

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

**February 25, 2020**

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

**Trustees**

Leslie Harlander  
Dan Oppenheim  
Cynthia Roenisch  
Kevin Saavedra  
Absent: Karen Loebbaka

**Student Trustees**

Matty Darragh-Ford, Drake High School  
Kara Kneafsey, Tamalpais High School  
Charlotte Pearson, Tamiscal High School  
Lauren Steele, Redwood High School  
Devona Times, San Andreas 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 4:56 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 Board recessed to Closed Session at 4:57 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)**

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

The Board reconvened at 6:05 p.m.

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

Ms. Harlander reported that in regards to Item 4. A., The Board acted to release all temporary teachers and directed the Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, to notify the teachers of their release from employment, effective June 12, 2020. The vote was unanimous, 4 Ayes, 1 absent (Loebbaka).

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

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

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

There was no public comment on the consent agenda.

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

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

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

Josh Rowe, Amir Tarivech, and Abby Smith from the Marin County Youth Commission spoke to the board about reducing e-cigarette use and effective ways to prevent vaping for high school students.

Laura Effel, Larkspur resident, spoke to the board about the Moody's Triple A rating for the TUHSD, and she read a portion of their statement. To clarify, Mr. Oppenheim read the entire statement later in the meeting.

## **11. Student Trustee Reports**

Kara Kneafsey, Tamalpais High School, reported on the second Student Senate meeting, MLK 8th grade collaboration with Journalism students, and a successful drive for Yearbook scholarships.

Lauren Steele, Redwood High School, reported on the student rally which included a Peer Resource activity and a Unified basketball game.

Matty Darragh-Ford, Drake High School, reported on the application process for next year's Peer Resource, Leadership, and SOAR, and a memorial for Shayne in the Wellness Center.

Devona Times, San Andreas High School, reported on the upcoming Open House, and staff participation in a trauma informed practices seminar.

Charlotte Pearson, Tamiscal High School, reported on a car wash fundraiser, scheduling for

next year, application process for Pathways, and that the school is at capacity.

## **12. Trustee Considerations**

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

Ms. Harlander adjourned the meeting at 6:20 for a Public Hearing. Mr. Christensen introduced Mark Raisler, CSEA representative from Redwood High School, who is on the negotiating team. The articles for consideration were listed, and there was no public comment. The meeting reconvened at 6:22 p.m.

### **B. Discuss and Take Action on the 2019/20 Comprehensive School Site Safety Plans**

Dr. Taupier presented the annual school site safety plans. She summarized the contents, including measures of school climate, how the schools respond to complaints, and how the schools work to prevent harassment. Dr. Taupier briefly reviewed trends, suspension rates, safety drills, and vaping detectors, and asked if the Board had questions.

### **C. Update on School Safety Measures**

Dr. Taupier presented slides on the safety measures in place at our schools. She reviewed campus climate improvements, counseling and wellness programs, as well as gun safety and violence prevention, and how the school works with law enforcement to create protocols to ensure effective responses. The Board discussed next steps and asked questions about the student task force on sexual harassment prevention.

Public Comment:

Eric Swergold, Tam parent, urged the Board to adopt robust gun safety curriculum to prepare students for potential crisis.

Jen Reidy, parent and member of Brady United Against Gun Violence, spoke to the Board to ask for more education on responses to gun culture and prevention.

### **D. Discussion of Mission and Vision Statement Development**

The trustees continued their work to refine the graduation profile. Student trustees suggested changes to the draft, and all trustees brainstormed on the final wording of the draft.

## **13. Consent Agenda**

### **A. Approve Minutes of the February 11, 2020 BOT Meeting**

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

### **B. Approve Personnel Summary for February 25, 2020**

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

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

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

**D. Approve Consolidated Application, Part II**

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

**E. Second Reading of Revised Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 0460  
Local Control and Accountability Plan**

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

**F. Second Reading of New BP 0520: INTERVENTION FOR UNDERPERFORMING  
SCHOOLS and BP 0520.1: COMPREHENSIVE AND TARGETED SUPPORT AND  
IMPROVEMENT**

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

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

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

**H. Approve High-Risk Field Trip to San Quentin State Prison - Redwood High School  
-SOAR**

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

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

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

**J. Declare as Surplus Tarps and Pallets and authorize disposal - Redwood High  
School**

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

**K. Declare as Surplus LAX Goals Bounce Net and authorize disposal**

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

**L. Declare as Surplus and Authorize Disposal of PVC Pipe and Wood - Redwood  
High School**

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

**M. Declare as surplus obsolete equipment and authorize disposal, Redwood High  
School - Athletics**

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

**N. Declare as surplus miscellaneous IT equipment at end of life and authorize  
disposal**

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

**14. Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Taupier commended Quincy Webster, senior at Redwood High School, for his part in the Marin County search and rescue of a couple lost in the Point Reyes area, as well as other students involved in a separate successful search and rescue in Novato recently.

**15. Trustee Reports**

Ms. Roenisch reported on a JSA (Junior Statesmen of America) convention, and commended teachers for volunteering, which allows students to participate.

Ms. Harlander reported her concerns that Redwood baseball is asking parents to donate \$600 per season, and requested this topic as an agenda item at a future meeting.

Mr. Oppenheim reported on a recent LCAP meeting, where members made progress defining goals.

**16. Conclusion**

Ms. Roenisch reflected on adherence to Board Norms.

**17. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

  
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Clerk

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