

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

September 24, 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
Lauren Steele, Redwood High School
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 5:00 p.m. in Kreps Conference Room, Redwood High School, Larkspur. A quorum was declared present.

2. Approval of Closed Session Agenda

M/S/C (Loebbaka/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 5:01 p.m.

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

1. Graduation Requirement Waiver Request for Student A

2. Graduation Requirement Waiver Request for Student B

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 at 6:04 p.m.

6. Announcement of Reportable Action Taken in Closed Session

There was no reportable action.

7. Approve Agenda and Review Norms

Mr. Saavedra read the Board Norms. M/S/C (Roenisch/Saavedra), 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

Ms. Harlander asked to remove Item 13. D. from the Consent Agenda. M/S/C (Loebbaka/Roenisch), unanimously, to approve the Consent Agenda excepting Item 13. D., to be discussed in Trustee Considerations.

10. Student Trustee Orientation

Ms. Loebbaka, the new student trustee liaison, presented the orientation packet. She briefly reviewed the sections and discussed the purpose of student trustee reports and Brown Act considerations.

11. Student Trustee Reports

Matty Darragh-Ford, Drake High School, reported on Student Senate planning, homecoming court, and SLC discussions.

Charlotte Pearson, San Andreas High School, reported on the TEAM backpacking trip preparations, the CEC (Counselor Enriched Classroom), and a new student government advisory.

Kara Kneafsey, Tamalpais High School, reported on Homecoming court, school spirit, Tam Unity Days, and a Mill Valley Youth Advisory.

Lauren Steele, Redwood High School, reported on Homecoming Court nominations, Club Day, a SOAR discussion, and Character Day.

12. Trustee Considerations

A. TUHSD Student Achievement Report

Dr. Taupier presented a report on student achievement, using four data points: CAASPP scores, Advanced Placement results, SAT, and ACT reports. Overall the TUHSD scores are up, notably Drake Math. Dr. Taupier showed the breakdown of results by demographics and discussed where improvement is still needed. The test

scores are an indication of the overall caliber of education compared to other similar districts, and also point out where growth is needed. The board discussed the next steps, including a revision of the Mission Statement to include a commitment to equity.

B. Discuss Global Studies Tahiti and Belize Field Trips

In response to trustee concerns, Corbett Elsen, Chief Financial Officer, presented Global Studies Super-waivers and Disclosures specific to Tahiti and Belize field trips. The board discussed language and clarity of intent as it relates to swimming in oceans or bays. Mr. Elsen will include those changes and then will provide the documents to Global Studies participants.

C. Take Action on Revision to Administrative Regulation (AR) 6153 - District Sponsored Trips

In response to trustee concerns, Mr. Elsen presented revisions to AR 6153 as it relates to swimming during Global Studies field trips. The board continued their discussion about the language and references to swimming and did not take action on this change to AR 6153.

D. First Reading of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5117 Interdistrict Attendance

Dr. Taupier presented changes to the BP/AR 5117 which relates to Interdistrict transfer requests. The Board discussed concerns with some of the reasons to allow transfers. No action was taken.

Public Comment:

Mimi Willard, Kentfield resident, expressed concerns with one of the reasons to allow students to transfer in from outside the district.

E. Discussion of Potential Parcel Tax Renewal

Dr. Taupier reviewed the slides from the September 10 meeting as they relate to a potential parcel tax renewal, and asked for Board direction. There is a November deadline for the Board to decide if the District is to move forward with a Resolution on the ballot. Specifically, Dr. Taupier asked for feedback from the trustees on the proposed 10-year term and \$190 increase to the parcel tax renewal. The board discussed, and will review the enrollment projection information at the next board meeting.

Public Comment:

Laura Effel, Larkspur resident, urged the Board to consider using a square footage parcel tax.

Mimi Willard, Kentfield resident, suggested the \$190 increase was risky given the recent polling and other community taxes.

F. Review of Governance Handbook

Ms. Harlander asked the Board to begin looking at the Governance Handbook to discuss any ideas or changes that could be made. The board will continue this exercise at a subsequent meeting.

13. Consent Agenda

A. Approve Minutes from the September 10, 2019 BOT Meeting

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

B. Approval of Personnel Summary for September 24, 2019

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

C. Approve Graduation Requirement Waiver Request for Student A

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

D. Approve Graduation Requirement Waiver Request for Student B

This item was removed from Consent so that the Board could discuss some concerns. M/S/C (Roenisch/Loebbaka) to deny the request, 4 Ayes, 1 Nay (Oppenheim).

E. Approve Purchase Orders Over \$40,000 - Fiscal Year 2019/20 (List #5)

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

F. Ratify Contracts Under \$40,000

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

G. Accept, With Thanks, Donation of Gift Card

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

14. Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent did not present a report.

15. Board Communications

Letters from Marin County Office of Education were attached, showing the approval of the 2019-20 TUHSD Budget and LCAP Revisions.

16. Trustee Reports

Ms. Loebbaka commented on the great school spirit displayed at the recent Tam vs. RHS football game.

Mr. Oppenheim reported on his observations at the first LCAP Committee meeting.

Ms. Roenisch reported on a recent Parent Education event that she attended, which featured Denise Pope, a lecturer in education related topics.

Mr. Saavedra reported a personal story related to residency issues.

Ms. Harlander reported on a productive meeting with the District's consultants.

17. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda


There were no public comments.

18. Conclusion

Mr. Saavedra commented on the Board's adherence to Norms.

19. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.


Clerk

10-15-19
Date