



TAMALPAIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Tamalpais Union High School District Board of Trustees met on Zoom on Tuesday, September 8. Here are some of the Highlights from recent meetings.

ANTI-RACIST EDUCATION [RESOLUTION # 20-1](#)

To introduce a revised resolution on Anti-Racist Education, Dr. Taupier presented background information, including the purpose of the resolution and how that differs from board policy. Feedback from the public was considered in this revision, and informs work to be done by a Task Force. Dr. Kimberlee Armstrong, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, explained the formation of the Racial Justice Task Force, and announced that over 100 applicants will be assigned to sub-committees to cover nine areas of action. The Task Force will meet monthly beginning September 17 and will report to the board throughout the year.

The board discussed concerns such as resolution versus policy, and the composition of the Task Force (84% parents and students). The board heard and considered a broad range of public comment on the Resolution before approving it unanimously, by a 5-0 vote.

LEARNING CONTINUITY AND ATTENDANCE PLAN

The learning continuity plan (LeCAP) is a State required report on the response to the COVID-19 environment, and replaces the LCAP. Dr. Taupier recapped the significant events that went into the fall planning guide published on July 27. Going forward, the Distance Learning Instructional Leadership team is meeting regularly to review the spending of COVID funds and to review needs. Another survey of parents and students will be completed to gather input on distance learning implementation. A public hearing on this plan was held to hear public comment and gather feedback. The LeCAP will be brought to the September 22 meeting for action.

At the August 11 & 25 meetings, the Superintendent presented [slides](#) to review and update the fall reopening plan. The approved school bell schedules and other important information for students and parents is included in the fall planning [guide](#), posted on the Tam District website.

UNAUDITED ACTUALS FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Corbett Elsen, Chief Financial Officer, presented a summary of the 164-page 2019-20 [Unaudited Actuals](#) budget report, which reports the actual revenues and expenditures for 2019-20 as compared to the prior budgeted estimates. He showed figures to illustrate the position of TUHSD ending fund balances and reserves, and that the unaudited actual expenditures were a variance of 1.7% from the most current budgeted expenditures. The independent auditors will report to the board in January.

45-DAY BUDGET REVISION – STATE BUDGET ACT

On August 11, Mr. Corbett Elsen, Chief Financial Officer, presented [slides](#) to report on the impact of the enacted State Budget Act, which provides TUHSD a one-time \$2.7 million revenue increase for 2020-21 as compared to the Governor’s May Revise budget proposal. Much of this one-time federal and State COVID-19 funding must be spent by December 30, 2020 to mitigate the additional costs incurred by COVID-19 responses. The Board approved the revision.

BOARD CANDIDATE FORUM

There are five candidates running for two seats on the November 3 ballot. The Marin League of Women Voters is sponsoring a candidate forum on Wednesday, September 23 from 7:00-8:30 pm. Please see [this flyer](#) for more information.

STUDENT TRUSTEES

The board will welcome new student trustees at the September 22 meeting.

GOVERNANCE BOARD WORKSHOPS

The board met on August 3 and 10 to discuss the Governance Handbook and review their self-survey. The board may add workshops throughout the year to focus on specific topics or training as needed.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

Until further notice, Board meetings are held online, using a Zoom webinar platform. Please see the district website homepage for a link to published agendas. The Zoom link and password is found under Item 5., Reconvene into Open Session. Please see the website for agendas, [minutes, videos, and highlights](#). Upcoming meetings:

- [September 22, 2020](#)
- [October 13, 2020](#)
- [October 27, 2020](#)

[Board Members](#): Leslie Harlander, President; Cynthia Roenisch, Clerk; Karen Loebbaka, Dan Oppenheim, and Kevin Saavedra

Superintendent: Tara Taupier

Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services: Kimberlee Armstrong

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Facilities: Lars Christensen

Chief Financial Officer: Corbett Elsen

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