

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

October 27, 2020

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 4:33 pm. A quorum was declared present.

## **2. Approval of Closed Session Agenda**

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

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

There was no public comment.

## **4. Hear Appeal of the Denial of an Interdistrict Transfer for Student A**

The board heard an appeal by the parent of Student A.

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

The Board recessed to closed session at 4:48 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. Consideration of student matter - confidential information involving Student A.**

**6. Reconvene into Open Session**

The board reconvened into open session at 6:02 p.m.

**7. Announcement of Reportable Action Taken in Closed Session**

Ms. Harlander announced that the board met in closed session to discuss the appeal of the denial of an interdistrict transfer for Student A. M/S/C (Roenisch/Oppenheim), with a unanimous roll call vote, to uphold the denial of the interdistrict transfer.

**8. Approve Agenda and Review Board Norms**

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

**9. Public Comment on the Consent Agenda**

There was no public comment.

**10. Approval of Consent Agenda - ROLL CALL VOTE**

Ms. Harlander pulled Item 14.A. to make a minor adjustment to the minutes. The consent agenda was approved with those adjustments noted.

**Motion Passed:** 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

**11. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda**

There were no public comments.

**12. Student Trustee Reports**

Natasha Stone, San Andreas High School, commented that San Andreas students and staff believe that outside is as important as inside school, and they are having honest conversations about this.

Charlie Boyden, Tamiscal High School, reported on Halloween activities, equity lessons, and being fully opened in January for classroom learning.

Lily Pashman, Tamalpais High School, reported on the first virtual rally, Halloween activities, and noted that power outages affected classes on October 26.

Anya Bodine-McCoy, Drake/HS 1327, reported on a pumpkin pick-up, club day, power outage, and Leadership class taking the Beyond Diversity training in November.

Emily Fee, Redwood High School, reported on the connectivity centers, Halloween activity plans, a drive-in movie, and Rabbi Freeman speaking to classes about anti-semitism.

### **13. Trustee Considerations**

#### **A. Update on Student Achievement**

Dr. Kimberlee Armstrong, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, presented slides to show progress data from spring and fall grades, and to describe the actions taking place at campuses to improve performance. The board discussed the areas of struggle, teacher conversations taking place, and how to engage more students to access resources.

Public Comment:

Mandy Downing, Redwood parent, expressed concern that students are not using video on Zoom lessons.

Chris Cartwright, Redwood parent, asked what was being done to reach those who are not performing well with distance learning.

Student trustees gave feedback on their Zoom lesson experiences and mentioned that teachers know camera use is an equity issue for some students.

#### **B. Return to In-Person Learning Update**

Dr. Taupier showed distance learning survey results before beginning the update on planning for in-classroom learning. She outlined the installation of facility safety precautions, COVID testing plans, currently operational learning and connectivity hubs, schedule considerations, and challenges to be faced before the campuses will be ready to accept students for in-classroom instruction in a hybrid plan. The board asked clarifying questions.

Public Comment:

Jill Norris Sellers, commended the District on their planning and asked about schedules and number of cohorts.

Jen Green, Redwood parent, commented that online learning is taking a toll and implored the District to safely open schools.

Mandy Downing, Redwood parent, asked about the MOU for teachers and subs for in-class instructions.

Erin Langs, Redwood parent, spoke about a COVID/flu spike and prioritizing students in need to have in-class instruction and services.

Wendell spoke of the urgency to return to class for social/emotional needs of students, concerns on infection, and COVID testing.

Jen O'Shaughnessy, Redwood parent, asked why the students are not yet back in class, and how can the District be trusted to return to classroom instruction for all classes.

Robert Frankus, Redwood parent, mentioned that not all students are suffering with distance learning, but a balance is difficult when considering the mental and physical safety of students.

Chris Cartwright, Redwood parent, asked why the district is waiting until January to return to classroom instruction.

Isolde Wilson, Redwood parent, spoke on the reopening process and asked for more communication on the obstacles that drive the decisions to delay until January.

Allison Belger, Redwood parent, said the survey is outdated, students are suffering, and there are mental health concerns.

Todd Simonson, Redwood parent, said that "staring at a screen" is an uninspiring way to learn for his sons and he wants more transparency in why the schools are not yet open.

The board discussed some of the questions that came up, and reminded everyone to review Dr. Taupier's presentation to see that the plans involve following safety guidelines and preparing campuses, balancing schedules in efforts to prevent disruptions to learning, finding coverage for classrooms without in-class teachers, coordinating COVID testing, and other logistics that require time to prepare a safe school environment. Ms. Harlander suggested posting a FAQ on the District website to address these concerns.

### **C. TUHSD Wellness Center Annual Review**

Wes Cedros, Senior Director of Student Services, and Jessica Colvin, Wellness Director, discussed the District efforts to meet the mental health needs of students in a virtual environment. John Shields, Senior Research Scientist from ETR, presented slides to illustrate the usage of Wellness programs for the 2019-20 school year. The

data reflected the shift to online services in March and the creative approach to providing counseling and support to students during the pandemic.

The board discussed parent concerns and advocated more communication through social media, emails, etc., to steer parents and students to the outreach programs.

**D. Approve Intradistrict Open Enrollment Capacity for 2021-2022**

Dr. Taupier asked the board to approve the annual capacity at the same level as previous years. M/S/C (Loebbaka/Oppenheim), unanimously, to approve the Open Enrollment transfer capacity at 50 per school for the 2021-22 school year.

**14. Consent Agenda**

**A. Approve Draft Minutes from the October 13, 2020 BOT Meeting**

**Motion Passed:** 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. Approve Personnel Summary for October 27, 2020**

**Motion Passed:** 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

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

**Motion Passed:** 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

**D. Ratify Contracts Over \$40,000 - October 2020**

**Motion Passed:** 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

**E. Ratify Contracts Under \$40,000 - October**

**Motion Passed:** 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

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

**Motion Passed:** 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

**G. Declare as surplus obsolete stadium/sideline chairs - Redwood High School**

**Motion Passed:** 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

**15. Superintendent's Report**

The Superintendent did not have any additional comments.

**16. Trustee Reports**

Mr. Oppenheim requested an agenda item on November 17 to look at R2 grade data.

Ms. Loebbaka thanked the student trustees for their participation and requested a Racial Equity Task Force update (to be on the November 17 agenda).

Ms. Harlander noted that an email regarding student input on the Drake name change was

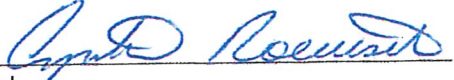
forwarded to Administration.

17. Conclusion

Ms. Roenisch reflected on adherence to Board Norms.

18. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

  
Clerk

11/30/20  
Date