

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

December 10, 2019

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
Absent: Lauren Steele, Redwood 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 4:45 p.m. in Kreps Conference Room, Redwood High School, Larkspur. A quorum was declared present.

2. Approval of Closed Session Agenda

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

3. Public Comments on Closed Session Agenda

There was no public comment.

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 54957.6:

B. 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 involved

C. With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Gov Code 54957

5. Reconvene into Open Session

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 6:04 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/Saavedra), unanimously, to approve the agenda, allowing Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda to follow Item 10.

8. Public Comment on the Consent Agenda

There was no public comment on the consent agenda.

9. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

10. Student Trustee Reports

Matty Darragh-Ford, Drake High School, reported on quiet week activities, Student Senate subcommittees, changes to Honor Crew, and Peer Resource classroom presentations.

Charlotte Pearson, Tamiscal High School, reported on the school holiday party, a food drive, and finals week.

Kara Kneafsey, Tamalpais High School, reported on a stressful community arrest that has impacted Tam High students, and a recent Tam News incident that was racially insensitive and has required debriefings, discussion, and reflection on how to make amends and move forward.

11. Trustee Considerations

A. Discuss and Take Action on the 2019-20 First Interim Budget Report and Positive Certification

Mr. Corbett Elsen, Chief Financial Officer, presented the 2019-20 1st Interim budget report which compares budget projections made at budget adoption in June 2019 and current updated projections in December 2019. He reviewed the basic assumptions and factors driving the budget, revenue and expenditures, and concluded with the reconciliation of variances for the 2019-20 budget, multi-year projection and ending fund balance (or reserves). Mr. Elsen also reviewed future operating deficits and diminishing reserves over the next four years should the current parcel tax expire without the passage of the new parcel tax measure (Measure B) and its increased funding. The Board asked questions and discussed drafting a letter to provide facts and clarify the District's lack of control over pension benefit contributions defined by the State. There was no public comment. M/S/C

(Roenisch/Loebbaka), unanimously, to approve the 1st Interim budget report with a positive certification.

B. Hear Report on Developer Fee Accounting and Adopt Resolution 19-7

Mr. Elsen reviewed the Developer Fee Resolution 19-7 and the corresponding Schedules 1 and 2. The Tam District receives roughly one third of the total fees collected, and the rest is shared with our elementary districts. Developer Fees collected must be spent on school facilities related to enrollment growth, such as portable classrooms, additional furniture for portable classrooms and classroom modifications.

Motion Passed: Staff recommends that the Board adopt Resolution No. 19-7 related to Developer Fee Accounting. 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

C. Take Action on Form J13-A: Request for Allowance of Attendance Due To Emergency Conditions

Mr. Elsen presented the J13-A form to request a waiver from the State of California. If granted, the District will not need to make-up the days of instruction lost in the PG&E Public Safety Power Shut-off (PSPS) of October and November. M/S/C (Roenisch/Oppenheim), unanimously.

D. Discuss and Take Action to Revise Board Bylaws 9100: Annual Organizational Meeting

The Board agreed to remove the section "Election of Officers" from Board Bylaws 9100. This will eliminate the restriction of officers' terms to two consecutive years. M/S/C (Loebbaka/Oppenheim), unanimously.

E. Discuss Board Committee Assignments for the 2020 Calendar

In preparation for the Annual Organizational meeting, the Board discussed current assignments and any changes needed for 2020. A board policy review sub-committee will be added to the list.

12. Consent Agenda

A. Approve Minutes of the November 19, 2019 BOT Meeting

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

B. Approve Personnel Summary for December 10, 2019

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

C. Approve Transition to US OMNI for 403(b)/457 Plan Third Party Administrative Services

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

D. Ratify Purchase Orders Over \$40,000

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

E. Ratify Contracts Under \$40,000

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

F. Ratify November 2019 Warrant Detail

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

G. Ratify November 2019 Batch Detail

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

H. Approve Global Studies Field Trip to Italy and France for Redwood and Drake High School Students

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

I. Approve High Risk Field Trip to San Quentin State Prison - Tamalpais High School

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

J. Approve High Risk Field Trip to San Quentin State Prison - Tamalpais High School, AIM

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

K. Approve Global Studies Field Trip to Serbia & Hungary - Tamalpais High School Water Polo

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

L. Approve Disposal/Resale of IT Department Obsolete Equipment

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

M. Accept, With Thanks, Donation of Science Equipment

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

13. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Taupier reported that her December newsletter will come out soon, with reminders for self-care and de-stressing activities. She also reported on the recent joint LCAP/Curriculum Council meeting, which included discussions on equity, goals, graduation requirements, and

a cap on the number of Honors/AP classes allowed per student. She also reported on follow-up to a recent Tam News incident involving racial insensitivity.

14. Trustee Reports

Mr. Saavedra reported that he will participate in an upcoming eight mile TEAM hike.

Ms. Loebbaka reported attending a two-day Courageous Conversation seminar, and recommends it for all staff and parents.

Ms. Roenisch mentioned the need for everyone to be aware of others in crisis during the holidays, and reach out to those who may require support.

15. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

This item was moved up to follow Item 10.

Public Comment:

Francie Salle, Drake teacher, parent and homeowner, expressed support for the parcel tax measure on an upcoming ballot, because the quality of schools in the TUHSD is a driving factor in property values.

Brad Widelock, Fairfax resident, spoke in favor of the parcel tax to maintain the high quality of educational opportunities and the increase in enrollment in our schools.

16. Conclusion

Ms. Roenisch reviewed the adherence to Board Norms.

17. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.


Clerk


Date