

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

November 6, 2019

Kreps Conference Room
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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
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 4:55 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, to approve the agenda.

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 4:55 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. Graduation Requirement Waiver (Student A)

2. Graduation Requirement Waiver (Student B)

3. Graduation Requirement Waiver (Student C)

4. Graduation Requirement Waiver (Student D)

5. Graduation Requirement Waiver (Student E)

6. Graduation Requirement Waiver (Student F)

5. Reconvene into Open Session

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 6:00 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. Harlander read the Board Norms. M/S/C (Saavedra/Oppenheim), unanimously, to approve the agenda, with the exception of Item 12. C., which will move to a future agenda.

8. Public Comment on the Consent Agenda

There was no public comment on the Consent Agenda.

9. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

10. Board Communications

Ms. Harlander noted a letter on Board Communications from Larkspur resident Mimi Willard. Ms. Harlander reviewed some of the reasons why the Board is not pursuing a square footage parcel tax, and why Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda was moved to the end of the meeting over a year ago.

11. Student Trustee Reports

Lauren Steele, Redwood High School, reported on a school fundraiser for homeless, with a goal of \$5,000. She also reported on the Homecoming game, and the cancelled Homecoming dance because of the power outage.

Kara Kneafsey, Tamalpais High School, reported on a Tam News National award, student photographer Ethan Swope who had his photos of the Kincaid fire posted on the Associated Press, and the successful Tam Unity Day activities.

Devona Times, San Andreas High School, reported on the end of the grading period and a student/staff basketball game.

Matty Darragh-Ford, Drake High School, reported that the Homecoming Dance had 1,000 tickets sold, and on Tahitian student visitors, SOAR microaggression presentations, and new drama and Journalism teachers.

Charlotte Pearson, Tamiscal High School, reported on how students and staff adjusted to the power blackouts affecting class time and early admission college applications.

12. Trustee Considerations

A. College of Marin COMPASS program update and MOU

Dr. Taupier introduced Jonathan Eldridge from College of Marin, who coordinates the COMPASS program at Tamalpais High School. He provided background on the countywide program, how it has grown in the past five years, and the success it has shown in college enrollment and bridging the opportunity gap for students at Tam. M/S/C (Oppenheim/Saavedra), unanimously, to approve the Memo of Understanding.

B. Review English Language Learner Report

Dr. Kim Stiffler presented a report on English Language Learners (ELL) in the Tam District. She presented definitions, requirements, goals, testing, demographic trends, and data to give the Board an overview of the program. EL Coordinators for Redwood, Tam, and Drake also reported on successes and challenges for the support programs at their sites.

C. Report on Youth Vaping Prevention

This item was removed from the agenda because of a scheduling conflict. It will be presented at a subsequent meeting.

D. Local Control and Accountability Plan Local Indicators Discussion

Dr. Taupier presented the local indicators to the Board. She provided background information on the California State Priorities and how they align with our LCAP goals. She showed areas where standards are met and how the information is presented on the State Dashboard. She reviewed areas of growth, and the Board discussed next steps.

Public Comment:

Laura Anderson, former Board member and representing Marin Healthy Youth Partnerships, thanked the Board for addressing student health goals as well as academics.

E. Review Draft Resolution 19-6 for a Potential Parcel Tax Ballot Measure on the March 3, 2020 Ballot

Dr. Taupier presented the draft Resolution 19-6, and introduced William Tunick of DWK. He provided background on why the parcel tax in 2018 was not structured by square footage, and clarity on current risks in doing so. Mr. Tunick also explained the ballot language and Exhibits.

Public Comment:

Mimi Williard, Larkspur resident, urged the Board to consider other risks of a parcel tax measure and the squeeze on taxpayers.

Benedetto Cico, San Anselmo resident, stated that he hasn't been polled on his opinion and taxpayers are tired of new taxes.

John Grele, Tam parent, spoke in support of the parcel tax and would like the Board to commit to academics.

The Board discussed the recent survey results, and asked questions of the representative from TBWB, Sabrina Kochgrapha, to clarify their recommendations based on the polling and experience.

F. Approval of Members to Parcel Tax Citizens' Oversight Committee for Measure J
Corbett Elsen, CFO, recommended the approval of the four candidates who applied to serve on the Oversight Committee. There is a remaining seat if another candidate comes forward. The candidates are Jennifer Ginsburg, Tammy Wilkes Kornfeld, Bill Levinson, and John Richard. M/S/C (Roenisch/Loebbaka), unanimously, to approve the candidates.

G. Legislative Updates

Dr. Taupier updated the Board with background information on four bills recently passed by the legislature that will impact our District. She also reviewed the Split Roll Prop 13 and Full and Fair Funding initiatives that will possibly be on the November 2020 ballot.

H. Review of Board Policy Update List

Ms. Roenisch and Ms. Harlander volunteered as sub-committee members to review board policy updates supplied by CSBA on a quarterly basis. The sub-committee will facilitate bringing new policy revisions forward to the agenda for Board approval.

I. Discuss and determine a date for the annual organizational meeting

The Board agreed to hold the annual organizational meeting on December 17, 2019. This date was added because of a legislative mandate requiring it to be held within 15 days after the second Friday in December. A regular meeting to present the First Interim budget will be held on the previously scheduled December 10th date, because of a December 15 deadline.

13. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes of the October 15, 2019 BOT Meeting

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

B. Approve Personnel Summary for November 6, 2019

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

C. Ratify Purchase Orders Over \$40,000

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

D. Ratify October Vendor Warrants

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

E. Ratify October 2019 Batch Detail

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

F. Ratify Contracts Over \$40,000

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

G. Ratify Contracts Under \$40,000

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

H. Second Reading of Revision to Intradistrict Open Enrollment AR 5116.2

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

I. Approve Graduation Requirement Waiver (Student A)

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

J. Approve Graduation Requirement Waiver (Student B)

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

K. Approve Graduation Requirement Waiver (Student C)

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

L. Approve Graduation Requirement Waiver (Student D)

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

M. Approve Graduation Requirement Waiver (Student E)

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

N. Approve Graduation Requirement Waiver (Student F)

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

O. Approve High Risk Field Trip to Tahiti, French Polynesia: Sir Francis Drake High School

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

P. Approve High Risk Field Trip to Belize: Tamalpais High School

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

Q. Approve Global Studies Field Trip to London for Tamalpais High School Students

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

R. Approve Global Studies Trip to Paris/Pau France for Tamalpais High School

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

S. Approve Global Studies Field Trip to Pamplona, Spain for Tamalpais High School

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

T. Disposal of I.T. Department Obsolete Items

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

U. Disposal of I.T. Department Obsolete Items

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

14. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Taupier reported on the recent Public Safety Power Shut-offs, and thanked the staff for their calm response. All Marin County School Districts agreed to not hold classes without power because of safety concerns, ADA compliance, food service challenges, and the need to reduce traffic to facilitate emergency response vehicles. Dr. Taupier thanked the County Office of Education for coordinating communication.

15. Trustee Reports

Ms. Harlander reported on an enjoyable and impressive visit to Tamiscal High School.

16. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

There were no public comments.

17. Conclusion

Ms. Harlander reflected on the trustees' adherence to Board Norms.

18. Adjournment

Minutes:

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.



Clerk



Date