

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

**June 2, 2020**

Closed Session 4:45 p.m.

Regular Meeting on Zoom at 6:00 p.m.

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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/Loebbaka), unanimously.

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

There were no public comments on the Closed Session agenda.

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

The Board began Closed Session at 4:46 pm.

**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:**

**5. Reconvene into Open Session**

The Board reconvened into Open Session on Zoom at 6:04 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**

Ms. Harlander requested the removal of Item 11. D., Resolution 19-20. M/S/C (Oppenheim/Loebakka), unanimously to approve the agenda with the removal of Item 11. D.

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

There was no public comment on the Consent Agenda.

## **9. Approval of Consent Agenda - ROLL CALL VOTE**

Ms. Roenisch requested the removal of Item 12. A., to include a correction on the Athletic Report.

**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**

Pedro Martinez, grounds department, represented CSEA interests.

Laura Smith Blair, Tam parent, spoke about the increased need to address equity issues given the unequal effects of the COVID-19 school closure.

David Finnane, Mill Valley youth sports, asked the board to consider opening school fields for student athletes.

David Parrot, Mill Valley resident, emailed the board to request opening the sports fields for student use.

## **11. Trustee Considerations**

### **A. Presentation of the Chris Anderson Instructional Leadership Award**

Dr. Kim Stiffler, Senior Director of Curriculum and Instruction, presented the Chris Anderson award. She surprised the two winners, Ann Jaime and Tara Taupier, who each thought the other had solely won the award. Ann Jaime is a Redwood Social Studies teacher and TFT President, and Tara Taupier is both the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction. Chris Anderson spoke in praise of the co-recipients, citing their collaboration and leadership over the years, especially during the past months with the transition to distance learning.

### **B. Hold Public Hearing on the 2020-21 Proposed Budget and Related Reserve Levels**

Ms. Harlander recessed the meeting at 6:35 p.m. to allow for a public hearing on the proposed budget.

Public Comment:

Richard Marshall, teacher, spoke regarding Classified layoffs and that budget reserves should be used for emergencies such as this.

Mimi Willard, Kentfield resident, asked about the 6% increase in property taxes for 2021 noted in the proposed budget.

**C. Discussion of 2020-21 Proposed Budget and Related Reserve Levels**

The meeting was reconvened at 6:38 p.m. Mr. Corbett Elsen, CFO, presented slides to illustrate the key items in the proposed budget. He noted that whereas budgets are always subject to change and fluctuation, this economic climate is unprecedented in the magnitude of uncertainty. He introduced Kate Lane from the County Office of Education, who was present to answer questions and give her opinion. Mr. Elsen covered the economic context from a national, state, and local perspective, and showed some of the estimated actuals for 2019-20. The budget proposal for 2020-21 includes a multi-year projection, complicated by the uncertainty of parcel tax renewal in 2022. He covered assumptions for expected revenue and expenditures, and reserves and assignments. The Board discussed what should or should not be budgeted based on parcel tax uncertainty. Ms. Lane noted that a budget with deficit spending would need to have a corresponding cost reduction plan in order to be approved by the County Office. The Board reached consensus in proposing a budget based on a straight renewal of the current parcel tax in June of 2022. There was no public comment.

**D. Take Action on Resolution 19-20: Reduction of Classified Service**

This item was removed from the agenda.

**E. Presentation of COVID-19 Response Document**

Dr. Taupier presented the COVID-19 Response document that is required now that the LCAP has been postponed until December. The board asked questions about tracking student progress and what tools and materials will be needed in the fall to keep students on track. Dr. Taupier noted that a survey of parents and students was sent today to gather feedback.

**12. Consent Agenda**

**A. Approve Minutes from May 26, 2020 BOT Meeting**

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda in order to make a correction to the minutes for Item 12. C. The Athletic Report should correct Ian Christie as Drake Water Polo player of the year, and Drake JV Boys Water Polo should be added to the list of Drake pennants.

**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

**B. Approve Personnel Summary for June 2, 2020**

**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

**C. Adopt Resolution # 19-19 - Tax Anticipation Note 2020-21**

**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

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

**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

**E. Ratify Contracts Over \$40,000**

**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

**13. Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Taupier announced that there is an election in November for two of the TUHSD Board trustee seats. Incumbents Leslie Harlander and Karen Loebbaka stated in the meeting that they will run for re-election. An informational meeting for all interested candidates will be held on June 25, 2020. A COVID-19 survey was sent on June 2 to gather feedback from

students and parents. There will be an open town hall meeting in late June.

**14. Trustee Reports**

Mr. Saavedra noted that Class of 2020 graduates had to grow up fast, and unfortunately won't have the type of celebration they had come to expect and deserve.

Ms. Loebbaka agreed and congratulated graduates. She noted that the communities have rallied with signs and colors - painting the town Red for Redwood and Green for Drake. She suggested a future board item to discuss how to make up for lost learning during the COVID shut-down.

Ms. Roenisch suggested that students should be encouraged to read over the summer. She reported that a TEAM parent spoke to her regarding understanding the need to cut TEAM and other programs, given the budget shortfalls.

Mr. Oppenheim congratulated the Class of 2020.

**15. Conclusion**

**16. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

  
Clerk

6/26/20  
Date

