalism.

Craig Dahl submitted an email in support of keeping the Drake High School name, and is opposed to spending money on a new name.

Bob Smithfield, Drake parent, submitted an email requesting the district's position against censorship in high schools, referring to Burbank Unified School District's policy on parents' ability to challenge instructional materials.

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

Natasha Stone, San Andreas High School, reported on the upcoming Back to School Night, election discussions in Government class, and counselor help with college questions.

Charlie Boyden, Tamiscal High School, reported that learning hubs for students on campus are running smoothly, in-person counseling is available, Halloween events are being planned, and a recent SLAM training was well received.

Lily Pashman, Tamalpais High School, reported on a clothing drive and fundraiser for fire victims, Measure M student activism, racial equity training, and learning hubs in Marin City, Tam campus, and Bolinas.

Anya Bodine-McCoy, Drake/HS 1327, reported on Leadership plans, new student tours, Peer Resource de-stressing, campus murals, and the success of Connectivity Centers for students who need it.

Emily Fee, Redwood High School, reported on the availability of learning pods on campus and in Tiburon for internet access, teacher workload surveys, and voter registration efforts.

### **12. Trustee Considerations**

#### **A. Hold Public Hearing on Conveyance of Public Utility Easement to PG&E**

Ms. Harlander recessed the meeting at 6:53 p.m. to hold a public hearing. There were no comments from the public.

#### **B. Take Action on Resolution 20-9: Authorizing Conveyance of a Public Utility Easement to PG&E - ROLL CALL VOTE**

Ms. Harlander reconvened the meeting. Mr. Lars Christensen presented a second resolution to the board, following up the prior resolution of intention from the September 22 board meeting, to authorize conveyance of an easement for PG&E on

the Redwood campus. There was no discussion from the board, and there was no public comment.

**Motion Passed:** The Superintendent/staff recommend that the Trustees approve the Resolution to Convey a Public Utility Easement to PG&E. Passed with a motion by Kevin Saavedra and a second by Karen Loebbaka.

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

**C. Take Action on 2019-20 Parcel Tax Oversight Committee Annual Report for Measure J**

Mr. Corbett Elsen, Chief Financial Officer, introduced Robin Moses, Chair and John Richard, Vice-Chair, of the Parcel Tax Oversight Committee. Ms. Moses shared the report which shows the Measure J funds and how they were spent in accordance with the guidelines of the measure. The committee's report confirms that all money was spent as authorized. M/S/C (Roenisch/Saavedra), unanimously, to approve the report.

**D. Take Action on Resolution 20-10: Futility of Public Bidding for Elevator Services at High School 1327/Drake and Approval of Contract for Same - ROLL CALL VOTE**

Mr. Christensen presented a resolution and a service contract needed to complete work on the elevator at Drake High School. There was no public comment.

**Motion Passed:** Staff recommends that the Trustees approve Resolution No. 20-10 finding that public bidding in this instance is futile and approving the attached contract with Thyssenkrupp for elevator modernization services at HS1327/Drake (Project). Passed with a motion by Karen Loebbaka and a second by Kevin Saavedra.

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

**13. Consent Agenda**

**A. Approve Draft Minutes from the September 22, 2020 BOT Meeting**

**B. Approve Draft Minutes for the October 5, 2020 BOT Workshop**

**C. Approve Personnel Summary for October 13, 2020**

**D. Approve Purchase Orders over \$40,000**

**E. Ratify September Warrants and Batch Detail**

**F. Approve Waiver of Graduation Requirement**

**14. Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Taupier reported on the plans to reopen classrooms in January with a hybrid model. Preparations are being made for classrooms to handle half of the students on two days per week, with extra cleaning and ventilation, restrictions on movement throughout campus, and the need to address transportation. Student schedules may have to be adjusted with careful consideration of staff and facilities.

**15. Trustee Reports**

Mr. Saavedra noted that this school year is complicated by COVID, yet students are trying to create a "normal" experience. Sometimes it's harder for adults than children to make adjustments and accept the changes we are dealing with.

Ms. Loebbaka asked to have a Racial Equity Task Force update on a future board agenda.

Mr. Oppenheim agreed with Mr. Saavedra that students are adapting while still wanting to get back to the classroom. "Learning is happening."

Ms. Roenisch reported that the board had a workshop on anti-racism on October 5. Staff and parents will continue working with consultant Deborah McKnight.

Ms. Harlander noted her college student and others have seen an improvement in the quality of online learning now compared to the spring semester. She has heard from community members who are anxious for students to return to the classroom in January.

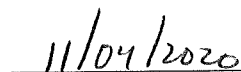
**16. Conclusion**

Ms. Harlander commented on adherence to Board Norms.

**17. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

  
Clerk

  
Date

