

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

May 26, 2020

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1. Call Meeting to Order

A meeting of the Tamalpais Union High School District Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:45 p.m. on Zoom. 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

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 54956.9(a):

1. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation

D. 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)

4. Approve Waiver of Graduation Requirement (Student D)

5. Approve Waiver of Graduation Requirement (Student E)

6. Approve Waiver of Graduation Requirement (Student F)

7. Approve Waiver of Graduation Requirement (Student G)

8. Approve Waiver of Graduation Requirement (Student H)

9. Approve Waiver of Graduation Requirement (Student I)

5. Reconvene into Open Session

The Board reconvened into Open Session on Zoom at 6:11 p.m.

6. Announcement of Reportable Action Taken in Closed Session

There was no action to report from Closed Session.

7. Approve Agenda and Review Norms

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

8. Public Comment on the Consent Agenda

There was no public comment on the consent agenda.

9. Approval of Consent Agenda - ROLL CALL VOTE

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Karen Loebbaka and a second by Dan Oppenheim.

Yes Leslie Harlander

Yes Karen Loebbaka

Yes Dan Oppenheim

Yes Cynthia Roenisch

Yes Kevin Saavedra

10. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Ann Wakely, League of Women Voters and Larkspur resident, spoke to the Board to advocate for the Schools and Communities First initiative related to Proposition 13. If enacted, this initiative would reassess corporate business properties to pay a larger share of property taxes and provide more funds for schools.

11. Student Trustee Reports

Lauren Steele, Redwood High School, reported on final graduation plans and senior activities, including "painting the town RED."

Kara Kneafsey, Tam High School, reported on the virtual prom, textbook return and graduation gown pickup, grad plans, and the CTE drama One-Act festival podcasts.

Matty Darragh-Ford, Sir Francis Drake High School, reported on the "greening" of West Marin to support 2020 grads, senior activities, and the virtual senior awards program.

Charlotte Pearson, Tamiscal High School, reported on senior lawn signs, no finals this year, and the drive-through graduation ceremony.

12. Trustee Considerations

A. Honor and Recognize 2019-2020 Student Trustees

Ms. Harlander thanked the five student trustees, all of whom are graduating this year. They received certificates of appreciation in the mail. Ms. Loebbaka thanked the students for their ongoing engagement and participation in Board discussion, especially their work collaborating on a new Mission Statement.

B. Honor and Recognize 2019-2020 Parent Leaders

Reporting for Tam High, Principal J. C. Farr thanked all the parent volunteers who help with running the school, especially during this challenging time. Leaders include the Tam Site Council members, PTSA Executive Board, and Tam High Foundation, especially Elaine Wilkinson for the food pantry and Sue Weinswig for ten years of volunteering. He also thanked the Athletic Boosters President Don Reed, and all of the people involved in the emergency preparedness plan.

Redwood Principal David Sondheim thanked the Site Council members, Benchwarmers, PTSA Board, and Redwood Foundation which supports everything at Redwood, with a special shout out to RF President Judy Searles.

Kim Stiffler, Principal of Tamiscal, thanked the Tamiscal Alternative School Foundation Board for all the work they do to enhance and improve Tamiscal. She also spoke for San Andreas Principal David Luongo, to extend heartfelt thanks to parent volunteers Nelly Leray, Wayne Broadbent, and Nick Ondrejka.

Liz Seabury, Drake High School Principal, enthusiastically thanked all of the many members of the "Drake Fund." This is a "gigantic umbrella" of parent volunteers who make Drake a special place, and promote the best interests of all students.

C. Presentation of the 2019-2020 Athletic Report and Outstanding Athletes and Coaches of the Year

Chris McCune, Athletic Coordinator, presented a report on District Athletics, including information regarding new health providers, platforms for registering athletes and coaches, scheduling systems, communication, and policy goals. Please note corrections on Page 4 of the report: Ian Christie is the Drake B Water Polo Player of the Year, and JV Boys Water Polo should be on the list for Drake MCAL pennants.

Jessica Peisch of Redwood High School announced the Marin Athletic Foundation Athletes of the Year: Eva Oppenheim and Jack Finnegan. Coach of the Year is Dave Siracusa.

Christina Amoroso of Tamalpais High School announced Coach of the Year is Ray Karter. Athletes are Samantha Sternfels and Paul Law.

Alex Chapman of Drake High School announced Mia Lacy and Amir Barken, student athletes, and Coach of the Year Roy Giorgi.

Public Comment:

Jennifer Ginsburg, Redwood parent, spoke to the Board about athletic fundraising policies.

D. Honor and Recognize the Graduating Class of 2020

Ms. Harlander discussed sending a message to 2020 graduates from the Board. Dr. Taupier and the trustees each congratulated the Class of 2020, and commended them for their achievements, noting the extraordinary challenges and limitations of this school year.

E. Take Action on Parcel Tax Polling Amount

Dr. Taupier presented background information and budget projections versus expenditures given several different scenarios. Depending on the amount of a potential parcel tax increase, the charts showed the ending fund balances through 2023-24. Possible reductions in the budget were outlined to help trustees understand what is at stake. The board discussed their position and asked clarifying questions.

Public Comment:

Mimi Willard, Kentfield resident, expressed concerns with polling the same amounts as Measure B.

Ann Jaime, TFT President, warned that cuts that are coming will change the type of education offered at TUHSD, and it's up to the voters to decide what kind of school they want to have.

Jennifer Ginsburg, Measure B Chair, mentioned that the community may not value schools if they are not parents of students.

Sarah Mueller urged the board to poll for a lower amount than the last measure.

M/S/C (Roenisch/Saavedra), to poll at \$175/\$99 and an 8 year term. 3 Ayes

(Harlander, Roenisch, Saavedra) and 2 Nays (Loebbaka, Oppenheim).

F. Update on COVID-19 Response and Distance Learning

Dr. Taupier reported that she is working with the Tam Federation of Teachers to develop a re-opening plan. The design model will be based on feedback from a survey, and will include work from three focus groups. The goal is to have a plan announced by the end of June. The process is complicated because of uncertainties related to COVID. Included in the plan will be a continuous distance learning leadership team and a safety team.

Ms. Harlander expressed concerns about reports of students not practicing social distancing at home, which can put others at risk.

Public Comment:

Mimi Willard, Kentfield resident, expressed similar concerns and thanked Dr. Taupier for the update report.

Ann Jaime, TFT President, praised teachers who are creative, adaptive, and use their imaginations to reach out to students without expensive techniques.

13. Consent Agenda

A. Approve Minutes from May 12, 2020 BOT Meeting

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Karen Loebbaka 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 May 26, 2020

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Karen Loebbaka 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 - List #16

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Karen Loebbaka 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

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Karen Loebbaka 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

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Karen Loebbaka and a second by Dan Oppenheim.

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

F. Approve Waiver of Graduation Requirement (Student A)

Motion Passed: That the Board of Trustees approves the graduation requirement waiver as discussed in Closed Session. Passed with a motion by Karen Loebbaka and a second by Dan Oppenheim.

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

G. Approve Waiver of Graduation Requirement (Student B)

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Karen Loebbaka and a second by Dan Oppenheim.

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

H. Approve Waiver of Graduation Requirement (Student C)

Motion Passed: That the Board of Trustees approves the graduation requirement

waiver as discussed in Closed Session. Passed with a motion by Karen Loebbaka and a second by Dan Oppenheim.

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

I. Approve Waiver of Graduation Requirement (Student D)

Motion Passed: That the Board of Trustees approves the graduation requirement waiver as discussed in Closed Session. Passed with a motion by Karen Loebbaka and a second by Dan Oppenheim.

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

J. Approve Waiver of Graduation Requirement (Student E)

Motion Passed: That the Board of Trustees approves the graduation requirement waiver as discussed in Closed Session. Passed with a motion by Karen Loebbaka and a second by Dan Oppenheim.

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

K. Approve Waiver of Graduation Requirement (Student F)

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Karen Loebbaka and a second by Dan Oppenheim.

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

L. Approve Waiver of Graduation Requirement (Student G)

Motion Passed: That the Board of Trustees approves the graduation requirement waiver as discussed in Closed Session. Passed with a motion by Karen Loebbaka and a second by Dan Oppenheim.

Yes Leslie Harlander
Yes Karen Loebbaka
Yes Dan Oppenheim

Yes Cynthia Roenisch
Yes Kevin Saavedra

M. Approve Waiver of Graduation Requirement (Student H)

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Karen Loebbaka and a second by Dan Oppenheim.

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

N. Approve Waiver of Graduation Requirement (Student I)

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Karen Loebbaka and a second by Dan Oppenheim.

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

14. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Taupier announced that her monthly newsletter will go out next week, and will include a survey for next year's families.

15. Trustee Reports

Ms. Roenisch announced that she will attend a summer session of "Challenge Success" related to school leadership.

Ms. Loebbaka commended student leadership for working with Administration to come up with alternative plans to celebrate graduation and other activities.

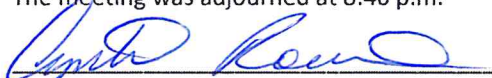
Mr. Oppenheim congratulated the Class of 2020.

Ms. Harlander acknowledged the loss for parents of seniors who do not have the typical ways of celebrating and honoring the hard work of their students.

16. Conclusion

17. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.


Clerk


Date